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Firefighters save curious kitten



OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County Fire Rescue crews were up with the sun on March 31 to help a curious kitty who climbed a little higher than planned. Thanks to Lt. Dustin Hendon's steady hands, a tall ladder, and a very patient feline, everyone made it safely back to solid ground. Nothing better than starting the day with a rescue and a purr! [Photo courtesy Okeechobee County Fire Rescue]



Storyteller shares history of 'Doc Anna'

By Katrina Elsken
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar portrayed "Doc Anna" Darrow during the March meeting of the Okeechobee Fine Arts Society.

Dr. Anna Darrow was a pioneering female physician on the Florida frontier. In 1909, she became only the second woman doctor licensed in the state. Sometimes called the Petticoat Doctor of the Everglades, she often traveled alone, braving swampland, alligators, venomous snakes, and dangerous outlaw gangs to heal the sick, nurse the wounded and deliver babies.

"My parents had both migrated from Sweden, and they lived in Chicago," she explained (as Doc Anna). "My father was a coppersmith and he helped with the waterworks."

Her first passion was art. In 1893, while she was still in high school, two of her drawings were selected to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

After high school, she went to business college. It was there she met Charles Roy Darrow. They wed on her 20th birthday. They moved to Long Beach, California, where Roy got a job as a bank teller. From there, they moved to Utah, where they started their own business.

"Roy would buy up old pieces of furniture – I guess you would call them antiques nowadays – and I would refinish them," she explained.

While in Ogden, Utah, they sold a bedroom suite to an art teacher. The teacher fell on hard times and was unable to finish paying for the furniture. So she gave Anna art lessons to pay off the debt. This allowed Anna to take up painting in oil.

Roy was away in Idaho in late 1902 when Anna, who was about 8 months pregnant, took ill. "At first they thought it was just a bad case of the gripe," she continued. "As my condition worsened, they sent a telegram; they sent word to Roy that he should come home if he ever wanted to see me alive again.

"He rushed back as quickly as he could, absolutely terrified. Fortunately, I was just beginning to recuperate.

"There's nothing like looking death right in the eye to get you to talk about what is truly important. I remember we both were resting, and talking about our fears, our frustrations, hopes and dreams.

"I turned to Roy and I said I would give anything in the world to study medicine and understand what's the matter with people. Roy said 'Hell, gal, I've wanted to do that all my life.' We had never spoken of it to each other before.

"We made a vow, then and there that whenever I recovered, that both of us would enroll in medical school together, and we did."

In 1903, they sold their business and moved to Missouri, where they enrolled in the Kirksville School of Osteopathic Medicine, one of the few medical schools in the country that accepted female students. Anna started classes a few weeks after Roy because she was waiting for the birth of their daughter.

After graduation, they went on to study at the Chicago School of Medicine, where Anna earned her MD as well as a degree in Pharmacy.

In 1908, Roy got a bad case of the flu, which damaged his heart. They decided to move to a warmer climate. They considered California. Roy had a patient who worked for the Florida East Coast Railroad, who convinced the newly graduated doctors to move to Florida.

She said they came down with Grandma Darrow in 1911. Roy's mother lived with them most of their married life and helped care for the children. She said her own mother also often visited.

When they first moved to Florida, they lived in Jacksonville.

While the Darrows were in Jacksonville, James Ingram, the vice president of Flagler's Florida East Coast Railroad, approached Roy and offered him the job of physician to the railroad workers.

"He said there was going to be a new spur line in a little place called Okeechobee. He said they had great hopes for it. He said it was going to be a new Palm Beach or Miami. At one point there was talk it would become the new state capital, being more centrally located.

"In addition to the job offer, he offered us a plot of land where we could build whatever we wanted, an office or a drug store – that's what Roy had always wanted. So we agreed, but before we left Jacksonville, we bought ourselves a brand new Model T Ford," she continued.

Neither of the doctors knew how to drive an automobile. Henry Ford sent down a driver to teach them how to drive.

She said they learned to use palm fronds for traction when the car got stuck in the sand.

"When we first came here in 1912, this area had the reputation for being the wildest area east of the Mississippi," she continued. "Well deserved, I might add."

She said much of the Okeechobee area population at that time was "on the dodge." She said when filling out birth certificates, when she would ask where the parents were born, the answers were often "unknown" and "stop asking questions."

Roy took care of the office and did "simple surgeries" such as amputations. He treated a lot of broken bones and removing catfish fins from fishermen.

"I took care of all of the outside calls. I would travel at any hour of the day or night," she explained.

She traveled by Model T, horse and buggy, horseback, boat, canoe, or on foot. She treated all kinds of injuries and delivered a lot of babies.

"In 1920 alone, I delivered four sets of twins – five if you count the neighbor's Jersey cow," she said.



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Roy charged $1 per office visit. Anna charged $1 a mile. She said she got $10 for delivering a baby.

"The Seminole Indians, I never charged them a penny," she said, because that was not the Seminoles' way.

She said Chief Billie once brought her a child and told her he was afraid the child would die before sunrise. "I told him the boy would not die if they would do as I say.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coffee with a Cop is a huge success

OKEECHOBEE — Coffee with a Cop was a huge success at Brown Cow on Wednesday morning, March 4!

Thank you to Paulette and Mark Bragel for your support of law enforcement and our community. We truly appreciate you.

Thank you as well to everyone who came out, shared stories, and enjoyed a few laughs with us. These conversations and connections are exactly what Coffee with a Cop is all about.

We look forward to seeing you again in May at our next venue.

By Sgt. Jack Nash,
PIO OCSO



Coffee With A Cop was held at Brown Cow Sweetery. [Photo courtesy OCSO]

REFLECTIONS FROM THE PULPIT

The position of humility

By Pastor Joseph Cholak
ONE FELLOWSHIP

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." 1 Peter 5.

Peter sometimes gets a bad rap because he always seemed to, "put his foot in his mouth."

He was impulsive and it occasionally got him into trouble.

But if anyone knew about humility it was Peter!

Many times, Peter's pride got him into trouble and in some really embarrassing and shameful situations.

But as Peter grew closer to the Lord, and realized his position "In Christ," he learned from his mistakes.

Peter learned to humble himself under the mighty hand of God!

That word "Under" is the position we need to take as we humble ourselves. We voluntarily place ourselves "under" God's sovereignty and authority, acknowledging that God is all-powerful and with His mighty hand He can discipline and protect.

God provides us with all we need and in His time, He will give us the strength, courage, and boldness to do what only He has called us to do!

It's only when we "Humble ourselves" can God begin to exalt us.

James 4:6 - "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."

I must not be impulsive and get ahead of God and ask God to take all my cares and worries before I have humbled myself before Him. If God resist the proud, and I am prideful in my asking, then it would be as if God is not even listening.

Each day, take the time to "position" yourself before the Lord in humility, placing yourself under His grace and guidance.

Then go to Him in prayer, and let Him know your concerns for He loves and cares for you so much.

Peter may have found this out the hard way, but when he did, he became a powerful tool in God's mighty hand!

May our Lord and Savior do the same to you as well!

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Florida Forever secures Bar-B Ranch conservation easement

News from Florida Department of Environmental Protection

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has secured a 1,668-acre conservation easement over Bar-B Ranch in Martin County through the Florida Forever Program, protecting a working cattle ranch that improves water quality and supports Everglades restoration while remaining in agricultural production.

Located near the C-44 Stormwater Treatment Area and Allapattah Flats Wildlife Management Area, Bar-B Ranch has been operated as a ranch for decades and currently supports approximately 250 head of cattle. The conservation easement ensures the land will remain a working ranch while permanently preventing future development.

The property was identified for acquisition as a key part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, where protecting strategic lands helps restore natural water storage and improve water quality flowing south through the Everglades system.

"Conservation easements through Florida Forever keep working lands in agriculture while protecting the natural functions that support our environment," said DEP Secretary Alexis A. Lambert. "At Bar-B Ranch, protecting a working ranch also protects critical water flows, wetland functions and wildlife corridors, showing how agricultural lands and Everglades restoration can support each other."

Bar-B Ranch helps store and filter water before it reaches downstream ecosystems, including the St. Lucie River Estuary, the Indian River Lagoon, Lake Okeechobee and ultimately the Greater Everglades. Protecting this land ensures its natural ability to store and cleanse water remains intact while preventing development that could threaten these vital ecological functions.

The property also lies within the Florida Wildlife Corridor, helping maintain important habitat connectivity across the region.



Bar-B Ranch Florida Forever Project [Photo by Lauren Yoho/Wildpath]

This acquisition was approved by Governor Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet during a previous Cabinet meeting.

Florida is at the forefront of the nation's land protection efforts and continues to serve as a model for other conservation programs across the country. Through the Florida Forever Program, the state conserves land that provides environmental, recreational and preservation benefits, including water quality and quantity safeguards; resilience from storm impacts; habitat and species protections; national security and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Since 2019, the state has committed more than $1.5 billion to the Florida Forever Program. This funding has enabled DEP to acquire over 500,000 acres for conservation, 55% of which are conservation easements.

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LAKE OKEECHOBEE WEATHER FORECAST

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy skies. High 84F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday night: Mainly clear. Low 64F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny skies. High near 85F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday night: A few clouds from time to time. Low 64F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy. High near 85F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night: A few clouds. Low 64F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy early followed by mostly cloudy skies and a few showers later in the day. High around 85F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Saturday night: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 64F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny along with a few clouds. High near 85F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night: A few clouds. Low 64F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy. High around 85F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy skies. Low around 65F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 86F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday night: A few clouds. Low near 65F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

FSW presents Spring 2026 Concert Series

By FSW

FORT MYERS — Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) will present its Spring 2026 Concert Series in April, featuring performances by student ensembles. The series includes programming connected to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The concert schedule is as follows:

• FSW Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra - April 16, 7 p.m.

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers

The program will feature works by American composers and composers associated with American music, including Aaron Copland, Leroy Anderson, George Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Frank Ticheli, Bruce Boughton and Warren Barker. The FSW Guitar Ensemble will perform in the lobby at 6 p.m.

• FSW Jazz Ensemble - April 20, 7 p.m.

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 13350 FSW Parkway, Fort Myers

The concert will focus on jazz from 1926 and 1976, marking periods when the United States observed its 150th and 200th anniversaries. The program will include information about musicians, compositions, and jazz orchestras from those years.

For more information, contact 239-432-5203, email Music@FSW.edu or visit www.fsw.edu/artsfsw

Woman arrested after banging on neighbors' doors at night

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — A 41-year-old Okeechobee woman was arrested in March after allegedly causing a disturbance at a local RV park/motel.

According to the arrest report, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Lowe was dispatched to a location on U.S. 441 Southeast just before 10 p.m. on March 10. When he arrived, the office manager told him a drunk woman was going around the park banging on doors and yelling. Though a resident of the park, the woman was disturbing the peace with her behavior.

The deputy spoke with multiple residents of the park, who all agreed the woman had been doing this for hours.

The deputy spoke with the intoxicated woman after finding her sitting on her front porch. The woman was obviously intoxicated and smelled of alcohol. Two deputies placed the woman's hands behind her back, but she pulled away initially and then later complied. She resisted again as they attempted to place her in a patrol vehicle and was pulled into the car head first, still resisting.

As the deputy and the woman drove to the county jail, she began kicking the cage of the patrol car and continued despite being repeatedly told to stop. She was told if she did not comply, she would be pepper sprayed, but she continued to kick. The deputy pulled over in the median of Charles Harvey Road and activated his lights. Deputy Mark Wright pulled over as well and used his chemical agents on the woman. She then complied and was taken to the county jail and charged with disorderly intoxication and resisting without violence, both misdemeanors. Once at the jail, jail staff had to help remove her from the patrol car.

Bond was set at $1,750.

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).

• Justo Gonzalez, 24, Hallandale Beach, was arrested on March 24 by OCSO and charged with DUI. Bond was set at $1,000.

• Christopher Bowman, 35, Northwest 115th Drive, was arrested on March 27 by ONTF and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at $5,000.

• Ramon Ros Sanchez, 43, Lake Worth, was arrested on March 28 by OCSO and charged with DUI. Bond was set at $1,500.

• Tameka Rosa, 40, Northeast 60th Avenue, was arrested on March 30 by OCSO Deputy Greseth and charged with driving while license suspended habitual offender and a misdemeanor of giving false information to a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at $4,000.

• Kevin Cornwall, 63, Southeast 25th Street, was arrested on April 1 by OCSO and charged with DUI. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Billy Foley was arrested April 4 and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a license and no tag/registration.

• Sameer Tarek Abu Lawi, 26, Jacksonville, was arrested April 2 by OCSO Deputy William Jolly and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest without violence. Bond was set at $9,000.

• Timothy Rogers, 66, Delray Beach, was arrested April 5 by OCSO Deputy K. Lowe and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated abuse of an elderly or disabled person and false imprisonment. Bond was set at $55,000.

• Jonathan Macias was arrested April 5 and charged with possession of cannabis, resisting an officer with violence, battery on a law enforcement officer, false report to LEO, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under the age of 21, child abuse and battery.

• Avra Toni Mollema was arrested April 2 and charged with DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license and child neglect without great bodily harm.

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Man charged after alleged DUI-related crash

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Early in March, a deputy was dispatched to a DUI-related crash at the fork of State Road 70 East and State Road 710.

According to the arrest report, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Deputy Colin Donnelly arrived on the scene at approximately 7 p.m. on March 6. The crash involved a white Ford and a white Ram. When the deputy arrived, Deputy Isobel Jean was already on the scene investigating the crash.

The driver of the Ram told the deputies he believed the other driver was under the influence. He based this on his interaction with the other man prior to the arrival of law enforcement.

The report continues stating that the second driver, Jeffrey Coker, had a knot on his forehead but refused an evaluation by EMS. The deputy noted that Coker's words were slurred and he smelled strongly of alcohol. In addition, Coker allegedly admitted to drinking prior to the crash. He also admitted to causing the crash. The first driver told deputies he was stopped at the traffic light and was in the turning lane when he was rear ended by Coker.

As the deputy escorted Coker to his vehicle, it became clear Coker was unable to maintain his balance and needed help to keep from falling. He was arrested and transported to the county jail. During transport, he fell asleep in the backseat of the car. When they arrived at the jail, Coker again needed help walking. He reportedly refused to provide a breath sample and was charged with refusal to submit to sobriety testing and breath testing as well as DUI. He was released to a responsible adult, who also took charge of his vehicle so it would not have to be towed.

Bond was set at $2,000.

Woman accused of biting and chasing ex-boyfriend

By Annie Wills
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — On Saturday, March 28, OCSO Deputy Chagnon responded to a complaint for a domestic progress at the 8000 block of US 441 Southeast.

The complainant told the deputy that his ex-girlfriend had thrown objects at him with the intent of striking him. He stated that she then bit him, leaving marks on his chest, and scratched him on his lower left thigh above the knee which also left visible red marks.

According to the arrest affidavit the complainant said he attempted to get away to de-escalate the situation, but the ex-girlfriend pursued him out to his vehicle.

The deputy observed distinctive red marks on the complainant's upper right chest near the clavicle that indicated that he had been bitten and they were recorded with an agency-issued body camera for evidence.

The complainant also told Deputy Chagnon that he had grabbed the suspect to try and prevent her from throwing things at him and from injuring him.

The deputy then spoke with the accused, and she said that she had not been physical with the complainant inside the residence. She stated that it had been a verbal argument but that she had thrown things at him.

It is noted in the deputy's narrative that the suspect changed her story several times before freely admitting to biting the complainant. According to her, she had bitten him because he had grabbed her.

The deputy observed several items that appeared out of place and things knocked over.

Based upon the totality of the circumstances the deputy placed the suspect under arrest and charged her with battery. Her bond was set at $500.

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), March 31 - April 5.

• LaShawn Asheem Thompson, 45, West Palm Beach, was arrested on March 30 by Deputy G. Sosa on charges of possession of controlled substance without prescription, battery, petit theft and obstruction without violence.

• LeNorris Jamel Gaines, 29, Clewiston, was arrested on March 30 by Deputy G. Camacho on charges of felony probation violation.

• Sergio Rios, 22, LaBelle, was arrested on March 31 by Deputy S. Farraj on charges of burglary of occupied dwelling, resisting an officer with violence and aggravated stalking.

• Andrew Michael Muckenstram, 29, LaBelle, was arrested on April 1 by K9 Cpl. L. Rrodriguez on charges of felony failure to appear.

• Christiano Reggy Deller, 20, Miami, was arrested on April 1 by Deputy S. Farraj on charges of carrying a concealed weapon.

• Nicolas Loredo, 31, LaBelle, was arrested on April 1 by Detective G. Willis on charges of burglary with assault or battery and interference with custody of minor.

• Tedaryl Ardell McKinnon, 52, at large, was arrested on April 1 by Deputy D. Givans on three counts of felony violation of probation.

• James Richard Summerall, 52, Clewiston, was arrested on April 2 by K9 Cpl. L. Drew on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Alejandro Jose Yanes, 25, Clewiston, was arrested on April 3 by Deputy Sheriff G. Camacho on charges of felony probation violation.

• Damonte Christpher Ler Authur, 18, Clewiston, was arrested on April 4 by Lt. S. Kirkby on charges of resisting arrest with violence.

• 16-year-old male, Clewiston, was arrested on April 4 by Lt. S. Kirkby on charges of aggravated assault on LEO, point laser light at driver and obstruction without violence.

• Christian Sadarius Etenne Whitehall, 23, LaBelle, was arrested on April 4 by Deputy R. Conant on charges of DUI.

• Juan Vega Cruz, 25, LaBelle, was arrested on April 4 by Lt. S. Kirkby on charges of DUI, DUI - refusal to submit, DUI – damage to property or persons, hit & run and operating a motor vehicle without a valid DL.

• Maria Vargas Villa, 49, LaBelle, was arrested on April 5 by Deputy M. Afonso on charges of DUI and DUI – refusal to submit to DUI testing.

• Vanessa Leigh Chapman, 39, LaBelle, was arrested on April 5 by Deputy S. Farraj on charges of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, burglary of an occupied dwelling and criminal mischief.

• Giliarde Pereira Da Silva, 39, Pompano Beach, was arrested on April 5 by Deputy G. Sosa on three counts of cruelty to animals.

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Man attacks father for not buying enough soda

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — On Wednesday, April 1 an OCSO deputy was dispatched to a residence on Northwest Third Avenue in regard to a domestic violence complaint.

The complainant explained that his 19-year-old son had attacked him because of the amount of sodas he bought. He said that he had caught his adult son stealing his mother's cigarettes and smoking them so he only bought half as many sodas as he usually does to punish him.

The complainant alleged that he was sitting at his kitchen table when his son physically accosted him. He explained that threatening to call the police was the only way to get him to stop but that it only worked for a while. When his son attacked him again he believed it was necessary to contact the police for real.

The deputy noted in his narrative that the complainant's shirt had a tear in it and the neck of the shirt appeared to be severely stretched out.

The man explained that he did not want to press charges against his son but asked if the police would take him away because he needed a break.

The deputy left without making an arrest but later that same night the man called OCSO because his son was becoming physically violent again. At this time the deputy felt that the son needed to be placed under arrest.

It's noted in the arrest affidavit that the suspect is autistic and the deputy felt that he needed to be placed under arrest in order to understand that his actions were wrong.

The 19-year-old suspect was placed under arrest and charged with battery. Bond was set at $1,000.

Man accused of threatening to kill family member with pipe wrench

By Annie Wills
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — On Friday, March 27, Christopher Bowman, 35, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Detective Coonfare with OCSO responded to the 1400 block of Northwest 115th Drive in regard to a domestic dispute.

The detective spoke with the individual who had called in the complaint and he advised that a family member, Christopher Bowman, had approached him with a pipe wrench screaming and demanding that he pay him and threatened to kill him with the pipe wrench.

The complainant then explained that Christopher then proceeded to hit himself in the head with the wrench before he threw it through the rear window of his own vehicle. He advised that Christopher has been using illegal narcotics and has not been in a good mental state for some time.

He was able to provide the detective with a video depicting the incident. Coonfare investigated Christopher's vehicle and found a hole in the rear glass and observed a pipe wrench that looked like the one in the video. The video was submitted into evidence along with the pipe wrench.

Christopher was on the property and when the detective asked him about the incident, he explained that the complainant owed him money and always refuses to pay him. The arrest affidavit states that Christopher was bleeding from a cut on his forehead, consistent with the accusation that he had hit himself in the head with the wrench. He was offered medical treatment but refused and was asked to sign a waiver.

Based on the evidence at the scene, Christopher was placed under arrest and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Bond was set at $5,000.

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.

• Yaunah Nevaeh Burchell, 28, Gainesville, was arrested April 2 by GCSO and charged with violation of probation. She is being held without bond.

• Omar Garcia was arrested April 4. No further information available.

• Darrin Lemont Hallback, 48, Moore Haven, was arrested April 3 by GCSO and charged with drug trafficking, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting an officer. Bond was set at $65,000.

• Juan Larios Tino, 29, Memphis, was arrested April 2 by FWC and charged with trespass. He is being held for ICE.

• Diego Morales Lares, 44, Fort Myers, was arrested April 2 by FWC and charged with trespass. He is being held for ICE.

• Mingala Pringle, 35, was arrested March 31 by SPD and charged with drug possession and a moving traffic violation. She is being held without bond.

• David Palios Ya, 27, Fort Myers, was arrested April 2 by FWC and charged with trespass. He is being held for ICE.

• Herbert Christopher Rivers, 60, Moore Haven, was arrested April 2 by GCSO and charged with violation of probation. Bond was set at $5,000.

• Raylen Rich Smith, 18, Okeechobee, was arrested April 2 by SPD and charged with a felony traffic violation and a misdemeanor traffic violation. Bond was set at $6,000.

• Ancelmo Tino Benito, 29, was arrested April 2 by FWC and charged with trespass. He is being held for ICE.

• Luis Mario Tino Morales, 19, was arrested April 2 by FWC and charged with trespass. He is being held for ICE.

• Tatiana Marie Torres, 22, was arrested April 5 by SPD and charged with a felony traffic violation and violation of probation. She is being held without bond.

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Crisis Prevention & Empowerment receives grant

News from Crisis Prevention & Empowerment

FORT MYERS – Crisis Prevention & Empowerment (CPE) has received a $5,000 grant as The Community Foundation's Health & Wellness Innovator Award-winning organization.

A nonprofit dedicated to providing free and affordable mental health support throughout Southwest Florida, CPE provides accessible, low- or no-cost mental health services to individuals across Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties.

The Health & Wellness Innovator Award recognizes organizations that advance mental, physical or community health with creativity and measurable impact.

"We are grateful to The Community Foundation for honoring CPE and its widespread impact on health and human service, crisis intervention services, behavioral and social health services," said Heather Cross, CEO of CPE. "With these funds, we will be able to further serve those in need of mental and behavioral health services across Southwest Florida."

Since 2017, CPE has been committed to providing the Southwest Florida community with a safe and reliable place for anyone in need of mental health support, including children, teens, adults, seniors, veterans and families, and has served thousands of individuals in the region. CPE offers outpatient counseling, round-the-clock crisis intervention and wrap-around services with no limitations on age, background or income. CPE collaborates with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice to provide mental health and substance abuse support for adolescents and teens in Southwest Florida.

The Community Foundation supports nonprofits in Southwest Florida regardless of size or budget. The foundation's grants aim to amplify impact, spark innovation and reward visionary changemakers in the community.

To learn more about CPE, visit CPECares.org or call 239-689-8490.



Heather Cross of Crisis Prevention & Empowerment (CPE) accepted a $5,000 grant and also The Community Foundation's Health & Wellness Innovator Award. [Photo courtesy Crisis Prevention & Empowerment]

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

By Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles

TALLAHASSEE — April kicks-offs Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, its division, Florida Highway Patrol, and our partners are encouraging drivers to Put It Down and Focus on the Road.

A crash occurs every 44 seconds in Florida, and one in seven crashes involves distracted drivers. Distracted driving is anything that takes your hands off the wheel, your eyes off the road or mind off driving—and that includes the passengers in your vehicle being a distraction. Last year, more than 52,900 crashes occurred because of distracted driving in Florida, resulting in over 2,100 serious bodily injuries and over 300 fatalities, the most since 2021.

Distracted driving kills. That is why in 2019, Florida passed legislation, the Wireless Communications While Driving law, that changed the enforcement of the ban on texting while driving from a secondary offense to a primary offense. This allows law enforcement to stop a vehicle solely for using a wireless communications device while driving, reinforcing Florida's commitment to promoting public safety and preventing this dangerous behavior.

However, prevention should begin young through education, awareness, and demonstration. Studies found that drivers aged in their 20s were the most likely to be distracted at the time of a crash, accounting for more than 25% of all distracted-driving crashes.

With the widespread use of mobile devices, lack of driving experience, passenger distraction, and the role of parents' influence in safe driving behaviors, early intervention is essential to building lifelong habits behind the wheel.

Many smartphones have 'Do Not Disturb' or 'Focus' settings that silence all notifications on your phone. If your phone and car both have Bluetooth capabilities, there should be a Driving Focus feature that will not allow notifications while you are driving.

Texting remains one of the most prevalent and dangerous distractions because it takes a driver's eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel, and their thinking about something other than driving. All of which are the same abilities needed to drive safely.

If you need to text, look up directions or take an important call, pull over to a safe location and put your car in park. Or simply wait until you reach your destination. If you have a passenger, have them respond to calls or messages.

Taking a moment to enable these settings before you start your trip can significantly reduce distractions and help you stay fully focused on the road.

Distractions while driving also include, putting on makeup, tending to a child or passenger in the back seat, eating and drinking, adjusting the radio, or checking your car's navigation system, and many more.

FLHSMV and FHP are dedicated to educating Florida motorists on the importance of avoiding distracted driving and informing motorists of current laws against distracted driving.

With every traffic stop, the Florida Highway Patrol and law enforcement officers statewide take the time to provide life-saving education to motorists, reminding them of the dangers of driving distracted and turning each interaction into a teachable moment. These conversations are an essential part of preventing future tragedies. Our goal is always to correct dangerous behavior before it results in a crash, an injury, or a loss of life. We never want a driver to learn the hard way, and we remain committed to doing everything we can to keep Florida's roads safe for everyone.

FWC announces winners of 2026 Florida Fish Art Contest

By FWC

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in collaboration with Wildlife Forever, is pleased to announce the winners of the 2026 Florida Fish Art Contest. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade submitted artwork for a chance to win state and national honors plus prizes. This contest encourages students to depict native fish species in their natural Florida habitat and to learn about what those species eat and where they live.

The winning artists in each grade bracket (freshwater and saltwater) were selected by the FWC and will advance to the National Competition to be judged for top prizes, such as Best of Show.

We are excited to congratulate this year's winners! The 2026 Florida Fish Art Contest Winners are:

Grades 10-12

Winners: Emily Jin and Savannah LaViolette

Runners-Up: Jordyn Collins and Beckett Smith

Grades 7-9

Winners: Sebastian Romo and Mila Das

Runners-Up: Enni Lin and Kelly Ryan

Grades 4-6

Winners: Qingliang Zhang and Emma Zhang

Runners-Up: Amelia Chu and Jessica Ma

Grades K-3

Winners: Tristan Thomas and Chandler Watkins

Runners-Up: Maverick Thomas and Zohaan Ahmad

Visit MyFWC.com/Education and select "Florida Fish Art Contest" in the second from last section of the page then select "Winners 2026" to view all the winning artwork from this year.

"The level of talent and creativity showcased by these young artists is truly inspiring," said FWC Commissioner Sonya Rood. "The Florida Fish Art Contest provides a unique opportunity for students across the state to engage with fishing and conservation. Their artwork not only reflects impressive skill, but also a growing appreciation for Florida's native fish species and the importance of protecting them."

This program fuels creativity while cultivating the next generation of anglers and conservation stewards by encouraging them to discover and value Florida's fisheries. Learn more about the Florida Fish Art Contest and how you can participate next year at MyFWC.com/Education.



Pictured above are the four Fish Art Contest winning images, Top Left: 10-12 grade saltwater runner-up Beckett Smith, Top Right: 10-12 grade freshwater winner Emily Jin, Bottom Left: 10-12 grade freshwater runner-up Jordyn Collins, Bottom Right: 10-12 grade saltwater winner Savannah LaViolette. [Photo courtesy FWC]

Even in a drought, protect your landscape by conserving water

April is National Lawn Care Month and National Garden Month

News from Florida Governmental Utility Authority

FLORIDA — We've all heard the expression, "The grass is always greener on the other side." But this year in Florida, ongoing drought conditions are forcing homeowners to rethink what 'green' really means and how to maintain landscapes responsibly with limited water resources.

As April marks both National Garden Month and National Lawn Care Month, it's still a time to celebrate the many benefits of a healthy lawn and garden. But with water supplies strained across much of the state, water conservation must be top of mind when caring for our lawns and gardens. Fortunately, small changes in outdoor water use can make a significant difference.

Because irrigation is one of the largest contributors to residential water use, the Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA) encourages residents to adopt smart, conservation-focused practices:

• Water only when it matters most. If irrigation is permitted, run systems during early morning hours when evaporation is lowest. Avoid watering during the heat of the day when much of that water is lost before it reaches plant roots.

• Check your system for hidden waste. Leaks, broken sprinkler heads, or misaligned spray patterns can waste thousands of gallons over time. Look for water running onto sidewalks or pooling in areas it shouldn't.

• Water smarter – not more. If your system allows, use shorter, spaced-out watering cycles to give moisture time to soak into the soil rather than run off.

• Adjust your expectations. Lawns may naturally go dormant during drought conditions. A slightly brown lawn is not dead. It's conserving energy and can recover when conditions improve.

• Rethink fertilizer use. Excess fertilizer can drive new growth that requires more water to sustain. Consider reducing applications or using slow-release options.

• Make every drop count. Ensure sprinkler heads aren't blocked by grass or plants, and that water is reaching intended areas...not being deflected or wasted.

• Use nature to your advantage. Check that rain sensors are functioning properly and always turn off irrigation after rainfall.

• Know the rules. Always follow local watering restrictions, which may be tightened during drought conditions.

"During times like these, conservation isn't optional, it's essential," said Matthew Rihs, Community Services Manager for FGUA. "By making a few practical changes, homeowners can protect their landscapes while helping preserve water for the entire community."

Hendry County Waste Management Amnesty Week

Hendry County Waste Management in Conjunction with The City of LaBelle and The City of Clewiston, will be hosting a week-long Amnesty for Hendry County residents:

April 20th - April 25th

Residents will be asked to provide a valid driver's license to ensure they reside in Hendry County.

NO COMMERICAL WASTE ACCEPTED
****RESTRICTED TO TWO LOADS OR TWO TONS****

Clewiston Transfer Station
1350 Olympia Ave
Mon – Fri
7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sat 7:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

LaBelle Transfer Station
1280 Forestry Division Rd
Mon – Fri
7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sat 7:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

ACCEPTED WASTE:

- **YARD WASTE:** NO SINGLE BRANCH OR LIMB LARGER THAN 4FT. LONG & 4IN. IN DIAMETER
- **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:** LUMBER, SHINGLES, DRY-WALL, GLASS, TILES, WIRE, ETC
- **WHITE GOODS:** WASHERS, STOVES, WATER HEATERS, ETC
- **FURNITURE:** SOFAS, MATTRESSES, CHAIRS, ETC
- **TIRES:** TIRES WITHOUT RIMS **LIMITED TO 1-4 TIRES**

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL SPECIAL DISTRICTS AT 863-675-5252

Condado de Hendry residuos Semana de Gestión amnistía

Hendry County Waste Management en conjunción con la Ciudad de Labelle y la Ciudad de Clewiston, será anfitrión de una semana de amnistía para los residentes del condado Hendry que comienzan:

20 de Abril al 25 de Abril

Se solicitará a los residentes que proporcionen una licencia de conducir válida para garantizar
que residen en el condado de Hendry

No se aceptan residuos comerciales
****Restringido a dos cargas o dos toneladas****

Clewiston Transfer Station
1350 Olympia Ave
Lunes – Viernes
7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sábado 7:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

LaBelle Transfer Station
1280 Forestry Division Rd
Lunes – Viernes
7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Sábado 7:00 am – 11:30 a.m.

RESIDUOS ACEPTADOS:

- **Desechos de jardín:** NINGUNA RAMA O RAMA INDIVIDUAL DE MÁS DE 4 PIES DE LARGO Y 4 PULGADAS DE DIÁMETRO
- **RESIDUOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN :** MADERA, TEJAS, PANELES DE YESO, VIDRIO, LOSAS, ALAMBRE, ETC.
- **ELECTRODOMÉSTICOS:** LAVADORAS, ESTUFAS, CALENTADORES DE AGUA, ETC.
- **MUEBLE:** SOFÁS, COLCHONES, SILLAS, ETC.
- **NEUMÁTICOS:** LLANTAS SIN RIMES ** 1-4**

RESIDENTES CON PREGUNTAS, POR FAVOR LLAME A DISTRITOS ESPECIALES AL 863-675-5252

School employee named finalist for 2026 Florida School Related Employee of the Year

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County Schools is proud to announce that Destiny Suarez has been named one of five finalists for the 2026 Florida School Related Employee of the Year by the Florida Department of Education.

Mrs. Suarez, a paraprofessional at Everglades Elementary School, was recognized for her exceptional dedication to students, strong support of teachers, and positive impact on the school community. In a letter of recommendation submitted on her behalf, Everglades Elementary Principal RaeAnn Whiteside described Suarez as an essential member of the school team, noting her professionalism, willingness to go the extra mile, and the meaningful difference she makes in the lives of students each day.

According to Mrs. Whiteside, Mrs. Suarez works side by side with teachers to support students daily and is especially effective in small-group instruction. She takes time to understand each student's strengths and weaknesses, helping ensure their needs are met in a meaningful and supportive way. Mrs. Whiteside also notes that students enjoy working with Mrs. Suarez and that being placed in one of her groups is highly sought after.

In addition to her work in the classroom, Mrs. Suarez volunteers her time at school events, including Trick and Treat Night and New Worlds Reading events, helping those activities run smoothly and successfully. Mrs. Whiteside states that Mrs. Suarez's dedication and commitment have shown that she has "the right stuff for success" in education.

"This recognition is a tremendous honor for Destiny and for Okeechobee County Schools. School-related employees play a vital role in the success of our students and schools, and Destiny represents the very best of that work. Her care for children, commitment to service, and support for her school community make her highly deserving of this recognition," said Superintendent Dylan Tedders.



Destiny Suarez is a paraprofessional at Everglades Elementary School. [Courtesy photo]

Okeechobee County Schools congratulates Destiny Suarez on this outstanding achievement and is proud to celebrate her as a finalist at the state level.

Celebrate Earth Month with DEP and Discover Florida's Seafloor

By Florida Department of Environmental Protection

This Earth Month, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) invites students in grades 4-12 to join our annual Earth Day Poster Contest and explore the mysteries of Florida's seafloor. This year's theme, "See the Sea Floor: Discover Florida Beneath the Waves," highlights the Florida Seafloor Mapping Initiative, a statewide effort using advanced tools like sonar and LiDAR to reveal underwater landscapes, coral reefs and hidden geological features. Students are encouraged to let their creativity shine by illustrating what they imagine lies beneath the surface and how these discoveries guide scientists in protecting Florida's coasts.

Contest Details:

Deadline: April 22, 2026, by 5 p.m. EDT

Submission Requirements: Students in grades 4-12 may submit original drawings, paintings or digital artwork using any medium. A completed entry form must accompany all submissions.

Winning students will be selected from each age group (grades 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12) within each of DEP's six district regions. Regional winners will receive an Aquatic Preserves reuseable water bottle and advance to a statewide contest. From those regional winners, one grand prize winner in each grade category will receive a full-sized printed poster of their artwork. Winners will be announced on April 30, 2026.

For contest rules, guidelines and more ways to celebrate Earth Day, visit floridadep.gov/comm/comm/campaign/earthday2026.

WORK TOGETHER



SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WORK TOGETHER

OKEECHOBEE — Learning in motion in Ms. Moore's fifth grade class! During a recent carousel activity, students worked together to create examples of text structures using familiar topics. This hands-on approach kept everyone engaged and thinking deeply about their reading and writing skills. [Photo courtesy Seminole Elementary]

PBR team to visit Okeechobee County

Free 'meet and greet' with bull riders planned

By Katrina Elsken
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE – Members of the Florida Freedom Professional Bull Riding (PBR) Team will be in Okeechobee on July 3 at the Agri-Civic Center.

During the March 26 meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners, Assistant County Administrator Denise Whitehead said 8 to 10 members of the Florida Freedom Team will practice bull riding and do a "meet and greet" with fans.

Whitehead said they asked the county to serve as an official sponsor of the event and to waive the fee for using the arena. There will be no charge for spectators.

" I think the youth will really like it because they are going to sign autographs," said Commission Chairman David Hazellief.

According to a PBR Teams spokesperson, the Florida Freedom Team will arrive at 9 a.m. and start bull riding practice at 10 a.m. Each member of the team will ride several bulls.

PBR Teams is an elite league featuring the world's top bull riders competing on teams in five-on-five games leading to a Team Championship at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. During the 2026 season, the league's fifth, each of the 10 teams – Arizona Ridge Riders of Glendale, AZ; Austin Gamblers of Austin, TX; Carolina Cowboys of Greensboro, NC; Florida Freedom of Sunrise, FL; Kansas City Outlaws of Kansas City, MO; Missouri Thunder of Springfield, MO; Nashville Stampede of Nashville, TN; New York Mavericks of Belmont, NY; Oklahoma Wildcatters of Oklahoma City, OK; and Texas Rattlers of Fort Worth, TX – will host a three-day homestand.



Florida Freedom PBR Team members will practice bull riding in the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center arena on July 3, starting at 10 a.m. Community members are invited to come out and watch the practice and meet the bull riders. [Photo courtesy Bull Stock Media]

Lady Brahman lacrosse team celebrates Senior Night

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman lacrosse team honored its two seniors before their game against St. Cloud on March 26.

Emma Pereira and Lillie Bandi were recognized for their dedication to the team and the effort they've shown throughout their four years representing the Lady Brahmans.

"These two seniors started together and finished together," said Lady Brahmans' lacrosse coach Aimee Kelly. "It has been an honor to be your coach. Thank you for all that you have done over the years for the program. You both are truly remarkable ladies, and I can't wait to see what's next."

Lacrosse got its start at OHS shortly after Aimee Kelly was first hired as a physical education teacher at the high school. She put up a few pictures from her time playing and coaching lacrosse, which caught the attention of some of her students. Next thing you know, they were asking if Okeechobee could start its own team.

In 2025, the program had its first four-year letterman in Shelby Busbin. This year, with the addition of Bandi and Pereira, the young lacrosse program's total amount of four-year lettermen is now three.

This year, freshman Dee Lester managed to notch an impressive 164 saves as the goalkeeper for Okeechobee. Despite only picking up the sport this season, Lester managed to be ranked third in Okeechobee's division in save percentage.



The Lady Brahmans celebrate after thier win over Palm Beach Gardens. [Photo courtesy OHS Lady Brahman Lacrosse]

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Rent from permitted liveries, follow safety requirements

NEW FROM FWC

With spring in full swing and summer approaching, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds residents and visitors to enjoy Florida's waterways safely and responsibly. Whether renting a motorized boat, a personal watercraft (PWC/Jet-Ski), canoe, kayak or paddleboard, it is critical to rent from a permitted livery.

In 2024, new livery regulations and updated boating safety education requirements went into effect to strengthen public safety, ensure accountability for liveries and promote safer operation by anyone using rented vessels. These rules require liveries to provide renters with important pre-rental and pre-ride instruction covering topics such as:

- Local waterway characteristics;
- Proper use of an engine cutoff switch;
- On-the-water demonstrations of safe vessel operation.

"Renting from an unpermitted livery or skipping proper instruction can put you, your passengers, and others on the water in danger," said Maj. Tommy VanTrees, FWC Boating and Waterways Section Leader. "Permitted liveries are well aware of the high safety standards required by law, and taking a few extra minutes to receive proper equipment and instruction can prevent accidents and save lives."

The FWC urges all waterway users to make safety a priority by choosing permitted liveries and practicing safe boating every time they're on the water.



FWC reminds residents and visitors to enjoy Florida's waterways safely and responsibly. [Photos courtesy of National Safe Boating Council]

For more information about liveries, visit MyFWC.com/Boating and click on "Livery Regulations and Safety Information" under "More Boating Links."

For more information about boating safety or to find an FWC recommended boating safety course, visit MyFWC.com/Boating and click on the "Boating Safety and Education" button.

Tournament to remove invasive fish announced

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Join the Miccosukee Tribe for 24 hours of fishing in the Swamp Invaders Fishing Tournament. Show off your skills and compete with fellow anglers to catch and remove invasive exotic species from the swamp.

The intent of the Removal of the Swamp Invaders Fishing Tournament is to better inform the public about the negative effects of exotic fish, encourage fishing to remove exotic fish, and restore the native fishery and the Everglades.

The tournament starts at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 17 and ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. Anglers will compete for cash prizes. The event will also include giveaways.

Miccosukee Earth Day festivities on April 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will feature live music, giveaways, Tribal crafts, conservation education, alligator wrestling and more.

Any legal method of taking fish may be used to harvest EXOTIC fish species during the tournament. Refer to fwc.com for information about fishing regulations.

Fishing for this tournament will occur in the Everglades and the Francis S. Taylor Wildlife Management Area (a.k.a. Water Conservation Area 3A). Tournament officials reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to conduct external and internal inspections of any fish submitted for weigh-in or prize consideration.

Competitors MUST be registered and weigh-in their catch between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on April 18. Weigh-in will be at Miccosukee Indian Village, 500 US Hwy 41, Miami, FL 33194.

Fishing in this tournament is an individual event. If you are fishing with others, each member of your party must register individually (a party CANNOT pool all of their catch under one person).

Registration can be done online before the event or in person. Online registration is preferred and will secure your exclusive tournament T-shirt. T-shirts will be provided while supplies last.

In-person registrants will need to enter through the Earth Day Festival/Fishing Tournament event entrance Miccosukee Indian Village , 500 US Hwy 41, Miami, FL 33194. In-person registration fees must be paid in cash at the Fish and Wildlife's check-in booth.

The goal of the Swamp Invaders Fishing Tournament is the removal of EXOTIC fish and the harmful effects they have on the ecosystem. If native fish are caught as by-catch during the tournament fishing, these fish must be returned immediately to the water unharmed. Native fish will not be included in any categories in this tournament.

Butterfly Peacock bass are regulated under state law as a sport fish. Anglers may catch, remove, and submit Peacock Bass for this tournament; however, anglers must comply with Florida regulations. The general statewide bag limit allows the harvest of two Peacock Bass, only one of which may be 17 inches or longer in length,

Grass Carp may NOT be caught. Possession of grass carp is Illegal. Grass carp were released intentionally for aquatic plant control purposes. If this species is accidentally caught, return the fish immediately to the water unharmed.

Any person or boat without a valid license or registration violate state and/or federal law and may have their fish disqualified at weigh-in. All fish must be caught in compliance with the State of Florida regulations and within legal fishing areas.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place anglers in three age categories for:

- Most weight of exotic fish: First place wins $500. Second place wins $250. Third place wins $125.
- Exotic slam – The number of different exotic fish species caught; in case of a tie, the weight of the fish will determine the winner. First place wins $300. Second place wins $150. Third place wins $75.
- Largest exotic fish caught by weight. First place wins $100. Second place wins $50. Third place wins $25.

Age categories and entry fees are: Kids (10 and under), $15; Juniors (11-17). $25; and, adults (age 18 and older), $25.

Fishing in this tournament is an individual event. If you are fishing with others, each person in the party must register individually. A party cannot pool all their catch under one person.

Explore Wildlife Management Areas with Florida WildQuest





The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) invites Florida residents and visitors of all ages to join Florida WildQuest, a statewide scavenger hunt experience on Florida's Wildlife Management Areas April 25-May 3.

Using the free and easy-to-use GooseChase app, participants will complete fun missions, such as photo, video and prompt-based challenges, while exploring Florida's public conservation lands and discovering some of the state's best places to see wildlife and enjoy the outdoors.

In addition to your fully-charged cell phone and a sense of adventure, FWC recommends bringing sun protection, bug spray, a recreation or trail guide, snacks and plenty of water with you. WildQuest is free to play, but some WMAs require a daily-use permit fee so check site details in advance. Cell service can be unreliable on portions of some WMAs. Participants can take photos and videos with their phone camera and upload them to the GooseChase app later.

How to play:

Download the GooseChase app and create an account. Enter the WildQuest game code EBN6F2 to register and receive updates.

From April 25-May 3, visit Florida WMAs and complete missions!

How to win:

Participants are eligible for a prize drawing by completing 10 missions during the event and completing a short survey (the final mission in WildQuest).

Winners will be selected at random on May 12 at 10 a.m. EDT. All missions must be submitted by midnight on May 3.

No purchase is necessary. Prizes have been purchased by the FWC and are awarded in accordance with Section 849.0935, Florida Statutes.

Any person who requires special accommodation to participate should notify the agency at least seven calendar days before the event by calling 850-488-9453.

Those with hearing or speech impairments may contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service at 800-955-8771 (TDD) or 800-955-8770 (voice).

WMAs in the Big Lake area include:

- Fisheating Creek WMA, 1585 U.S.-27, Venus;
- W. Corbett WMA, 11835 Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, West Palm Beach;
- Allapattah Flats WMA, County Road 714, Palm City;
- Holey Land WMA, Palm Beach County, 6 miles west of US 27;
- Dinner Island Ranch WMA, CR-833, Clewiston;
- Okaloacoochee Slough WMA, Keri Road, Felda;
- Spirit of the Wild WMA, County Road 832, Felda;
- Big Cypress WMA, Highway 41, between Naples and Miami.

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Research project offers new hope for citrus growers

By Meredith Bauer-Mitchell
UF/IFAS

A much-anticipated research project on citrus greening is coming to fruition, marked by the start of another harvest of a key citrus grove in Fort Pierce.

Harvest on the Millennium Block project, a seven-year University of Florida research project is underway, and researchers will use the data collected from fruit harvested from 2022 to 2026 to analyze how much these potential solutions offer farmers hope against citrus greening, with results expected later this year.

The damaging crop disease has decimated Florida orange and grapefruit groves, reducing production across all citrus-growing regions, reaching over 80% of the state's citrus, and the Millennium Block was envisioned as a place where bold risks could be taken in the fight against citrus greening. The Millennium Block, which was planted at the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Science's (UF/IFAS) Indian River Research and Education Center (IRREC), in 2019, is now a 5,000-tree research project with trees that were bred to be tolerant to citrus greening, said Flavia Zambon, assistant professor of citrus production at UF/IFAS IRREC.

Citrus greening, or Huanglongbing, remains one of the most destructive challenges facing Florida's citrus industry. Spread by a tiny bug called a psyllid, the bacterium that causes the



Silvio Neto, a UF undergraduate student doing an internship at UF/IFAS IRREC, sorts fruit from the Millennium Block harvest. [Photo by Joe McQueen, UF/IFAS]

disease attacks trees from the inside out, reducing fruit quality, yield and ultimately killing entire groves. Infected trees produce smaller, misshapen and bitter, green fruit – if they produce any at all. The disease spreads quickly through the flying insects, making containment difficult once a grove is infected.

The Millennium Block includes various citrus varieties in four research trials, one including 18 grapefruits and three commercial rootstocks, and the other three with 32 rootstocks grafted with Ray Ruby grapefruit, Glenn Navel sweet orange and UF-950 mandarin.

Harvest will continue through early February, and citrus will be pulled and juiced to be tested for physical marketable qualities, such as size, and juice quality attributes, such as sugar concentration and acidity, which affect the price that growers can expect to receive for their fruit.

OKEECHOBEE LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

APRIL 6 & 7, 2026
MONDAY & TUESDAY SALES AT 12:00PM

COWS	LOW:	HIGH:	
940-1460	157.00 -	168.00	AVG
940-1460	166.00 -	188.00	HIGH
940-1460	150.00 -	155.00	LOW

BULLS			
1000-1960	195.00 -	210.00	AVG
1000-1960	210.00 -	227.00	HIGH
1000-1960	187.00 -	188.00	LOW

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	558	267
COWS	189	220
BULLS	29	19
TOTAL	776	506

STEERS MED & LARGE 1:		
125-250	700.00 -	830.00
250-300	590.00 -	690.00
300-350	550.00 -	670.00
350-400	500.00 -	600.00
400-450	450.00 -	550.00
450-500	460.00 -	495.00
500-550	455.00 -	460.00
550-600	400.00 -	430.00
600-700	375.00 -	430.00

HEIFERS MED & LARGE 1:		
150-250	570.00 -	710.00
250-300	540.00 -	680.00
300-350	495.00 -	580.00
350-400	475.00 -	540.00
400-450	460.00 -	505.00
450-500	425.00 -	465.00
500-550	415.00 -	435.00
550-600	360.00 -	425.00
600-700	350.00 -	375.00

STEERS MED & LARGE 2:		
150-250	690.00 -	690.00
250-300	550.00 -	595.00
300-350	500.00 -	600.00
350-400	450.00 -	535.00
400-450	485.00 -	485.00
450-500	400.00 -	440.00
500-550	400.00 -	420.00
550-600	370.00 -	370.00
600-700	0.00 -	0.00

HEIFERS MED & LARGE 2:		
150-250	550.00 -	610.00
250-300	500.00 -	600.00
300-350	450.00 -	515.00
350-400	430.00 -	480.00
400-450	415.00 -	430.00
450-500	375.00 -	395.00
500-550	350.00 -	385.00
550-600	0.00 -	0.00
600-700	0.00 -	0.00

Plenty of news out there. Some good some bad. Cattle prices still showing strength in the middle of it all. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to $5 higher. Feeder calves sharply higher! Corn, wheat and oil are lower. And we got rain!

Top Prices

• Jose A. Rodriguez, Clewiston, topped the calf market with a high of $830.00/200# bought by Cracker Land & Cattle Co.

• Dudley Kirton, Okeechobee, topped the slaughter cow market with a high of $188.00/1380# bought by Brown Packing

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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 April 22 print edition is 5 p.m. on April 14.

Library hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th St., will host the following events: On Saturday, **April 18**, there will be a movie showing of Peter Rabbit at 3 p.m. On Wednesday, **April 22**, Storytime is at 11 a.m. Book Club will meet on Thursday, **April 23**, at 2 p.m. On Friday, **April 24**, there will be a free Spring Concert by Jay Daniels at 4 p.m. Youth Dungeons & Dragons will be on Saturday, **April 25** at 4 p.m. Ages 10-17 are welcome. Beginners welcome. Also on Saturday, make beaded plants at Crafternoon at 4 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! A free beginner's class of Yogilates, combining yoga and pilates, is on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. 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.

Quarter Auction benefit planned

OKEECHOBEE — A Quarters for a Cause benefit for Elizabeth Dugan McClure will be held on Tuesday, **April 21**, doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction starts at 7 p.m., at the Okeechobee Civic Center, 1750 US 98 N. Elizabeth is a single mom who has been through multiple surgeries. She has many health issues now and is struggling to pay her bills. Events feature Chinese raffles, 50/50 drawing, vendors with cash & carry items, and wear blue to be entered into the special raffle sponsored by Enise from Our Village. Food and drinks available for purchase. No open alcohol allowed at this function. For donations or information, call Janice Pietro at 561-310-3285.

Final days of RLCH yard sales

OKEECHOBEE — Real Life Children's Ranch Yard Sale Barn, 7777 US-441 East, is coming to a close. Don't miss your chance to join us for the final shopping days on **Thursdays and Fridays** every week from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by and explore a variety of gently used items, hidden treasures and great deals before the season **ends on April 24**.

Sacred Heart hosts bingo

OKEECHOBEE — Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., will host Monday Night Bingo on Monday, **April 20**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7 p.m. The kitchen will be open for refreshments.

Yard sale and pulled pork planned

OKEECHOBEE — Believer's Fellowship Church, 300 SW Sixth Ave., will hold a yard sale on Saturday, **April 25** beginning at 9 a.m. Pulled pork sanchwich lunches will be available for purchase at 11 a.m. Menu also includes baked beans, coleslaw, beverage and dessert. For tickets, call the Church at 863-357-0575, Linda at 863-634-9148, or Kim at 863-242-8075. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for youths to attend Word of Life Christian camp.

RLCR Yard Sale Barn

OKEECHOBEE — Real Life Children's Ranch (RLCR), 7777 US Highway 441 SE, holds their yard barn sale every **Thursday** and **Friday** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

American Legion hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — American Legion Post 64, 501 SE Second St., will host the following events: On **Fridays** bar poker is at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be served. On **Saturdays** quarter bingo is at 1 p.m. and dauber bingo is at 5:30 p.m. Friday hours are 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday hours are noon to 8 p.m.

Orioles Club & Restaurant hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Orioles Club & Restaurant, 1855 SW 53rd St., is open and cooking at 11:30 a.m. daily with a $10.50 lunch menu until 2 p.m. All you can eat catfish daily, $14.50. Bingo is on Tuesday's at noon. Tuesday is also Spaghetti Night from 4 to 7 p.m. with music by Cowboy. Wednesdays get wings for 75 cents for Wing Wednesdays. On Thursdays dinner and bingo is at 6 p.m. Thursday is Customer Appreciation with $2.75 bottled beer & $2.50 well drinks. On Saturday and Sunday bingo is at 2 p.m. On Sunday Bottomless Bloody Marys from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m for $15. Free memberships. Open to the public. Games pay cash on the spot. For inquiries, call 863-777-2442. Watch the facebook page for updates at www.Facebook.com/Orioles336

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 included, offering a safe space to connect, breathe, and feel supported. For info, 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 Republicans are encouraged to join.

Rotary Club to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets every Tuesday at noon at the Beef

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MLS #11557755 - $249,000 - PALM VILLAGE RANCH - 3/2 Single Family Home with a Mother-in-laws Suite. The home has hurricane shutters, wired for Generac, Primary Bedroom there is a vintage claw foot tub, new hot water heater 2019, new metal roof 2019, sprinkler system, flooring in Dining Room, Kitchen and Living Room 2024. The mother-in-law suite has it's own entrance. This is an active 55+ community. There is something happening every day along with a beautiful pool and clubhouse.





MLS #11536442 - $379,000 - TREASURE ISLAND - IMMACULANT POOL HOME ON DOUBLE LOT - Beautifully maintained 3/2 home with numerous upgrades! Features include a 2017 metal roof, 2024 quartz countertops, 2023 stainless steel appliances, and new ceramic tile flooring in the kitchen, dining room, living room, and bathrooms. The spacious layout flows seamlessly for comfortable living and entertaining. Enjoy the large 22.5' x 28' garage, 16'x28' carport, fully fenced backyard, a relaxing patio with firepit, and your very own private pool. Don't miss this gem in the heart of Treasure Island.





MLS #11584378 - $325,000 - LAKE OKEECHOBEE ACCESS - Close to locks, CBS home freshly painted sitting on two canals. Updates: Windows, Roof 2021, 2025 Water heater, updated kitchen with granite countertops and solid wood cabinets, stainless steel, new back splash, vinyl plank flooring throughout, both bathrooms have been updated, pecky cypress in living room and dining room wall, owns lane 10 wide. Asphalt boat ramp into the rim canal. 14x40 shed with garage door. This is such a perfect home. Come and take a look.

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1000-H: LAKE OKEECHOBEE ACCESS - CHARMING 4-bedroom 2-bathroom CBS home. This Single-Family Residence is in OKEECHOBEE ESTATES, SPACIOUS LIVING AREA with 1740 Base SF/ 2646 TLA. This property has a large carport attached with an oversized paved parking pad. The backyard is fenced with a large, screened porch for entertaining or relaxing. A shed for extra storage and a large Mango tree. Enjoy fishing with Canal access right from your backyard. The Kitchen features stainless steel appliances, lots of cabinets for storage, a dining area, large open living room. It has ceramic tile flooring throughout the home, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths with tiled walls. A large laundry room. This home is on public water/sewer. Come take a look at this home Today!!! All measurements are approximate must measure for exact dimensions. **$330,000 ID# 11633978**

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O'Brady's, 608 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 or Stephanie Busbin at 863-532-3010.

Retired Teachers to meet

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Food pantry schedule

OKEECHOBEE — The food pantry at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., is open the first and third Friday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m.

AA meetings in Okeechobee

OKEECHOBEE — Area churches host AA meetings each week.

• Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace, hosts a Wake Up group on **Mondays** at 6:30 a.m. Closed discussion

• Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave., hosts "Heard it through the grapevine" open meeting on **Mondays** at 6:30 p.m.; on **Tuesdays** a open meeting at 7 p.m.; Big book study on **Thursdays** at 7 p.m.; a speaker meeting on **Fridays** at 7 p.m.; and "Keep it Simple" group on **Saturdays** at 7 p.m. (Closed meeting)

• Church of our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St., hosts an open women's meeting on **Thursdays** at 6 p.m.

• Rite Life, 202 NE Second St. Suite 5, hosts Easy Does It, an open meeting, on **Wednesdays** from 7 to 8 p.m. and open meetings at noon **Monday-Friday** and open discussions on **Saturdays** and **Sundays** at 10 a.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 2024 CA 000450

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES,; SUZANNE J. RICHARDSON A/K/A SUZANNE J. RICARDSON A/K/A SUZANNE W.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA-DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSAN M. MOORE; JOHN WILUAM RICHARDSON; JENNIFER JOYCE MANNING; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES. OR OTHER CLAIMANTS
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on March 4, 2026 in Civil Case No, 2024 CA 000450, of the Circuit Court of the TWENTIETH Judicial Circuit in and for Hendry County, Florida, wherein, PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION is the Plaintiff, and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEES,; SUZANNE J. RICHARDSON A/K/A SUZANNE J RICARDSON A/K/A SUZANNE W.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSAN M. MOORE; JOHN WILLIAM RICHARDSON; JENNIFER JOYCE MANNING; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE WHETHER SAID UNKNO\VN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Kimberly Barrineau will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 25 E Hickpochee, 2nd Floor, Labelle, FL 33935 on April 22, 2026 at 11:00 AM EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR AN ACCESS ROAD OF THE WEST 30.00 FEET AND THE SOUTH 30.00 FEET THEREOF. ALSO KNOWN AS TRACT 244, PIONEER PLANTATION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION.

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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 12, 2026.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
Kimberly Barrineau

Torie Logue
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: 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 Dawn Oliver, Administrative Services Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935, and whose telephone number is (863) 675-5374, 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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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. 47 2025 CA 000065

SouthState Bank, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Jennifer Margarett Heaton, Deceased, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 2025000065CAAXMX of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein **SouthState Bank, N.A.** is the Plaintiff and **The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Jennifer Margarett Heaton, Deceased; Melanie Heaton as Person Representative of the Estate of Jennifer Margarett Heaton, Deceased; C. K. B., a minor child in the care of his father and natural guardian, Clinton Albert Billie; C. L. B., a minor child in the care of her father and natural guardian, Clinton Albert Billie; Jennifer Heaton** are the 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.realforeclose.com beginning at 11:00 AM on the 6th day of May, 2026,** the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 13 AND 14, BLOCK 7, OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Property address: 1309SW10TH Dr, Okeechobee, FL 34974

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 this 12th day of March, 2026.

Jerald Bryant
Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller

By: Madalyn Pinon
Deputy Clerk

Notices to Persons with Disabilities

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.
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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

Notice is hereby provided that the South Florida Water Management District, on February 13, 2026, issued an Environmental Resource permit (permit) with conditions [Permit Number 26-115947-P, Application Number 230714-39440] to Gardinier Florida Citrus, Inc, 1605 Main St Suite #703, Sarasota, FL 34236-5833, for Construction and Operation of a stormwater management (SWM) system serving 396.46 acres of agricultural operation development known as Julian Grove (Acreage Reduction). The project is located in Hendry County, Section 32, Township 45 South, Range 28 East.

A copy of the permit can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulation Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at permits@sfwmd.gov, or by accessing the permit directly from the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page.

The District's agency action is final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569 and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., the following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all of the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult an attorney regarding your legal rights.

RIGHT TO REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a SFWMD decision which affects or may affect their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD, in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein, within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: (1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat.; or (2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Section 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of written notice through mail, electronic mail, or posting that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the SFWMD has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

If the District takes final agency action which materially differs from the noticed intended agency decision, persons who may be substantially affected shall, unless otherwise provided by law, have an additional Rule 28-106.111, Fla. Admin. Code, point of entry.

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RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW
Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., and in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and by filing a copy of the notice with the clerk of the appropriate district court of appeal.
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The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401–.405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW
Pursuant to Section 120.68, Fla. Stat., and in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110, a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may seek judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of the District Clerk of the SFWMD in accordance with the filing instructions set forth herein within 30 days of rendition of the order to be reviewed, and by filing a copy of the notice with the clerk of the appropriate district court of appeal.
40252 LON 4/15/2026

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON 05/04/2026 AT 08:00 AM THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES(S) MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 713. 585.NAME: J & J AUTO COMPLETE AUTO CARE CORP 3C63R3GL3KG673116 2019 RAM 10421.95 TEL:813-697-1791 MV#: MV110082 LOCATION: 420 S PARROTT AVE OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
40965 LON 4/15/2026

Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice is hereby given that **BRISIX ONE, LLC, OWNER,** desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **MIAMI PEPTIDE SUPPLY** located at **18208 RANCHLAND HILLS VISTA, JONESTOWN, TEXAS 78645** intends to register the said name in **PALM BEACH** county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
41044 PB 4/15/2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 25000584CAAXMX

LOANDEPOT.COM, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

KEITH MITCHELL JR; et al,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEITH MITCHELL JR
(Last Known Address: 875 GEN D MACARTHUR AVE, LABELLE, FL 33935)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose based on boundaries established by acquiescence, on the following described property:

LOT 24, BLOCK 2, LIBERTY SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 214, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 875 GEN D MACARTHUR AVE, LABELLE, FL 33935

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Ghidotti I Berger LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 10800 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 201, Miami, FL 33161 5/15/2026, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Lake Okeechobee News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2010-08

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 27th day of March, 2026.

KIMBERLEY BARRINEAU
As Clerk of the Court

By Torie Logue
As Deputy Clerk

40566 HEND 4/8,15/2026

Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice is hereby given that **JOHN GIVENS, OWNER,** desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **THE GIVENS GROUP** located at **958 SERVICE ST. UNIT 1, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33407** intends to register the said name in **PALM BEACH** county with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
40977 PB 4/15/2026

When doing those chores is doing you in, it's time to look for a helper in the classifieds.

Public Notice

South Florida Water Management District
3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406
RegPermitting@sfwmd.gov
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that the application(s) for permit described below has been received for project(s) in Okeechobee County. The application(s) and future additional application documents can be obtained by any of the following methods: 1) Accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and clicking on Application/Permit Search on the RegPermitting page; 2) Submitting a written request to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406; or 3) Submitting an electronic request at regpermitting@sfwmd.gov.

Todd Clemons Family LLC, PO Box 1288, Okeechobee, FL 34973, has submitted Application 260316-62475 for a Renewal Water Use Permit to irrigate livestock lands. The water will be withdrawn from the surficial aquifer system and the project is located in Okeechobee County.

Knightland, United States Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, and Southern Garden Citrus, 1820 County Road 833, Clewiston, FL 33440, have submitted Application 260327-62821 for a Renewal Water Use Permit to irrigate 5,114.04 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Tamiami aquifer, and SFWMD Canals (L-24 and Miami Canal) the project is located in Hendry County.

Townsite, United States Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 260327-62813 for a New Water Use Permit to irrigate 8,400.96 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the industrial canal and the project is located in Hendry County.

Griffin, United States Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440, has submitted Application 260327-62819 for a New Water Use Permit to irrigate 1,261.44 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the SFWMD Canals (L-1 East and L-25) the project is located in Hendry County.
41047 LON 4/15/2026

LEGAL NOTICE:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that **Dr. Derek McCranie** will no longer be practicing at **Raulerson Surgical Specialists** effective **3/31/2026**.

You may obtain a copy of your medical records by calling our office at 863-357-1510.

1812 US-441 Suite 310A & Suite 310B, Okeechobee, FL 34972
39813 LON 3/25,4/1,8,15/2026

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID
MOWING OF COUNTY ROADWAYS AND ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAYS IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

BID No. 2026-22

OPENING DATE AND TIME:
MAY 20, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Mowing of County Roadways and Road Right-of-Ways in Hendry County, Florida". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners, c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Kimberley Barrineau, Clerk of Circuit Court, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by **May 20, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.,** at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained online at www.hendryfla.net under the Public Information tab or by calling (863) 675-5222.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference** on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.** at the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Center, located at 1085 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, FL 33935.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this solicitation, or to contract for any services. The County retains the right to cancel this solicitation or reject any or all responses for any reason set forth in Hendry County Code Section 1-2-185(c)(3)a and may choose to re-procure at the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Si necesita la assistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Jorge Hernandez al (863) 612-4726.
41066 HEND 4/15,22,29,5/6,13/2026

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND PERMITTING SERVICES FOR THE MONTURA VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION BUILDING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No. 2026-06

OPENING DATE AND TIME:
MAY 13, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing design and permitting services in connection with building and infrastructure improvements for the Montura Volunteer Fire Station in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in architectural, structural, and civil engineering. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m., May 13, 2026, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one (1) or more witnesses.

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40647 HEND 4/8,15,22,29,5/6/2026



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CLEWISTON THINGS TO DO

Clewiston Library to host events

CLEWISTON — The Clewiston Library will host the following events: On Wednesday, **April 15**, Barn Quilt Painting Workshop is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 10+. On Friday, **April 17**, Tamagotchi Club is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 8+. On Wednesday, **April 22**, Paper Butterfly Workshop is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 8+. On Thursday, **April 23**, Painting with Ms. Thomas is at 3:30 p.m. Ages 13+. The Book Club meets on Wednesday, **April 29**, at 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. The Mahjong Club meets on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. On **Tuesdays** Mats for the Cats is from 10 a.m. to noon.

Bereavement support group meets

CLEWISTON — VITAS Healthcare, 316 Bond St., offers bereavement support group meetings 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 resources, contact Bereavement Services at 239-744-2300.

Breastfeeding classes held

CLEWISTON/LABELLE — Milkyway Breastfeeding & Chestfeeding Resources will offer breastfeeding classes on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Goodwill Community Center, 91 S Lee St. in LaBelle and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Clewiston Library, 120 W. Osceola Ave., in Clewiston. Registration 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 for the Google Meet link. For information, visit www.lll-florida.com/Hendry or email Maria. LLLHendryCounty@gmail. com or call 863-612-6264.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 2024000208CAAXMX

WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2021-2,
Plaintiff,

v.

GRACE PLACE CARE CENTER, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION, *et al.*,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated February 20, 2026, issued in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, in Case No. 2024000208CAAXMX, wherein **WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2021-2** is the Plaintiff, and **GRACE PLACE CARE CENTER, INC., A FLORIDA CORPORATION and JAMIE MCNAIR** are the Defendants.

I, JERALD BRYANT, Clerk of the Court & Comptroller, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on **May 06, 2026, by electronic sale beginning at 11:00 AM, at https://okeechobee.realforeclose.com** the following described real property as set forth in said Consent Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK 8, BET-HER ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 300 SE 15TH AVENUE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

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: This 16th day of March, 2026.

JERALD D. BRYANT,
Clerk of the Circuit Court
& Comptroller

By: Madalyn Pinon
Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD LAW
902 Clint Moore Road, Suite 220
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: (954) 893-7874
Facsimile: (888) 235-0017
Designated Service E-Mail:
Pleadings@HowardLaw.com

By: */s/ Matthew B. Klein*
Matthew B. Klein, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 73529
E-Mail: Matthew@HowardLaw.com

39794 LON 4/15,22/2026

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY gives notice that it shall hold a public hearing before the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom, Room 270, Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan of Okeechobee County, Florida and to consider authorizing transmittal of the amendment to the Florida Department of Commerce and other reviewing agencies.

The amendment will affect the Future Land Use Maps, Future Land Use Element, Future Traffic Circulation Maps, Future Traffic Circulation Element, and other elements and components of the Okeechobee County Comprehensive Plan.

A copy of the proposed amendment shall be available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Okeechobee County Community Development Department, 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed amendment, and may submit written comments to the Community Development Department prior to the hearing.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. County Clerk tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the department.

41097 LON 4/15/2026

Divorce

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2024DR000368 Division: FAMILY

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

MELINDA GONZALEZ,
Petitioner,

and

ALEXANDER GONZALEZ,
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: ALEXANDER GONZALEZ
402 NW 10thStreet, Apt. 502, Okeechobee, FL 34972

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CAROLYN HART, ESQ., whose address is 1860 S.W. Fountainview Blvd., Suite 100, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986, on or before April 24, 2026, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Okeechobee County Courthouse, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 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.**

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided:

None.

Copies of all court documents in this ease, 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: March 17, 2026

JERALD D. BRYANT, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Arlene Nealis
Deputy Clerk

40131 LON 4/1,8,15,22/2026

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, April 14, 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 *Athletics* – Board Policy 4.09

I. The proposed adoption is intended to supersede and fully replace Board Policy 4.32 (athletics).
II. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are 768.135, 943.0438, 1000.21, 1001.43, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1006.07, 1006.15, 1006.16, 1006.20, F.S.
III. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Amendment of *Exertional Heat Illness* – Board Policy 4.18*+

I. The proposed amendment to this policy consists solely of the addition of Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA); no other changes to the policy are being made.
II. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are 1006.165, F.S.
III. 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. The proposed amendment to this policy consists solely of the addition of Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA); no other changes to the policy are being made.
II. 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 are 6A-3.017.
III. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Amendment of *Controlled Open Enrollment* – Board Policy 5.20+

I. The proposed amendment to this policy is to align with state law by ensuring a fair and transparent controlled open enrollment process
II. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are 1000.21, 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.51, 1002.20, 1002.31, 1002.38, 1013.35, 1002.39, 1002.394, 1002.40, 1011.68, 1013.35, F.S.
III. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Amendment of *Employment of Athletic Coaches Who Are Not Full-Time Employees of the School Board* – Board Policy 6.14*

I. The proposed amendment to this policy consists solely of the addition of Sunshine State Athletic Association (SSAA); no other changes to the policy are being made.
II. Legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23. Laws implemented are 119.07, 1001.43, 1012.22, 1012.24, 1012.27, 1012.31, 1012.33, 1012.36, 1012.55, 1012.56, F.S. State Board of Education Rules are 6A-4.0282.
III. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

41070 LON 4/15/2026

Public Notice

NOTICE OF OUA MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Okeechobee Utility Authority will meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 8:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee Utility Authority, 100 SW 5th Ave., Okeechobee, Florida.

The needs of hearing or visually impaired persons shall be met by contacting the Executive Director's Office at 863-763-9460 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, by any person wishing assistance.

Pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Authority with respect to such meetings, he or she will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made; which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Such person may provide a court reporter, stenographer, or tape recorder for such verbatim record.

BY ORDER OF THE OKEECHOBEE
UTILITY AUTHORITY

John F. Hayford
Executive Director
40740 LON 4/15/2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION Case No. 2022 CA 488

ANDRES DELAROSA, III, a/k/a ANDY DELAROSA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ANNESSA TAMIKA CHILOUS,
Defendant.

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that I, Deputy Clerk, of the above-titled court, will on April 29, 2026 at 11:00 A.M. or as soon thereafter as is practicable, on second floor in Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described real property situate in Hendry County, Florida:

Lot 2, Block 3, of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 7 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 80, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida. Together with a doublewide mobile home located thereon.

pursuant to the summary final judgment of foreclosure entered in a case pending in that court, the style of which is described above,

At the time of sale, the successful high bidder shall post with the clerk a deposit equal to 5% of the final bid. The balance of the final bid shall be paid to the clerk by 2:00 P.M. after the sale. The successful high bid shall be exclusive of the clerk's registry fee and documentary stamps on the certificate of title.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of this court, this 18th day of March, 2026.

Honorable Kimberly R. Barrineau,
Clerk of Circuit Court

Torie Logue
Deputy Clerk

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 502026CP001188XXXANB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
NORMAN WINSTON CUSHON A/K/A NORMAN W. CUSHON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Norman Winston Cushon a/k/a Norman W. Cushon, deceased, whose date of death was December 22, 2024, File Number 502026CP001188XXXANB, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Probate Division, 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The name and address 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 the decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court W1THIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILEDWITHIN 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.

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 73 2.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 8, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Angie Angelis, Esq.
Florida Bar Number: 812927
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Telephone: (305) 598-2540
Fax: (305) 330-9248
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Personal Representative:
ALICE CUSHON
7019 Aliso Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33413

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026CP000053

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DANIEL WILLIAM MOORE SR.,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Daniel William Moore Sr., deceased, whose date of death was January 2, 2026, 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 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 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 April 15, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Heather Smith
BEACON LEGACY LAW
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 47-2026-CP-000042

IN RE: The Estate of
DAVID GEORGE BLANKENBAKER,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of DAVID GEORGE BLANKENBAKER, whose date of death was January 1, 2026, and whose last four digits of his social security number is 3063, Case Number 47-2026-CP-000042, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Court House, 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 unmatured, 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 unmatured, 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 April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 502026CP001489XXXAMB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TED TY LEE A/K/A TED T.Y. LEE,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Ted TY Lee a/k/a Ted T.Y. Lee, deceased, whose date of death was August 26, 2025, File Number 502026CP001489XXXAMB is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division; the address of which is Clerk of the Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Probate Division, 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The name and address 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 has been served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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, 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.

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 (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

The date of first publication of this notice is April 15, 2026.

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GLADES COUNTY THINGS TO DO

BHR VFW to host events

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — The Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, will host the following events: On Wednesday, **April 15,** quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. 9528 or 2001 member card - get one free. On Thursday, **April 16**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear something patriotic and get one free! Sons of AmVets meeting is at 4:30 p.m. On Friday, **April 17**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear a red shirt and get one free! Dinner is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. On Saturday, **April 18**, the weekly meeting is at 6 p.m. and Bingo of Hearts is at 7 p.m. On Sunday, **April 19**, five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Buy four and get one free. On Monday, **April 20**, five-card cookie bingo is at 5 p.m. (three sheets for $1) followed by LRC. On Tuesday, **April 21**, cornhole is at 6 p.m. and smashburgers will be served from 6:30 p.m. out.

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.

Church invites you to mass

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — Buckhead Ridge Catholic Church St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Mission, 1027 Chobee Loop & Highway 78 W., invite you attend masses and services. Mass will be held on **Saturdays** at 4 p.m. through May and on **Sundays** at 10 a.m. Knights of Columbus Council #11284 meetings will be held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall. Pastor is Rev. Fr. Remigious Ssekiranda. For information, call 863-946-0696.

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

• See **Glades County Things to Do** on page **28**

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 26000015CPMXAX

IN RE: ESTATE OF
CHRISTINA MARIE WHITE,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CHRISTINA MARIE WHITE, deceased, whose date of death was October 8, 2024; File Number 26000015CPMXAX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Glades County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 500 Avenue J, Suite 102, 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 WITHIN THE LATER OF 3MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATEOF 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 THISNOTICE.

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) YEARSOR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2026-CP-001378-XXXA-NB
Division IZ

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DENISE A. DAVIS a/k/a DENISE ANN DAVIS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DENISE A. DAVIS, a/k/a DENISE ANN DAVIS, deceased, whose date of death was February 18, 2026, 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.

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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-000251-CP-AXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TATIANA LICONA,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The summary administration of the estate of Tatiana Licona, deceased, whose date of death was September 30, 2025, and whose Social Security number ends in -9085, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The name and addresses of the petitioners and the petitioners' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate 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 STATUTES 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 26000030CPAXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAIME FERNANDEZ MILIAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jaime Fernandez Milian, deceased, whose date of death was September 14, 2025 is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 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 muse 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 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 April 15, 2026.

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Personal Representative
Ingrid Fernandez Milian

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Glades County Things to Do

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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.

BHR Baptist invites you to church

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, 1731 Hunter Road, invites the public to **Sunday** School for adults and youth at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. **Sunday** evening service is at 6 p.m. **Wednesday** evening prayer service is at 6 p.m. Every **Saturday** a prayer group service is held at 9 a.m. Come meet our Pastor Gordon Rankin and wife Danni.



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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVISION: PROBATE CASE NO.: 50-2026-CP-000881-XXXA-NB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES VINCENT WICKS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JAMES VINCENT WICKS, deceased, File Number: 50-2026-CP-000881-XXXA-NB whose date of death was January 15, 2026 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, 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 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 2026-CP-001060 Division: IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FREDDA SUE GLEICHENHAUS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of FREDDA SUE GLEICHENHAUS, deceased, whose date of death was February 1, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Highway, 3rd Floor, Room 3.23, 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 50-2026-CP-001151-XXXA-MB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RANDA JAZMIN MOHAMMED,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RANDA JAZMIN MOHAMMED, deceased, whose date of death was November 22, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, ,FL 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set for 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 unmature, 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 personal representative or curator 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 50-2026-CP-000849-XXXA-SB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT DAVID HEVERT,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ROBERT DAVID HEVERT, deceased, whose date of death was February 3, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Probate Division 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, ,FL 33444. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set for 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 unmature, 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 personal representative or curator 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 April 8, 2026.

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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. and the Sewing Club meets at 4-6 p.m. Storytime is held on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. UV Resin for ages 10 and older is Thursday, **April 16** at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Crafternoon flower garden is Tuesday, **April 28** at 5-6:30 p.m. For information, call 863-675-0833 for visit facebook.com/BarronLibrary/

LaBelle Womens Club to hold bingo

LABELLE — LaBelle Womens Club, 382 W Hickpochee Ave., will hold bingo on Friday, **April 17**. The doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m.

Theatre presents 'Sweet Delilah Swim Club'

LABELLE — The Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 N Bridge St., will present "Sweet Delilah Swim Club on Friday, **April 17** and Saturday, **April 18** at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, **April 19** at 2 p.m. For tickets or information, call 863-675-3066 or go to firehousecommunitytheatre.org/

Stop by the DAV Chapter #144 flea market

LABELLE — Disable 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.

Stop by the DAV Chapter #144 flea market

LABELLE — Disable 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.

Assembly of God church hosts services

LABELLE — LaBelle Assembly of God, 139 Fraser Ave, holds a service on Sundays at 9:45 am. and a worship service at 11 a.m. Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Community Ladies Bible Study is held on Fridays at noon. The church has a ramp and a wheel chair - and if you need assistance, or for info, call 863-675-0900 to leave a

• See **LaBelle Things to Do** on page **30**

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 50-2026-CP-000728-XXXA-SB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CARL DONALD DRESSER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of Carl Donald Dresser, deceased, whose date of death was April 7, 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, 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 the 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 733.302 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 50-2026-CP-000040-XXXA-SB Division: IZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
PETER J. SCHRAM,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PETER J. SCHRAM, deceased, File No.: 50-2026-CP-000040-XXXA-SB (IZ), whose date of death was November 19, 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 April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 50-2026-CP-001511-XXXA-NB Division: IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
VALERIE M. FENNON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of VALERIE M. FENNON, deceased, whose date of death was January 2, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 W. Atlantic Ave. Room 1S-124, 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 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.

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 (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 ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 50-2026-CP-000847-XXXA-MB Division: IA: Probate Central, MH, Guardianship - IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ALVARO JORGE UGARTE LAZO DE LA VEGA,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ALVARO JORGE UGARTE LAZO DE LA VEGA, deceased, whose date of death was July 19, 2021, 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.

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.

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.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 8, 2026.

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Free monthly lactation classes

LABELLE — Milkyway Breastfeeding & Chestfeeding Resources will offer breastfeeding classes on the second Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Goodwill Community Center, 91 S Lee St. Registration is required. Classes are free but donations are welcome. To register or for information, call 863-332-3405.

Salvation Army distributes food

LABELLE — The Salvation Army gives free food to needy families on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon at the United Way House, 133 N Bridge St. It is easy to sign-up to be eligible for once a month pickup. Anyone may make donations to the Salvation Army food pantry between 9-5 weekdays. For information, call Angie or Jody at 863-674-1441.

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LABELLE — Christ Central Church on East SR80 hosts a food distribution every Thursday morning. First time recipients sign up, otherwise, line up for free food.

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-001314 Division IZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BERNARDO BEATRIZ HERNANDEZ ORTIZ,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BERNARDO BEATRIZ HERNANDEZ ORTIZ, deceased, whose date of death was May 5, 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, 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 FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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 ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVISION: PROBATE CASE NO.: 502026CP001507XXXAMB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DONNA MARIE DEGEORGE SHUART,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DONNA MARIE DEGEORGE SHUART, File Number: 502026CP001507XXXAMB deceased, whose date of death was AUGUST 8, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the Petitioner and the Petitioner'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 April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 50-2026-CP-000749-XXXA-SB Division: IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LESLIE I. DANIELS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LESLIE I. DANIELS, deceased, File No.: 50-2026-CP-000749-XXXA-SB (IA), whose date of death was November 18, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 West 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.

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.

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.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION Case No. 502026CP001185XXXA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH M. LANCASTER
AKA ELIZABETH MARY LANCASTER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Elizabeth M. Lancaster aka Elizabeth Mary Lancaster, deceased, whose date of death was January 13, 2026, 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 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 April 15, 2026.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 50-2026-CP-001045-XXXA-SB Division: IZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL A. MIDLER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MICHAEL A. MIDLER, deceased, whose date of death was January 4, 2026, 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 name and address 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 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 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, 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 April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 50-2026-CP-000848-XXXA-MB Division: IA: Probate Central, MH, Guardianship - IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JESSY ROBERTA LAZO DE LA VEGA ROLDAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of JESSY ROBERTA LAZO DE LA VEGA ROLDAN, deceased, whose date of death was August 19, 2022, 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.

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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.

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.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number: 50-2026-CP-000983-XXXA-SB Division: "IA"

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JOHN FISCHER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOHN FISCHER, deceased, File Number: 50-2026-CP-000983-XXXA-SB, whose date of death was January 22, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which 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.

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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.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 50-2026-CP-000393-XXXA-SB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MIRIAM VELASQUEZ,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Miriam Velasquez, deceased, whose date of death was December 9, 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.

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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 April 15, 2026.

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Hendry Sheriff's Office correctional officer arrested on domestic violence charges

News from HCSO

LABELLE — During the evening hours of March 31, 2026, 50-year-old Susan Kelly, Hendry County Correctional Officer, was arrested on Dometic Violence charges.

Deputies responded to the home of Kelly after receiving a 911 call from the victim. According to reports, Kelly and became involved in a verbal confrontation with the victim when it escalated to physical altercation.

Upon the arrival of deputies and after speaking with the victim it was found that Kelly was armed with a firearm which she had placed in the small of her back. She then armed herself with a screwdriver and reportedly attempted to stab the victim. It was at this time injuries were sustained to the victim's hand.

Deputies on scene obtained custody of the firearm. Kelly was then taken into custody and charged with Battery, (Domestic Violence), Aggravated Battery (Domestic Violence) and Possession or Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony.

Correctional Deputy Susan Kelly has been placed on Administrative Leave at this time. Kelly was released on $22,500 bond.

Kelly has been employed with the Hendry Sheriff's Office for 17 years; she has been assigned as a Hendry Correctional Deputy for 8 ½ years.

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-25-005884-AMB
Division Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CECILLE JUNE SHULMAN A/K/A CECILLE SHULMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Cecille June Shulman a/k/a Cecille Shulman, deceased, whose date of death was May 18, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Suite 170, Delray Bech, 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.

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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 15, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 502026CP000736XXXAMB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
LANDON MICHAEL COGGIN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of LANDON MICHAEL COGGIN, Deceased, whose date of death was January 30, 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.

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The date of first publication of this notice is April 8, 2026.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 502026CP000656XXXAMB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ESPERANCES BELONY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ESPERANCES BELONY, Deceased, whose date of death was December 12, 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.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502026CP001320XXXAMB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
SHAWN PATRICK SEAMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of SHAWN PATRICK SEAMAN, Deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2026, 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.

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Two accused of trespassing on condemned property

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — After they were allegedly discovered inside a condemned house two Okeechobee residents were arrested.

In March, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Lowe was dispatched to the 1800 block of Northwest Sixth Street regarding a trespass complaint. When the deputy arrived, he took note that the property was clearly posted as condemned and was fenced.

A male was allegedly found inside the fenced property, and a female, Brianna Fulwider, was reportedly found inside the condemned building. On his arrest report, the deputy noted it appeared access was obtained to the building via an open window.

Deputy Lowe and other responding law enforcement officers called for anyone inside to make their presence known. He then cut off the condemned property seal, and went inside, searching for Fulwider, who was found under a bed and concealed by stacked clothing.

When the male spoke to the deputies, he reportedly said he did not realize the property was condemned, despite condemned signs on the property. He went on to add that he was there to check on a camper, owned by friends, on the property. The camper had crime scene tape on it, along with the words, "Do not enter." he claimed not to have entered the camper.

Fulwider agreed to speak with the deputy and claimed former residents asked her to retrieve two photo albums from the house. In addition, she said there were more people on the property earlier, and added that people who lived in the camper previously claimed to still live there.

Fulwider also reportedly said she saw the large red condemned seals, and rather than get in trouble for breaking them, she went in through the window.

The male was charged with misdemeanor trespass, and his bond was set at $500.

Fulwider was charged with burglary and resisting without violence. The resisting charge was later dropped. Bond was set at $10,000. This is reportedly Fulwider's seventh felony arrest in Okeechobee County since 2020.

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 502026CP001027XXXANB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
HELEN BELINSON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of HELEN BELINSON, Deceased, whose date of death was February 12, 2026, 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.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 25000189CPAXMX Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF
KEITH E. LINDER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Keith E. Linder, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., SR 80 Corner SR 29, Labelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 26-CP-33

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DONNA HUST HODGES,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DONNA HUST HODGES, deceased, whose date of death was March 1, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 26-CP-27

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID E. GUTZWILLER,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DAVID E. GUTZWILLER, deceased, whose date of death was October 18, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Hendry County

LABELLE FL – CMAR SERVICES FOR LABELLE DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

City of LaBelle, FL (Owner) invites responses from interested parties to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services for the **LaBelle Drinking Water Improvements Project**, which involves upgrades to the existing water distribution system piping, replacement of water main isolation valves and fire hydrants, installation of a new storage tank, and improvements to the Membrane Water Treatment Facility. The CMAR will engage in the Project at approximately the 60% Design stage. The goal is to create a Project Team which will include the Owner, the Design Engineer and CMAR to work seamlessly to successfully design and construct the proposed Project. The purpose of this coordinated approach is to identify and mitigate risks, increase efficiency in the Project schedule and sequencing, enhance constructability and cost estimating, streamline Project execution, and maintain adequate operations during construction while also maintaining quality and cost control throughout the process.

Two RFQ's are being issued by the Owner concurrently. Respondents need to recognize and distinguish between "WWTP" and "WW" for the Wastewater project and "WTF" and "DW" for the Drinking Water project.

RFQ is subject to Section 255.20 Florida Statutes and other applicable Laws.

Request electronic RFQ Documents (no cost): 9:00 a.m. April 15, 2026, by email to LABELLE_CMAR_RFQ_DW@woodardcurran.com (LABELLE_CMAR_RFQ_DW@woodardcurran.com) with complete contact information & subject line LABELLE FL – CMAR SERVICES FOR DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENTS. Official RFQ Documents will be available once registered. Documents from third parties are not considered official RFQ Documents.

Virtual non-mandatory pre-SOQ meeting: 1:00 p.m. local time on April 23, 2026; access instructions are included in the RFQ.

Receipt of Statement of Qualifications (SOQ): 3:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026. Submit electronically in PDF format to web-based Procore project site, addressed to: City of LaBelle, FL, 481 W Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, FL 33935, Attn: Deputy City Clerk.

The Owner expects to finance the resulting Contract with assistance from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), which administers a State Revolving Fund loan program supported in part with funds directly made available by grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Supplemental Appropriation for Hurricanes Fiona and Ian (SAHFI). Neither the State of Florida nor the United States (nor any of their departments, agencies, or employees) will be a party to the resulting Contract or any lower-tier subcontract.

Applicable requirements include and compliance with the following is required as a minimum: Florida Administrative Code Chapter 62-503 (Revolving Loan Program), the Davis Bacon Act (including Federal Minimum Wage Rates); the American Iron and Steel requirements of H.R. 3547 "Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014"; the Build America, Buy American Act requirements; United States-Produced Iron and Steel in Public Works Projects provisions; Prohibition on Certain Telecom and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment provisions; and the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act; and FDEP Supplementary Conditions.

Good faith efforts, as defined in the FDEP Supplementary Conditions, shall be taken to assure that Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) are utilized, when possible, as sources of goods and services if Respondent or prospective contractors intend to let any lower-tier goods or services (including construction) subcontracts for any portion of the Work.
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LABELLE FL – CMAR SERVICES FOR LABELLE WWTP UPGRADES REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

City of LaBelle, FL (Owner) invites responses from interested parties to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) Services for the **LaBelle WWTP Upgrades Project,** which involves construction of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) consisting of headworks, biological packaged plant, disc filtration, UV disinfection, sludge dewatering, and effluent storage tanks, as well as conversion of existing WWTP to a master lift station with equalization. The CMAR will engage in the Project at approximately the 60% Design stage. The goal is to create a Project Team which will include the Owner, the Design Engineer, and CMAR to work seamlessly to successfully design and construct the proposed Project. The purpose of this coordinated approach is to identify and mitigate risks, increase efficiency in the Project schedule and sequencing, enhance constructability and cost estimating, streamline Project execution, and maintain adequate operations during construction while also maintaining quality and cost control throughout the process.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
HENDRY COUNTY LABELLE AIRPORT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County LaBelle Airport Advisory Board Meeting will hold a meeting on April 30, 2026, 3:00 pm in the LaBelle Airport Conference room, 311 E. Cowboy way LaBelle FL 33935. The meeting is open to the public.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting, which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.
If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact LaBelle Airport at (863) 675-1568. Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail naomi.gilde@hendryfla.net.
Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.
Si necesita la assistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Jorge Hernandez al (863) 863-675-5222.
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**NOTICE OF HEARING
APPROVAL TO ADOPT MIDDLE SCHOOL
ELA AND SCIENCE TEXTBOOKS
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the School Board will hold a Public Hearing April 21, 2026 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room located at 300 W Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to adopt middle school ELA and Science textbooks.

The material can be reviewed on the School Board's website at
https://www.hendry-schools.org/academics/departments/secondary-instruction

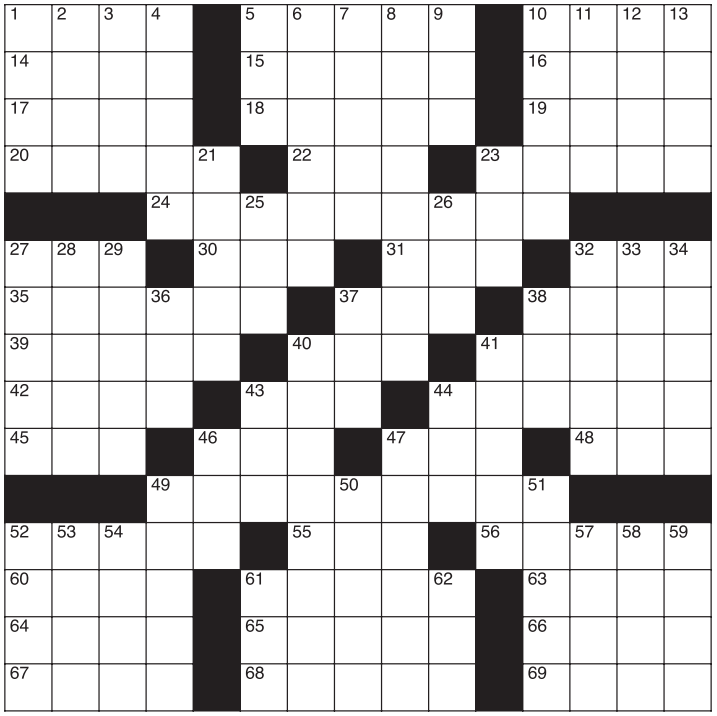
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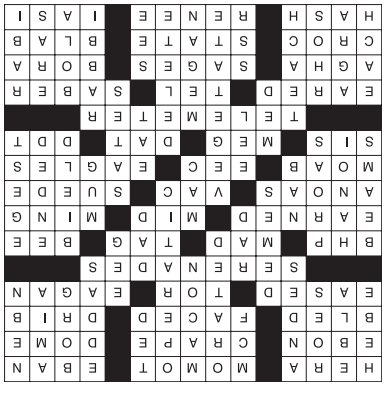


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1. Greek goddess of marriage
5. Tropical American blue jay-like bird
10. Abba ___, Israeli politician
14. Dark olive black
15. Light, crinkled fabric
16. Notre Dame has a golden one
17. Leaked blood
18. Confronted
19. Negligible amount
20. Facilitated
22. Hill or rocky peak
23. Minneapolis suburb
24. Songs to one's beloved
27. Brake horsepower
30. Angry
31. ChildrenÕs game
32. Spelling is a type of one
35. Obtained in return for labor
37. Indicates center
38. Chinese dynasty
39. Old World buffaloes
40. Slang for time off
41. Fabric
42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
43. Defunct regional economic organization
44. Philly footballers
45. Female sibling
46. Peter Griffin's daughter
47. Digital audiotape
48. Insecticide
49. Scientific instrument
52. Pages may be dog-___
55. Israeli city ___ Aviv
56. Type of sword
60. Middle Eastern military title
61. Wise individuals
63. French Polynesian island Bora ___
64. Popular shoe type
65. One of 50
66. Divulge a secret
67. Dish of cooked meat mixed with potatoes
68. Actress Zellweger
69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

1. Greek cupbearer of the Gods
2. Ancient Syrian city
3. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
4. Range of mountains
5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
6. Spoke
7. City in Georgia
8. Theatrical
9. CNN's founder
10. Icelandic poems
11. Bjorn ___, tennis player
12. Bowfin genus
13. One point north of northeast
21. Political divisions in ancient Greece
23. Electroencephalograph
25. Cool!
26. Male parent
27. Where some gymnasts work
28. Capital of Vietnam
29. Sailboats
32. Shelter (Scottish)
33. Completed
34. Discharge
36. Arrest
37. Partner to cheese
38. Coffee receptacle
40. Stagnate
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume food
46. Type of school
47. Erase
49. Inform
50. Girl's given name
51. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
52. Every one of two or more things
53. Northern India city
54. Seventeenth stars in a constellation
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. Isodor ___, American Nobel physicist
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness



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