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OKEECHOBEE — Volunteers formed a human chain to unload thousands of pumpkins for the First United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch at 200 NW Second Street, on Sunday, Sept. 27. The patch will be open until Halloween ... or until they run out of pumpkins. For the story, see page 5. For more photos, go online to LakeONEnews.com. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]



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Breast Cancer SURVIVORS

Darlene Bass



Darlene Bass is pictured with her husband Keith [Photo courtesy Darlene Bass]

By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Darlene Bass is a fighter and describes herself as an overachiever. Unfortunately, her body is overachieving in the wrong direction. She made it through two separate bouts with breast cancer, one in 2009 and the other five years later despite a double mastectomy the first time around. She said the radiation was so bad in 2016 that they had to go back and do another reconstruction in 2017.

She has been in remission since 2016, but in 2023, she got sick and noticed her left breast (reconstructed) was red. Her husband Keith rushed her to Traditions where they ran tests and sent her home on an antibiotic. “For my body, that was like taking an M&M,” she said. A few days later, her temperature was up to 103.7, and her husband rushed her back to the hospital, where she was admitted. “The whole time, my left breast was getting redder and redder, like a volcano. It was even hot to the touch, the whole nine yards.”

They called in a plastic surgeon, and he said she needed surgery right away. He removed the left breast implant and found she had a rare

staph infection. “We thought everything was hunky-dory, but a couple weeks later, I started gushing pus out of that breast. I mean, they had already... The breast was gone. The implant was gone. Everything was gone. It was just this big incision across my chest again. So, that’s where infection came out of that.”

The plastic surgeon said he had done everything he could think of, and it was still getting worse. She ended up going to another surgeon, who scheduled her for surgery the next day, because the infection was so bad. “So, five of my eight surgeries were actually debridement surgeries. I got MRSA one time. I got staph one time. It was just, I couldn’t heal, my body would not heal. And the whole time, I’m still trying to get in with my plastic surgeon in Orlando. And because I hadn’t seen him in a long time because I had no need, they were considering me like a new patient. So, they would put me on a new patient schedule. And then I’d get rushed into surgery down here and I’d have to reschedule.”

This all started in July 2023, and she finally saw Dr. Lee in March 2024. “He was livid that I had gone eight and a half months with this infection in my body and fighting. I was in surgery the following week with him.

“Dr. Lee did an ALT flap. what they did is they went in and cut me from my groin to my knee and my left leg. And they took out tissues and vessels and all that good stuff. And they packed it in a hole because it was such a cavity by this time. After five surgeries. So they did that. And it was kind of cool because I don’t know how to explain it. When someone has implants, their breast stays cold all the time. Because it’s not them. And with me, I

wasn’t like somebody that was trying to make my breast bigger. Where the implants went in behind the muscle and all that. No, all I had was skin. Because they had to go in and take everything out. So your breasts were always cold to the touch. And it’s been like that since 2010. So when he done this procedure, it was kind of weird. Because I felt my breasts after they took the bandages off. And it was warm to the touch. And I’m like, what’s going on? And they said, well, he connected all those vessels and stuff from your leg to the vessels around the hole.”

Things were going well for a while she said, but in October 2024, her right breast began turning red. She sent photos to Dr. Lee through the portal, and they told her it was cellulitis. The following week, she went in for the eighth surgery. They took that implant out, and she was doing well until April of 2025 when her tumor markers were elevated. They ran all sorts of tests but could not figure out what was happening, until she began to feel something growing to the left of the incision where her left breast used to be. A week later, she was back in surgery. They did find and remove something, but it was benign. Since then, she has been fine.

“So, I’ve learned to be in tune with my body all these years. And some things we’ve been able to catch early because of it, and some things not. It’s been a little bit of a journey, but, I mean, I feel good. I’ve always said, look, I win either way. Either he’s going to heal me when I walk this earth or I’m going home to be with him. It’s a win-win for me.”

Darlene and Keith will soon celebrate 37 years of marriage. They have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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COMMENTARY

When the funding disappears, families will feel it

By David Hall

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS
OUR VILLAGE OKEECHOBEE

I work at Our Village Okeechobee because I believe in this community. I believe in our children, our families, and the people who need someone to stand beside them when life becomes difficult. Every day, people come through our doors looking for help. Sometimes they need food. Sometimes they need assistance navigating health-care resources. Sometimes they need someone to listen to during a crisis. Sometimes their children need peer support, a referral, or simply a place to start.

These services exist because our community has made investments in them.

This is why Florida's Amendment 3 concerns me.

Amendment 3 will make significant changes to Florida's property tax system. According to analysis from the Florida's Policy Institute, those changes could reduce funding available to Children's Services Councils across Florida, including the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County.

For Okeechobee, that matters, because when local funding is reduced, the consequences don't stay on a spreadsheet. They reach the people.

What does that mean for Our Village?

At Our Village, we don't deal with abstract numbers. We deal with people. Our work includes peer support, connections to health care and community resources, crisis assistance, food assistance, and programs designed to help families before their problems become emergencies. When funding becomes more limited, those services become harder to sustain. For our organi-

zation, that could mean difficult decisions about continuing food assistance, peer support, crisis support, health care navigation, and referrals. It could also mean fewer opportunities for young people and families who rely on prevention programs.

Those aren't just budget decisions. They affect people, right here in Okeechobee County, who are already struggling to make ends meet, find care, or get through a difficult period in their lives.

The Children's Service Council of Okeechobee County was created by the legislature to provide resources for children and families. Its priorities include children's health and well-being, substance use prevention, abuse and neglect prevention, bullying prevention, crisis intervention, and educational enrichment.

Our Village has been part of that local network, with Children's Services Council funding support programs including peer support and youth programming. Those resources become real services delivered here in Okeechobee. If that funding is reduced, organizations must make difficult choices about what they can continue, reduce, or potentially stop.

Our Village focuses heavily on prevention because waiting until someone reaches a crisis is often too late. Prevention can be a meal, a conversation, help funding health care resources, a peer-support specialist sitting with someone who needs help or a safe place for a young person to spend an afternoon. Together, these services create a safety net for our community. When pieces of that safety net disappear, families feel the difference.

No one can say today exactly which services would be reduced

if Amendment 3 passes. The ultimate impact would depend on actual revenue change, future budgets, and funding decisions. However, nonprofits cannot simply create money to replace lost public funding. We can apply for grants, seek donations, and hold fundraisers; but ultimately, we would end up having to stop services, terminate jobs, and eventually close doors, creating a gap in assistance for all of Okeechobee County residents. We fully support a vote of NO on Amendment 3. It's not good for Florida, and most definitely not good for over 17,000 Okeechobee residents who have used Our Village in the past year.

Okeechobee AA meetings

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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Volunteers form human chain to unload pumpkins



OKEECHOBEE — Thousands of pumpkins were arranged on pallets in front of the church. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — The First United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch is back!

On Sunday, Sept. 27, more than 40 volunteers gathered to unload a semi load of thousands of pumpkins and gourds for the annual church fundraiser.

The truck bringing the pumpkins from New Mexico was supposed to arrive at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, but was held up in Mississippi. The church had organized volunteers to unload it for Saturday, and had to

quickly organize people to unload it on the new delivery date.

The Okeechobee High School Football Team came to the rescue, with the coach, 14 team members, and five parents showing up for the unloading work. Okeechobee County Sheriff Noel Stephen sent over seven trustees to help. Other community members, young and old, helped out. About 40 people made a human chain to unload the pumpkins and arrange them in the “pumpkin patch” in front of the church.

The patch has 2,350 large pumpkins, more than 1,000 small pump-



OKEECHOBEE — A semi-load of pumpkins arrived at First Methodist Church on Sept. 28. Volunteers formed a line to pass pumpkins hand to hand to unload it. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]



OKEECHOBEE — A range of sizes of pumpkins are available. The patch is open 24 hours a day with payment on the honor system. “God is watching,” the sign states. There are also security cameras. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

kins, as well as swan gourds, wing gourds and a variety of other gourds for purchase. Prices range from 50 cents for the smallest pumpkins to \$30 for the largest. The patch is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week until Halloween — or until all

pumpkins are sold. Purchase is on the honor system, with patrons who visit when the church office is not open asked to drop money through a mail slot. Signs at the pumpkin patch warn: “Thou shall not steal the pumpkins,” and “God is watching.”

LAKE OKEECHOBEE WEATHER FORECAST



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Wednesday: Mostly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 86F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Wednesday night: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then cloudy skies overnight. Low 71F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Thursday: Scattered thunder-

storms, especially in the afternoon. High 86F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Thursday night: Isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Mostly cloudy skies overnight. Low 71F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High near 85F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Friday night: Scattered thunderstorms in the evening, then variable clouds overnight with more showers

at times. Low 71F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.

Saturday: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High around 85F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Saturday night: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening followed by occasional showers overnight. Low 71F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.

Sunday: Rain showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the afternoon. High 84F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Sunday night: Isolated thunderstorms in the evening, mainly cloudy overnight with a few showers.

Low 71F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Monday: Scattered thunderstorms. High 84F. Winds W at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Monday night: Overcast with rain showers at times. Low around 70F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 60%.

Tuesday: Overcast with rain showers at times. Low around 70F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 60%.

Tuesday night: Steady light rain in the evening. Showers continuing late. Low around 70F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 60%.

County to enforce cemetery decoration rules

By Katrina Elsen

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County will enforce the decade-old regulations on placement of items at Evergreen Cemetery with fines if necessary.

Okeechobee County Commissioners discussed maintaining Evergreen Cemetery at their Sept. 24 meeting in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse.

Facilities Maintenance Manager Shellie Mitchell and Cemetery Coordinator David Jacobs asked commissioners to approve procedures for removing gravesite items that violate the cemetery rules established in 2015.

If items placed on a gravesite violate the cemetery rules, a violation flag will be placed on the site explaining the problem, Mitchell explained. If the violation is not addressed after 30 days, a certified letter will be sent to the next of kin. After another 30 days (60 days after initial notice on the gravesite), county staff will remove non-compliant items from the gravesite. If there is a second violation, a fine will be imposed to cover the cost of cleaning up the gravesite.

"We'd like to give the family every opportunity to remove their things," said Mitchell.

"You're going to get a lot of feedback on taking things off the graves," said Commission Chair David Hazellief. "I understand why you have to do it, because you have to mow."

"Some items have been there for a very long time, which people will tell you are grandfathered in, but there are new items appearing every day," said Mitchell. "I had a call last week that our cemetery looks like a junkyard."

She said items violating the regulations include benches that do not meet the county standard, new plantings, wind chimes, balloons, garland ... "you name it, it's there."

"The intent is not to fine someone on the first violation," explained Assistant County Administrator Justin Nelson. "We remove items and then

it comes back. We need some sort of mechanism to help stop that from happening."

Commissioner Brad Goodbread said he agreed with fining repeat offenders.

"Sometimes people do get a little extra," said Goodbread. "Everybody mourns in a different way. I don't intend to judge, but there is a certain line. We don't want the cemetery to look junky."

"There are different cultures that do mourn differently," he continued. "I don't mind giving a little leeway on that."

"The parents I see out there who lost children, some of them are out there every day," said Commission Chair David Hazellief. "They might leave a favorite teddy bear. I don't know how you balance all that out? How are we going to remove that bench, when that parent goes and sits on it every day? How do we compromise?"

Jacobs said benches are allowed, but the regulations specify benches must be granite. "A lot of families can't afford that," he said.

Another problem is that a lot of the people who bring benches don't put them on the grave site they own. "They put them on the site next to them. Then the other person shows up and asks why there is a bench on their site."

He said the rules specify granite because it lasts longer. Concrete benches dry out and crack, he said. The granite benches are placed by insured installers on a concrete foundation, he explained.

"Every headstone is personal property. If your concrete bench falls over and damages someone else's coping because it wasn't installed properly, it comes back on us," he added.

Goodbread said a wooden or wooden and metal bench could be picked up by hurricane winds and damage someone's headstone. "I can understand the heavy weight of something that will stay put," he added.



OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County will start enforcing the rules for Evergreen Cemetery by flagging items on graves that do not meet the regulations for benches and grave decorations. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

"Somebody's got to be the bad guy," said Commissioner Michael Sumner. "If when you get the spot, you are presented with the rules, rules are rules. I agree people grieve in their own way, but rules are rules. It has to be exactly the same for everybody. We've all got family interred out there."

"In regard to someone not wanting to sit on their own property but wanting to sit on someone else's property ... It's beyond my thought process on how people don't want to follow rules," said Commissioner Terry Burroughs.

The commissioners agreed to amend the rule about benches to include materials equivalent to granite, installed by a licensed and insured contractor.

Commissioners also voted to increase the cemetery fees. The cemetery fees have not changed since 2015, and current fees do not cover the cost of cemetery maintenance. The annual shortfall averaged \$36,500 over the past 4 years.

The current cost for a 5 ft. by 10 ft. graveside is \$800. Commissioners agreed to increase that to the proposed \$1,040. (This size site may hold one coffin and one cremated remains. It may only have one headstone, but a flat marker may be added.) The one-time fee for perpetual care is \$400. The commissioner

agreed to increase this to \$537.72. Many people purchase gravesites in advance. The perpetual care fee is a one-time charge that is paid at interment. This fee offsets the cost of mowing and maintaining the cemetery.

The current cost for 2.5 ft by 2.5 ft. gravesite, approved for one cremated remains is \$300. Commissioners approved an increase to \$390. The perpetual care fee for a 2.5 ft by 2.5 ft site is \$100. Commissioners approved an increase to \$134.43.

Commissioners also agreed to increase the monument and headstone mark out fee from \$25 to \$75. Jacobs said he measures and marks the site and meets the person who is going to do the installation at the gravesite. He said most surrounding counties charge more than \$75 for that service.

Commissioner Terry Burroughs said they will have to charge enough to cover 100% of the costs of maintaining the cemetery. "Depending on what happens in November, you are not going to be able to eat the cost," he said. If Amendment 3 passes, the county will have less revenue from taxes to cover any overages.

"People need to understand that this cost is what it costs you to do the job," Burroughs said.

In 2025, 101 grave sites were sold in Evergreen Cemetery.

Five candidates, three seats: Candidates participate in forum

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

CLEWISTON — At a candidate forum streamed live on Facebook by the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, three incumbents and two challengers faced community-submitted questions ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

Throughout the forum candidates offered their thoughts on rising utility bills, the promise of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) grant money, and Amendment 3's looming hit to the city budget.

The candidates vying for a Clewiston Commission seat are three incumbents: Hillary Hyslope, Barbara Edmonds, and Mali Gardner; as well as two challengers, Jennifer Evans and Derek Hughes.

Questions:

1. In addition to your role on the commission, what is your community involvement in Clewiston?

The incumbents leaned on long committee résumés.

Gardner listed Rotary, where she is president for 2026–27, plus the Clewiston Kelly Foundation and Campbell/Francis Niles scholarship committees, the library, the museum, and her EDC education task force work.

Hyslope, who moved to Clewiston in 2014, pointed to a decade running the Chamber of Commerce, ten years each on the tourism council, the EDC, and the Sugar Festival committee, and her vice presidency of the South Florida Agricultural Foundation.

Edmonds kept it local: business owner, CRA board, and 17 years with the Sugar Festival.

The challengers drew on different credentials.

Evans ran through her school and youth-sports roles, such as teacher, PTO president, School Advisory Council vice president, Little League coach and board member.

Hughes offered a homespun definition of civic life, supporting local

businesses, helping neighbors, attending community events, and being available when people need him.

2. If you could guarantee one major project or improvement completed during your term, what would it be?

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), and the grant money flowing through it, was the centerpiece of two incumbent answers.

Hyslope said she wants the Community Redevelopment Agency program operating at full speed: “When a business invests in Clewiston, Clewiston should be investing in that business.” By the end of her term, she said, a visitor should see a visible difference driving through the business district.

Edmonds agreed that CRA funding is now in place to remake the look of Highway 27 and downtown, and cited \$42 million the city has attracted in grants and appropriations for infrastructure.

Gardner aimed at the Francisco Street gateway into town and toward Lake Okeechobee, landscaping, lighting, and pavement, saying the money is there and she wants it finished.

Evans would take on a comprehensive review and update of the city charter, adopted in 2012, with legal counsel, staff, commissioners, and residents at the table. Derek argued for the basics first: water, sewer, and roads. “Necessities before extras,” he said, and growth must be responsible so it adds no new financial pressure on residents.

3. If revenues got tighter, would you raise taxes, reduce services, or delay capital projects?

No candidate volunteered to raise taxes first.

Hughes said government should look at itself before ever asking residents to pay more and bring maintenance in-house to cut costs while protecting public safety and contractual obligations.

Evans favored delaying or phasing



A screenshot of the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce's candidate forum for the Clewiston City Commission.

non-urgent capital projects, but never public safety or critical infrastructure.

Edmonds said the city should look everywhere else first, such as more grants and state and federal dollars, public-private partnerships, wiser spending, and, if voters themselves choose lower revenues, the discipline to operate within its means.

Hyslope noted that most of the city's \$57 million budget is fixed costs, so efficiency is the lever that exists. She issued the night's sharpest budget warning: if Amendment 3, which would raise the homestead exemption on non-school property taxes to \$150,000 in 2027 and \$250,000 in 2028, passes on November 3, the fiscal 2027–28 budget loses about \$1 million right away, and every city will be chasing the same shrinking pool of grants.

Gardner, meanwhile, said every professional-services contract in every department should have to justify itself and face competitive bidding: “We’ve always done it this way” is not a justification.

4. Name one city expense you would review for possible savings, and why.

Outside contracts were the most-cited target.

Gardner doubled down on reviewing professional services and outside contracts so each one justifies itself.

Hughes agreed: cut contractual services and keep maintenance work in-house.

Hyslope argued for growing

revenue instead of trimming expenses, citing the golf course's irrigation partnership between U.S. Sugar and First Bank as the model, adding that better food and beverage, pro-shop improvements, more tournaments and events, and joint marketing with Hendry County tourism would pull in coastal visitors.

Edmonds said she would survey residents and business owners on what matters most before touching anything, so limited dollars serve the greatest number.

Evans turned to utility operations saying that residents pay steep bills and deserve to understand them, so she would review operating expenses and billing practices and get answers on the appearance and quality of the water.

5. What is one thing the city should do differently, and why?

Communication was the night's most repeated demand for change.

Hyslope said the city must communicate earlier, more often, and more clearly, saying that posting on social media isn't communicating. Good communication, she said, shouldn't depend on who happens to be working at City Hall.

Edmonds also wants more public education. She said she has met with the city manager and building director about brochures explaining city services, projects, and water issues.

Evans backed the theme on utilities specifically: when bills change,

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County commission honors custodians

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners recognized custodian staff who play an essential role in maintaining clean, safe, and welcoming environments across offices, public buildings, and community spaces by issuing a proclamation designating October 2, 2026 as National Custodians Day.

Custodians contribute far beyond routine cleaning, supporting safety, emergency response, and the overall operation and success of county facilities and services. Their profes-

sionalism, attention to detail, and pride in their work reflect the highest standards of public service and commitment to the community, the proclamation explains.

“National Custodian Day provides an opportunity to recognize the essential work of these hardworking individuals and to express our heartfelt gratitude for their efforts, which are often unseen but deeply appreciated by all. Those custodians are: Larissa McDuffie, lead custodian; Laura Carames, custodian, Devin Selliti, custodian; and Tiffany Triplett, custodian,” the proclamation states.



OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee County Custodial staff members were honored during the Sept. 24 meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission. [Photo by Katrina Elsken/Lake Okeechobee News]

Okeechobee City adopts budget for FY2026/27

By Cathy Womble

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Following a heart-felt prayer from Okeechobee City Councilman Noel Chandler asking God for help making wise decisions for taxpayers, the city council held its final budget hearing for FY2026/27 on Sept. 21.

Mayor Dowling Watford announced the proposed millage rate levy represents the rollback rate of 5.8321. There were no public comments, and the council voted unani-

mously to adopt this rate. In addition, they voted to approve the proposed budget for FY2026/27. Vice Mayor Monica Clark was not present for the meeting or the vote.

Mayor Watford recognized Council member Bob Jarriel and Vice Mayor Clark for their continued efforts to use the rollback rate.

During the meeting, a member of the public, Ian Sean Binkley, said he was there to talk about data centers. He said he talked to an old military buddy who told him if he did not

want to hear humming 24/7, he should stay away from data centers. “That’s why I don’t want one slid in, not in Okeechobee, but in the Prairie, yeah.” After this comment, Binkley went on to thank the council for the changes he has seen in the city. He said it is much cleaner and nicer than when he first moved here. He added that he believed the council was careful with the money they had to work with, and he appreciates that.

“But I think that you care about the money, and you make sure

because of that, and you’re really tight with your purse, I’d rather have it that way than the other way. You know what I mean? Yes, sir. That’s all I got to say. And you always got to remember that the retirees got X amount of money, man. The way things are going through the ceiling, it is just tough.”

In other business, the council voted to enter into an agreement with Procter Construction Company to improve the public safety building.

Candidate Forum

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explain plainly what changed, why, how it was calculated, and who to call.

Gardner wants zero-based budgeting, citing the James Madison Institute’s “Every Dollar Justified” paper, and said the city should continue the internal DOGE-style review it began three years ago, especially with Amendment 3 approaching.

Hughes called for greater transparency and a stronger, more involved commission, arguing that too much authority has concentrated in the city manager.

6. What is your approach to

concerns about current utility bills?

The challengers demanded answers and numbers.

Hughes said he would first fully understand what makes up the bills, reviewing rates, operating and administrative costs, and long-term capital needs, then benchmarking against similar municipal utilities, Hughes added he’d cut city expenses before asking customers to pay more, though he refused to promise rate cuts until he has seen the numbers.

Evans wants the data in front of residents in terms they can understand, and any billing or cost problems she finds fixed, saying that residents deserve accurate bills and

real transparency.

The incumbents reached for education and the city’s metering tools.

Edmonds pointed residents to the automated meter infrastructure and the online portal at clewiston-fl.gov showing daily usage, while noting outside pressures like natural gas prices and grocery-store inflation that the city cannot control.

Gardner said the city passes its electric costs straight through and bills by usage. Adding that the fix is helping residents understand the charges and cut their usage, starting with checking for water leaks.

“I live here too,” said Hyslope, who described pressing the city

manager to lay out every option to lower or stabilize the cost adjustment, including reducing the transfer from the electric fund into the general fund. She also wants smart meters to text residents about abnormal usage, like leaks, before the bill arrives.

Election Day is Nov. 3, when in addition to the Clewiston City Commission race voters will also weigh in on Amendment 3, the homestead exemption increase that several candidates described as an immediate \$1 million risk to the city budget. The top two vote-getters in the commission race will serve four-year terms while the third-place finisher will serve two years.



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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).

- ♦ Ryan Carrol, 45, was arrested Sept. 23 by GCSO and charged with DUI and drug possession. Bond was set at \$3,500.
- ♦ Jorge Ramirez, 19, Wauchula,

was arrested Sept. 23 by GCSO and charged with drug possession, marijuana possession and violation of probation. He is being held for Hardee County.

This column lists arrests and not

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

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), Sept. 21-27.

- ♦ Beatriz Perez, 58, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 21 by Deputy A. Dijon on 2x felony probation violation.
- ♦ Terry Allen Collins, 60, LaBelle, was arrested Sept. 22 by Deputy D. Givans on a charge of felony probation violation.
- ♦ Laurence Sheldon Nelson, 57, LaBelle, was arrested Sept. 22 by Deputy R. Rosas on a charge of battery by strangulation.

- ♦ Emanuel Dewey Hendrix, 46, Belle Glade, was arrested Sept. 22 by Deputy G. Sosa on a charge of driving while license suspended/revoked – third subsequent violation.
- ♦ Alyssa Marie Pasch, 31, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 24 by Deputy G. Camacho on charges of felony probation violation.
- ♦ Denirick Pope, 21, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 24 by Deputy R. Angelo on a charge of felony Probation Violation.
- ♦ 16-year-old female, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 24 by Deputy N. Garza on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.
- ♦ Anthony Lloyd George Powell, 71, LaBelle, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy S. Farraj on outstanding warrants for charges of perjury and

election laws.

- ♦ Kenneth Lee Holland, 48, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 25 by Cpl. L. Rodriguez on charges of written threats to kill or cause bodily harm and obstruction without violence.
- ♦ Robert Charles Johnson, 37, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 26 by Deputy A. Upeslakis on charges of battery by strangulation.
- ♦ Jose Perez, 63, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 26 by Cpl. L. Drew on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance without prescription and 2x felony probation violation.
- ♦ Anthony Gonzales Carter, 45, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 27 by Detective Sgt. D. Calvo-Driggs on charges of attempted homicide,

tampering with evidence, possession of ammunition by Fla. convicted felon and obstruction during the execution of a search warrant.

- ♦ Victor Jesus Menendez, 45, Clewiston, was arrested Sept. 27 by Cpl. L. Rodriguez on charges of felony aggravated battery on person 65 year of age or older.
 - ♦ Kierra Burham, 36, Hendry County Jail, was arrested Sept. 27 by Deputy A. Dijon on a charge of felony criminal mischief.
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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).

- ♦ Charles Hill, 42, Northeast Third Lane, was arrested Sept. 21 by OCSO Deputy S. Flores and charged with sale of methamphetamine,

- possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$71,000.
- ♦ Jose Vallejo, 41, Texas, was arrested Sept. 21 by FHP Trooper Eddy Baez and charged with DUI and obstruction without violence. Bond was set at \$2,000.
 - ♦ Brittany Sears, 40, Southeast 14th Court, was arrested Sept. 20 by OCSO Deputy Devon Satallante and charged with habitually driving without a license, possession of Alprazolam and DUI. Bond was set at \$7,000.
 - ♦ Iva Vandiver, 49, U.S. 441 Southeast, was arrested Sept. 23

by ONTF and charged with sale of methamphetamine, possession with intent to sell. Bond was set at \$125,000.

- ♦ Tracey Murphy, 63, U.S. 441 Southeast, was arrested Sept. 24 by OCPD Officer A. Davis and charged with driving on a suspended license/third or subsequent offense. Bond was set at \$2,500.
- ♦ Isaac Julius Enchautegui was arrested Sept. 28 and charged with battery by detainee.
- ♦ Michael Stewart was arrested Sept. 25 and charged with criminal attempt to solicit, possession with intent to sell Schedule III or IV drugs,

possession of methamphetamine and unlawful use of a 2-way communication device.

- ♦ Jessica Eaton was arrested Sept. 25 and charged with possession with intent to sell Schedule III or IV drug and possession of methamphetamine.
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Florida launches newly designed driver licenses

SPECIAL TO
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) is issuing a newly designed Florida driver license and identification card featuring elements of Florida's history.

On Sept. 29, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the roll-out of Florida's newly designed driver licenses and identification

cards during a Florida Cabinet meeting at the Florida State Capitol. The updated credential were available at service centers statewide Sept. 30 and will be available for online orders through MyDMVPortal.flhsmv.gov by early November.

The new credential continues to provide Floridians with one of the most secure over-the-counter identification options available today. In addition to its updated

design, the credential incorporates an image of the state seal as an enhanced security feature and includes the "Temporary Non-Domiciled" marking for Commercial Driver Licenses and Commercial Learner's Permits.

Florida residents are not required to replace their existing driver license or identification card. All currently valid credentials will remain valid until they expire and will be phased out.



Youths threaten to shoot up a business

By Cathy Womble

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Two minors were given a stern talking to after they threatened a local business.

According to the incident report, Corporal C. Jones was dispatched to

a business on Southwest 16th Avenue regarding a suspicious incident on Sept. 12. When he arrived, he spoke with the business owner, who said that two youths, who had previously been asked to leave the venue, left a message on her Instagram account threatening to "shoot up" the venue.

She said she wanted both of them trespassing from the property.

Jones located the youths and asked them about the accusation. One of them reportedly admitted to sending the threatening message using Instagram and said he was angry after he

was asked to leave.

Jones explained that threats of this nature could result in serious consequences, and both boys said they understood.

They were issued trespass warnings, and no further action was taken.

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SFWMD shares info about Flood Observation Tool

Scan the QR Code



By Cathy Womble
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Following the recent storms and the flooding in some areas, Libby Pigman, from South Florida Water Management District, spoke to the Okeechobee City Council regarding a Flood Observation Tool. She explained that the tool is on the SFWMD website and can be used by anyone, including members of the public.

“If you’re driving around and you see an area where there’s flooding, you can document it. And it’s tied to

your cell,” she said.

You do not have to download an app. You just take a picture, and if you have location services turned on it will save the GIS coordinates where the photo was taken. You will be asked some questions like: How deep was the water? Have you seen this before? Does it happen every time it rains?

“And the purpose of that is not to send someone out to the area to fix it,” she explained. “The purpose of it is to document it so that if this is a place that does this every single time

it rains, which we know we have some of that in the city.”

She said there are some low areas that don’t have a lot of infrastructure, and when grant monies become available for resiliency projects, they will have a record to help when presenting grant applications.

She said she was at the council meeting to let them know the district is here for them. “We’re on top of it. And, you know, we’re in a very unusual weather pattern right now where we’ve got a super El Nino.”

Study targets the Burmese pythons that matter most

By Lourdes Mederos
UF/IFAS

A new study by researchers at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) offers agencies a tool to identify pythons with the greatest influence on future population growth and uses machine learning to determine when they are most likely to be detected.

Researchers expect the approach will help agencies make better use of limited resources by allowing python removal efforts to target large reproductive females, the removal of which is likely to have the biggest impact on controlling the population. Considering the age, size, sex and reproduc-

tive potential of each snake enables removal efforts to focus on areas with the highest likelihood of detecting and removing this key demographic.

“Our previous work treated all Burmese pythons as contributing equally to the population but removing the biggest female we’ve ever caught is very different from removing a tiny snake that might not survive next year,” said Alex Romer, a quantitative ecologist with the Croc Docs Wildlife Research Team and lead author on the study at the UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center (FLREC).

That distinction is important because Burmese pythons have very



A female Burmese python coils around her clutch of eggs and displays defensively at the UF/IFAS Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center in Davie. [Photo by Alex Romer, UF/IFAS]

different survival and reproductive capabilities at different stages of their lives. Young pythons experience high mortality, while mature pythons are more likely to survive and reproduce.

“Every Burmese python removed is a win for the Everglades, but targeting large reproductive females is likely to reduce the population most effectively,” said co-author Melissa Miller, assistant professor of invasive wildlife ecology at FLREC. “This approach is especially valuable at new invasion sites and along the

invasion front, where removal efforts should have the greatest impact.”

The researchers developed the Weighted Removal Index (WRI), a demographic weighting system that assigns an ecological value to removing pythons that are more likely to survive and reproduce.

“The idea is that a big female might be worth 100 arbitrary ecological points, while a little snake might be worth five,” said Romer. “That tells you how many little snakes you

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Florida Fish Art Contest open to students

By FWC

Young artists across the Sunshine State are invited to put their creativity on display as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in partnership with Wildlife Forever, opens the 2026–2027 Florida Fish Art Contest to kids in kindergarten through 12th grade. This annual contest combines art, science and conservation by encouraging participants to learn about Florida's native freshwater and saltwater fish species while creating original artwork inspired by them. Through research and creativity, students gain a deeper appreciation for Florida's diverse aquatic ecosystems and the importance of conserving them for future generations.

Students may enter one of five grade divisions:

- ♦ Kindergarten,
- ♦ 1st–3rd grade,
- ♦ 4th–6th grade,
- ♦ 7th–9th grade,

♦ 10th–12th grade.

Awards will be presented to first-place winners and runners-up in both the freshwater and saltwater categories within each grade division.

How to participate:

Step 1: Choose a Florida native fish species from the list on our website to research, focusing on its habitat, behavior, and conservation needs.

Step 2: Create an original, hand-made creation of the chosen fish. All physical 2D mediums are welcome; no digital artwork.

Step 3: Write a one-page creative writing piece that reflects what you have learned about your chosen species (4th grade and above).

Step 4: Submit your entry online through the Fish Art Contest entry form page.

All first-place winners and runners-up will receive a variety of prizes and recognition from the FWC for their artwork. Details on prizing can be found on our website. Thank



FWC and Wildlife Forever invite kids in kindergarten through 12th grade to enter the 2026-2027 Florida Fish Art Contest. [Photo courtesy FWC]

you to our partners Wildlife Forever, Guy Harvey Foundation, GoOutdoorsFlorida, The Florida Nomad, and Tsunami Fishing.

The 2026-2027 contest is open

for submissions until Feb. 28, 2027. Participants can find more information, educational resources, and submission guidelines at [MyFWC.com/FishArt](https://myfwc.com/FishArt).

Burmese Pythons

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would need to catch before you've had the

same potential impact as removing a large female."

That distinction could be particularly important for contracted python removal programs, where the number of snakes captured is an important measure of success.

Rather than treating every capture as equivalent, the researchers say evaluating removals throughout the WRI could eventually help managers structure removal efforts and incentives around the snakes most likely to influence population growth.

Burmese pythons are among the most significant invasive predators in South Florida. Their broad diet includes primarily mammals and birds, including species of conservation concern. Because they are highly

cryptic and spend much of their time stationary and often submerged or concealed, their low detectability means that finding individual snakes is challenging requiring substantial time and effort. Mature female Burmese pythons can produce dozens of eggs in a single clutch. That makes prioritization of this demographic critical.

The study also found that just looking at the number of pythons captured during a month can portray a misleading picture of when removal efforts are most valuable.

January and February, for example, did not appear particularly important when researchers looked only at the number of snakes captured. But when the researchers applied demographic weighting, those months became much more significant because the snakes being removed included a greater proportion of mature

males and females.

"If you just count how many pythons contractors catch in a month, January and February don't seem that important because you're catching a relatively small number of snakes," Romer said. "But when you add in the demographic weighting, suddenly those months look a lot more important."

The finding illustrates why researchers believe management decisions should account for who is being removed, not just how many are removed.

The researchers used data from the South Florida Water Management District's Python Elimination Program to identify conditions linked to more impactful python removals.

They tested three machine-learning models to predict when contractors were most likely to find pythons and when those removals could have

the greatest impact.

"Understanding what variables are most relevant when managing invasives is paramount as it allows for a more conscious use of resources," said Sergio Balaguera-Reina, a co-author and wildlife research scientist at FLREC. "Combining and plugging this knowledge into models that allow us to forecast where the most impactful pythons (reproductive females) could be found can be a game changer that can really make a difference in the battle to combat these invaders."

One model performed best, identifying conditions such as warmer, more humid weather and certain moon phases that were linked to surveys that resulted in removals of snakes with greater potential to reduce the python population.

Record diesel prices squeeze local school districts

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Diesel fuel has become one of the most expensive line items school districts didn't plan for this year.

The national average price of diesel reached \$6.53 a gallon on September 22, a record according to AAA. That price is up nearly 77% from the \$3.69 average a year earlier, with the U.S. conflict with Iran disrupting the flow of fuel worldwide.

Diesel powers freight, heavy industry, agriculture and construction, so higher prices tend to show up first in business costs and then, over time, in consumer prices. Diesel costs also play a huge role in the transportation budgets for school districts. About 90% of the nation's 480,000 school buses run on diesel, and budgets are usually locked in long before the fuel is bought.

In Okeechobee County, the school district is now searching its budget

for savings to cover the gap.

"The district is adjusting to the recent increase in diesel fuel prices," said Dr. Joseph Stanley, assistant superintendent for Okeechobee County Schools. "Our transportation operations consume approximately 560 gallons of diesel each day, and based on current projections, higher fuel prices are expected to add approximately \$100,000 in unbudgeted costs."

Dr. Stanley said an unexpected expense of that size forces the district to take a hard look at its overall budget and find spending that can be cut or put off. He says the district will keep weighing its options while trying to limit any effect on students and essential services.

In Glades County, Superintendent Dr. Alice Beth Barfield said grant-funded electric buses have helped soften the blow from the spike in diesel prices.

The Glades County School District received 13 new electric buses



One of the new buses next to Moore Haven Middle-High School. [Photo courtesy the Moore Agency]

thanks to a \$5.1 million grant in early 2025. Dr. Barfield said the grant covered both the buses and the charging infrastructure, letting the rural district add electric buses without placing the cost on local taxpayers. Every route run with an electric bus, she noted, is a route where the district isn't buying diesel, and that benefit grows as prices climb.

"As educators, we have to remember that every dollar we can save outside the classroom is a dollar we can protect for inside the classroom," Dr. Barfield said. "When grant funding allows us to reduce transportation costs without sacrificing safety or service, that ultimately benefits our students."

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Are sports fees for private school students due to declining enrollment?

By Annie Wills
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — One woman who attended the Town Hall meeting held by School Superintendent Dylan Tedders on Wednesday, Sept. 23, wanted to know if declining enrollment played a part in the district's budget as well as any fees issued by the school district. Specifically, she mentioned the fees that children enrolled in private schools must pay to participate in sports.

At the June meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board, the board voted and passed a policy that allows the school district to charge an activity fee for private school students to participate in ath-

letics programs. The fee can be up to, but no more than \$400.

Superintendent Tedders first took a few minutes to explain that the budget itself is based on an enrollment projection before school begins. Then in October a count must be submitted and if the district is over the predicted number of students, it will receive more money, but if the number of students is less than the predicted amount, money will be taken away.

This year it was initially projected that enrollment would be down 170 students.

Tedders also explained that the budget is based on how many students are physically in public school

seats. In other words, private school children don't count towards enrollment numbers. Nor do homeschooled students.

"There's this little piece out there too," he said. "And that's the FES. It's the scholarships."

The Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) is a state-funded program that helps private school students K-12. Tedders says the state gives the district around \$6 million for those scholarships based on how many students they predict will receive it.

"But the last two years they have exceeded the pot of money set aside for them," Tedders explained. "So in March we've had to pay back

anywhere from \$1.2 to \$1.8 million because that's how many more students have taken that scholarship than what they projected. And we have no way of tracking that because we don't know these kids that have never enrolled with us."

Tedders went on to explain that when they budget, they have to keep that unpredictable number in mind because in March they will get the bill for it and they have been "burned" by it in previous years.

"We did a lot of work in our budget this year trying to clean up the difference between expenses and revenue," he said. "Expenses continue to rise but the money the

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Hendry Co. School District expands employee healthcare access

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

LABELLE — The Hendry County School District is pleased to announce a new employee health benefit designed to make quality healthcare more convenient and accessible for the individuals who serve our students, families, and schools every day. Beginning Oct. 1, District employees will have a new, more convenient way to access healthcare close to where they live and work through two dedicated employee health clinic locations in LaBelle and Clewiston.

Beginning Oct. 1, the Hendry County School District's new partnership with Hendry Regional will provide eligible insured employees and their families with access to healthcare services at Hendry Regional's local clinic locations in LaBelle and Clewiston, with little to no copay for covered services. Services available through the new employee health benefit will include sick visits, wellness visits, primary care, basic laboratory services, most X-ray imaging, cardiology, pharmacy, and orthopedic care.

"In this era where healthcare



Dr. Nikhil Gupta, MD
[Courtesy photo]



Valerie Worley, APRN
[Courtesy photo]

is expensive and often difficult to manage, Hendry County Schools is proud to show our commitment and appreciation to our employees by providing a dedicated concierge health care clinic in Clewiston and LaBelle," said Michael Swindle, Superintendent of Schools for Hendry County School District. "We have partnered with Hendry Regional to provide top-tier health care experiences in our hometowns. Along with our trusted partners at Hendry Regional, we are excited to offer this service that will lift the culture, health, and well-being of our employees."

"This partnership with the Hendry County School Board comes at an ideal time," said David Theroux,

CEO, Hendry Regional Medical Center. "As we continue expanding our services across Hendry County, it is partnerships like this that strengthen our community and help build a healthier future for generations to come. We are proud to celebrate 75 years of serving Hendry County—and look forward to serving our community for the next 75."

In LaBelle, employees can access care at the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, located at 450 South Main Street in LaBelle. The location is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with care provided by Valerie Worley, APRN.

In Clewiston, employees can access care at the Dr. James D. Forbes Family Care Center, located at 500 West Sagamore Avenue, Building A in Clewiston. The location is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with care provided by Dr. Nikhil Gupta, MD.

The employee health clinics are intended to provide a convenient option for employees (and their families) seeking healthcare while improving access to and coordination of care. By reducing barriers such as cost and convenience, the District hopes

employees will be able to get the care they need sooner and more easily.

The new benefit will also provide employees with access to pharmacy services through Hendry Regional's pharmacy, located at 542 West Sagamore Avenue, Building E, in Clewiston. The pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will offer the added convenience of prescription delivery to employees at their work locations.

The new benefit also represents another important step in the District's ongoing efforts to support its workforce. In addition to promoting employee health and wellness, enhanced healthcare benefits can help the District retain talented employees and remain competitive when recruiting new educators and staff.

Additional information about eligibility, covered services, appointments, and how employees can take advantage of the new benefit will be shared directly with District employees.

The Hendry County School District encourages insured employees to watch for additional communications in the coming weeks with everything they need to know about taking advantage of this new benefit.

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The Glades County School District's finance

and transportation departments monitor fuel spending closely and adjust as needed, but the electric buses give the district another tool to limit its exposure.

"In a rural district, transportation isn't optional. Our students may travel significant distances every day simply to access their education," Dr. Barfield said. "That means transportation decisions are educational decisions, and we have a responsibility to find the safest, most efficient and most financially responsible way

to get our students to school."

Dr. Barfield said her district has been pleased with how the buses perform day to day, and called the project a strong example of why grant opportunities matter so much to rural districts.

Electric buses cost far more upfront than diesel models, which is why grant funding has been the deciding factor for many districts that have switched. For districts still running all-diesel fleets, relief depends largely on where fuel prices go next, and with supply still tight, few are counting on a quick drop.

Sports Fees

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state is giving us continues to decline. So how

do we manage that?"

Tedders said this year they have made cuts to the ESE and behavior departments to try and make up some the difference.

When addressing the athletic fees he said, "Athletic expenses continue to go up. That legislation came out pretty late and had a June 30th deadline. I had to make a pretty quick decision whether I was going to bring it to the board or not. A bus trip alone out of town is anywhere from \$250 to \$500. This was an

opportunity for me to try and get a little bit of that. Private school kids aren't in our seats. Kids in our seats go in the pot of money I can spend on coaches and gas and things like that."

Another thing to note, as mentioned in the story "School could require private school students to pay athletic fee" published on June 17 by Lake Okeechobee News, is that if the board had chosen not to pass the policy for the athletic fees, they would not be able to change that decision in the future should the need for the fees arise. Whatever decision they made was final unless the legislation is changed again.

HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital breaks ground on \$21 million emergency room expansion

By Erin Moore

HCA FLORIDA RAULERSON HOSPITAL

OKEECHOBEE — HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital has broken ground on a \$21 million expansion of its emergency room, marking a significant investment in the future of emergency care for Okeechobee County. The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

The expansion will add approximately 6,000 square feet and increase the ER from 14 to 25 beds, including two trauma beds and two behavioral health beds. The project will also include an expanded waiting area for patients and families and an enlarged colleague breakroom.

“Thinking forward means preparing today for the healthcare needs of tomorrow,” said Alex Masmela, chief executive officer of



From left to right: Terry Burroughs, hospital board chair; Dr. Marchelle Hofeldt, associate chief medical officer; John Jacobson, chief financial officer; Alex Masmela, chief executive officer; Jen Boren, HCA East Florida Division chief nursing executive; Dorothy Watson, chief nursing officer; Johnna Wynn, emergency room director; Dr. Tahir Naeem, chief of staff; and Dr. Hammad Ahmed, Medical Executive Committee member. [Photo courtesy HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital]

HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital.

“This investment reflects our commitment to growing alongside Okeechobee and ensuring our

community has access to timely, high-quality emergency care close to home. We are excited to break ground on a project that will

strengthen our ability to care for patients for years to come.”

HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital’s

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Dengue fever cases reported in Florida

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Florida Department of Health is reminding Floridians that mosquitoes can carry disease. Practice mosquito bite prevention and control to prevent the spread of these illnesses.

The latest Florida Department of Health (FDOH) reported 152 cases of locally acquired dengue fever in 2026, with 134 in Hillsborough County. In addition, the state has documented 186 cases of travel-related dengue fever.

Dengue fever is a mosquito-borne disease related to the viruses that cause West Nile and yellow fever.

According to FDOH, dengue fever can be a painful, debilitating disease but is rarely fatal.

Several cases are reported in Florida each year in people traveling

to areas where the disease is present. These imported cases are usually from dengue endemic regions such as the Caribbean, Central and South America, and Asia.

The close proximity of areas with dengue such as Puerto Rico and frequent international travel in Florida residents makes it possible to have dengue re-introduced.

Symptoms appear 3-14 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and include sudden onset of fever, severe headache, eye pain, muscle and joint pain (giving the disease the nickname “breakbone fever”), and bleeding. Gastrointestinal symptoms like vomiting and diarrhea may also be present in some cases.

Dengue fever symptoms usually

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FIGHT the BITE

Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance, they spread diseases that can make you sick. Fight the bite by taking steps to control mosquitoes and protect yourself and your family from mosquito-borne illness.

SPRAY

yourself with mosquito repellent.

COVER

your arms and legs with clothing.

DRAIN

standing water.

CONGRESSMAN VISIT



SOTO VISITS LOCAL CHURCH

OKEECHOBEE – Congressman Darren Soto, who’s running for re-election in a district that now includes Okeechobee County, visited Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor McKenzie for a flag raising ceremony with veterans on Saturday, Sept.19.. [Photo courtesy Soto campaign]

ER Expansion

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emergency room cared for more than 30,000 patients in both 2024 and 2025. The expansion is designed to increase capacity, improve patient flow and support the hospital’s collaboration with local EMS, ambulance and air medical teams. Once completed, the expanded ER is also expected to create a need

for additional physicians, nurses and support personnel, further strengthening the hospital’s ability to serve the growing healthcare needs of Okeechobee and surrounding communities.

HCA Florida Raulerson Hospital provides 24/7 emergency services and remains a critical access point for residents and visitors throughout Okeechobee County.

Dengue Fever Cases

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lasts 4-7 days. The disease is often diagnosed incorrectly because the symptoms are similar to influenza and other viruses. Dengue hemorrhagic fever is a rare but more severe form of dengue infection that can be fatal if not recognized and treated with supportive care.

It is important to note that a person can be infected with chikungunya and dengue viruses at the same time as they are both carried by the same types of mosquitoes. Therefore, it is important that providers consider both dengue fever and chikungunya when evaluating suspect cases with travel to areas where both viruses are present.

Testing is the only way for a health care provider to definitively differentiate chikungunya and dengue fever.

There is no treatment for dengue fever or dengue hemorrhagic fever, but quick recognition and management of symptoms and complications is effective at preventing deaths.

Tips to prevent mosquito bites include:

- ♦ Use screens on windows and doors.
- ♦ Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water. At least once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover or throw out items that hold water such as tires, buckets, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpot saucers or trash containers.
- ♦ Wear long sleeves and pants and use EPA-registered insect repellent when going outdoors.

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Chamber Leadership works to make wayfinding signs a reality on downtown streets

By Cathy Womble

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Okeechobee city council members agreed Sept. 21 to support development of a privately funded wayfinding-sign project intended to steer downtown pedestrians toward about 20 businesses near Park Street.

Okeechobee County Emergency Management Director Karen Kozac presented the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program proposal with fellow member Samantha Watson. Kozac, the chamber's president, said

the group was seeking the council's feedback and support.

The signs would be placed primarily on side streets to direct visitors beyond Park Street, where businesses around corners or on adjoining roads can miss pedestrian traffic.

Kozac said more than 100,000 people visited the area during Christmas in Okeechobee from Nov. 13 through Jan. 5, but only about 5,000 pedestrians visited participating businesses. She said the signs could help local businesses capture more of that traffic while strengthening downtown's culture and identity.

The proposed signs would be 8 to 10 feet tall, mounted on durable posts and designed with a clean, traditional hometown look complementing Park Street. Interchangeable blades would allow business names to be updated as tenants change, and the system could be expanded later.

The project is expected to cost about \$15,000. The organization plans to raise the money, possibly through sponsorships from businesses near the sign locations.

Locations have not been selected. Kozac proposed a walking audit with city staff and Main Street to identify

appropriate sites and determine what would be required. Main Street has agreed to handle maintenance and updates after installation.

Council members supported the concept but questioned whether listing some businesses and not others would amount to unequal advertising. Councilman Bob Jarriel said private funding rather than taxpayer money could help address that concern. The council agreed the project could move forward and asked to be kept informed as plans develop.

Quarters for a Cause benefit to be held

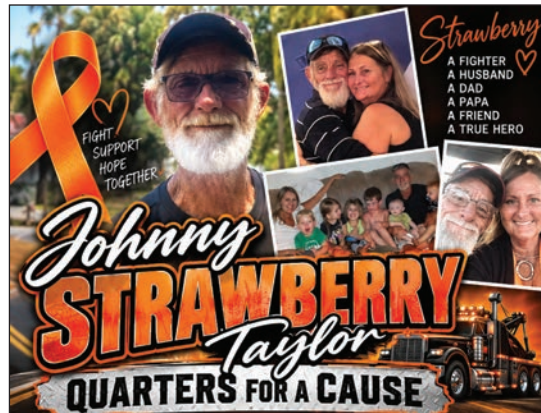
SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — A Quarters for a Cause benefit will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Okeechobee Civic Center, 1750 US 98 N., for Johnny "Strawberry" Taylor.

Strawberry was recently diagnosed with Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma Stage 4 cancer and is not able to work. He began chemo on Aug. 12, followed by radiation. His wife works for Martha's House, however, she will be missing work due to traveling for his chemo treatments. Strawberry has been with Total Roadside Services for over 14 years. He is known as the "do-all-catch-all."

This benefit will go to support Strawberry and his family in their time of need.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and



the quarter auction begins at 7 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing, Chinese raffles, and vendors with cash-and-carry. Food and beverages will be available to purchase from Our Village. Wear orange to be entered into the special raffle.

To make a donation, or for more information, contact Janice Pietro at 561-310-3285.

CHURCH FESTIVAL



CHURCH HOSTS FESTIVAL

OKEECHOBEE — Sacred Heart Catholic Church hosted a festival on Sunday, Sept. 20. The festival included vendors, Mariachi music, Ballet Folklorio, food, entertainment, and performances by Payaso Tojyn.

OMF to take 2027 off as festivals face rising costs



OKEECHOBEE — “Our passion for OMF will never fade, but we’ve faced some hard realities,” the festival said in a statement to fans.

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE- The Okeechobee Music & Arts Festival (OMF) is going quiet again. Six months after a celebrated return to Sunshine Grove, organizers announced that OMF will not be held next year, citing the financial strain on independent promoters and a need to rework the event for the long haul.

“Our passion for OMF will never fade, but we’ve faced some hard realities,” the festival said in a statement to fans. “The festival industry is in a difficult place right now with rising costs across talent, production and more. It can be unforgiving, especially for independent promoters without the resources that large, multi-event companies have access to.”

Organizers stressed that this is a pause, not a farewell. They plan to “reimagine and rework OMF, creating smoother and smarter venue layouts, flows and programming.”

The March 19–22, 2026 edition was billed as OMF’s 10-year reunion, marking a decade since the first festival in 2016. In a sign of how organizers tried to widen access, OMF released two-day weekend tickets for the first time ever in February, along with single-day passes.

Okeechobee has never had a straight run. The first festival, produced by Soundslinger, was held March 4–6, 2016. It was originally planned for 2015 but pushed back a year so organizers could get it right. The debut lineup included Mumford & Sons, Kendrick Lamar, Robert Plant, Odesza, Skrillex, Hall & Oates, The Avett Brothers and Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Editions followed in 2017 and 2018 before organizers announced a hiatus in November 2018. Insomniac, the company behind Electric Daisy Carnival, took a controlling stake in Soundslinger in June 2019.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an order issued by the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida on the 7th Day of May 2026 in the Cause wherein Gary F. Demezzo, being Plaintiff, and Robert Elvis Siler and Lisa Marie Siler, his wife, being Defendants, in Case No. 2012-CA-73 in the said Court, I, Noel E. Stephen, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida, shall offer the following property for sale in Okeechobee County to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

PARCEL 1:

LOT 57 DEER PARK ACRES, A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTH ONE-HALF (S1/2) OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 33 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST (SE) CORNER OF SAID SECTION 32 MARKED BY A HEWED LIGHTERWOOD POST, BEAR SOUTH 89°33’31” WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 32, A DISTANCE OF 4297.47 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH A DISTANCE OF 664.56 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89°19’08” WEST A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG AFORE-DESCRIBED LINE A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 89°19’08” EAST A DISTANCE OF 330.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT FOR ROAD PURPOSES THE SOUTH 25 FEET & THE WEST 25 FEET.

I SHALL offer the above described property for sale, subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 4th Day of November 2026 at 11:00 AM or as soon as possible thereafter, at the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office, 504 NW 4th Street, Okeechobee, FL and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title and interest, in said property.

Date: Okeechobee, Florida, this 29th day of September 2026.
Published October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2026

Noel E. Stephen, Sheriff
Okeechobee County

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact the Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office no later than 7 days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117-x5028

Smithsonian traveling exhibition, 'Americans' comes to Okeechobee Oct. 17

SPECIAL TO LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

Okeechobee Main Street and Okeechobee Historical Society will host the Smithsonian traveling exhibition, "Americans" in the Okeechobee Historical Court House from Oct. 17 - Dec. 4, 2026. The exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street and the National Museum of the American Indian explores how deeply intertwined American Indians are in the history, popular culture and identity of the United States.

Okeechobee and the surrounding community have been chosen by the Florida Humanities Council to host "Americans" as part of the Museum on Main Street program—a national/state/local partnership to bring exhibitions and programs to rural cultural organizations. This will be the third time we have had the honor to host a "MOMS" exhibit. The exhibition will tour 5 communities in Florida from Amelia Island to Panama City.

Based on a major exhibition at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., "Americans" highlights the ways in which American Indians

have been part of the nation's identity since before the country began.

The exhibition examines three stories that are part of American national culture. The first is devoted to Pocahontas, the young Powhatan woman who played a key role in saving the colony of Jamestown. Another story explores the Indian Removal Act of 1830. Signed by President Andrew Jackson, the act envisioned a United States without Indians. This story is one that we in Okeechobee are most familiar with as one of the major battles of the Seminole Wars happened in Okeechobee on Christmas Day 1837. The third looks at the complicated story of the Battle of Little Bighorn, also known as Custer's Last Stand. "Americans" explores how these events have been remembered and represented throughout the years.

Our opening ceremony, on Oct. 17, will be a celebration of the Seminole Culture in our community as well as exhibits featuring Okeechobee's part in Native American History. The community is invited to join us that day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for this very spe-

cial event. With participation from the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Miccosukee Tribe, it should prove to be a wonderful experience. Seminole vendors, craftsmen, food, books, and other informational displays will be set up in the courtyard.

This exhibit will be in Okeechobee from Oct. 17 until Dec. 4, Monday through Fridays, 9-5 in the foyer of the historic Okeechobee Courthouse. People are free to visit anytime during that period. Tuesday mornings are when Okeechobee's fourth graders will visit. If any other groups would like to come, please contact Main Street so as to make audio devices available.

Information may be found on the Okeechobee Main Street webpages. Support for "Americans" is



Flyer courtesy Smithsonian

provided by the Smithsonian's Our Shared Future: 250, a Smithsonian-wide initiative commemorating the nation's 250th and the Florida Humanities Council as well as locally the Tourist Development Council, Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners, and Children's Services Council. The Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse is located at 304 NW Second St.

OMF Takes 2027 Off

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OMF returned in March 2020 and became one of the last big U.S. music festivals held before the COVID-19 shutdowns.

After the 2021 pandemic gap, the festival ran in 2022 and 2023, with 2023 headliners including Earth, Wind & Fire, Lil Yachty and Turnstile. Organizers then announced 2024 would be a fallow year; that stretched into two, and Soundslinger

later confirmed Insomniac was no longer involved. The 2026 reunion was the festival's first edition as a fully independent operation since 2018.

Okeechobee is far from alone. Music Festival Wizard's running tracker lists 52 festivals worldwide that had canceled, postponed or paused their 2026 editions as of Sept. 3. U.S. names on the list include Summer Camp Music Festival, Mountain Jam, Punk Rock Bowling, When We Were Young and Florida's own Sunshine Get Down in Brooksville.

Many of those statements echo OMF's. Chicago's Michelada Fest said production costs had "risen rapidly across every part of the event" and that its independent team lacked "the same capital or backing as larger players to absorb those pressures." Las Vegas' Bender Jamboree blamed "current economic instability in the United States" for the pause.

Organizers did not give a date for the next edition. They promised it "will still be Okee at its core with camping, multi-genre acts, immersive

art, wellness programming and every touch of magic that makes the festival its own special world."

If history is any guide, a break does not mean the end for OMF. The festival has now paused four times in ten years and came back each time.

"We look forward to the next time we Enter The Portal," the statement closed, "where the world is a little brighter, friendships run deeper, and love becomes something tangible."

Lady Brahmans sweep Gators for second time this season

By Richard Marion
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

BELLE GLADE — The Okeechobee High School varsity Lady Brahman volleyball team made the trip to Belle Glade on Sept. 28 and left with a sweep of the Glades Day Lady Gators, winning in three sets.

Okeechobee won the first set 25-11 and the second 25-10, but the third set went down to the wire, with the Lady Brahmans holding on to win it 25-23.

It was the second time this season that Okeechobee beat Glades Day without dropping a set. The Lady Brahmans won the first meeting at home on Sept. 2 by set scores of 25-11, 25-6 and 25-8.

The win moved Okeechobee to 9-9 on the season, and the Lady Brahmans are 3-2 since snapping a three-match losing streak. Glades Day fell to 5-11 with its fifth straight home loss. Okeechobee is 2-1 in district play, good for third in 4A District 13.

Sophomore Azariah Washington has carried much of the load at the net this season. She had 35 kills in a comeback win over Sebastian River on Aug. 27. Okeechobee took the first set 28-26, dropped the next two 21-25 and 22-25, then rallied to win the fourth 25-17 and the fifth 15-9. Junior Kyli Spencer added five blocks. As a team, Okeechobee finished with 59 kills, 16 aces, 84 digs and 49 assists.

Four days later, the Lady Brahmans won another five-setter on the road against Somerset College Prep Academy on Aug. 31. They lost the first set 24-26, won the next two 25-17 and 25-21, dropped the fourth 22-25, and pulled away 15-5 in the fifth. Washington had 24 kills, while sophomore Kendall Chambers added 16 kills and six aces. Senior Kaylee Werk had nine kills, and sophomore Sofie Soriano had six. Junior Dahlia Grzech led the team with 32 assists, and Smith added 21 assists and four aces. Sophomore Kulipa Julian had a team-high 30 digs to go with six aces.



The Lady Brahmans prepare to receive a serve. [Photo courtesy OHS]

Okeechobee opened district play with a win over Port St. Lucie at home on Sept. 8. The Lady Brahmans won the first two sets 25-10 and 25-13, lost a close third set 25-27, and closed it out 25-20 in the fourth. Washington had 20 kills and hit .405. Okeechobee finished with 46 kills, 10 aces, 56 digs and 41 assists.

Through the season, Washington leads the team at 4.7 kills per set with a .177 hitting percentage. Chambers

leads in aces with 26, Spencer leads in blocks with 14, and Julian leads in digs at 3.2 per set. Washington's 150 kills are listed among the district's stat leaders.

Okeechobee returns home to host Lake Placid on Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. The Lady Brahmans then play at Port St. Lucie on Oct. 6 at 6 p.m. and at South Fork in a district match on Oct. 8.

Carol Marker brings home national title

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — Carol Marker was honored at the Sept. 24 meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission for her outstanding achievement at the 2026 State Games of America. She was presented with a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement.

The State Games of America is part of the National Congress of State Games (NCSG), a membership organization comprised of 30 Summer State Games and 10 Winter State Games organizations. The NCSG is a member of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee's Multi Sport Organizational Council. The mission of the NCSG

is to support State Games member organizations in the promotion of health, fitness and character building through multi-sport competitions and physical activities all across the USA.

Athletes qualified for the national competition by earning a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal in their state's qualifying competition.

This year, the 2026 State Games of America National Tournament was held in State College, Penn., July 28 – August 2, 2026. Marker represented Okeechobee County and the State of Florida in the 18 and Over Open Division in Tennis, winning the National Title in both Singles and Doubles.



OKEECHOBEE — Carol Marker (center) was honored at the Sept. 24 meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission for her achievement at the 2026 State Games of America. At left is Coach Bernard Marker. At right is Commission Chair David Hazellief. [Photo by Katrina Elsen/Lake Okeechobee News]

Davie Dairy honored for Outstanding Contribution to Agriculture Industry

By Katrina Elsen
LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE – Davie Dairy is the winner of the 2026 Red Larson Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Agriculture Industry.

The dairy got its start in 1959 in Davie, Fla., and moved operations to Okeechobee in 1967. Bill Berman said two families were involved in starting the dairy, “so we didn’t want to pick a family name.

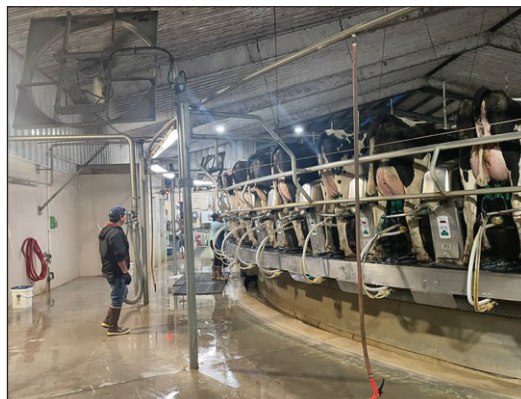
“We’ve had two families that are not related by blood who have been in business together since 1959. At least one is fourth generation, and it’s unusual for two families who are not related to get along for all those years and still manage together,” he explained.

Over the years, the dairy has invested in new technologies to make the operation more efficient and to comply with Florida Department of Environmental Protection rules about nutrients in runoff.

In 2014, the dairy was honored with the This Farm Cares Award by Florida Farm Bureau for an innovative approach to reducing phosphorus in runoff.

“The problem of phosphorus leaving dairy farms and getting into waterways that flow into Lake Okeechobee is a big issue,” Berman explained. Dairy waste is loaded with phosphorus, he added.

When the state enacted a rule that limited phosphorus leaving the farm, Davie Dairy built frees stall barns, Berman continued. “That’s a system where you house the cattle, collect the waste, and use it for



OKEECHOBEE -- The rotary milking parlor at Davie Dairy makes it possible for them to milk 2,500 cows three times a day. [Photo courtesy Bill Berman]

fertilizer.” He said even with this nutrient recycling, some phosphorus was in the water on the edge of the farm. He said they treat that water with an Alum chemical.

“The phosphorus that gets to the edge of the farm and would leave the farm. You treat that water with an Alum chemical that ties up the phosphorus. It’s kind of trapped there,” he explained.

“Luckily, the state of Florida Department of Agriculture has helped with funding to make that happen for quite a few years,” he said. The Department of Agriculture hired a company to manage it. Berman said Davie Dairy was the prototype for this system, which has been adopted for use at other dairies.

Davie Dairy is home to 2,500 lactating cows and several hundred dry cows. They

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OKEECHOBEE LIVESTOCK MARKET REPORT

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2026
MONDAY & TUESDAY SALES AT 12:00PM

COWS	LOW:	HIGH:		MONDAY	TUESDAY
790-1620	128.00	146.00	AVG	CLFS 654	601
790-1620	141.00	148.00	HIGH	COWS 112	167
790-1620	121.00	127.00	LOW	BULLS 24	26
				TOTAL 790	794

BULLS	LOW:	HIGH:	
1230-2260	186.00	207.00	AVG
1230-2260	200.00	224.00	HIGH
1230-2260	180.00	188.00	LOW

STEERS MED & LARGE 1:

150-250	640.00	800.00
250-300	580.00	650.00
300-350	530.00	620.00
350-400	460.00	550.00
400-450	410.00	490.00
450-500	380.00	440.00
500-550	365.00	425.00
550-600	340.00	390.00
600-700	320.00	345.00

STEERS MED & LARGE 2:

150-250	540.00	600.00
250-300	535.00	575.00
300-350	475.00	560.00
350-400	400.00	490.00
400-450	350.00	440.00
450-500	330.00	390.00
500-550	325.00	380.00
550-600	300.00	335.00
600-700	230.00	275.00

HEIFERS MED & LARGE 1:

150-250	610.00	620.00
250-300	490.00	570.00
300-350	460.00	520.00
350-400	410.00	495.00
400-450	395.00	475.00
450-500	360.00	425.00
500-550	320.00	360.00
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Kind of a sideways market this week. Even though slaughter cows are still under pressure, they were a little better this week, some of the lows are filling in, more so on the thinner grass type cows. Cows up \$2-\$3. Bulls still bringing premium to cows. Best bulls from \$200 to \$220. Feeder calves seem to be getting a foot hold, maybe better prices are just around corner! Calves steady to \$5 higher.

Top Prices

• Tabitha English, Fellsmere, and Scarborough Ranch, LLC, Okeechobee, topped the calf market with a high of \$800/175# bought by Enterprise Livestock, LLC

• Cambill Enterprises Inc., Delray Beach, topped the slaughter cow market with a high of \$148/1490# bought by Brown Packing

See ya next week!
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Painting by 'Doc Anna' donated to Historical Society

By Katrina Elsken

LAKE OKEECHOBEE NEWS

OKEECHOBEE — A painting by “Doc Anna” Darrow has come home to Okeechobee.

On Sept. 16, Lynne Scharfschwerdt Glass donated a painting by “Doc Anna” to the Okeechobee Historical Society. The presentation came during a meeting of the Hospice Ladies of Giving in the Historic Okeechobee Bank Building.

Glass said her grandparents were friends with Doc Anna, and some of her relatives have her paintings.

“Art is to be shared,” she explained.

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.

Dr. Anna and her husband Dr. Roy Darrow served the Okeechobee community from 1912 to 1922.



OKEECHOBEE -- Lynne Scharfschwerdt Glass donated a painting by Dr. Anna Darrow to the Okeechobee Historical Society on Sept. 16. [Photo by Katrina Elsken/Lake Okeechobee News]

Davie Dairy Honored

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milk 2,500 cows three times a day. “We were the first in Okeechobee County to have a rotary parlor,” said Berman. He said their rotary milking parlor went into operation in February 2022 and has been a great asset. “If we hadn’t built this facility, I don’t think we would be in business. From 2022, we were having a very tough time. Without the efficiency of this thing and the ability to milk a lot of cows quickly, I don’t think we would have been able to stay in business,” said Berman.

He said the advanced technology of a rotary milking parlor makes it possible to milk the cows three times a day. Before they added the rotary parlor, they milked twice a day in a traditional milking parlor.

In the rotary parlor, one by one, cows step onto a slowly moving platform and are connected to the milking machine. The platform has

72 individual stalls and rotates very slowly. After completing the circle, the cow is disconnected from the milkers and leaves the carousel.

Other changes have helped make the dairy more efficient, he continued.

“Several years ago, we decided to downsize our heifer raising and send our baby calves elsewhere to be raised. They come back to us a few months before they have their first calf,” he explained. “We’ve got some heifers in Kentucky and some as far away as Kansas. The most important thing is the feed is there. You’ve either got to bring the feed to Florida or send the heifers to where the feed is. Raising calves in Florida is very challenging because of the hot weather, the rain, and the mud. We’ve already shown the results are superior to what we can do in Florida. It also frees up some of our people to do other things.”

The dairy’s breeding program has also changed.

“One of the interesting things that we do, is we only want to have enough replacement females to keep our population steady and growing,” he explained. They only use Holstein semen for their best cows, and they use “sexed semen” so about 95% of the Holstein calves born on the dairy are females. Those heifers will be raised as replacement cows for the dairy.

The rest of the 2,500 dairy cows are bred with Angus bulls because those calves are more valuable on the market, he explained. “We want either black calves or Holstein females,” he said.

The Angus cross calves are sold to people who raise them as beef cattle.

“The reason they are so valuable is that the whole beef industry is short of replacement cattle,” Berman said.



OKEECHOBEE -- Davie Dairy [Photo courtesy Bill Berman]

Keeping the cows comfortable is also key to the success of the dairy. “We have a ton of fans and sprinklers and all sorts of things to cool them off,” said Berman. “If you cool the cows properly and feed them properly, you can get a lot of milk. If you don’t cool them, you’ve got problems.”

The award was presented during the 2026 Best of the Lake Awards celebration at the Okeechobee KOA on Oct. 2.



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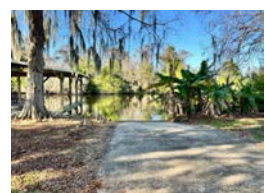
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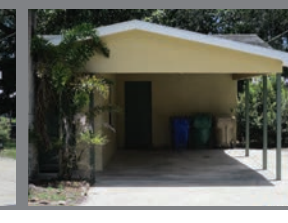
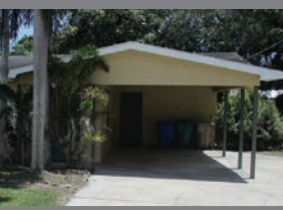
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OKEECHOBEE THINGS TO DO

We welcome community news. Submit news by emailing it to okee-news@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 Oct. 7 print edition is 5 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Library hosts events

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 SW 16th St., will host the following events: Crochet Club is every Wednesday from 1 to 3 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. Please bring your own mat. 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.

Boots & Pearls fundraiser benefits Hospice

OKEECHOBEE — Hospice of Okeechobee's annual Boots & Pearls fundraiser will be held Nov. 7 at the Okeechobee KOA resort, 4276 US-441. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a silent auction and line dancing lessons. The event program begins

at 7 p.m. Dinner, dancing and live auction will follow. For tickets and information contact Hospice Director of Philanthropy Tracy Hernandez, at 863-484-4966 or email hernandt@chaptershealth.org. Proceeds benefit Hospice of Okeechobee patients and families.

100-Year Building Celebration planned

OKEECHOBEE — The City of Okeechobee will hold the 100-Year Building Celebration and Festival on Friday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall and City Hall Plaza 55 SE 3rd Ave. Festivities include an evening of food, music, local vendors, family activities, and community. For information, call 863-763-9814 or email deputyclerk@cityofokeechobee.com or visit www.cityofokeechobee.com

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 for updates at Facebook.com/Orioles336

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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 information, call 863-462-5877 ext 2001 or email events@healthystart.org.

Democratic Executive Committee to meet

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

Republicans of Okeechobee to meet

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Republican Party

holds its monthly meetings on the **third Monday** of every month at the Okeechobee Republican Victory Office, 3651 US 441 SE Unit 9. Food & fellowship at 5 p.m. and the meeting is at 6 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 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.

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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, **Oct. 7**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. wear purple - get two free. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and more from 4 p.m out. Bar poker is from 5 - 7 p.m. On Thursday, **Oct. 8**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear something patriotic and get one free! On Friday, **Oct. 9**, quarter five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wear a red shirt and get one free! On Saturday, **Oct. 10**, dinner is at 5:30 p.m. The weekly meeting is at 6 p.m. and Bingo of Hearts is at 7 p.m. On Sunday, **Oct. 11**, five-card bingo is from 2 to 4 p.m. Buy four and get one free. On Monday, **Oct. 12**, five-card cookie bingo is at 5 p.m. (three sheets for \$1) followed by LRC (events may differ on holiday). On Tuesday, **Oct. 13**, cornhole is at 6 p.m.

Happenings at the Glades County Public Library

MOORE HAVEN — The Glades County Public Library, 201 Riverside Drive, will host the following events: Tiny Tots Storytime is being held every **Tuesday** at 10-11 a.m. This includes a warm-up activity, group story, craft (usually related to the story) and ends with a snack. The Lit Lab is on **Wednesdays** from 10 a.m. to noon. **Thursdays** are Family Movie Days at 3 p.m. Learn Adult Basic Computer Skills on **Saturdays** from 10 a.m. to noon.

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 **Sat-**

urdays 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 863-634-4106.

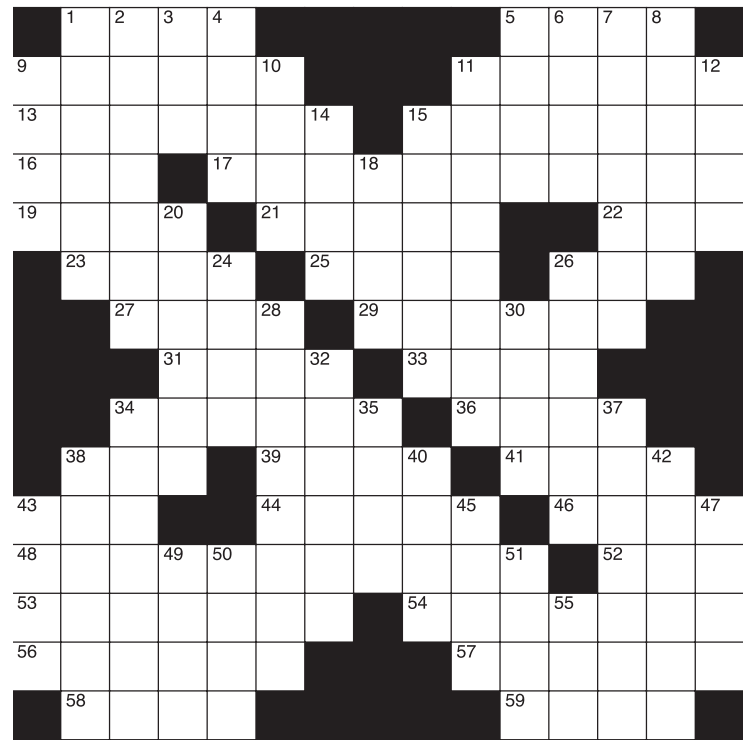
Lakeport Christian Church

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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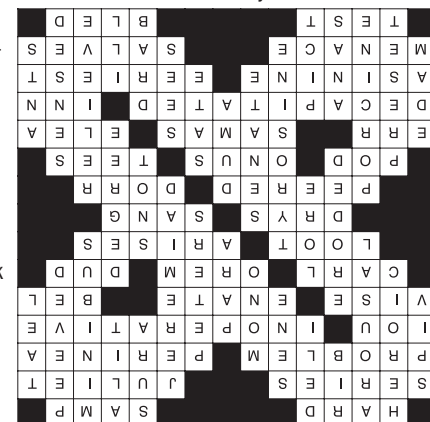
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- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Loved Romeo
- Something to solve
- Pelvic areas
- Informal debt instrument
- Ineffective
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"
- Astronomer Sagan
- C. Utah city
- Turkey
- Informal terms for money
- Awakens
- Those who favored Prohibition
- Blabbed
- Looked through
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A type of 'cast'
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Removed someone's head
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- 'Dennis' is a notable one

- Ointments
- Examination
- Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

- Brave
- A state of excitement
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted from a horse
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- A disreputable man
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A list of woes
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Broadway legend Bernadette
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions
- Students seek one
- Hydrophilic amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- Branch of U.S. Congress

- Swinish
- Russian assembly
- Grant an exemption to
- Set up in advance
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE HENDRY-HILLIARD WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, 2026, AT 9:00 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

JOE MARLIN HILLIARD II
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Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS NAME

Notice is hereby given that **E+M FAMILY FITNESS LLC, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **HIIT56** located at **9060 KIMBERLY BLVD., SUITE 29, BOCA RATON, FLORIDA 33410** 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.
 49575 PB 10/7/2026

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Notice is hereby given that **NATURAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES INC., OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **CAPPSOOL TECHNOLOGIES** located at **7211 JOSHUA LANE, UNIT 4, YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92284** 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.
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Fictitious Name

FICTITIOUS NAME
Notice is hereby given that **MICHAEL DEWAYNE MORGAN, OWNER**, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **LPP&M** located at **8013 MELODY CIRCLE, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935** intends to register the said name in **HENDRY** County with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2026-CA-000165

PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

NATANYA HUGGINS, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Natanya Huggins
809 SE 8th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Natanya Huggins
636 SW 87th Ter., Okeechobee, FL 34974

Natanya Huggins
8300 NW 144th Trl., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Natanya Huggins
19695 NW 80th Dr., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Unknown Spouse of Natanya Huggins
809 SE 8th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974

Unknown Spouse of Natanya Huggins
636 SW 87th Ter., Okeechobee, FL 34974

Unknown Spouse of Natanya Huggins
8300 NW 144th Trl., Okeechobee, FL 34972

Unknown Spouse of Natanya Huggins
19695 NW 80th Dr., Okeechobee, FL 34972

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 86 and the West 1/2 of Lot 87, OKEECHOBEE ESTATES, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 20, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Anthony R. Smith, Esquire, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Tiffany & Bosco, P.A., 1201 S. Orlando Ave, Suite 430, Winter Park, FL 32789, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; or a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Court at Okeechobee County, Florida, this 9th day of September, 2026.

Jerald D. Bryant
as Clerk of the Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida

By: Pamela Rodriguez
Deputy Clerk

49304 LON 9/30,10/7/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A JOINT BOARD RETREAT WITH THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM, A214, IN THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE IRSC MASSEY CAMPUS, 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FL 34981. THE AGENDA MAY INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, GENERAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COLLEGE.

A COPY OF THE AGENDA WILL BE AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING ON THE COLLEGE'S WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://WWW.IRSC.EDU/DBOT](https://www.irsc.edu/dbot).
49719 LON 10/7/2026

Public Notice

LAKEFRONT ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN The Board of Supervisors of the Lakefront Estates Community Development District will hold their regular meetings for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 at 11:00 a.m. at 27182 State Road 78, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, on the following dates:

October 21, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026
January 20, 2027
February 17, 2027
March 17, 2027
April 21, 2027
May 19, 2027
June 16, 2027
July 21, 2027
August 18, 2027
September 15, 2027

The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida law for community development districts. The meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. Copies of the Agendas for any of the meetings may be obtained from the District's website at www.lakefrontestatescdd.org or by contacting the District Manager at 1-877-737-4922 five (5) days prior to the date of the particular meeting.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors or staff will participate by telephone. Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (561) 630-4922 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made at the meeting with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.

District Manager

LAKEFRONT ESTATES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

www.lakefrontestatescdd.org
49299 PB 10/7/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13, 2026, 9:00 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA. BRYAN R. HILLIARD SUPERVISOR SUGARLAND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
49221 HEND 10/7/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2026 AT 9:00 AM. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HILLIARD BROTHERS OFFICE ON 5500 FLAGHOLE ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

BRYAN R. HILLIARD
SUPERVISOR
FLAGHOLE DRAINAGE DISTRICT
49220 HEND 10/7/2026

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Public Notice

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE
19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 2026-CC-000049
JUDGE: WILLIAM J. WALLACE**

LIEN & MEAN, LLC, a Florida limited liability company
Plaintiff,

v.

KEVIN MICHAEL WOODDELL, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
KEVIN MICHAEL WOODDELL, KRISTEN MARIE ARENDELL,
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KRISTEN MARIE ARENDELL AND
UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION, IF ANY,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Kevin Michael Wooddell, Unknown Spouse of Kevin Michael Wooddell, Kristen Marie Arendell, and Unknown Spouse of Kristen Marie Arendell, 227 Township Road 129, Dillonvale, OH 43917, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described and all parties claiming interests by, through, under or against Kevin Michael Wooddell, Unknown Spouse of Kevin Michael Wooddell, Kristen Marie Arendell, and Unknown Spouse of Kristen Marie Arendell.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for foreclosure of a mortgage has been filed against you on property located in Okeechobee County, Florida, further identified as:

Parcel ID: 1-09-34-33-0A00-00007-K000

LOT K OF TRACT 7 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 7, BEING IN SECTION 9 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TOGETHER with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on RENE S. GRIFFITH, ESQUIRE, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4260 SE Federal Highway, Stuart, Florida 34997, on or before November 2, 2026, 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.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2026.

Jerald D. Bryant
Clerk of Court

By: Sierra Crews
Deputy Clerk

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE

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

49137 LON 9/30,10/7/2026

Public Notice

**HENDRY COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
INVITATION TO BID ITB 2026-43
HENDRY COUNTY CEMETERY PAVILIONS.**

**OPENING DATE AND TIME:
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.**

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting bids from qualified contractors to provide all labor, materials, equipment, supervision, permits, inspections, testing, and incidentals necessary to construct three (3) pavilion structures, consisting of one (1) pavilion at each of the following County-owned cemetery locations:

Location A: Fort Denaud Cemetery,
1170 Cemetery Road, LaBelle, Florida 33935
Location B: Ridgelawn Cemetery,
520 Ridgelawn Road, Clewiston, FL 33440
Location C: Sylvester Humphrey Memorial,
2555 11th Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

The project consists of the construction of three (3) separate 30' x 30' pavilion structures, one at each cemetery location, including foundations, structural components, roofing systems, finished ceilings, site restoration, and all associated construction activities necessary to provide complete and functional installations. Pavilion locations will be identified in the Contract Documents.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Site Visitation (Non-Mandatory). Contractors are strongly encouraged to visit all project locations and become familiar with existing site conditions prior to submitting a bid. Attendance is not required, and no formal pre-bid meeting will be conducted.

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for the "ITB 2026-43 Hendry County Cemetery Pavilions" project. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners, c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, no later than Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. All responses will be publicly recorded at that time.

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.

Americans with Disabilities Act. Persons with disabilities requiring assistance should contact the Project Manager at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance: (863) 675-5262. Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Instructions and Bid Documents may be obtained online at www.hendryfla.net under the Public Information/Bids tab or www.demandstar.com or by calling (863) 675-5262. 49065 HEND 923,30,10/7/2026

Public Notice

MD Now Urgent Care® Clinic Closure

The Clewiston location will be permanently closing on September 30, 2026, at 8 p.m. The following providers were working at this location, but will now be providing services at nearby MD Now locations:

- Janet Revilla, NP

Please visit our sister locations for high quality healthcare:

- MD Now Royal Palm Beach, 11551 Southern Blvd #4, RPB FL 33411
- MD Now Lehigh Acres, 1120 Homestead Rd N, Lehigh Acres FL 33936

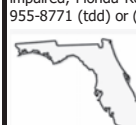
To obtain medical records or have them sent to another physician practice, please email UCCMedicalRecords@HCAhealthcare.com, or fax your request to 855.874.5286. For hours, services and more locations, visit MDNow.com. 49218 HEND 9/30,10/7,14,21/2026

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Public Notice

**FLORIDA PACE FUNDING AGENCY
NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF
COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

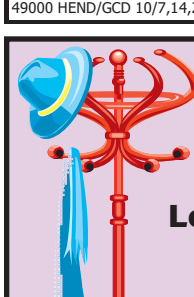
The Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Florida PACE Funding Agency, a public body corporate and politic, (the "Agency"), hereby provides notice, pursuant to Sections 163.08, 163.081, 163.082 and 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, each as amended from time to time, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments for more than one year to be levied within the area encompassed by the boundaries of every county in Florida, or any of the municipalities therein, served by the Agency's statewide provision of funding and financing to assist property owners who wish to construct, install or otherwise obtain qualifying improvements identified by the Legislature including, but not limited to, energy conservation and efficiency improvements, renewable energy improvements, and wind resistance improvements, in accordance with Section 163.08, et seq., Florida Statutes, as amended (collectively, the "Qualifying Improvements"). By law and resolution of the Agency, a property owner may apply to the Agency for funding and financing of Qualifying Improvements. The non-ad valorem assessments contemplated by this notice are voluntary and are only imposed by the Agency with the prior written consent authorized by or on behalf of affected property owners who determine to obtain financing for Qualifying Improvements from the Agency. The Agency is authorized by state law to fund and finance Qualifying Improvements and is required to annually collect repayment by non-ad valorem assessments to be collected by the Tax Collector in each County. The Board will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, after a public hearing to be held at 401 Dyer Blvd Kissimmee FL on November 3, 2026, at 2pm. In the event of a local or national emergency, a hurricane, or any other interfering circumstance, if necessary, the meeting may be continued to a time, date, and place certain, and notice thereof, along with appropriate means for public attendance and participation, if other than in-person, will be posted on the Agency's website. Such resolution electing to use such uniform method will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property that may be subject to the levy – which is the entirety of the State of Florida. A copy of the proposed form of resolution and other information may be viewed at the Agency's website: www.FloridaPACE.Gov. All affected property owners have the right to be heard on the matter via advance written objection or by appearing in person at the public hearing. Advance written communication will be given equal weight to comments or objections made in person, and may be submitted to the Board via email to Info@FloridaPACE.Gov; and should be received by the Agency on or before November 2, 2026 at 8am, so that copies can be distributed to Board members for advance review and hearing preparation purposes. Any person desiring to speak in person may appear at the public hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this public hearing, such person will need a record of proceedings and for such purpose such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based. Any person requiring a special accommodation at this meeting due to disability or physical impairment or needing an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the Agency at 850-400-PACE at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, Florida Relay Service numbers for assistance are (800) 955-8771 (tdd) or (800) 955-8770 (voice).



49000 HEND/GCD 10/7,14,21,28/2026

Publish on October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026 by Order of the Board of Directors of the Florida PACE Funding Agency.

Assessments to be levied pursuant to written consent on various parcels within the State of Florida



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Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Okeechobee County
Value Adjustment Board Organizational Meeting**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Value Adjustment Board of Okeechobee County will convene its VAB Organizational Meeting on Friday, October 9, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office no later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD at 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Commissioner David Hazellief
Value Adjustment Board Chair
Okeechobee County, Florida

Jerald D. Bryant, Clerk
Value Adjustment Board
Okeechobee County, Florida

48952 LON 9/23,30; 10/7/2026

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that StorMore Self Storage, located at 24234 US HWY 27, Moore Haven, FL 33471, intends to sell or otherwise dispose of the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (83.801-83.809). The public sale or other disposition of the following household and miscellaneous property will take place at StorMore Self Storage on October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM. All payments must be made in full (CASH ONLY) by the date and time of the auction. This public sale may require a \$50.00 cash deposit.

- Angie Hough
- Juanita Davis
- Stacy Holligan Redd

49399 GCD 10/7,14/2026

Tax Deeds

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-135
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3664** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-090-2336-0070**
Name In Which Assessed: Carlos V. Deras and Argentina E. Galdamez P.

Lot 7, Block 2335, of Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, page 144, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

48859 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

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Public Notice

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit to South Florida Dairies, LLC, Evan Barton, 7877 Kindle Rd, Thornville, Ohio 43076 for South Florida Dairies, LLC Barns 3&4. This permit authorizes the permittee to operate the subject Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) wastewater management The **SFD Office** is located at 1550 NE 208th St, Okeechobee, FL 34972; Latitude: 27°25'56.17"N Longitude: 80°48'53.29"W

Barn 3: 75 NW 208th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972; Latitude: 27°25' 59.0" N Longitude: 80°49' 34.3" W

Barn 4: 17901 Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, FL 34972; Latitude: 27°25' 02.3" N Longitude: 80°48' 54.8" W

The permit application file and supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department's Southeast District Office, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-3007, at phone number (561) 681-6600.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

The Department intends to issue the permit unless as a result of public comment appropriate changes are made.

Written Comments or Request for Public Meeting

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's proposed permitting decision or may submit a written request for a public meeting to Ayad Kit, 3301 Gun Club Road, MSC 7210-1, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406-3007, in accordance with Rule 62-555, F.A.C. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Southeast District Office.

The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the following information:

- The commenter's name, address, and telephone number; the applicant's name and address; the Department permit file number; and the county in which the project is proposed;
- A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
- A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled, including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the public meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment, the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

Time Period for Submitting Written Comments or Requesting a Public Meeting

Comments submitted by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to notice under Rule 62-620.550, F.A.C., must be received within 30 days of publication of the public notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

49687 LON 10/07/2026

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on October 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to solid waste entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-10, HEALTH AND SANITATION, ARTICLE V, SOLID WASTE AND MANDATORY COLLECTION UNIT SERVICE AREA, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-10-83, DEFINITIONS; SECTION 1-10-92, SCOPE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, DELINQUENCY, LIENS AND SECTION 1-10-96, RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR AND CUSTOMER FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear and be heard at the public hearing with respect to the proposed ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Hendry County Attorney's Office, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board 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.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your participation in the meeting, please contact Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail tracy.nobles@hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
49653 HEND 10/7/2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON 10/26/2026 AT 08:00 AM THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES(S) MAY BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 713.585. NAME: IVAN'S BODY SHOP, LLC
5YJ3E1EAXRF755158
2024 TESL 1945.00 TEL: 813-697-1791 MV#: MV90949 LOCATION: 514 NE 9TH ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 / TERMS OF THIS SALE ARE CASH AND NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FINAL BID. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. SAID VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD IN "AS IS" CONDITION WITH NO GUARANTEES. SOME OF THE VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY AUCTION TIME
49600 LON 10/7/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Date: October 15, 2026
Time: 5:00 pm
Location: Vera M. Hopson Chambers, located at Pahokee Housing Authority's Central Office, 465 Friend Terrace, Pahokee, FL 33476.

The public is welcome to attend.



48802 PB 10/7/2026



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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resource Management, Permit Review Section
Draft Air Permit No. 0510003-067-AC
U.S. Sugar Corporation, U.S. Sugar Clewiston Facility
Hendry County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is the U.S. Sugar Corporation (USSC). The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: James Nesbitt, Power Plant Manager, USSC, Clewiston Facility, 1731 South W.C. Owen Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33935.

Facility Location: USSC operates the existing Clewiston Facility, which is in Hendry County at 111 Ponce de Leon Avenue in Clewiston, Florida.

Project: The USSC Clewiston Facility runs as follows. Sugarcane is harvested from agricultural fields in Glades, Hendry, Martin, and Palm Beach Counties and transported to the mill by train. In the mill, sugarcane is cut into small pieces and processed in a series of presses to squeeze juice from the cane. The juice undergoes clarification, separation, evaporation, and crystallization to produce raw, unrefined sugar. In the refinery, raw sugar is decolorized, concentrated, crystallized, dried, conditioned, screened, packaged, stored, and distributed as refined sugar. The fibrous byproduct remaining from the sugarcane is called bagasse and is burned as boiler fuel to provide steam and heating requirements for the mill and refinery. Molasses is also produced as a byproduct. Molasses is stored and processed into an animal feed product for sale.

USSC is requesting to revise the particulate matter with a mean particle diameter of 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) compliance testing requirement for Boiler 9. USSC is requesting that PM2.5 compliance testing using EPA Method 202 be required once every 5 years rather than annually and that each 5-year test be conducted in accordance with the previously approved site-specific testing program (Project No. 0510003-066-AC). This request does not propose any physical change, change in the method of operation, increase in permitted heat input, or change to the existing PM2.5 emission limit for Boiler 9. The proposed project will not increase emissions for any pollutant.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210, and 62-212 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements, and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project is the Permit Review Section in the Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Air Resource Management. The Permitting Authority's physical address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida. The Permitting Authority's mailing address is: 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Permitting Authority's phone number is 850-717-9000.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at the address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application and information submitted by the applicant (exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S.). Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site by entering the draft permit number: <https://fddep.dep.state.fl.us/air/emission/apds/default.asp>.

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air construction permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of Boiler 9 will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all applicable provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296, and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit for a period of 14 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of this 14-day period to the above address and electronically to David Read at David.Read@FloridaDEP.gov. If written comments received result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of the Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. A petition for administrative hearing must contain the information set forth below and must be filed (received) with the Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, any email address, telephone number and any facsimile number of the petitioner; the name, address any email address, telephone number, and any facsimile number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so state; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Extension of Time: Under Rule 62-110.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.
49596 HEND 10/7/2026

Public Notice

CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A CITY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will conduct a **Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing** on **October 20, 2026, 6:00 PM**, or soon thereafter, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd AVE, Rm 200, Okeechobee, FL, to consider final reading for adoption of the following Ordinance into law (**No. 1334**):

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE BY REZONING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY-ONE TO INDUSTRIAL; PETITION NO. 26-001-R; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Ordinance addresses Rezoning Petition No. 26-001-R, submitted by Jeffrey Sumner, Agent on behalf of the property owner, Diamond R Fertilizer Co., Inc., to rezone 1.61± acres. The subject property is located at NE 4th to 5th AVE and NE 6th to 7th ST. The proposed use is to expand the existing Diamond R business, including storage and retail sales. Legal Description: **LOTS 1 TO 4 AND 7 TO 12, OF BLOCK 80, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

The public and interested parties are invited to attend and be heard and may submit written/oral comments before or at the meeting. The documents pertaining to the above referenced item may be inspected/viewed at the address above, Rm 100, during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, except for holidays, or contact the Office of the City Clerk staff at 863.763.9814. They will be posted online prior to the Public Hearing date with the City Council agenda materials on the website: <https://www.cityofokeechobee.com/AgendaMinutes-CityCouncil.html>.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video, or items to the **Council** in support or opposition to any item on the agenda, a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records. **ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the **Council** with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office no later than five (5) business days before proceedings, 863.763.9814. Vision, speech, or hearing impaired, call Florida Relay Service 7-1-1.

By: City Clerk Lane Gamiotea, CMC
49567 LON 10/7/2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Affordable Secure Storage-LaBelle, LLC, will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: 5775 FL-80, LaBelle, FL 33935 on October 31, 2026 at or after 11:00 a.m.

Tenant Name:

Susie Gilbert General Description of Property: Household Items

Tenant Name:

Daniel Gallegos General Description of Property: Household Items

The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Affordable Secure Storage-LaBelle, LLC, may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.
49505 HEND 10/7,14/2026

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 26000042CAAXMX

FLAGSTAR BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,

VS.

GONZALO FLORES; et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Gonzalo Flores
Last Known Residence: 103 W Esperanza Ave
Clewiston, FL 33440

TO: Karla Aldana
Last Known Residence: 103 W Esperanza Ave
Clewiston, FL 33440

TO: Unknown tenant# 1
Last Known Residence: 103 W Esperanza Ave
Clewiston, FL 33440

TO: Unknown tenant #2
Last Known Residence: 103 W Esperanza Ave
Clewiston, FL 33440

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in HENDRY County, Florida:

LOTS 1, 2 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 3, IN BLOCK 138 OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF CLEWISTON, FLORIDA, AS REVISED SEPTEMBER 7, 1937, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 71-78, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALDRIDGE PITE, LLP, Plaintiff's attorney, at 401 W. Linton Blvd. Suite 202-B Delray Beach, FL 33444, on or before November 9, 2026, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

Dated on September 23, 2026.

Kimberly Barrineau
As Clerk of the Circuit Court

Torie Logue
Deputy Clerk

49495 HEND 10/7,14/2026

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

To: DESTINY Y. PORTER
Case: CD202510526/D 3524566
An Administrative Complaint to revoke your license(s) and eligibility for licensure has been filed against you. You have the right to request a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, by mailing a request for same to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Licensing, Post Office Box 5708 Tallahassee, Florida 32314-5708. If a request for hearing is not received by 21 days from the date of the last publication, the right to hearing in this matter will be waived and the Department will dispose of this cause in accordance with law.
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Public Notice

GROVE COMMUNITY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING
& REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Grove Community District (the "District") will hold a Landowners' Meeting and Regular Board Meeting at **2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as can be heard, on November 3, 2026**, in a Conference Room of the South Florida Water Management District located at 316 NW 5th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

The primary purpose of the Landowners' Meeting is to elect three (3) Supervisors for the District. The purpose of the Regular Board Meeting is to conduct any business to come before the Board. Copies of the Agendas for these meetings may be obtained from the District's website or by contacting the District Manager at 561-630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least five (5) days prior to the date of these meetings.

From time to time one or more Supervisors may participate in the Regular Board Meeting by telephone; therefore, at the location of the meeting there will be a speaker telephone present so that interested persons can attend the meeting at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by telephone communication. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law for community districts. The meetings may be continued as found necessary to a time and place specified on the record.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at these meetings, such person will need a record of the proceedings and such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at his or her own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations or an interpreter to participate at these meetings should contact the District Manager at 561-630-4922 and/or toll free at 1-877-737-4922 at least seven (7) days prior to the date of these particular meetings.

Meetings may be cancelled from time to time without advertised notice.

Grove Community District

www.groved.org
49406 LON 10/7,14/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-134
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3592** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-090-2304-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: **Marie Molliere and Tatiana C. Molliere**

Lot 10, Block 2304, of Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, page 144, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF SECOND LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND
ELECTION AND MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE LAKEFRONT ESTATES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given to the public and all landowners within Lakefront Estates Community Development District ("District"), comprising approximately of 525 acres and located within Glades County, Florida, advising that a meeting of landowners will be held for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to the District's Board of Supervisors ("**Board**", and individually, "**Supervisor**"). Immediately following the landowners' meeting there will be convened a meeting of the Board for the purpose of considering certain matters of the Board to include election of certain District officers, and other such business which may properly come before the Board.

DATE: November 3, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: 27182 State Road 78
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

Each landowner may vote in person or by written proxy. Proxy forms may be obtained upon request at the office of the District Manager, Special District Services, Inc., 2501 A Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410, (561) 630-4922 ("**District Manager's Office**"). At said meeting each landowner or his or her proxy shall be entitled to nominate persons for the position of Supervisor and cast one vote per acre of land, or fractional portion thereof, owned by him or her and located within the District for each person to be elected to the position of Supervisor. A fraction of an acre shall be treated as one acre, entitling the landowner to one vote with respect thereto. Platted lots shall be counted individually and rounded up to the nearest whole acre. The acreage of platted lots shall not be aggregated for determining the number of voting units held by a landowner or a landowner's proxy. At the landowners' meeting the landowners shall select a person to serve as the meeting chair and who shall conduct the meeting.

The landowners' meeting and the Board meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. One or both of the meetings may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at such meeting. A copy of the agenda for these meetings may be obtained from the District Manager's Office. There may be an occasion where one or more supervisors will participate by telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations to participate in these meetings is asked to contact the District Manager's Office, at least 48 hours before the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

A person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that such person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

District Manager

LAKEFRONT ESTATES COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 502026CP004032XXXANB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
SARA RUTH VAN ANTWERP,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)

TO: Gabriella Harris
(Addresses Unknown)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Administration has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address is: Scott R. Bugay, Law Offices of Scott R. Bugay, P.A., 2501 Hollywood Blvd. Suite 206, Hollywood, FL 33020 on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.
DATED September 10, 2026
48917 PB 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 50-2026-CP-004178-XXA-SB Division IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ANTHONY P. VAINIERI
a/k/a **ANTHONY P. VAINIERI, SR.**,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ANTHONY P. VAINIERI a/k/a ANTHONY P. VAINIERI, SR., deceased, whose date of death was January 21, 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, 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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
ALICE B. NEWMAN, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 02736580
Law Offices of Alice B. Newman PLLC
2255 Glades Road, Suite 324 Atrium
Boca Raton, Florida 33431
Telephone: (561) 482-0680
E-mail Addresses: alice@alicenewman.com
service@alicenewman.com
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Personal Representative:
VALERIE HUTTLE
485 Highway Road
Englewood, NJ 07631

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID #2026-02

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Clewiston at City Hall, Attention: City of Clewiston Water System Infrastructure Improvements Project, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440 until **Thursday November 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.** The Bids will be opened immediately following the bid submittal deadline at City Hall.

Questions will be accepted until **Monday November 2, 2026, at 3:00 PM** via email request to fransheska.berrios@clewiston-fl.gov.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting location will be at City Hall, 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston FL.

The project is titled City of Clewiston Water System Infrastructure Improvements Project. The Work to be done under this Contract consists of the extension of a City of Clewiston water main pipeline from the City of Clewiston Water Treatment Plant (WTP) to the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 (US 27) and Lewis Boulevard. The goal of this project is to improve water service in the Harlem community and to provide water service for future planned developments within the City's service area.

This project includes the installation of 16" PVC, DIP, and HDPE water main pipelines along Lewis Boulevard, 13th Street, Della Tobias Avenue, 7th Street, and Georgia Avenue via open cut installation and horizontal directional drill installations. This project also includes the installation of air release valves, gate valve, fire hydrants, flushing stations, and other water pipeline appurtenances; connections to the City's existing water system; and restoration of all areas impacted, including but not limited to roadways, sidewalks, landscaping, hardscaping, fences, swales, stormwater facilities, culverts, and mitered end sections.

All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with the plans, specifications, and contract documents pertaining thereto, which may be examined at the City of Clewiston Clerk's Office, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. Electronic copies can be provided via email request at fransheska.berrios@clewiston-fl.gov.

Required Bonds

Bid Bond: A certified check or cashier's check on a National or State Bank or a bid bond in a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, made payable to the City of Clewiston, shall accompany each bid as a guarantee that the bidder will not withdraw from the competition after opening of the bids, and in the event the contract is awarded to the bidder, he will enter into contract and furnish the required performance and payment bonds, failing which, he shall forfeit the bid deposit as liquidated damages.

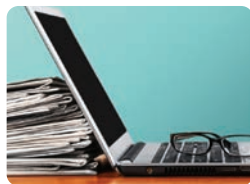
Performance and Payment Bonds: The performance and payment bonds shall be executed by a fully authorized surety, acceptable to the owner and licensed by the State of Florida.

The owner reserves the right to hold all bids for one hundred and eighty (180) days and to reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors and informalities, or to accept the bid in its judgment that serves the owner.

Danny Williams, City Manager
City of Clewiston, Florida

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2026-CP-122

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DONALD LEWIS KALIN
A.K.A. **DONALD L. LEWIS** and **DONALD KALIN**,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Donald Lewis Kalin, deceased, who was found dead on June 29, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF 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, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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

NOT WITHSTANDING 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Steven C. Spence, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 85444
PO Box 2369
LaBelle, FL 33975
scspence@spencelegal.com
admin@spencelegal.com
Phone: 863-675-5776
Fax: 239-931-0541
49322 HEND 9/30,10/7/2026

Personal Representative:
Nicole Dawn Butler
27 McLean Rd.
Chapman, ME 04757

Hendry County

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING AND ELECTION CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Landowners' Meeting and Election of the Central County Water Control District (the "District") will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**, at the District Office, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33470, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

VOTING: Voting for the election of Supervisors for Seat 1 and Seat 5 will be conducted from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Landowners' Meeting will immediately follow the close of voting at 12:00 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY: Only landowners of record within the District whose assessments for the previous year have been paid are entitled to vote in the election. Each landowner shall be allowed one vote for each acre of land or fractional part thereof owned by the landowner within the District.

PURPOSE: The election will be conducted to elect one Supervisor to Seat 1 for a term of four years and one Supervisor to Seat 5 for a term of four years. The Annual Landowners' Meeting will be held for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Dated this October 2, 2026.

By Order of the Board of Supervisors
Central County Water Control District
49827 LON/Hendry 10/07/2026

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File Number 2026CP000153

IN RE: ESTATE OF
JOYCE J. CLERICUZIO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOYCE J. CLERICUZIO, deceased, whose date of death was July 10, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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 STATUTE §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 ss. 732.216-732.228, 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.

The date of first publication of this Notice is September 30, 2026.

KENNETH A. NORMAN, Esquire
Attorney for Personal Representative
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49303 LO 9/30,10/7/2026

JILL HOLCOMB,
Personal Representative
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Okeechobee, FL 34973

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-118 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4656** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-100-2375-0500**
Name In Which Assessed: **William D. Lynch**

Lot 50, Block 2375, of Port LaBelle Unit 10, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502026CP003295XXXAMB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DOUGLAS BAYNE BRADLEY III,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DOUGLAS BAYNE BRADLEY III, Deceased, whose date of death was April 1, 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.

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 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott R. Bugay, Esquire Florida Bar No. 5207 2501 Hollywood Blvd. Suite 206 Hollywood, FL 33020 Telephone: (954)767-3399 Fax: (305) 945-2905 Primary Email: Scott@srblawyers.com Secondary Email: Jennifer@srblawyers.com 49259 PB 9/30,10/7/2026	Personal Representative KATHLEEN BRADLEY
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-131
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3340** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-060-2339-0230**
Name In Which Assessed: Marcia
McLawrence-Thompson

Lot 23, Block 2339, Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the Plat or map thereof described in Plat Book 3, at page (s) 109, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48851 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502026CP003950XXXANB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
PAT A CANTORE a/k/a PATRICK A CANTORE
a/k/a PATSY A CANTORE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PAT A. CANTORE, a/k/a PATRICK A CANTORE a/k/a PATSY A CANTORE, Deceased, whose date of death was July 10, 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.

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 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott R. Bugay, Esquire Florida Bar No. 5207 2501 Hollywood Blvd. Suite 206 Hollywood, FL 33020 Telephone: (954) 767-3399 Fax: (305) 945-2905 Primary Email: Scott@srblawyers.com Secondary Email: Jennifer@srblawyers.com 49353 PB 9/30,10/7/2026	Personal Representative WILMA CANTORE
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-128
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3258** Year: **2023**
Description: **4-10-43-29-080-2283-0300**
Name In Which Assessed: Maria Zoraida L. Tan and
Joseph Geary T. Guerra

Lot 30, Block 2283, of Port LaBelle Unit 8, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 131, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48845 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026CP004073
Division IZ

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CLARETHA CODRINGTON,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CLARETHA CODRINGTON, deceased, whose date of death was APRIL 22, 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.

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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN S. 733.702 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 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, 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.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 7, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Brittini T. Feldenkreis, Esq. FELDENKREIS LAW, PLLC 4440 PGA Blvd., Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 FL. BAR NO.: 97903 (T): 561-444-8353 (E-MAIL): btfaw@gmail.com btf@feldenkreislaw.com (secondary) 49344 PB 10/7,14/2026	Personal Representative: Gwendolyn Codrington 8560 Butler Greenwood Drive Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-126
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3074** Year: **2023**
Description: **4-10-43-29-070-2210-0240**
Name In Which Assessed: Diogenes Vazquetelles and
Jeanette Surita and Meagan E. Vazquetelles

Lot 24, Block 2210, of Port LaBelle Unit 7, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 116, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48843 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2026-CP-003880
Division: IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SHAUN DENNIS MCCULLERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Shaun Dennis McCullers, File No. 502026CP003880XXXAMB, deceased, whose date of death was September 13, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 North Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Krystal Reyes, Esq. FL Bar No. 1028024 The Probate Pro, a Division of Darren Findling Law Firm, PLC 3300 W Lake Mary Blvd., Suite 310 Lake Mary, Florida 32746 Phone: 407-559-5480 Email: kreyes@theprobatepro.com 49159 PB 9/30,10/7/2026	Personal Representative: Michael V. M. Baxter 420 Columbia Drive Ste. 110 West Palm Beach, FL 33409-1986
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-123
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4391** Year: **2021**
Description: **4-10-43-29-120-2506-0180**
Name In Which Assessed: Madge C. Henry and
Linda M. Henry

Lot 18, Block 2506, of Port LaBelle Unit 12, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, of the Public Records Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48841 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2026000013CPAXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHARLENE SUE ARMSTRONG KING,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Charlene Sue Armstrong King, deceased, File Number: 2026000013CPAXMX, whose date of death was December 6, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd St, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons 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 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Facsimile: 407.422.3291
Email: jhogan@hoganlegal.com
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Personal Representative:
Robert Armstrong
1509 Seabiscuit Drive
Granbury, TX 76049

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-130
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3314** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-060-2193-0140**
Name In Which Assessed: Arthur G. Germaine and Gwendolyn E. Germaine

Lot 14, Block 2193, of Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
48850 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 2026-CP-004200
Division: IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
T. JACK GARY, III, a/k/a Theophilus Jack Gary, III,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of T. JACK GARY, III, deceased, whose date of death was July 4, 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, 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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KOCHMAN & ZISKA, PLC
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(561) 802-8960
E-Mail: RKochman@FloridaWills.com
49154 PB 9/30,10/7/2026

Personal Representative:
MICHAEL GARY
12830 Briarlake Drive, E-102
West Palm Beach, FL 33418

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-127
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3252** Year: **2023**
Description: **4-10-43-29-080-2280-0370**
Name In Which Assessed: Felipe Jose Chiriboga

Lot 37, Block 2280, of Port LaBelle Unit 8, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 131, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
48844 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 50-2026-CP-001556-XXXX-SB

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
HOWARD A. BERKLEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Howard A. Berkley, deceased, File Number: 50-2026-CP-001556-XXXX-SB, whose date of death was June 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 200 West Atlantic Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 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 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 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Dianne@craigdonoffpa.com
49103 PB 9/30,10/7/2026

Personal Representative:
JEFFREY S. BERKLEY
402 Northwood Drive
Orange, CT 06477

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-125
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3011** Year: **2023**
Description: **4-10-43-29-060-2194-0110**
Name In Which Assessed: Manuel J. Calderon and Elsie R. Calderon

Lot 11, Block 2194, of Port LaBelle Unit 6, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 109, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

Kimberley Barrineau
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
48842 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 502026CP003718XXXANB

IN RE: ESTATE OF
DIANE SHAPIRO,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DIANE SHAPIRO, Deceased, whose date of death was June 30, 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.

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 people 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 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 September 30, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Personal Representative
LISA KANOF

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-122
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **1599** Year: **2021**
Description: **1-32-42-29-A00-0011-0100**
Name In Which Assessed: T. Duke, LLC

Beginning 30 feet East and 210 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter; thence East 150 feet; thence North 250 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence South 250 feet to the Point of Beginning, being in Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026000075CPAXMX

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARIE-CLAIRE POTVIN LAPOINTE,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Marie-Claire Potvin Lapointe, deceased, whose date of death was May 3, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd St, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons 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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Long H. Duong Attorney Florida Bar Number: 11857 11 NW 33rd Court Gainesville, FL 32607 Telephone: (352) 371-2670 Fax: (866) 440-9154 E-Mail: long@ldlegal.com 49321 LON 10/7,14/2026	Personal Representative: Stephane Lapointe 886 Belair Street Ste-Therese, CA-QC J7E 4R8
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-121
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **5642** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-120-2497-0110**
Name In Which Assessed: **Cherrielin E. Thomas and Gary A. Escoffery**

Lot 11, Block 2497, of Port LaBelle Unit 12, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48836 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2026-CP-004580 XXXA NB
Division IA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
ARMEN GNEPP,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of ARMEN GNEPP, deceased, whose date of death was April 6, 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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Juanita Solis JUANITA SOLIS Florida Bar Number: 1018205 JECK HARRIS 790 Juno Ocean Walk, Suite 600 Juno Beach, FL 33408 Telephone: (561) 746-1002 Fax: (561) 775-0270 E-Mail: jsolis@jeckharris.com Secondary E-Mail: eservice@jeckharris.com 49779 PB 10/7,14/2026	Personal Representative: /s/ Stephen M. Zaloom STEPHEN M. ZALOOM 790 Juno Ocean Walk, Suite 600 Juno Beach, Florida 33408
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-119
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4909** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-110-2433-0670**
Name In Which Assessed: **Hyacinth Davis Hicks**

Lot 67, Block 2433, of Port LaBelle Unit 11, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 29, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48826 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026CP004405
Division IA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BARBARA B. ROGERS,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of BARBARA B. ROGERS, deceased, whose date of death was July 29, 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.

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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Brittini T. Feldenkreis, Esq. FELDENKREIS LAW, PLLC 4440 PGA Blvd., Suite 600 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 FL. BAR NO.: 97903 (T): 561-444-8353 (E-MAIL):btflaw@gmail.com btfl@feldenkreislaw.com (secondary) 49559 PB 10/7,14/2026	Personal Representative: STEPHANIE CRAMER 1000 The American Road, Unit 240 Morris Plains, NJ 07950
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-117
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4572** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-100-2368-0050**
Name In Which Assessed: **Rudolph H. Smith**

Lot 5, Block 2368, of Port LaBelle Unit 10, A subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 17, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48818 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 47-2026-CP-000111

IN RE: The Estate of
DENISE WHITE,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of DENISE WHITE, Deceased, whose date of death was February 10, 2026, and whose last four digits of her social security number is 1359, Case Number 47-2026-CP-000111, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 7, 2026.

FRANK H. FEE, IV. Esquire of FEE, YATES & FEE, PLLC Attorney for Personal Representative 400 NW 2nd Street Okeechobee, Florida 34972 Telephone: (863)763-3131 Florida Bar No. 0576921 Primary Email: hfee@feeyateslaw.com Secondary Email: dwalpole@feeyateslaw.com 49556 LON 10/7,14/2026	SAMANTHA MARIE WHITE Personal Representative
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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
FILE #25-115
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **5145** Year: **2019**
Description: **4-10-43-29-120-2469-0070**
Name In Which Assessed: **Sydney Gordon and Muriel E. Gordon**

Lot 7, Block 2469, of Port LaBelle Unit 12, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 42, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

48812 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026	Kimberley Barrineau Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida By: Debra Wolfe, Deputy Clerk
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Administration of Estates**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 47-2026-CP-000151**

IN RE: The Estate of
BEVERLY ANN MARSHALL,
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of BEVERLY ANN MARSHALL, Deceased, whose date of death was July 17, 2026, and whose last four digits of her social security number is 1970, Case Number 47-2026-CP-000151, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Court & Comptroller, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 7, 2026.

FRANK H. FEE, IV. Esquire of
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Attorney for Personal Representative
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49432 LON 10/7,14/2026

BRIDGET ANN DENSON
Personal Representative

Administration of Estates**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2026-CP-003281-XXXXA-NB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MIGUEL LUCIANO CAPELLAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Miguel Luciano Capellan, deceased, whose date of death was April 29, 2026, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N. Dixie Highway, 3rd Floor, Room 3.2300, 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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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E-Mail: andy@ponnocklaw.com
49404 PB 10/7,14/2026

Personal Representative:
Heriberta Diaz
2804 Richmond Terrace
Staten Island, NY 10303

Administration of Estates**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 50-2026-CP-003871-XXXXA-MB**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DAVID GORDON GOLDSTEIN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of David Gordon Goldstein, deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 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.

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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 October 7, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Personal Representative:
Valerie J. Crown
9261 Mercato Way
Naples, FL 34108

Administration of Estates**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NUMBER: 50-2026-CP-000980-XXXXA-NB
DIVISION: IZ**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MILDRED BAILEY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Mildred Bailey, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Palm Beach County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 205 N Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is October 7, 2026.

Attorney for
Personal Representative:
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Fla. Bar No. 013201
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Personal Representative:
Ruby Jean Terrell
592 Green Spring Place
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

LABELLE THINGS TO DO**Chess Club meets at
Barron Library**

LABELLE — The Chess Club meets on Mondays from 5-6:30 p.m. at Barron Library, 461 N Main St. For information, call 863-675-0833.

Falling for the Arts

LABELLE — Arts of the Inland Gallery, 471 N Lee St., will hold their annaual art gala on Saturday, **Oct. 10** at 5-8 p.m. Events include live music by the Cordials Barbershop Quartet, silent auction, auto show, food and drinks.

FCT presents 'Matt & Ben'

LABELLE — The Firehouse Community Theatre, 241 Bridge

St., will present "Matt & Ben" on Friday, **Oct. 9** and Saturday, **Oct. 10** at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, **Oct. 11** at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at firehousecommunitytheatre.org/. For information, call 863-675-3066 and leave a message.

**Shop Downtown
Fall Festival planned**

LABELLE — The Shop Downtown Fall Festival will be on Saturday, **Oct. 31** at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barron Park, 1559 De Soto Ave. Events include Trunk-or-Treat, local vendors, food trucks, and children's costume contest. For information, go to downtownlabelle.com.

**Paws Pumpkins & Muddy
Mutts scheduled**

LABELLE — The Paws, Pumpkins & Muddy Mutts will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 17**. The K9 X Games and Luring Course is at 8 to 11 a.m. followed by the Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grassy Run Ranch, 3133 Dixie Road. There will be fun filled events for the whole family. For information and to sign up for the Sign up for the Muddy Obstacle Run and Luring Course at: runsignup.com/Race/FL/Labelle/KXGamesMuddyMutts. Get your Fall Festival Tickets at: givebutter.com/fallfestival. Proceeds benefit the Big Cypress German Shepherd Rescue.

Love Unleashed Gala planned

LABELLE — The Caloosa Human Society will celebrate their 25th anniversary with the Love Unleashed Gala on Saturday, **Oct. 10** at 5 p.m. at the LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W Hickpochee Ave. For information, visit caloosahumanesociety.org/

**Woman's Club to hold
Bingo Night**

LABELLE — LaBelle Woman's Club, 382 W Hickpochee Ave., will hold bingo on Friday, **Oct. 16**, the doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. For information, visit labellewomansclub.org or call 863-228-0551.

Administration of Estates

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No.: 50-2026-CP-004272XXA-NB
Division: 1A

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
AMALIA H. LUEDER,
Deceased.

NOTICE OF TRUST

AMALIA H. LUEDER, a resident of Boca Raton, Palm Beach County, Florida, who died on June 28, 2026, was the grantor of a trust entitled: SECOND AMENDMENT TO AND RESTATEMENT OF THE AMALIA H. LUEDER REVOCABLE TRUST DATED DECEMBER 9, 2003, AS AMENDED, which is a trust described in Florida Statutes Section 733.707(3) and is liable for the expenses of the administration of the decedent's estate and enforceable claims of the decedent's creditors to the extent the decedent's estate is insufficient to pay them, as provided in Florida Statutes Section 733.607(2).

The name and address of the trustee are set forth below. The clerk shall file and index this notice of trust in the same manner as a caveat, unless there exists a probate proceeding for the grantor's estate in which case this notice of trust must be filed in the probate proceeding and the clerk shall send a copy to the personal representative.

Signed on this 20th day of August, 2026.
LISA P. MCGOVERN, Trustee
MICHAEL J. SWAN, ESQ.
Michael.swan@lowndes-law.com
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Parental Rights

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 20TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GLADES COUNTY
CASE NO. 25-18-DP

IN THE INTEREST OF:
T.W.M., DOB: 10/7/2025,
E.R.M., DOB: 10/7/2025
MINOR CHILDREN /

NOTICE OF ACTION
TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

TO: Melissa Bryant-Ramos, address unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the State of Florida, Department of Children and Families, has filed a Petition to terminate your parental rights and permanently commit the following child for adoption: T.W.M. born on 10/7/2025, and E.F.M. born on 10/7/2025. You are hereby commanded to appear on November 16, 2026, at 1:30 PM in person before the Honorable Cynthia Pivacek at the Hendry Courthouse, 25 E Hickpochee Avenue Courtroom 3 LaBelle, FL 33935, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Dawn Oliver, Court Operations Manager, whose office is located at the Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East 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.

WITNESS, my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this. 14th day of September, 2026.

BY: Kimberly Barrineau
Clerk of Court
49086 LON/Glades 09/30; 10/ 7, 14, 21/2026

Notice to Creditors

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE NINETEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF
File No. 26-CP-000122

ROBERT JOSEPH FILL a/k/a ROBERT J. FILL,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Ancillary Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of ROBERT JOSEPH FILL a/k/a ROBERT J. FILL, deceased, File Number 26-CP-000122; by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Attn: Probate, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972; that the decedent's date of death was August 12, 2025; that the total value of the estate is \$0.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name	Address
Creditors:	NONE
Beneficiaries:	Address
DANA COLLING	28001 W. 13 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
JOHN FILL	4112 W. Swann Ave. Tampa, FL 33609
TIMOTHY FILL	13238 Gilbert Rd. Riley, MI 48041
DANIEL FILL	8804 Oakville-Waltz Willis, MI 48191

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, 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
September 30, 2026

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: Person Giving Notice:

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49088 LON 09/30; 10/07/2026

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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2026TD105

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

Certificate No: 217 Year of Issuance: 2024
Description of Property: LOT F OF TRACT 4 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 4, SECTION 14 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1-14-34-33-0A00-00004-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
BARBARA BAHADUR
RAJESH JAGHAI

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at 10:00 A.M., on the 29th day of October, 2026 at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48289 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2026TD101

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

Certificate No: 442 Year of Issuance: 2024
Description of Property: LOT J OF TRACT 12 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12, SECTION 21 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1-21-34-33-0A00-00012-J000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
MARIE GUERLINE PAUL

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at 10:00 A.M., on the 29th day of October, 2026 at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48283 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2026TD100

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

Certificate No: 435 Year of Issuance: 2024
Description of Property: LOT B OF TRACT 7 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 7, SECTION 21 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1-21-34-33-0A00-00007-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
MARIE JESULA DUVESTE
MARC DUVESTE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at 10:00 A.M., on the 29th day of October, 2026 at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48281 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2026TD099

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

Certificate No: 402 Year of Issuance: 2024
Description of Property: LOT B OF TRACT 21 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 20 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE NORTH 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

1-20-34-33-0A00-00021-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
GARY MEHU
MARIE MEHU

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at 10:00 A.M., on the 29th day of October, 2026 at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48280 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD098

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

Certificate No: **65** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **ALL OF LOT 0 OF TRACT 12 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12, SECTION 10 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-10-34-33-0A00-00012-1500
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
RICHARD G DIAMOND

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

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48279 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD103

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

Certificate No: **461** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 21 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 21 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-21-34-33-0A00-00021-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
**LOULOU JEAN
PATRICK ALCINOR
BERTILDE ALCINOR**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

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48287 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD104

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

Certificate No: **97** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 8 EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 8, SECTION 11 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00008-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
**PAUL J REMICK REV LIV TRUST
JOSEPH REMICK SR
THERESA R. REMICK, WIFE OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
MARK REMICK, SON OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
JOSEPH REMICK, SON OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
WALTER REMICK, SON OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
DENISE REMICK, DAUGHTER OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
KAREN WIESNER, STEP DAUGHTER OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
EUGENE BARTELL, STEP SON OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED
ELIZABETH BRADY, STEP DAUGHTER OF PAUL J. REMICK, DECEASED**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48288 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-113 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **2483** Year: **2019**
Description: **2-02-43-29-280-0000-0820**
Name In Which Assessed: **Verona A, LLC**

Lot 147, Section 1, LaBelle Ford Park Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

48810 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD107

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

Certificate No: **241** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 21 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 14 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE NORTH 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES.**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00021-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
ANDRE BUTLER

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48291 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD102

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

Certificate No: **459** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 21 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 21 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-21-34-33-0A00-00021-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed:
LOULOU JEAN

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

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48286 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-133 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3591** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-090-2302-0010**
Name In Which Assessed: **Micah Wagstaffe**

Lot 1, Block 2302, of Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, page 144, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

48856 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-132 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **LUXURY ESTATES REALTY & MGT 401K** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3577** Year: **2024**
Description: **4-10-43-29-090-2293-0030**
Name In Which Assessed: **Hans Erik Giebing and Elizabeth L. Molina Robles**

Lot 3, Block 2293, Port LaBelle Unit 9, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof recorded at Plat Book 3, page 144, in the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 **A.M.**, on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-120 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4922** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-110-2436-0060**
Name In Which Assessed: **Louis E. Donawa and Francisca V. Donawa**

Lot 6, Block 2436, of Port LaBelle Unit 11, a subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 23, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

48835 HEND 9/23,30; 10/7,14/2026

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED FILE #25-116 Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

Certificate No: **4488** Year: **2020**
Description: **4-10-43-29-100-2361-0220**
Name In Which Assessed: **Edwin L. Snyder and Janet O. Snyder**

Lot 22, Block 2361, of Port LaBelle Unit 10, a subdivision according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 4, page 17 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://hendry.realtaxdeed.com> at 11:00 A.M., on the Fifth Thursday in the month of October which is the 29th day of October, 2026.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.

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

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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD106

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

Certificate No: **240** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT O OF TRACT 19 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 19, SECTION 14 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES.**

1-14-34-33-0A00-00019-0000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida Name in which assessed:
DILMA G ORTIZ

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
48290 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

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Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD109

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Certificate No: **323** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT M OF TRACT 21 WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 21, SECTION 16 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-16-34-33-0A00-00021-M000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida Name in which assessed:

**JOESPH W KOOK
GIRARD T KOOK
HEIRS OF GIRARD T KOOK, DECEASED
HEIRS OF THEODORE C KOOK, DECEASED
HEIRS OF PAUL F KOOK, DECEASED
RITA HARNING**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder by electronic sale at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **29th day of October, 2026** at www.okeechobee.realforeclose.com, or any subsequently scheduled sale date.
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48293 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

Tax Deeds

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2026TD108

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Certificate No: **307** Year of Issuance: **2024**
Description of Property: **LOT G OF TRACT 12 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 12, SECTION 16 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3-3E, INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

1-16-34-33-0A00-00012-G000

Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida Name in which assessed:

**KENIA MARTINEZ CRUZ
ELIZABETH OLSEN
LESA ANN MAY OLSEN
EDWARD R. OLSEN
THOMAS P. OLSEN, DECEASED
MARK D. OLSEN
JAMES OLSEN
DANIEL L. OLSEN, DECEASED**

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48292 LON 9/16,23,30,10/7/2026

CLEWISTON THINGS TO DO

Clewiston Library to host special events

CLEWISTON — The Clewiston Library will host the following events: 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 Health-care, 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.

Monthly 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. LLHendryCounty@gmail.com or call 863-612-6264.

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