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## Bellevue Utility Rates See First Rise in Years

During a recent public hearing, the Bellevue City Commission approved Ordinance 2024-15 on final reading, adjusting water and sewer user rates to support infrastructure expansion and debt repayment. According to city officials, millage rates have remained unchanged for seven years, while water rates have not increased in approximately four years.

The increase amounts to an additional \$3.00 per 4,000 gallons of usage. During the hearing, city officials indicated that Bellevue is still more than \$5.00 less than neighboring Ocala for that same amount.

Bellevue's City Finance Director provided background on the decision, explaining that a "utility revenue sufficiency study", presented by a third party on October 1, 2024, assessed the city's revenue needs for the next six years. The study recommended gradual rate increases to cover operational costs, capital improvements, and debt service obligations. As part of the changes, the Commission also approved switching monthly billing calculations from a per-1,000-gallon model to a per-gallon model to simplify reporting and improve transparency for residents.

During the public hearing, an Autumn Glen resident, who recently relocated to Bellevue from Philadelphia, spoke in opposition to the rate increases, representing concerns from himself and other residents. The resident told commissioners that higher water bills would discourage others from moving to Bellevue.

Commissioner Bo Smith said that he did not like the idea of raising any rates but pointed out that millage rates had remained unchanged for seven years, while water rates had not increased in approximately four years. He explained that due to consistently rising costs, the rate increase was unavoidable.

An independent audit of municipal utility rates across Florida, conducted by the *Voice* in 2023, found that Bellevue's water rates were among the lowest in the state. The audit surveyed several municipalities with similarly small populations, including Frostproof, Dade City, Clewiston, and others. At the time of the audit, Bellevue's rates were the lowest.

Bellevue's Finance Director further clarified the financial aspects, noting that the city secured a \$6 million loan at zero percent interest for a new water well, with \$3 million forgiven. For the sewer plant expansion, Bellevue obtained a \$30 million loan, with \$10 million forgiven and the remaining \$20 million carrying a minimal 0.034% interest rate.

A motion to approve Ordinance 2024-15 was made by Commissioner Ron Livsey and seconded by Commissioner Ray Dwyer. The ordinance passed unanimously with affirmative votes from Commissioners Dwyer, Livsey, Smith, and Mayor Dobkowski.

## Bellevue Home Catches Fire Twice in One Night



### State Investigating Fire's Cause

A Bellevue home caught fire twice in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 4. Marion County Fire Rescue initially controlled flames by 2:25 AM, but the fire reignited hours later, damaging 50% of the home. The cause remains under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office. (Photo by Marion County Fire Rescue. More on Page 10 of this week's *Voice*.)

## Rotarians Deliver \$500 and a Mountain of Cans



### Ocklawaha Pantry Stocked Up Thanks to Rotarians' Generous Drive

Pictured above, Rich and Kate Tapia, from the Village of Tierra del Sol South, recently presented a \$500 donation to Sharon Brewer Davis of the Community of Gratitude Food Pantry in Ocklawaha. The Rotarians also donated over 500 pounds of canned goods collected during their food drive. Staff and volunteers gather to celebrate the contribution.



# Letters & Opinions

Amendment 1 - "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press ... or the right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Viewpoints expressed are not necessarily shared by The Voice of South Marion.

## A Moment for Unity or Division? The Stakes of the Upcoming Presidential Inauguration

As the calendar flips to a new year, the anticipation surrounding the upcoming presidential inauguration is palpable. Whether you view it as a moment of hope, a symbol of change, or simply a political formality, the swearing-in of a new president remains a defining event in the life of any nation. In the United States, this ceremony marks both the peaceful transfer of power and the beginning of a new chapter in the country's political narrative.

The inauguration's significance cannot be overstated. Historically, it has been a ceremonial occasion that allows the nation to pause, reflect on its values, and rally behind its new leader. The hope is that it provides a fresh start, an opportunity for citizens to collectively embrace a shared vision for the future.

A sizable portion of the population is ready for change, yearning

for a new direction under fresh leadership. In the months leading up to the inauguration, both sides have been marred by accusations of corruption, misinformation, and deep ideological divides.

In the midst of this atmosphere, the inaugural address will be critical. Historically, presidential speeches at such moments are opportunities to rise above partisan divides and offer a message of unity. Presidents from Abraham Lincoln to Franklin Roosevelt have used their inaugural addresses to speak to a nation at war or in crisis, attempting to bring people together with common purpose.

Could this inauguration offer something different? Could the president-elect seize this moment to model a type of leadership that transcends the politics of the day? Or will the ceremony serve as a reminder that we have never been more divided?

While the speech will inevitably grab the headlines, the inauguration is not just about the words of the incoming president. It's also about how the people respond. As spectators, we have the power to either perpetuate division or make a conscious choice to support the idea that the peaceful transfer of power—however imperfect—is one of the cornerstones of democracy.

One could argue that the very act of attending the inauguration, or following it with an open mind, might be a small but important step toward reuniting a fractured society. But this will require more than just a willingness to listen. It will require the humility to acknowledge that, no matter how deep our disagreements, we are all in this together. That, perhaps, is the most difficult challenge of all.

At its best, the presidential inauguration represents the nation's

capacity for renewal. It is an opportunity to embrace our ideals—democracy, liberty, justice—with renewed vigor. But in order for this moment to be one of national healing, we must first reckon with the very real divisions that have taken root in our society. This will take more than a speech or a ceremony—it will take a sustained effort from all sides to recognize that our differences are not an existential threat, but a challenge to be navigated with grace and courage.

As we approach the inauguration, let us not forget that the true measure of leadership is not just in the words spoken on the steps of the Capitol, but in the ability to turn those words into meaningful action.



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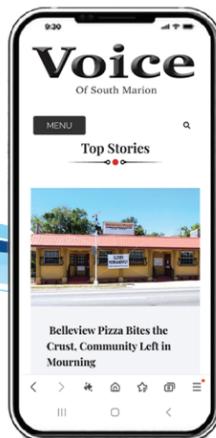
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*Voice of South Marion* readers are always invited to share thoughts and opinions on a wide range of topics. Whether you have a passionate perspective on local events, a response to recent articles, or simply want to express your views on the world around us, we welcome your letters and comments.

Please note that all submissions may be edited for length and content. In most instances, if your letter includes criticisms of private citizens, we will omit names to protect privacy. However, if your comments pertain to political figures or government officials. In such cases, names will be printed, particularly when the criticisms are directed at decisions that have a direct impact on government policy and public welfare.

# Police Report

## Animal Abuser Registry Awareness Month

January 2025 has been designated Animal Abuser Registry Awareness Month in Marion County, shining a spotlight on the county's efforts to protect animals through its Animal Abuser Registry Ordinance.

Established in 2016 and known as "Molly's Law," the registry is a public database maintained by Marion County Animal Services that lists individuals criminally convicted of animal abuse within the county. It aims to prevent repeat offenses by helping shelters, rescues, pet sellers, and the public avoid enabling known abusers.

Those convicted of crimes such as neglect, torture, abandonment, or unlawful confinement of animals are required to register after being adjudicated guilty. A first misdemeanor conviction results in a three-year listing, while a first felony conviction leads to five years on the registry. Subsequent offenses carry a 10-year listing.

Residents can help by reporting suspected animal cruelty to Marion County Animal Services at 352-671-8727 or the Marion County Sheriff's Office at 352-732-9111.

## Bellevue Police Department

### Lost Property

On 12/30/2024 at Wawa, 5726 SE Abshier Blvd, Bellevue, FL, Zander Decker reported losing his wallet at the location the previous day.

### Driving While License Suspended

On 12/30/2024 at the intersection of SE Babb Rd and SE 112th St, Bellevue, FL, Stephen Turner was arrested by Cpl. Hunt for driving while license suspended with a prior conviction.

### Trespass Warning

On 12/31/2024 at 3:59 AM at Wawa, 5726 SE Abshier Blvd, Bellevue, FL, Marcus Jimenez was issued a trespass warning by management.

### Trespass After Warning / Possession of Fentanyl

On 12/31/2024 at Wawa, 5726 SE Abshier Blvd, Bellevue, FL, Marcus Jimenez was arrested by Sgt. Esquivel for trespassing after warning and possession of fentanyl.

### Baker Act

On 12/31/2024 at SE 115th Pl, Bellevue, FL, a subject was placed under a Baker Act.

### DUI Property Damage, No Valid Driver's License

On 12/31/2024 at 8:14 PM at CVS, 5800 SE Abshier Blvd, Bellevue, FL, Henry Santos Aguilar was arrested by Cpl. Harrington for driving under the influence with property damage and no valid driver's license following a traffic crash.

### Petit Theft

On 01/03/2025 at My Car Wash, 9820 S US Hwy 441, Bellevue, FL, an unidentified white male committed petit theft by stealing three trash cans valued at \$50.00 each.

### Petit Theft

On 01/03/2025 in the 10600 block of S US Hwy 441, Bellevue, FL, an unknown woman committed petit theft by stealing a silver beach cruiser bicycle valued at \$150.00.

### Petit Theft

On 01/04/2025 at 7:13 PM at 11221 SE 54th Ave, Bellevue, FL, an unidentified person committed petit theft by stealing a white goat valued at \$300.00.

### Traffic Crash

On 01/05/2025 at approximately 1:00 AM at 11004 SE 56th Ave, Bellevue, FL, a single-vehicle traffic crash occurred when a grey Hyundai four-door struck a fence at the residence.

## Marion County Sheriff's Office

### Deputies Launch High-Visibility Patrols

If you're zipping along South U.S. Highway 441 or cruising SE Maricamp Road, you might notice more deputies than usual keeping a close eye on things—and for good reason. With an uptick in crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists, the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is rolling out High Visibility Enforcement Details (HVE) through May 9, 2025. The goal? Protect the county's most vulnerable road users before they become another grim statistic.

HVE operations, backed by a partnership between the University of North Florida and the Florida Department of Transportation, will focus on two traffic hotspots known for accidents:

S US Hwy 441 (SE 173rd Street to SE Hwy 42)  
SE Maricamp Road (Oak Road to SE 88th Street)

Traffic deputies will be part enforcer, part educator, reminding drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians about the rules of the road. While the focus is on public education, don't think you're off the hook—violations could still net you a warning or even a citation.

The MCSO is also offering a quick refresher for anyone feeling rusty about road safety:

Drivers: Stick to the speed limit, don't drive impaired, and keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists.

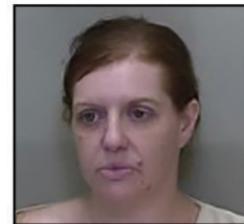
Bicyclists: Follow traffic laws, ride with the flow of traffic, and light up at night.

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## City of Belleview Seeks Residents for Planning & Zoning Board

The City of Belleview is calling on local residents to step up and play an active role in shaping the city's future by serving on its Planning & Zoning Board. This advisory body plays a crucial role in guiding the city's development by making key recommendations on zoning, planning, and land use decisions that affect Belleview's growth and character.

The Planning & Zoning Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM. During these meetings, members review zoning issues, variance requests, and special exceptions, offering recommendations to the City Commission that directly influence Belleview's development.

"Our Planning & Zoning Board is a vital part of how we involve our community in decision-making," said Mayor Christine Dobkowski. "It's not just about reviewing plans; it's about setting the vision for the future of Belleview. We're looking for residents who are passionate about our city's growth and want to help guide it in a way that aligns with our shared values and needs."

The City is seeking new members to join the Board, particularly those who are eager to contribute ideas and insights on how Belleview can grow responsibly. To qualify, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Belleview
- Be a registered voter
- Be current on City taxes

"Serving on the Planning & Zoning Board is an incredible opportunity to have a direct impact on Belleview's development," said City Clerk Mariah Moody. "The Board is where we address big ideas and transform them into practical solutions that guide everything from new developments to the preservation of the city's unique character. We encourage residents who care about the future of Belleview to apply."

The Board consists of five members and one alternate, all appointed by the City Commission. Members

serve staggered three-year terms, while the alternate serves a one-year term. In the event of a vacancy, the City Commission appoints a replacement to complete the term.

As an advisory body, the Planning & Zoning Board focuses on:

- Reviewing and recommending zoning changes
- Hearing and deciding variance and special exception requests
- Addressing long-term planning and development issues
- Ensuring that decisions align with the city's goals and the needs of the community

Members of the Board are subject to Florida's Sunshine Law, which ensures transparency and public accountability in the decision-making process. Financial disclosure forms are required upon appointment and annually thereafter.

### How to Apply

Residents interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Board can find application forms on the City of Belleview's website at [www.belleviewfl.org](http://www.belleviewfl.org).

"This is your opportunity to help shape how Belleview evolves," Mayor Dobkowski added. "We're looking for individuals who are ready to contribute to a future that reflects the values and vision of our community. Whether you're passionate about sustainable development, preserving our city's character, or planning for the future, your voice is needed."

City Clerk Moody encouraged residents to get involved, noting, "Civic engagement is essential for a thriving community. By joining the Planning & Zoning Board, you'll be making decisions that will impact Belleview for generations to come."

For more information, visit the City of Belleview's website or contact City Hall.

## LWH Band Boosters To Host Bunco Night

The Lake Weir High School Band Boosters are gearing up for an exciting evening of entertainment and fundraising at their Ultimate Bunco Night on March 22nd. The event, designed to support the school's band program, will be held at the Southeastern Livestock Pavilion Auditorium, located at 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd in Ocala. The fun-filled evening will feature Bunco, dinner, music, prizes, raffles, and a huge silent auction.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Lake Weir High School Band, helping cover essential expenses such as trips, uniforms, music, and equipment. Band Director Mr. Jennings is inviting the community to join in the fun and support this important cause.

Tickets for the Ultimate Bunco Night are available for \$25 each and can be purchased online at [simpletix.com](http://simpletix.com).

### What is Bunco?

For those unfamiliar with the game, Bunco is a lively and social dice game played in groups of four. Players take turns rolling three dice, aiming to score points by rolling a combination of numbers. A Baby Bunco occurs when a player rolls three of the same number, earning a small prize, while a Bunco is achieved when a player rolls three matching numbers in line with the target number for that round.

This event promises to be a great opportunity to have fun, win prizes, and support the talented students of Lake Weir High School's band program.

Don't miss out on the Ultimate Bunco Night—mark your calendars for March 22nd and get your tickets today!

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## Belleview Launches Homeschool Program

The City of Belleview is launching the "Homeschool Hub: Community Connection Series," a new monthly program designed to support local homeschool families. Beginning January 8, thru December 10, 2025, the series will take place on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Belleview Community Center.

The program aims to provide enriching educational experiences, foster social interaction, and strengthen community ties. Each session will feature a themed workshop or activity, a light lunch, and opportunities for children and parents to connect. Topics will range from STEM and art to civic engagement and nature exploration.

The program's role is to fill in gaps often left by traditional school settings. It offers homeschoolers a space for creativity, learning, and connection.

The 2025 schedule includes themes such as

Winter Science (Jan 8)

Art & Expression (Feb 12)

Civic Engagement (Mar 12)

Nature Exploration (Apr 9)

STEM Adventure (May 14)

Cultural Celebration (June 11)

Fitness & Sports (July 9)

Back-to-School Book Club (Aug. 13)

History & Heritage (Sept. 10)

Fall Harvest & Agriculture (Oct. 8)

Gratitude & Giving (Nov 12)

Winter Celebration & Year in Review (Dec 10)

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# 25 Years Ago

From the files of the Voice of South Marion

From the January 6, 2000 Issue Of The Voice



## Moose Donates Globe

Ocala Moose Chapter 1142 donated a globe to the Belleview Public Library recently. Pictured are Elaine Venton; Veronica Lent; Nancy Marroquin, Eric Marroquin, Rosalie Cauthen and Brandon Marroquin.



## Jumping for Joy

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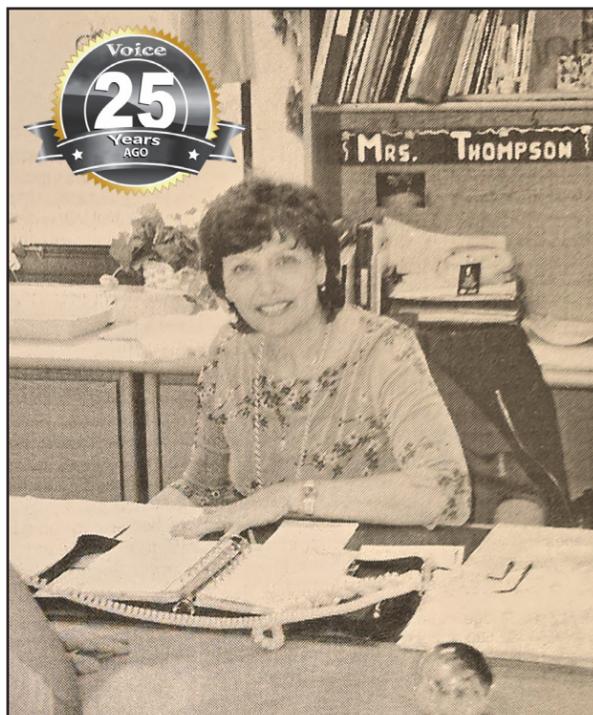
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 SUN: BIBLE STUDY - 9:15 A.M.  
 WORSHIP SERVICE - 10:30 A.M.  
 EVENING SERVICE - 5 P.M.  
 WED: FELLOWSHIP MEAL - 5:30 P.M.  
 PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY - 6:30 P.M.  
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**Catholic**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**  
 10670 SE Maricamp Road  
 Ocala, FL 34472  
 352-687-4031  
 Fax 352-687-1811  
 Pastor: Stephen Ogonwa  
 (Fr. Seno)  
 Masses: Weekdays - 8:30 a.m.  
 Saturday: 4 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8 am & 10:30 am  
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**St. Paul Catholic Church (PNCC)**  
 SE 112 Street & 53 Ct  
 Off US 441  
 Bellevue - 245-2061  
 Pastor: Rev. Fr. Mark Niznik  
 Sunday Mass - 9 & 11 a.m.  
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**St. Theresa Catholic Church**  
 11528 SE Hwy 301  
 245-2458  
 Pastor: Fr. Tom Connery  
 Masses:  
 Sat: 8:30 am, 4 pm  
 6 pm -Spanish  
 Sun: 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am  
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**Christian**  
**Bellevue Christian Church**  
 7149 C-25A,  
 Bellevue Fl, 34420  
 Minister: Elvin D. Harper  
 Sun Worship: 10:45 a.m.  
 Children's Church: 11:15 a.m.  
 Wed: Bible Study for all ages - 6:30 p.m.  
 Facebook Bellevue Christian Church  
[BellevueChristianChurch.org](http://BellevueChristianChurch.org)  
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**Christian Science**  
**First Church of Christ, Scientist**  
 209 SE 36th Avenue,  
 Ocala, FL 34471  
 694-2225  
 Sun. Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 Sun. School - 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed., Evening Testimony Meeting - 7:30 pm  
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 Wed. 6:30 - 7:15 pm.  
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[www.ChristianScientistOcala.org](http://www.ChristianScientistOcala.org)  
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**Congregational**  
**The Congregational Church**  
 15421 S. US Hwy 301  
 (1 mi north of CR 42)  
 Mailing address: PO Box  
 804 Summerfield, FL 34491  
 (352) 693-4545  
 Email: [congregationalch@gmail.com](mailto:congregationalch@gmail.com)  
 Website:  
[www.thecongregationalchurch.org](http://www.thecongregationalchurch.org)  
 Pastor Rev. Susan Moody  
 (352) 352-643-1121  
 Worship Service: 10 a.m.  
 Member NACCC  
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**Eastern Orthodox**  
**St. Basil the Great Orthodox Church**  
 5200 NE 29th Street  
 Silver Springs, FL 34488  
 (904) 463-4266  
[www.stbasil.info](http://www.stbasil.info)  
 Rev. Fr. Dimitri Leussis  
 Divine Liturgy: 10 am, Sunday  
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**St. Mark Greek Orthodox Church**  
 9926 SE 36th Ave.  
 Bellevue  
 245-0499  
[www.stmarksgoc.org](http://www.stmarksgoc.org)  
 Father Gabriel Gadah  
 Sunday -Matins 9:15 am:  
 Divine Liturgy -10 am  
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**Episcopal**  
**Episcopal Church of St. Mary**  
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 Bellevue  
 West of Hwy 441 via Babb Rd  
 (352) 347-6422  
 Holy Eucharist Sunday Service-  
 8:00 am, 9:15 am and 10:30 am  
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**Global Methodist**  
**Ocklawaha Community Church**  
 13333 County Road 25  
 Pastor: Tim Rasmussen  
 Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.  
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**Pentecostal**  
**Souls Harbor 1st Pentecostal Church**  
 12650 SE Hwy.. 484  
 Bellevue, FL 34420  
 352-245-3227  
[www.soulsharbor.org](http://www.soulsharbor.org)  
 Pastor: Jason Varnum  
 Bishop: James Varnum  
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**Presbyterian**  
**Weirsdale Presbyterian**  
 16303 SE 137 Court  
 off C-42 near C-25  
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 Phone 821-2757  
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**Silver Springs Shores Presbyterian**  
 674 Silver Road  
 352-687-1119  
 (across from Golf Course)  
 Pastor: Alan L. Cummings  
 Worship: 9:30 a.m.  
 SEED Childcare: M-F 6:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
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**Unity**  
**Positive, Progressive Christianity Unity Church of Ocala**

**101 Cedar Road Ocala, FL 34472 (Silver Springs Shores)**  
 Sunday Service- 10 am  
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 Website:  
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**Non Denominational**  
**Moss Bluff Church of Christ**  
 17310 SE 95th St. Rd.  
 Ocklawaha, 32179  
 Minister-Jeff Smith  
 352-812-6202  
 Sun. Morning Bible Study  
 10:00 am  
 Worship - 11:00 am  
 Wed. Evening Bible Study - 7pm  
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**New Bethel Community Church**  
 8780 SE 157th Place  
 Summerfield  
 (347-4001)  
 Pastor: Dr. Isaac Deas  
 Sunday service: 10 a.m.  
 Wed. - Bible Study, 7 p.m.  
[info@newbethelobh.com](mailto:info@newbethelobh.com)  
[Website: newbethelobh.com](http://Website:newbethelobh.com)  
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**The Garden Worship Center**  
 12740 SE County Hwy  
 484, Bellevue, FL 34420  
 352-245-0809  
[www.TheGardenWorship-Center.com](http://www.TheGardenWorship-Center.com)  
 Pastor: Norman Lee Schaffer  
 Worship: Sun: 9 a.m., and 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Jesus' words make it clear that when it comes to temptation and sin, you must take bold action. But you don't face this responsibility alone. Jesus gives you the keys to wisdom and protection.

Jesus equated lust with adultery, making it clear that lust is a deadly offense. Jesus stresses that lust is serious enough to take action on immediately.

In Jewish culture, the right hand or eye represents power and strength. What Jesus is saying is that even at your strongest, you can be vulnerable. He asks you to take immediate action so that you do not face deadly consequences.

You may think this doesn't apply to you, but don't be deceived—it does. You need to give up anything you have to, no matter what it is, in order to protect your heart, your body, your soul, your purity. And if it applies – your marriage.

The word for "stumble" is a word that was used to describe a bait stick that would spring a trap whenever an animal would touch it. The animal would get trapped. Jesus is saying that anything that might trap you or cause you to fall into sexual sin should be eliminated completely from your life.

Jesus uses a gross exaggeration to make a clear statement that whatever might be a stumbling block in your life, whatever could cause you to lust, must be eliminated. Go to someone, admit your struggle and get whatever help and accountability you need for support.

If you are viewing a TV series or movie which causes you to stumble, maybe reconsider your Netflix subscription. If you are looking at pornography, perhaps give your phone and computer passwords to a close friend. Ask them to regularly view your search history. Whatever you have to do to guard your heart and your mind, do it.

And don't be discouraged. You will be inundated with temptation to lust at multiple junctures each day. But you don't need to pretend like the temptation is not there. Your God is able to help you stand firm.

Jesus commanded you to take action and He has empowered you to do it. You have the Spirit of God living within you. You have the Word of God that helps keep your eyes always focused on the One who never leads you into temptation, and delivers you from evil.

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# Marion County Church News

## Bellevue Masonic Lodge Serves Up All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

If you're looking for a breakfast that satisfies both your appetite and your sense of community, mark your calendar for Saturday, January 11. From 8 to 11 a.m., the Bellevue Masonic Lodge, located at 5871 SE Baseline Rd, will host its monthly all-you-can-eat breakfast.

This month's special? Blueberry pancakes, alongside a buffet of scrambled eggs, eggs to order, sausage, bacon, biscuits and gravy, grits, and toast.

Proceeds benefit the Bellevue Lodge, so you can enjoy a hearty meal while supporting a good cause. Breakfast is served every second Saturday of the month—don't miss it!

## Community Meal Jan. 20

Peace Lutheran Church will be hosting a Community Meal, Monday January 20, 2025, from 4:30 to 6:30pm.

The menu includes Chili and Cornbread, Beverage and Dessert. The church is located on the Hill Hwy 40 and 41. All welcome, no charge.

## Moonlighters in Concert At Christ Lutheran Church

Imagine yourself transported back in time to the era of the 40's and 50's when the wonderful sound of live music filled the air with the sounds of Benny Goodman, Glen Miller and Tommy Dorsey, to name a few.

That's the music that the Moonlighters will be playing for you on Saturday January 25 at 3 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 15699 SE 80th Avenue, Summerfield.

The concert benefits Feed My Starving Children. Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered by calling Rosemary at 352-307-5952.

## First Baptist Life Groups

First Baptist Church of Bellevue, 6107 SE Agnew Rd, Bellevue. invites you to join them for Life Groups and Worship services every Sunday at 9:30 am with Worship service beginning at 10:45 am.

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## The Inspirations at College Road Baptist

The Inspirations, once again, will delight gospel music lovers on Thursday, January 23rd at College Road Baptist Church.

The Inspirations are considered one of the most important groups ever to sing and record southern gospel music. In over 60 years of continual ministry, they have sold over one million copies of over sixty albums.

The concert will be held on Thursday, January 23, at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

For more information, call the church at 352.237.5741 or 352.361.3756 or the events tab at [www.collegeroad.org](http://www.collegeroad.org).

College Road Baptist Church is located at 5010 SW College Road, Ocala, FL 34474, 1.7 miles west of I-75.

## Food Or Nought

By Daris Howard

My sweet Aunt Bea was a strong willed, determined woman. She was also kind, loving, and always helped anyone in need. In addition, she grew up during the Depression, and like most people who lived during that challenging time, she couldn't stand to see anything go to waste.

She lived alone, and one Monday evening I decided to take my family to visit her. When we arrived, she was busily pulling weeds in her garden.

When she saw us, she smiled and wiped the sweat from her face. "Well, I'll be," she said. "I just knew someone would come so I made extra food. Come in and have something to eat."

I laughed. She always made extra food. I have never been to her house and not had her want to feed me. She loved to cook, and everything she made was incredibly good.

"We're okay, Aunt Bea," I said. "We just had dinner." "I'm sure you can at least eat a bite of cake," she replied. "I have some that is a couple of days old, and I don't want it to go to waste."

I knew that we weren't going to get away without having some, so I said, "How about we give you a hand with your garden first?"

She nodded. "That would be nice." We helped weed her garden, and when we finished, we all went into the house and had some wonderful chocolate cake and some cold milk. We also enjoyed a great visit. As we were leaving, she wrapped up the last of the cake and handed it to me. "I don't want to throw this out. You take this with you so it all gets used up."

I thanked her, we all hugged her, and then we headed on our way. Only a couple of weeks later, I learned that Aunt Bea had fallen and was in the hospital. As I was trying to find out what happened and what hospital she was in, I learned that one of my paramedic friends had responded to the call.

"Can you tell me what happened?" I asked him. "As far as we could tell," David replied, "she was out working in her garden when she tripped over a garden hose, fell, and broke her hip. That was at about eight o'clock at night. No one was around to help her, so she scooted along on the ground all the way to the house. It took her until one o'clock in the morning to get into the kitchen where she pulled the phone down off of the counter and dialed 9-1-1."

"That must have been horrible painful for her," I said. "That is true," David replied. "But you won't believe what she did when we came. While we were trying to prepare her so we could lift her onto the stretcher, she asked us if she would be in the hospital for a long time. When we told her that it looked as though her hip was broken and that she would likely have an extended stay there, she insisted that we needed to slow down. We paused, knowing she was in a lot of pain, thinking she wanted us to be more careful so she wouldn't hurt as much."

"That's understandable," I said. "But that's not what she wanted at all," David replied. "She said she had a nice lasagna in the fridge and some cake on the counter. She wanted us to stop and eat them. When we insisted that we needed to get her to the hospital, she said, 'It's really good lasagna. And the chocolate cake is nice and fresh.'"

"So did you have some?" I asked. David laughed. "Are you kidding? She refused to let us take her until we did, because she said she wasn't about to have it all go to waste."

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## Ocala Tops U-Haul's Annual Growth List, Again

Residents Ask: How Many Moving Trucks Can Our Town Handle?

Ocala has once again clinched the title of U-Haul's No. 1 Growth City for 2024, a familiar headline as the city also topped the charts in 2022 and landed second in 2023. Apparently, when it comes to one-way truck rentals, Ocala is the hottest ticket in town.

But not everyone's cheering. The once-sleepy horse capital has transformed into a magnet for new residents, with moving trucks continuing to clog its streets. U-Haul data shows 53.7% of traffic coming into the city versus 46.3% leaving—a steady stream of arrivals up 5% from last year while departures barely budged.

The growth spurt comes with a double-edged sword. Yes, the job market has expanded, and the cost of living still beats much of Florida, but longtime residents are feeling the squeeze. Traffic snarls, rising home prices, and the seemingly endless sprawl of new housing developments are starting to clash with Ocala's once small-town charm.

Florida as a whole continues to be a relocation hotspot, with five cities making U-Haul's top 25, including Kissimmee, Clermont, Port St. Lucie, and Panama City. Yet Ocala's booming population raises questions about sustainability. How much growth is too much?

U-Haul's rankings, based on over 2.5 million moves, might be great for tracking migration trends—but as Ocala barrels forward, some locals wonder if the city's infrastructure can keep up with the parade of moving vans.



## Firefighters Save Woman from Ocala House Fire

(Photos: Marion County Fire Rescue)

Marion County Fire Rescue wasted no time saving lives Saturday after a structure fire broke out in the 5200 block of NW 61st Lane.

At 2:56 p.m., multiple 911 callers reported smoke and flames with people trapped inside. Meadowood Farms Engine #12 was on scene within five minutes, finding a single-story home engulfed in flames.

Firefighters jumped into action, entering through a window to pull a woman from the burning structure just minutes after arriving. Two other occupants had managed to escape on their own.

Crews from Golden Ocala Station #20, Lowell Station #11, and Shady Station #16 joined the effort, bringing the blaze under control by 3:13 p.m.

Two patients were transported to a local trauma hospital for treatment. No firefighters were injured in the response.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, but MCFR's rapid response no doubt prevented a greater tragedy.

## 'Suicidal' Teen Leads FHP on Dangerous Chase

An 18-year-old driver was arrested following a pursuit involving multiple Florida Highway Patrol troopers and a collision with a law enforcement vehicle on Wednesday, December 31. The incident unfolded in Palm Coast, Florida.

Around 5:00 p.m., an FHP trooper traveling northbound on Interstate 95 near mile marker 290 attempted to stop a vehicle linked to a BOLO (Be on the Lookout) alert. The driver, later identified as Dominic Joseph Guerrisi, had reportedly made suicidal threats. The trooper lost visual contact with the vehicle and ended the initial pursuit.

Shortly after, dispatch regained contact with Guerrisi's vehicle, advising troopers he was exiting onto US 1 southbound. A trooper stationed at County Road 204 and US 1 spotted the vehicle accelerating rapidly past the marked FHP unit, prompting another pursuit. Guerrisi continued weaving through traffic before entering a roundabout at US 1 and Old Kings Road and exiting onto Old Kings Road.

As the pursuit continued, a second FHP unit with an auxiliary trooper on board was positioned further down Old Kings Road with emergency lights activated. Guerrisi allegedly drove on the wrong side of the road and intentionally struck the occupied patrol vehicle.

A pursuing trooper approached Guerrisi's vehicle and issued verbal commands for him to exit. With assistance from the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Guerrisi was arrested, transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries, and later booked into the Flagler County Jail.

Both the trooper and auxiliary trooper involved in the collision were transported to the hospital and have since been released.



## Bellevue Airbnb Guest Spits, Sprints, and Sparks Arrest Drama

A short-term rental in Bellevue turned into a long-term headache for deputies on January 2, when Benjamin Garvey, an Airbnb guest, turned an extended stay into an unwanted showdown.

The drama began earlier in the day when Garvey, renting a room at 11601 SE 74th Terrace, clashed with the homeowner's mother over, of all things, spitting in the sink. The dispute escalated, leading to an unusual display of defiance: Garvey reportedly hurled trash onto the homeowner's vehicle and lawn, storming off before deputies arrived.

But Garvey wasn't done. According to Marion County deputies, he returned hours later to continue his "performance art" of trash tossing, prompting neighbor Cory Carter to alert authorities. Carter described a scene involving banging on doors and windows, with a generous dose of littering. Deputies arrived to find garbage strewn across the lawn and broken bins that would make Oscar the Grouch cringe.

Attempts to reason with Garvey proved futile. Barricaded in his Airbnb bedroom, he ignored knocks, calls, and even the homeowner's direct trespass warnings. Despite blasting music, Garvey couldn't drown out the deputies' commands—or their eventual entrance, courtesy of a key from the homeowner.

Once inside, the standoff escalated. Deputies reported Garvey assuming a "fighting stance," warning that they'd have to "get physical" to arrest him. They obliged. After a brief but tense struggle, which included a taser drive-stun for motivational purposes, Garvey surrendered, declaring, "I give up."

The aftermath revealed more than just trash talk. Damages included a broken door handle, trashed bins, and a cleaning bill that could rival the rental fee. Garvey was arrested on charges of trespassing after warning, criminal mischief, and resisting arrest without violence. His stay in Marion County Jail will undoubtedly feature fewer amenities than his Airbnb.

As for the homeowner? She may think twice before clicking "accept" on her next booking request.



## Man Tased After Allegedly Chasing Ex, Smashing Windows

Marion County deputies arrested a man over the weekend in a chaotic scene involving shattered windows, a machete, and a dramatic foot chase through the woods.

On January 5, deputies responded to a distress call from Marilyn Heslop, who reported that her ex-boyfriend, Lucky Mbatha, had just been released from jail and was attempting to force his way into her home. During the 911 call, dispatch reported hearing glass breaking, followed by Heslop pleading, “Please” and “No,” before going quiet.

Deputy Young arrived to find Mbatha holding Heslop with his arm around her shoulder near the roadway. Both insisted “he’s still inside,” but things took a turn when Heslop quietly revealed that Mbatha was, in fact, the suspect. When Deputy Young ordered him to submit to detention, Mbatha bolted, running eastward until a well-timed taser and some unforgiving vegetation ended his escape attempt.

The investigation revealed that Mbatha had allegedly smashed multiple windows to gain entry while armed with a machete. Heslop had managed to flee the home as Mbatha approached, questioning her about the presence of another man. The defendant reportedly told her to hang up the 911 call and stay quiet when deputies arrived.

In a post-arrest interview, Mbatha claimed he was trying to protect Heslop from being assaulted by another man—an allegation Heslop flatly denied. Despite his insistence that he only “knocked too hard” on the glass, deputies noted the extensive property damage and the machete.

Mbatha faces charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, tampering with a witness, hindering a victim from contacting 911, and resisting arrest without violence. No injuries were reported, though Mbatha’s pride may have taken a hit after tripping in the woods.



## Fast, Furious, & Seat Belt-Less: Dramatic Chase Ends in Silver Springs Shores

A high-speed chase in Silver Springs Shores added another chapter to the colorful driving history of Robert Christopher Bradley, better known to his acquaintances—and now law enforcement—as “Taz.”

The escapade began when a patrol officer spotted Bradley’s blue single-cab pickup truck cruising through the intersection of Cedar Radial and Maricamp Road. The scene inside the cab was peculiar, to say the least: two passengers stacked on top of each other in the front seat, with the top passenger’s head brushing the ceiling and none of them wearing seat belts.

The officer followed the vehicle into a nearby 7-Eleven parking lot, where the occupants seemed to sense the heat. The two passengers quickly bailed out of the truck, leaving Taz to his own devices. Rather than comply with the traffic stop, Bradley floored it, dramatically fishtailing and heading east on Maricamp Road against traffic.

The officer, noting heavy traffic and agency pursuit policy, disengaged after Bradley narrowly avoided colliding with other cars. Back at the convenience store, the two passengers, who identified themselves as Brandi Howard and Emmett Arnold, claimed they had only recently met Bradley and knew him solely by his nickname. They had urged him to stop when they realized police were in pursuit and opted to exit his vehicle as soon as he gave them the chance.

Further investigation revealed that Bradley’s real name and “Taz” persona came with a well-documented track record. The Alabama native’s driver’s license has been suspended since 2004, and his resume includes multiple prior convictions for driving while suspended, as well as fleeing and eluding law enforcement. His criminal history also includes several felony convictions.

Bradley now faces charges of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer and driving with a suspended or revoked license for the third—or perhaps more aptly, the umpteenth—time. For Taz, this latest run-in with the law might just be another pit stop in his long and winding road.

## Battery, Meth, and a Handgun: New Year’s Eve Gone Wrong

Marion County deputies arrested Charles Jones on New Year’s Eve after a domestic altercation spiraled into a major drug trafficking arrest.

Deputies responded to a call at 14707 SE 47th Court, where the victim, Makalya McClane, alleged Jones tried to snatch her phone for unknown reasons. When she tucked it into her pants pocket, Jones reportedly grabbed her from behind, wrestled her onto the bed, and restrained her with his legs before taking the phone. McClane reclaimed the device, but Jones allegedly escalated the situation, yelling threats inches from her face while raising his fist.

By the time Deputy V. Hammons arrived, Jones had left the scene but returned later in his grey Mazda sedan. Jones was arrested on charges of simple battery and domestic assault. However, what began as a domestic incident took a serious turn when deputies searched his vehicle prior to towing.

Inside a backpack Jones admitted owning, deputies discovered a black box containing a crystal-like substance testing positive for methamphetamine and fentanyl, weighing approximately 21 grams. Also found were two digital scales with residue, a bag of marijuana weighing around 41 grams, and a loaded Ruger 9mm handgun with 10 rounds in the magazine.

Jones, who no longer has a valid medical marijuana card, was arrested for armed trafficking of fentanyl and methamphetamine, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, drug paraphernalia possession, and using a vehicle for narcotics trafficking.

To top it off, his three-year-old son was reportedly in the back seat during the entire ordeal. Jones, who has no prior felony convictions, was transported to the Marion County Jail without further incident.



## From Tent to Cell: Man Arrested for Battering Pregnant Girlfriend

A Marion County man was arrested on January 5 after a physical domestic disturbance that ended with charges of aggravated battery on a pregnant person, false imprisonment, and possession of drug paraphernalia, according to the Marion County Sheriff’s Office.

Deputies responded to the scene where they found Zachary Stewart, who reported his pregnant girlfriend had punched him in the mouth but was unable to explain why. Stewart had a slightly bloody lip but offered no further details.

The victim, five months pregnant and sharing a tent with Stewart on the property, told deputies the couple had been arguing. When she attempted to leave the tent to de-escalate the situation, Stewart allegedly blocked the exit and shoved her. The victim admitted to punching him in the mouth to create space to leave.

When questioned again, Stewart confirmed he had blocked the exit but insisted, “She could have went around me.” After being read his Miranda rights, he chose to remain silent and was taken into custody.

A search of Stewart revealed a homemade metal pipe, which he admitted was for smoking marijuana. A field test, however, indicated the pipe had been used for methamphetamine. Due to the domestic violence nature of the charges, Stewart was booked without bond.

## From Flipping Birds to Flashing Guns: Summerfield Highway Drama

What started as a road rage incident on U.S. Highway 441 in Summerfield escalated into handcuffs for Julio Daniel Ortiz, who now faces two counts of aggravated assault and improper exhibition of a firearm.

According to the Marion County Sheriff’s Office, Ortiz, driving a silver 2018 Ford F-150 towing a boat, engaged in an unusual display of displeasure with fellow motorist Andre Thomas. Allegedly, Ortiz repeatedly flipped Thomas the middle finger while weaving through traffic. Things took a darker turn when Ortiz reportedly pulled alongside Thomas and brandished what appeared to be a handgun, prompting Thomas to hit the brakes and call 911.

Deputies later stopped Ortiz at a nearby gas station and found a Ruger P94 semi-automatic pistol on the floorboard of his truck, contrary to his initial claim that it was secured in the center console. Ortiz reportedly admitted to displaying the weapon but insisted he didn’t point it at anyone.

Both Thomas and a passenger, Beverly Ann Thomas, stated they feared violence might erupt during the encounter. Ortiz was arrested and booked into the Marion County Jail, leaving his road rage—and his boat—behind.

Moral of the story? Stick to waving, not weapons.

# Bellevue Blaze Bounces Back – Fire Reignites Hours Later

(Photos: Marion County Fire Rescue)

A Bellevue home went from bad to worse early Friday morning, with Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) facing a one-two punch of flames.

The call came in at 2:10 AM on January 4, reporting heavy flames at a residence on SE 50th Avenue. First responders were quick to act—Rescue #518 was on the scene just five minutes later, reporting flames already licking up 30% of the home. Within minutes, Engine #18, Tower #2, Rescue #18, and Battalion #3 arrived to an aggressive scene. Battalion #3 took charge and launched a swift attack while also making sure the house was empty, much to their relief.

By 2:25 AM, the fire was under control. But this wasn't the end of the drama. At 6:43 AM, the fire reignited—now burning through 50% of the home. MCFR crews didn't miss a beat and had the flames under control once again by 6:57 AM.

As for the cause? Still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office. The fire's mystery remains unsolved, but thanks to MCFR, it didn't get any worse.



(Photo by Marion County Fire Rescue)



(Photo by Marion County Fire Rescue)



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(Photo by Marion County Fire Rescue)



### Serving Soup, Smiles, and Support

The Rotarians continued their community outreach by supporting the LovExtension Food Pantry, which provides meals for homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities. President Rich Tapia, joined by fellow club members, presented a \$1,500 donation to Director Linfa Rupski to aid in their mission. Every month, the club packs 175 to 200 food bags customized to meet the specific nutritional needs of each client. Since 2015, they've prepared over 20,000 bags, reflecting their ongoing dedication to service. Gay Davidson oversees the club's involvement with LovExtension, ensuring the project stays organized and effective.

### Rotarians Keep Marion County Fed, One Can at a Time

The Evening Rotarians have been busy spreading cheer and canned goods across the county, with food drives and donations aimed at making the holidays a little brighter for local families and seniors.

At East Marion Elementary, Rotarians recently collected pop-top cans of soup to stock the school's newly designated Second Harvest food pantry. The pantry serves all 650 students, who live in the Ocala National Forest area. The club also assembled Thanksgiving food bags for 30 families, ensuring a hearty holiday meal during the school break. Funds were used to keep the pantry shelves stocked with essentials like shelf-stable milk.

Meanwhile, in Ocklawaha, the Community of Gratitude Food Pantry received a boost with a \$500 donation presented by Rich and Kate Tapia of the Village of Tierra del Sol South. The contribution was backed by a fall food drive that gathered over 500 pounds of canned goods, furthering the pantry's mission to support local families in need.

Not stopping there, the Rotarians also extended support to the LovExtension Food Pantry, which serves homebound seniors and handicapped clients. President Rich Tapia and fellow Rotarians presented a \$1,500 donation to Director Linfa Rupski. Each month, club members pack between 175 and 200 food bags tailored to the nutritional needs of clients. Since 2015, they've packed over 20,000 bags — a testament to their long-term commitment. Gay Davidson, who coordinates the club's efforts with LovExtension, ensures that the operation runs smoothly.

From food drives to check presentations, the Evening Rotarians continue to serve as a steady force for good, ensuring no one in Marion County goes hungry this season.



### Packing Kindness by the Bagful

Rotarians at East Marion Elementary recently gathered pop-top cans of soup to help fill the shelves of the school's newly established Second Harvest food pantry. Serving all 650 students living in the Ocala National Forest area, the pantry ensures access to essential food items. To make the holiday break brighter, the club also prepared Thanksgiving meal bags for 30 families, while additional funds helped supply staples like shelf-stable milk to keep the pantry well-stocked.



### Victory Vibes

The Belleview Lady Rattlers kicked off the MAC Tournament in style, defeating Dunnellon with an 8-0 victory. (Photo: Belleview High Athletic Booster Club)



### Lady Rattler Power

The 2024-25 Girls Weightlifting team is lifting trophies and leaving opponents in the dust - undefeated and unstoppable. (Photo: Belleview High Athletic Booster Club)

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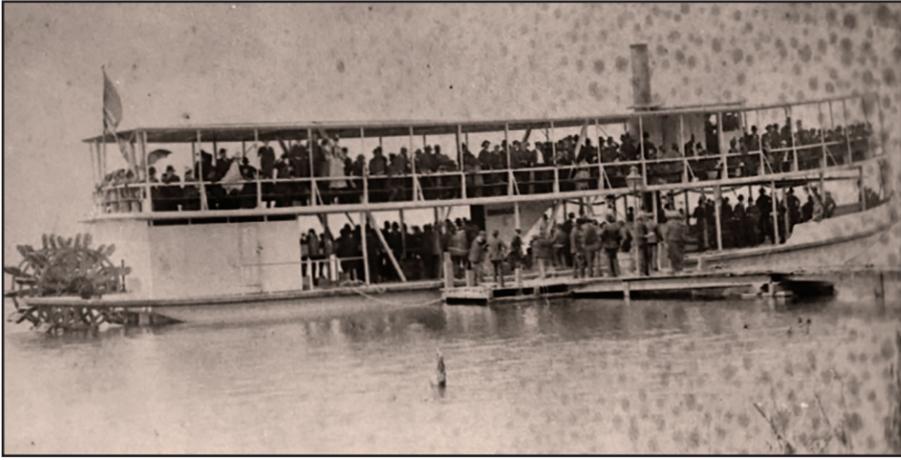
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Belleview Branch - 10303 US Highway 441 (by Publix)



## Yes, Really – A 150-Foot Steamboat Once Glided Across Lake Weir

By Peek Hames – As Published in the 2008 Founder’s Review Magazine

In the spring of 1888, the passenger steamboat “White Wing” was launched from the Ropella Lumber Company at Lake Weir. The boat was nearly 150 feet long and could accommodate nearly 200 passengers. The boat was towed on its excursions by a tug for about a year before the steam engines were installed. The passenger ship was built by a Captain Hart, who had riverboats that traveled between Silver Springs and Jacksonville.

With a large hotel called “The Lakeside Hotel” on the south side of Lake Weir and the train bringing people from far and near, there was an ample supply of passengers ready for an excursion around the 25-mile shoreline of the beautiful lake. They would pass tall timbers along the lakeshore, from which the lumber had been cut and towed to the yards of Ropella Lumber Company, where the boat was built and launched. The Ropella Lumber Company was later to become Legion Beach and is now Kiwanis Beach.

On the northwest corner of the lake, they would find Orange Island and see a wild natural orange grove, and then ride around Bird Island before arriving at the Lakeside Hotel for a gala evening. Afterwards, they set sail back to the Ropella dock with the gentle breezes and an everlasting memory. Not just the tourists rode the steamer, but many of the locals would be among the passengers.

During this period, there were many steamers working the Ocklawaha River, and Lake Weir also had some towing the fruit to a nearby railhead. Two of the steamer tugs were the “Maggie” and the popular “Red Wing.” For towing the heavy yellow pine logs to their mill, the Ropella brought in a 60-foot tug and named it “Ropella.” After the financial crash of 1895, this craft was discarded and left to decay in the same fashion as the lumber mill.

As better roads and automobiles became accessible, the glamour and romance of traveling by steamship disappeared. The hull of the “White Wing” was burned at Legion Beach in 1910.



## Rock the Country 2025: Ocala Gears Up for a Boot-Stompin’ Extravaganza

Rock the Country 2025 is saddling up for a two-day takeover of the Florida Horse Park, located just south of Ocala, on May 9-10. This year’s festival shifts gears from its 2024 location off U.S. 441 near County Road 318 in northwest Marion, bringing the music closer to Ocala’s equestrian heartland.

Headliners include genre-blurring powerhouse Kid Rock, rock icons Nickelback, and country legend Hank Williams Jr., promising an unforgettable mix of hits like Bawitdaba, Photograph, and Family Tradition. The festival also features crowd favorites Jo Dee Messina, Tracy Lawrence, Diamond Rio, Mark Chesnutt, Sammy Kershaw, and Little Texas. Up-and-comers Hudson Westbrook and Logan Crosby will round out the bill. Adding a twist, the “Throwback Happy Hour” lineup includes Afroman, the Ying Yang Twins, and Dee Jay Silver, ensuring a little something for everyone.

Tickets start at \$139.99 for general admission, with VIP packages available for fans seeking perks like exclusive viewing areas and upgraded facilities. Discounts are offered for military, nurses, and first responders through GOVX.

Whether you’re in it for the country hits or nostalgic throwbacks, Rock the Country 2025 at the Florida Horse Park is set to deliver two days of music, fun, and plenty of boots stomping. Visit [RockTheCountry.com](http://RockTheCountry.com) for more information on camping, parking, tickets, and pricing.



## Breaking Barriers: Belleview Elementary’s First Black Student

By Louise Deegan – Originally Published in the 2012 Founder’s Review Magazine

Varqui Wright was born at Munroe Memorial Hospital in Ocala, FL, on May 7, 1955. He and his family lived in the area of South Marion County that many longtime residents know as Santos, just north of Belleview. Years later, intrigued by his unusual name, he researched its origins and discovered it was also the name of an Oriental dish.

He attended Belleview schools from 1st through 8th grade. In 4th grade, his school distributed flyers informing black students they could attend white schools if they chose to. He brought the flyer home, and his parents told him it was his decision. Initially, he planned to transfer with a friend, but his friend’s parents were uncomfortable with the idea, so the friend didn’t join him. The transition required students to provide their own transportation.

Varqui’s mother, Mammie, worked as a housekeeper for several white families, including Dr. Gibboney’s. During this time, Varqui befriended Dr. Gibboney’s son, Rock, and grew accustomed to being around white people. His parents believed this exposure would broaden his horizons and foster understanding of different communities.

In that pivotal year, Wright became the first and only black student to attend Belleview Elementary School. His stepfather, Samuel Lee, dropped him off on his way to work and picked him up afterward. While waiting, Varqui befriended Billy Muniz, whose mother, Jackie Muniz, was the school secretary.

At Belleview-Santos School, his third-grade teacher was his cousin Maggie Wilson, while his sixth-grade teacher at Belleview Elementary was Mrs. Blanche Milligan, under the leadership of Principal George Holder. During his time at Belleview-Santos, the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred. The students practiced missile drills by standing against the gym wall, a stark contrast to the outdoor fire drills they were used to. Varqui recalled how different Belleview Elementary felt compared to Belleview-Santos, likening the transition to going from elementary school to college because of the newer facilities.

An accelerated student, Varqui skipped 5th grade and advanced from 4th grade at Belleview-Santos to 6th grade at Belleview Elementary. Despite initial worries, he encountered no racial hostility and was warmly accepted by his classmates. He often reflected on the impact of Mrs. Milligan, who instilled in him a love of learning. Mrs. Milligan, present during this interview, remarked, “Varqui was a happy, well-adjusted student who embraced the experience.”

After finishing 6th grade, he returned to Belleview-Santos School due to newly drawn school boundaries established during integration. He later attended Osceola Middle School for 9th grade and graduated from Ocala High School, which was later renamed Forest High School.

Varqui’s family has always valued education, a trait reflected in his large personal library. In 1992, he graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Journalism. Over the years, he worked for newspapers such as the Daily Sun in The Villages, the Palm Beach Post, the Gainesville Sun, the Orlando Sentinel, and the Ocala Star-Banner. He also served in the Air Force for four years and the Navy for five years.

Throughout his life, he has met notable figures, including Jeb Bush, Bob Martinez, and Claude Kirk, and even had an audience with Pope John Paul II. His travels have taken him to London, Rio de Janeiro, Naples, and Rome, with a particular fondness for Italy.

After returning to Ocala, a friend helped him secure a job at Bob Wines Nursery. However, a life-changing event occurred when he was hit by a truck and airlifted to Shands Hospital in Gainesville. Waking up in the ICU, he was moved by the presence of Bob Wines and nursery manager Laurie Williams by his bedside. He remains grateful to them.

Varqui has one daughter, Rhiannon, named after a Fleetwood Mac song, and two grandchildren who live in Atlanta, GA. He now resides in Ocala with his mother, Mammie, and continues to recover from his accident. He hopes to return to college to pursue a career as a paralegal.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File Number: 24-CP-001713-AX  
IN RE: ESTATE OF GIFFORD DIXON,  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of GIFFORD DIXON, a/k/a GIFFORD CHARLES DIXON, deceased, whose date of death was June 3, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, File Number 24-CP-001713-AX, Probate Division the address of which is Marion County Courthouse, Attn: Probate Room 202, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

A personal representative (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 January 2, 2025.

Personal Representative:

Lurline Dixon  
1 Stone Boulevard  
Massapequa, New York 11578  
Attorney for Personal Representative:

Christine C. Gill, Esquire  
Florida Bar Number: 0983764  
100 SE 6th Street  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301  
(954) 462-3430  
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January 2, 9, 2025 16-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION

CASE NO. 42-2023-DP-000120

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
F., K.A. (M) DOB: 05/16/2020  
Minor Child.

Date of Removal: May 5, 2022

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

TO: Alissa Michelle Snow  
(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: K.A.F. born on 05/16/2020. You are hereby commanded to appear on January 27, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable Stacy Youmans, Dependency Court Judge, at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Courtroom 5A (5th floor), Ocala, Florida 34475, for an ADVISORY HEARING. This hearing will be conducted via Zoom.

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

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS MUST STAY IN CONTACT WITH THEIR ASSIGNED ATTORNEY FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPEAR FOR THIS HEARING. PARENTS MAY ALSO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY CONTACTING THE FAMILY CARE MANAGER, KERRI BRADLEY AT (352) 843-5032 (email:

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Kerri.Bradley@KidsCentralinc.org) or the FAMILY CARE MANAGER SUPERVISOR, MELISSA FLYNN, AT (352) 843-2962 (email: Melissa.Flynn@KidsCentralinc.org). \*

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475; Telephone (352) 401-6710; or email: ada@support.circuit5.org, 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 9 day of DEC, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
Marion County Clerk of Court  
and Comptroller  
By: N. Cardinal  
As Deputy Clerk

Maxine C. C. Henry, Esquire  
Florida Bar No.: 844101  
Department of Children and Families  
Children's Legal Services  
1100 SW 38th Avenue  
Ocala, Florida 34474  
Phone: (352) 512-6053

December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION**

Case No: CD202408967/D  
3122790

TO: Carl P. Lombardo,  
A Notice of Suspension to suspend your license 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.

December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025, 2024 14-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION  
File No: 2024-CP-3147

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID LEE AYERS,  
Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of DAVID LEE AYERS, deceased, whose date of death was November 28, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Ave., Ocala, FL 34475. 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, A NY 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 January 2, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
Michael A. Siefert, P.A.  
121 NW 3rd Street  
Ocala, FL 34475

Attorney for Personal Representative:

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Michael A. Siefert, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 042315  
Michael A. Siefert, P.A.  
121 NW 3rd Street  
Ocala, FL 34475  
Telephone: (352)732-0141  
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January 2, 9, 2025 16-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO. 23-CA-002581-AX  
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA A. COOPER A/K/A PATRICIA BUCHAN COOPER; WENDELLAN WHITMIRE; JAMES LINWOOD COOPER, JR.; RICHARD PRESTON COOPER; WOODS AND LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Defendants

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel the October 28, 2024 Foreclosure Sale and Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale dated October 23, 2024, and entered in Case No. 23-CA-002581-AX, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for MARION County, Florida. LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA A. COOPER A/K/A PATRICIA BUCHAN COOPER; WENDELLAN WHITMIRE; JAMES LINWOOD COOPER, JR.; RICHARD PRESTON COOPER; WOODS AND LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED; MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, are defendants. Gregory C. Harrell, Clerk of the Circuit Court for MARION County Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash via the Internet at www.marion.realforeclose.com at 11:00 a.m., on the 29TH day of JANUARY, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 426, 427 AND 428, BLOCK 15 A/K/A LOT 24M OF WOODS AND LAKES SUBDIVISION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 11 AND 12, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, THENCE N. 87° 53' 34"E. ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 2, 5241.37 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF, THENCE NORTH 941.93 FEET; THENCE WEST 2422.41 FEET; THENCE N. 68° 28' 48" E. 65.29 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING THUS DESCRIBED THENCE N. 68° 28' 48"E. 75.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 300.0 MORE OR LESS TO THE WATERS OF LAKE TAHOE, THENCE WESTERLY ALONG AND WITH SAID WATERS OF LAKE TAHOE TO A POINT THAT IS S. 16° 00' W. OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE N. 16° 00' E 245 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL BEING IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1988 MERI D/W MOBILE HOME, ID#S

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TW356MC26173A & TW356MC26173B,  
TITLE #S 46064237 & 46068602.

"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 the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, Telephone (352) 401-6701 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

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/s/ Mark Elia  
Mark C. Elia, Esq.  
Bar Number: 695734

Email: TVanNess@vanlawfl.com  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
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January 2, 9, 2025 16-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION

CASE NO. 42-2023-DP-000106

IN THE INTEREST OF:  
R., M. O. (M) DOB: 04/14/2023  
Minor Child.

Date of Removal: April 19, 2023

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

\*(amended only as to the Publication dates)\*

TO: Cash Jarnard Rhodes  
(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: M.O.R. born on 04/14/2023. You are hereby commanded to appear on February 3, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., before the Honorable Stacy Youmans, Dependency Court Judge, at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Courtroom 5A (5th floor), Ocala, Florida 34475, for an ADVISORY HEARING. This hearing will be conducted via Zoom.

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

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CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

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WITNESS my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 20 day of DECEMBER, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
Marion County Clerk of Court  
and Comptroller  
By: A. Velez Diaz  
As Deputy Clerk

Maxine C. C. Henry, Esquire  
Florida Bar No.: 844101  
Children's Legal Services  
Department of Children and Families  
1100 SW 38th Avenue  
Ocala, FL 34474  
Phone: (352) 512-6053  
January 2, 9, 16, 23 2025 16-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 24-CA-001940-AX

BEARD VENTURE GROUP, LLC,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

RALPH E. BARWICK, deceased and all those claiming by through and under RALPH E. BARWICK, deceased, AMELIA EGGERS, deceased, and all those claiming by through and under AMELIA EGGERS, deceased, RAMONA HONEY EGGERS, deceased and those claiming by through and under RAMONA HONEY EGGERS, deceased, ROSE BANTA, deceased and all those claiming by through and under ROSE BANTA, deceased, ROY BANTA, deceased and all those claiming by through and under ROY BANTA, deceased, RONALD BANTA, LORETTA O'HANRAHAN, MY INVESTMENTS HOLDING LLC, a dissolved Florida Limited Liability Company,  
Defendant,

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO: RALPH E. BARWICK, deceased and all those claiming by through and under RALPH E. BARWICK, deceased, AMELIA EGGERS, deceased, and all those claiming by through and under AMELIA EGGERS, deceased, RAMONA HONEY EGGERS, deceased and those claiming by through and under RAMONA HONEY EGGERS, deceased, ROSE BANTA, deceased and all those claiming by through and under ROSE BANTA, deceased and all those claiming by through and under ROY BANTA, deceased

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet the title on the following real property in Marion County, Florida:

PARCEL 1:  
LOT 34, BLOCK 12, RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES, SECTION F, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK F, PAGE(S) 148, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MAR-

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ION COUNTY, FLORIDA A/K/A  
PARCEL ID: 1807-012-034 ("PARCEL 1").

PARCEL 2:  
LOT 25, BLOCK 13, RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES, SECTION F, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK F, PAGE(S) 148, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
A/K/A PARCEL ID: 1807-013-025 ("PARCEL 2").

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on J.D. Manzo, of Manzo & Associates, P.A., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 4767 New Broad Street, Orlando, FL 32814, telephone number (407) 514-2692, on or before FEBRUARY 3RD, 2025, 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 or petition. Dated this 20TH day of December 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: H. Bibb  
As Deputy Clerk  
January 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025 16-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
File No: 2024-CP-3181

IN RE: ESTATE OF ROGER GARY CHESTER,

Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ROGER GARY CHESTER, deceased, whose date of death was March 15, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Ave., Ocala, FL 34475. 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

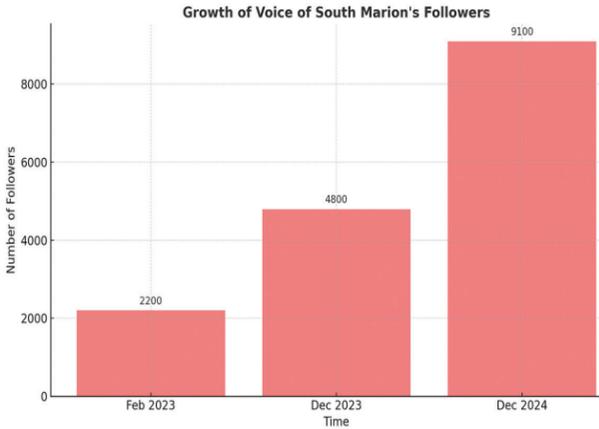
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, A NY 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 January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
Tiffany Roberts  
990 Liskeard Avenue  
Orange City, FL 32763

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
Michael A. Siefert, Esquire  
Florida Bar No. 042315  
Michael A. Siefert, P.A.  
121 NW 3rd Street  
Ocala, FL 34475  
Telephone: (352)732-0141  
Email: msiefert@aol.com  
January 9, 16, 2025 17-2tc



## Big Impact, Local Audience: Advertise in Print and Online

Local businesses, it's time to consider how the Voice of South Marion can help you grow your brand and connect with the heart of this community.

With over four decades of reporting the stories that matter most to South Marion, the Voice has become more than just a newspaper — it's a trusted local institution. Whether through our print edition, website, or social media channels, we deliver the news and updates our community cares about. But here's the part that matters most to you: our audience is your audience.

### Why Advertise in the Voice?

#### 1. Unmatched Local Reach:

- The print edition is a staple in local households and businesses.
- Online traffic has surged, with our website attracting thousands of monthly readers.
- Our Facebook presence has grown from 2,200 followers in early 2023 to 9,100 by the end of 2024, a 313% increase in just under two years.

#### 2. Engaged Readership:

- Readers turn to us for both hard-hitting news and heartfelt stories.
- Crime coverage consistently tops our readership analytics, proving that locals want to stay informed.
- Human interest and local business stories, like the Belleview Pizza closure and the daycare shutdown, also draw high engagement.

#### 3. Proven Results:

- In 2024, we made a bold move by offering our digital edition for free. The risk paid off with digital subscriptions surging by over 500% while print subscriptions remained steady.
- This proves our dual platform approach is attracting new readers while keeping our loyal print audience engaged.

### Print + Digital = Maximum Visibility

When you advertise with the Voice, your business isn't just seen — it's remembered. Our multi-channel presence means your message reaches readers:

- In Print: For those who still love the feel of a traditional newspaper.
- Online: Our self-managed website ensures flexible ad placements with zero third-party interference.
- Social Media: Facebook reels and posts continue to gain traction, with videos reaching up to 108,000 views on local stories alone.

### The Value of Local Support

When you advertise with the Voice, you're doing more than just promoting your business. You're investing in local journalism, helping us continue to cover the stories that shape South Marion. From holding public officials accountable to sharing positive community milestones, our reporting strengthens the fabric of this area — and your support makes it possible.

### Let's Grow Together

As we step into 2025, consider this your invitation to be part of our success story. Reach a loyal, local audience that values community businesses. Together, we can help your brand grow while keeping South Marion informed and connected.

Contact us today to explore advertising options tailored to fit your business needs.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001877

UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR PRL TITLE TRUST I,

Plaintiff,  
v.  
JOHN LAMAR SNOOK, JR; et al.,

Defendant(s).  
NOTICE OF ACTION  
TO: John Lamar Snook, Jr  
Last Known Residence:  
5141 SE 36th Ave Ocala,  
FL 34480

TO: Unknown Spouse of John Lamar Snook, Jr  
Last Known Residence:  
5141 SE 36th Ave Ocala,  
FL 34480

TO: Unknown Tenant #1  
Last Known Residence:  
5141 SE 36th Ave Ocala,  
FL 34480

TO: Unknown Tenant #2  
Last Known Residence:  
5141 SE 36th Ave Ocala,  
FL 34480

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

LOT 18, BLOCK C, REGAL WOODS, AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK Z, PAGES 55 AND 56, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION 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, Plaintiffs attorney, at 5300 West Atlantic Avenue Suite 303 Delray Beach, FL 33484, on or before WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE 1ST DATE OF PUBLICATION, 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 DECEMBER 23RD, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
As Clerk of the Court  
BY: H. Bibb  
As Deputy Clerk  
1338-245B REF# 10113  
January 2, 9, 2025 16-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO: 2024-CP-3121  
IN RE: ESTATE OF LATISHA MAY THOMAS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the Estate of LATISHA MAY THOMAS, deceased, whose date of death was October 2, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division; Case Number 2024-CP-3121 the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and address of the Personal Representative and Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmeasured, contingent and unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED 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.

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Personal Representative  
JAMES HAROLD THOMAS  
11 Nashua Way  
Ocala, Florida 34482  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
J. WARREN BULLARD  
Florida Bar No. 407186  
BULLARD & MULKEY, P.A.  
Post Office Box 1538  
Ocala, Florida 34478  
Telephone: (352) 732-5900  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2024-CP-2799  
Division: Probate  
IN RE: ESTATE OF ROSE MARIE WESCOTT Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)  
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of ROSE MARIE WESCOTT, deceased, File Number 2024-CP-2799, by the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Ave., Ocala, FL 34475; that the decedent's date of death was July 24, 2024; that the total value of the estate is exempt homestead real property (\$340,000.00) and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Kenneth H. Wescott, Sr.,  
24343 NW Aspen Lane,  
Dunnellon, FL 34431;

Daniel J. Wescott,  
1351 Harding Rd.,  
Vineland, NJ 08361;

Thomas N. Wescott, Sr.,  
1725 Smart Lane,  
Williamstown, NJ 08094;  
and

Edward P. Wescott, Sr.,  
1895 SE 185th Terrace,  
Silver Springs, FL 34488

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.

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 January 9, 2025.

Person Giving Notice:  
Kenneth H. Wescott, Sr.  
24343 NW Aspen Lane  
Dunnellon, FL 34431  
Attorney for Person Giving Notice:  
H. MICHAEL EVANS, ESQ.  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Florida Bar Number: 251674  
20668 W. Pennsylvania Ave.  
Dunnellon, FL 34431  
Telephone: (352) 489-2889  
Fax: (352) 489-0852  
E-Mail: mike@hmepalaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 24-CA-000562-AX  
ROYAL PACIFIC FUNDING CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ISNAY LEON BEYRA,  
et al.,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment and/or Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale, entered in Case No. 24-CA-000562-AX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein ROYAL PACIFIC FUNDING CORPORATION is the Plaintiff and ISNAY LEON BEYRA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ISNAY BEYRA; ANNA ORTEGA are the Defendants, that Gregory Harrell, Marion County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, www.marion.realforeclose.com, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 15th day of April, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 1248, MARION OAKS UNIT NINE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK O, PAGE(S) 164 THROUGH 193, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

TAX ID: 8009-1248-13

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
Dated this 24th day of December, 2024.

BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
4919 Memorial Hwy, Suite 135  
Tampa, FL 33634  
Phone: (954) 618-6955  
Fax: (954) 618-6954  
FLCourtDocs@brockandscott.com  
By /s/Justin J. Kelley  
Justin J. Kelley, Esq.  
Florida Bar No. 32106

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 Tameka Gordon, the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, Telephone (352) 401-6758, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
24-F00404  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No: 2024-CP-3144  
Division PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELSIE ANN SIEBERT, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of ELSIE ANN SIEBERT, deceased, whose date of death was November 6, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is

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property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
The date of first publication of this notice January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
ROBERT F. SIEBERT  
3960 SE 17th Street  
Ocala, FL 34471

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
ALEXANDRA M. SCALES  
Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 1016707  
McGraw, Rauba & Mutarelli, PA  
P.O. Box 4440  
Ocala, FL 34478  
Telephone: (352) 789-6520  
Fax: (352) 789-6570  
E-Mail: alexandra@lawmrm.com  
Secondary E-Mail: kathy@lawmrm.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROBATE DIVISION  
File No. 2024-CP-2897

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM ALLEN HAYGOOD, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
The administration of the estate of WILLIAM ALLEN HAYGOOD, deceased, whose date of death was July 1, 2022 is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1030, Ocala, Florida 34478. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
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 the surviving spouse or a beneficiary as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

The date of first publication of this notice: January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
AUDREY HAYGOOD  
17627 Drake Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
NORBERTO S. KATZ, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 399086  
630 North Wymore Road,  
Suite 330  
Maitland, Florida 32751  
Telephone: (407) 849-7072  
Fax: (407) 849-7075  
E-Mail: velizkatz@velizkatzlaw.com  
Secondary: jearle@velizkatzlaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2024-CP-2967  
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 DIANE MARIE BENNETT AKA DIANE M. BENNETT,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of DIANE MARIE BENNETT AKA DIANE M. BENNETT, deceased, whose date of death was June 11, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 N.W. 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2025.  
 Personal Representative:  
 Jason Douglas Bennett  
 7419 8th Avenue NW  
 Bradenton, FL 34209

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 David S. Rojas, Esquire  
 Florida Bar Number: 92995  
 H. MICHAEL EVANS, P.A.  
 Attorneys at Law  
 20668 W. Pennsylvania Ave.  
 Dunnellon, FL 34431  
 Telephone: (352) 489-2889  
 Fax: (352) 489-0852  
 E-Mail: david@hmepalaw.com  
 Secondary E-Mail:  
 mike@hmepalaw.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2024-CP-002889-AX  
 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 KRISTINE N. BENNETT,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of KRISTINE N. BENNETT, deceased, whose date of death was June 29, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor, Room 202, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

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unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

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

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
 Brian C. Bennett  
 12282 SE 176th Loop  
 Summerfield, Florida 34491

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Amy R. Pittman, Esq.  
 Florida Bar Number: 13874  
 Pittman Law Office  
 3854 E. County Road 466  
 Oxford, Florida 34484  
 Telephone: (352) 399-6944  
 Fax: (352) 453-5440  
 E-Mail:  
 amy@thepittmanlawoffice.com  
 Secondary E-Mail:  
 tara@thepittmanlawoffice.com  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2024-CP-3037  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 CARL THOMAS DUBLE,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the Estate of CARL THOMAS DUBLE, deceased, whose date of death was October 16, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division; Case Number 2024-CP-3037 the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and address of the Personal Representative and Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmeasured, contingent and unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

Personal Representative  
 MICHELE L. VEENSTRA  
 5392 Southwest 84th Place  
 Ocala, Florida 34476

Attorney for Personal Representative  
 SHANNON MULKEY  
 Florida Bar No. 60018  
 SHANNON MULKEY LAW FIRM  
 944 East Silver Springs Blvd.  
 Ocala, Florida 34470  
 Telephone: (352) 282-0722  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2024-CP-3170  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 NANCY J. KOCH,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of NANCY J. KOCH, deceased, whose date of death was December 16, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Ave., Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED 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.

All other 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 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.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 CASE NO: 2024-CP-3026

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 STEVEN FRANCIS BENIGNO A/K/A STEVE BENIGNO,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the Estate of STEVEN FRANCIS BENIGNO A/K/A STEVE BENIGNO, deceased, whose date of death was September 9, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division; Case Number 2024-CP-3026 the address of which is 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475. The names and address of the Personal Representative and Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmeasured, contingent and unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this Notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED 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 January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative  
 TERESA MURPHY  
 5101 SW 60th Street Road  
 Apt. No. 2203  
 Ocala, Florida 34474

Attorney for Personal Representative  
 SHANNON MULKEY  
 Florida Bar No. 60018  
 SHANNON MULKEY LAW FIRM  
 944 East Silver Springs Blvd.  
 Ocala, Florida 34470  
 Telephone: (352) 282-0722  
 January 9, 16, 2025 17-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No: 2024-CP-3170  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF  
 NANCY J. KOCH,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of NANCY J. KOCH, deceased, whose date of death was December 16, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Marion County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 110 NW First Ave., Ocala, FL 34475. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All other 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 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 the decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

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The date of first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2025.

Personal Representative:  
 Benjamin A. Hunt  
 6 Spaulsbury Road  
 West Monroe, NY 13167

Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 Michael A. Siefert, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No. 042315  
 Michael A. Siefert, P.A.  
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 January 9, 16, 2025 17-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 JUVENILE DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 42-2022-DP-000012  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 E., N. M. (F) DOB: 08/13/2015  
 W., X. A. (F) DOB: 09/11/2016  
Minor Children.

Date of Removal: February 15, 2022  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS**

TO: Justice Imanne Epps  
 (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 children for adoption: N.M.E. born on 08/13/2015 and X.A.W. born on 09/11/2016. You are hereby commanded to appear on January 27, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. before the Honorable Stacy Youmans, Dependency Court Judge, at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Courtroom 5A (5th floor), Ocala, Florida 34475, for an ADVISORY HEARING. This hearing will be conducted via Zoom.

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

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS MUST STAY IN CONTACT WITH THEIR ASSIGNED ATTORNEY FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPEAR FOR THIS HEARING. PARENTS MAY ALSO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY CONTACTING THE FAMILY CARE MANAGER, ANNA SCHRUM AT (352) 913-5720 (email: Anna.Schrum@KidsCentralinc.org) or the FAMILY CARE MANAGER SUPERVISOR, ERICA MARCHAN, AT (352) 421-4479 (email: Erica.Marchan@KidsCentralinc.org). \*

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475; Telephone (352) 401-6710; or email: ada@support.circuit5.org, 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 9 day of DEC, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
 Marion County Clerk of Court  
 and Comptroller  
 By: N. Cardinal  
 As Deputy Clerk

Maxine C. C. Henry, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No.: 844101  
 Department of Children and Families  
 Children's Legal Services  
 1100 SW 38th Avenue  
 Ocala, Florida 34474  
 Phone: (352) 512-6053

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**A Local Newspaper is the Community's Heartbeat**

When it comes to connecting with the residents of Marion County, there's one voice that speaks louder, clearer, and with more impact than any other: the Voice of South Marion. Established in 1969, this weekly publication has been the go-to source for local news, events, and feel-good human interest stories for over half a century. It's not just a newspaper; it's a trusted friend, a community cornerstone, and, most importantly, the perfect partner for your business.

**The Power of Staying Local**

National media giants might boast flashy headlines and sprawling audiences, but let's be honest: how many of those readers care about what's happening in Belleview, Ocala, or Summerfield? The Voice of South Marion specializes in the stories that matter here—not on Wall Street, not in Washington, but right in the heart of Marion County. It's about the new restaurant opening downtown, the school board decisions that affect your kids, and the stories of neighbors helping neighbors.

By zeroing in on hyperlocal content, the Voice attracts an audience that's deeply engaged and genuinely invested in their community. And guess what? Those readers are also your potential customers. They're the families looking for weekend activities, the retirees exploring new hobbies, and the small business owners who believe in shopping local. Advertising in the Voice ensures that your business is seen by the very people who want to support businesses like yours.

**Not Just an Ad, But a Statement**

Advertising in the Voice of South Marion isn't just about selling a product or service—it's about making a statement. When you choose to advertise here, you're telling the community, "I care about Marion County. I support local journalism. I'm invested in this place we all call home."

And that statement carries weight. Readers notice which businesses show up in their local paper. They remember who supports their kids' sports leagues, sponsors the town parade, or takes out a full-page ad congratulating the high school's graduating class. Advertising in the Voice positions your brand as a community ally, and that kind of goodwill is worth more than a thousand clicks on some generic online banner ad.

**The Numbers Don't Lie**

Here's the kicker: the Voice delivers results. Its loyal readership spans a diverse cross-section of Marion County—families, retirees, business owners, and everyone in between. These are people who actively engage with the paper, whether they're flipping through it over their morning coffee or sharing articles on social media.

And speaking of social media, the Voice doesn't just stop at print. Its digital presence extends your ad's reach to a whole new audience, blending the traditional trust of print media with the modern convenience of online engagement. This multi-channel approach means your message reaches readers whether they're holding a newspaper or scrolling on their phones.

**Why the Voice Works When Others Don't**

You've probably heard the old adage, "Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted; the trouble is, I don't know which half." With the Voice, you can put that worry to rest. Unlike broad, untargeted advertising that casts a wide (and often ineffective) net, the Voice focuses exclusively on Marion County. This means your ad dollars are spent reaching people who actually live, work, and shop in your area.

Plus, let's not forget the personal touch. When you advertise in the Voice, you're not dealing with some faceless corporation. You're working with local people who understand the market, care about your success, and want to see Marion County businesses thrive. It's a partnership, not a transaction.

**A Legacy Worth Joining**

The Voice of South Marion isn't just another newspaper; it's a Marion County institution. For over 50 years, it has been documenting the lives and stories of this community—its triumphs, its challenges, and its heart. By advertising here, you're aligning your business with that legacy. You're becoming part of a tradition that values connection, authenticity, and local pride.

And let's be real: when you support the Voice, you're also supporting local journalism. In an era where small newspapers are vanishing left and right, every ad helps keep the presses running and the stories flowing. That's not just good business; it's good citizenship.

**The Bottom Line**

So, what are you waiting for? Whether you're running a mom-and-pop shop or a professional service, the Voice of South Marion is your ticket to local recognition and community support. Get your business in the Voice. Because when the community listens, your business grows.

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Sale # 296106  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BLACK CUB the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 2008  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 06807-001-01  
 SEC 12 TWP 13 RGE 21  
 BEG AT 1/4 SEC COR ON E LINE OF SEC 12 TH N 25 FT TO POB TH W 201.75 FT TH N 654.48 FT TH E 201 FT TH S 655.49 FT TO POB. & SEC 07 TWP 13 RGE 22 W 28 FT OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4

Name in which assessed:  
 JOHN HICKEY

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296107  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 796  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 02352-000-00  
 SEC 09 TWP 12 RGE 21  
 BOARDMAN  
 BLK 11 LOT 2 & E 1/2 OF S 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF LOT 1  
 PLAT BOOK A PAGE 020

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF MARION A JOHNS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296108  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 1618  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 05662-006-01  
 SEC 25 TWP 12 RGE 25 BUCK-SKIN LAKE MANOR BLK 6 LOTS 1.2 BEING MORE FULLY DESC AS FOLLOWS:  
 COM AT THE NE COR OF SEC 25 TH S 89-26-04 W ALONG THE N BDY OF SAID SEC 25 A DISTANCE OF 110 FT TO THE POB TH CONT S 89-26-04 W 110 FT TH S 00-33-56 E 107.60 FT TH N 89-26-04 E 110 FT TH N 00-33-56 W 107.60 FT TO THE POB THE

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W 10 FT THEREOF BEING SUB TO ROAD ROW PLAT BOOK UNR PAGE 133

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF DORIS F MCCREARY

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296109  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 2145  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 07300-000-00  
 SEC 26 TWP 13 RGE 21  
 BEGIN AT A PT 437.70 FT N OF SW COR OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 26 TH N 125 FT TH E 174 FT TH S 125 FT TH W 174 FT TO THE POB

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF EDNA M. WATERS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296110  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 2751  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 07685-001-00  
 SEC 15 TWP 13 RGE 22  
 S 185.82 FT OF N 585.82 FT OF E 6 CHS OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 EX E 60 FT

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF ALFRED W BYRD

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296111  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 4090  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 1132-010-013  
 SEC 21 TWP 13 RGE 25  
 FOREST LAKE  
 BLK J LOTS 13.14  
 PLAT BOOK K PAGE 004

Name in which assessed:  
 JOHN J BIHL II AND LORRENE C BIHL

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296112  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 4475  
 Year of Issuance: 2019

Description of Property:  
 # 1304-024-001  
 SEC 29 TWP 14 RGE 21  
 OCALA PARK ESTATES UNIT 4  
 BLK 24 LOT 1  
 PLAT BOOK H PAGE 073

Name in which assessed:  
 CLEVELAND ALLMAN AND JENNIFER CAMPBELL

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296113  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 5015  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 13701-003-00  
 SEC 34 TWP 14 RGE 21  
 N 90 FT OF S 300 FT OF E 220 FT OF N 1/2 OF  
 SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 EX RD R/W

Name in which assessed:  
 JENNIFER HAYFORD AND MARTIN MARQUEZ

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest

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bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296114  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 5457  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 1507-135-000  
 SEC 28 TWP 14 RGE 22  
 MARION HIGHLANDS  
 LOTS 135.136  
 PLAT BOOK D PAGE 016

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF IVA L ARNOLD

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296115  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 5477  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 15248-000-00  
 SEC 30 TWP 14 RGE 22  
 COM NE COR OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 THENCE S 96 FT THENCE W 264 FT MORE OF LESS TO W ANTHONY RD ROW THENCE NELY ALG RD ROW 98 FT MORE OR LESS TO A PT DIRECTLY W OF POB THENCE E 231 FT MORE OR LESS TO POB

Name in which assessed:  
 WILLIAM JAY BREITENBACH

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296116  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG FL 18 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 5554  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 16560-123-00

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SEC 27 TWP 14 RGE 24  
 SILVER SPRINGS CAMPSITES  
 LOT 123  
 PLAT BOOK UNR PAGE 215

Name in which assessed:  
 JNH SQUARED LLC

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296117  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 5772  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 16263-000-00  
 SEC 36 TWP 14 RGE 23  
 COM N 8 DEG 55\* E 107.47 FT FROM SW COR GOV LOT 5 FOR POB THENCE N 8 DEG 55\* E 105 FT E 105 FT S 8 DEG 55\* W 122.63 FT N 80 DEG 20\* 04\*\* W 103.74 FT TO POB & COM AT A PT ON W BDY OF GOV LOT 5 BEING N 10-05-28 E 209.69 FT FROM SW COR N 10-05-28 E 100 FT E 105 FT S 10-05-28 W 100 FT W 105 FT TO POB

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD FERRELL

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296118  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG FL 18 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6010  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 1740-011-103  
 SEC 32 TWP 15 RGE 19  
 LAKE TROPICANA RANCH-ETTES  
 BLK K A PORTION OF LOT 3 DESC AS FOLLOWS:  
 COM AT MOST SLY COR OF LOT 3 TH N 0-40-30 W 641.04 FT TH N 89-19-30 E 136.42 FT TH N 56-12-32 E 133.82 FT TH BEING ON A CURVE CONCAVE NELY RADIUS OF 189.82 FT TH SELY ALONG ARC A CENTRAL ANGLE 14-11-09 ARC DIST OF 47 FT TH S 27-32-27 W 212.87 FT TO PT OF CURVE CONCAVE SELY RADIUS OF 196.08 FT TH SWLY ALONG ARC CENTRAL ANGLE 15-37-44 ARC DIST OF 534.66 FT TO POB PLAT BOOK G PAGE 070

Name in which assessed:  
 TIMOTHY L RHODES

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296119  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6167  
 Year of Issuance: 2019

Description of Property:  
 # 1741-007-027  
 SEC 29 TWP 15 RGE 19  
 LAKE TROPICANA RANCH-ETTES 1ST ADD  
 BLK G LOT 27  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 101

Name in which assessed:  
 MARY ROJA

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296120  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6208  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 1752-024-007  
 SEC 12 TWP 16 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW ACRES UNIT 2  
 BLK 24 LOT 7  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 096

Name in which assessed:  
 R N MELBOURNE

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

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Sale # 296121  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6270  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 1754-045-005  
 SEC 35 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW ACRES UNIT 4  
 BLK 45 LOT 5  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 098

Name in which assessed:  
 HENOC MADEUS AND NAO-MIE LOUIS JEUNE AND JEAN ELIE PAUL AND EST OF SERGE LOUIS JEUNE AND FRANTZCY CENEUS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296122  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6312  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 1740-005-016  
 SEC 31 TWP 15 RGE 19  
 LAKE TROPICANA RANCH-ETTES  
 BLK E LOT 16  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 070

Name in which assessed:  
 LUCAS & ALEX INVESTMENTS CORP

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296123  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 6729  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 1801-017-024  
 SEC 35 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES SEC A  
 BLK 17 LOT 24  
 PLAT BOOK F PAGE 136

Name in which assessed:  
 SHYAM BALDEO JR AND TRACY BALDEO AND SAVITRIE BALDEO

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296124  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 7243  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 1806-001-030  
 SEC 27 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES SEC E  
 BLK 1 LOT 30  
 PLAT BOOK F PAGE 147

Name in which assessed:  
 FAY & REINA LAND HOLDINGS INC

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296125  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 7667  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 1810-011-015  
 SEC 20 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES SEC I  
 BLK 11 LOT 15  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 004

Name in which assessed:  
 MARIE ST R WANCY

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296126  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 7821  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 2091-017-004  
 SEC 21 TWP 15 RGE 19  
 WESTWOOD ACRES NORTH  
 BLK 17 LOT 4  
 PLAT BOOK Q PAGE 101

Name in which assessed:  
 SCOTT ALAN HINSON AND RICHARD F HILTON JR AND KAREN S GOWAN

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Sale # 296126  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 7821  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 1811-013-004  
 SEC 19 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES SEC J  
 BLK 13 LOT 4  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 005

Name in which assessed:  
 LEETMAN BAILEY & ANNMARIE BAILEY

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296127  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 7826  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 1811-013-037  
 SEC 19 TWP 15 RGE 18  
 RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES SEC J  
 BLK 13 LOT 37  
 PLAT BOOK G PAGE 005

Name in which assessed:  
 JESSE R COX AND JUNE M COX

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296128  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 10147  
 Year of Issuance: 2017

Description of Property:  
 # 2091-017-004  
 SEC 21 TWP 15 RGE 19  
 WESTWOOD ACRES NORTH  
 BLK 17 LOT 4  
 PLAT BOOK Q PAGE 101

Name in which assessed:  
 SCOTT ALAN HINSON AND RICHARD F HILTON JR AND KAREN S GOWAN

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Sale # 296129  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 10204  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2008-014-017  
 SEC 19 TWP 15 RGE 20  
 RAINBOW PARK UNIT 8  
 BLK 14 LOT 17  
 PLAT BOOK K PAGES 25-34

Name in which assessed:  
 MARK A SHEHORN

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296130  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 11095  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2171-004-020  
 SEC 11 TWP 15 RGE 21  
 GOLDEN HOLIDAY 1ST ADD  
 BLK D LOT 20  
 PLAT BOOK H PAGE 076

Name in which assessed:  
 OSCAR F AGUDELO AND KATHERINE AGUDELO

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296131  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 11533  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:

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# 2262-004-022  
 SEC 13 TWP 15 RGE 21  
 ANDERSONS ADD OCALA  
 BLK 4 LOT 22 & W 13 FT OF  
 LOT 20 & E 7 FT OF LOT 24  
 PLAT BOOK A PAGE 075

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF OLLIE FUCE

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296132  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 12110  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2331-009-029  
 SEC 19 TWP 15 RGE 21 OCALA THOROUGHbred ACRES E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 EX N 30 FT FOR RD.  
 PLAT BOOK M PAGE 085

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF OAKLEY E HARBOLT

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296133  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 12408  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 24412-000-00  
 SEC 04 TWP 15 RGE 22  
 TREE HILL SUB BLK A LOT 7  
 PLAT BOOK F PAGE 017

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF LISA D DOUGLAS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296134  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 12525  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 25107-000-00  
 SEC 05 TWP 15 RGE 22 S 250 FT OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 E OF OCALA JAX HWY EX E 385 FT OF S 250 FT & EX BEG AT INT OF S BDY OF SEC & E R/W OF ANTHONY RD N 13-25 E ALONG R/W 86.5 FT S 78-36 E 122.13 FT E 195.21 FT FT S 60 FT TO S BDY W TO POB & EX N 73.8 FT

Name in which assessed:  
 RAUL CARMONA

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296135  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 12767  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2590-006-009  
 SEC 08 TWP 15 RGE 22  
 GRAPELAND TERRACE  
 BLK F LOT 9  
 PLAT BOOK D PAGE 010

Name in which assessed:  
 JAMES F SIMPSON

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296136  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 12846  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 26241-000-00  
 SEC 08 TWP 15 RGE 22 SEYMOUR'S SUB W 1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY COM AT NW COR OF LOT 8 SEYMOURS SUB TH S 330 FT TH E 330 FT TH N 330 FT TH W 330 FT TO POB EXC S 132 FT TH SAID EXC ALSO DESC AS 132 FT N & S BY 330 FT E & W OFF THE S END OF THE PROP PLAT BOOK A PAGE 161

Name in which assessed:  
 GAIL WOLF

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296137  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 13197  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2826-040-002  
 SEC 17 TWP 15 RGE 22 SMITH & DAUGHERTY ADD OCALA COM AT THE SE COR OF LOT 40 TH NLY ALONG THE W LINE OF CLAY ST (NE 9TH AVE) 100 FT TH WLY PARALLEL WITH THE N LINE OF HILL ST (NE 5TH ST) 57.72 FT TH S 100 FT MORE OR LESS TO A POINT ON N LINE OF HILL ST 57.74 FT W OF THE POB TH E ALONG THE N LINE OF HILL ST 57.74 FT TO THE POB PLAT BOOK E PAGE 011

Name in which assessed:  
 KURT M DOTTEN JR

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

**Public Notice**

Sale # 296138  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 13291  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 2842-002-014  
 SEC 18 TWP 15 RGE 22 WESTERN ADD OCALA BLK 2 LOT 14 PLAT BOOK A PAGE 152

Name in which assessed:  
 ADA MAE STARKS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296139  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG FL 18 LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14202  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 3287-101-007  
 SEC 19 TWP 15 RGE 25 HALF-MOON MINI-FARMS BLK 1 LOT 7 BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESC AS:  
 COM AT THE SW COR OF SEC 19 TH E 1050 FT TO THE POB TH CONT E 210 FT TH N 210 FT TH W 210 FT TH S 210 FT TO THE POB & E 1/2 OF MINI ROAD LYING W OF LOT 6. PLAT BOOK UNR PAGE 171

Name in which assessed:  
 RONALD V EMANUEL & DIANE I STEKOVICH

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296140  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14370  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 31947-249-00  
 SEC 04 TWP 15 RGE 24 SILVER SPRINGS CAMPSITES LOT 249 BEING MORE FULLY DESC AS FOLLOWS:  
 N 80 FT OF S 505 FT OF E 100 FT OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 PLAT BOOK UNR PAGE 205

Name in which assessed:

**Public Notice**

REBECCA E STEPHENS  
 Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296141  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14391  
 Year of Issuance: 2019

Description of Property:  
 # 3295-134-094  
 SEC 14 TWP 16 RGE 18 RAINBOW SPRINGS 4TH REPLAT BLK 134 LOT 94 EXC ROW TAKING BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESC AS:  
 COM AT THE NW COR OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 23 TH S 89-38-37 E 2547.88 FT TH N 04-18-44 E 1364.73 FT TO THE POB TH N 85-48-59 W 16.30 FT TH N 04-17-09 E 146.79 FT TO A PT ON A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE SWLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 30 FT TH FROM A TANGENT BEARING OF S 58-39-02 E 32.97 FT ALONG ARC OF CURVE THRU A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 62-57-46 TH S 04-18-44 W 120.03 FT TO THE POB PLAT BOOK S PAGE 054

Name in which assessed:  
 ELIZABETH A WILLIAMS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296142  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14397  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 32017-001-04  
 SEC 09 TWP 15 RGE 24 COM NE COR OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 S 89-22-01 W 266.48 FT S 1-16-13 E 414.83 FT TO POB S 1-16-13 E 418.75 FT N 89-34-15 E 188.18 FT S 1-23-13 E 500.21 FT S 1-20-50 E 390.84 FT TO N RWY FT GATES RD NELY ALONG RWY 40.84 FT N 1-20-50 W 381.95 FT N 1-23-13 W 918.97 FT S 89-34-15 W 227.33 TO POB

Name in which assessed:  
 DANIEL CALHOUN

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

**Public Notice**

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296143  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14433  
 Year of Issuance: 2019

Description of Property:  
 # 3297-171-002  
 SEC 24 TWP 16 RGE 18 RAINBOW SPRINGS 5TH REPLAT BLK 171 LOT 2 PLAT BOOK T PAGE 046

Name in which assessed:  
 ELISA P DOBLAS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296144  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14503  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 3226-001-003  
 SEC 14 TWP 15 RGE 24 TIMBERLANE SUB BLK A LOT 3 & TOGETHER WITH A 1/145TH INTEREST IN THAT PT OF THE W 250 FT OF E 667.98 FT OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 LYING SLY OF THE EXISTING 50 FT PAVED CR AND LYING NORTHEASTERLY OF OWEN'S LAKE. PLAT BOOK G PAGE 053

Name in which assessed:  
 ARCADIO MORALES JR

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296145  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CITRUS CAPITAL HOLDINGS LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 14681  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 32476-14-001  
 SEC 18 TWP 15 RGE 24 CHIPPEWA CHIEF HAMMOCK COM NE COR OF SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 W 470

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FT FOR POB W 80 FT S 102.115 FT E 80 FT N TO POB AKA BLK N E 1/2 LT 1 & 2.3.4 & W 1/2 OF LT 5 & 1/25TH INTEREST IN BK L LOTS 6.7 PLAT BOOK UNR PAGE 146

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF LAURA RUSSELL

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296146  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ILIRA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 21509  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 49740-000-00  
 SEC 29 TWP 17 RGE 24 S 103 FT OF N 255 FT OF W 128 FT OF E 304 FT OF NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4

Name in which assessed:  
 SYLVESTER CLARK

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296147  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ILIRA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 21751  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 5020-019-079  
 SEC 16 TWP 17 RGE 25 BIG SCRUB CAMPSITES BLK 19 LOTS 79 THRU 84 BEING MORE FULLY DESC AS FOLLOWS:  
 W 150 FT OF E 2065 FT OF S 110 FT OF N 990 FT OF N 1/2 OF N 1/2 DESC IN OR 347/680 PLAT BOOK UNR

Name in which assessed:  
 ESTATE OF AUSTIN G HOLBEN AND GLENNA HOLBEN

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

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Sale # 296148  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CHARLES E BERK FAMILY TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 22137  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 8003-0304-05  
 SEC 24 TWP 17 RGE 21 MARION OAKS UNIT 3 BLK 304 LOT 5 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 036

Name in which assessed:  
 KIRK LEWIS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296149  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CERTMAX LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 23032  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 8005-0800-15  
 SEC 21 TWP 17 RGE 21 MARION OAKS UNIT 5 BLK 800 LOT 15 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 081

Name in which assessed:  
 HAROLD JEAN-PIERRE

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMP-TROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

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Sale # 296150  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CERTMAX LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 23894  
 Year of Issuance: 2018

Description of Property:  
 # 8009-1216-22  
 SEC 20 TWP 17 RGE 21  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 9  
 BLK 1216 LOT 22  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 164

Name in which assessed:  
 THE ESTATE OF RALPH LOUIS MCNELIS

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296151  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that CERTMAX LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 24397  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 8005-0808-25  
 SEC 21 TWP 17 RGE 21  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 5  
 BLK 808 LOT 25  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 081

Name in which assessed:  
 IRAIDA TIRADO & NILDA L CRUZ

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296152  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 24646  
 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property:  
 # 8009-1181-26  
 SEC 21 TWP 17 RGE 21  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 9  
 BLK 1181 LOT 26  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 164

Name in which assessed:  
 MARY LOU PULIDO AND JESSICA ELLEN DRAKE AND JENNIFER GILLIS AND BETONY ANNE PULIDO AND JOSEPH FRANK PULIDO III AND JAMES BENITO PULIDO

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

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Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296153  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 25240  
 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property:  
 # 8011-1352-10  
 SEC 18 TWP 17 RGE 21  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 11  
 BLK 1352 LOT 10  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 214

Name in which assessed:  
 INVESTORS NETWORK SERVICES INC

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
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Sale # 296154  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 25256  
 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property:  
 # 8011-1355-15  
 SEC 18 TWP 17 RGE 21  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 11  
 BLK 1355 LOT 15  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 214

Name in which assessed:  
 INVESTORS NETWORK SERVICES INC

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296155  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

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Certificate No. 26008  
 Year of Issuance: 2014

Description of Property:  
 # 8012-1423-34  
 SEC 12 TWP 17 RGE 20  
 MARION OAKS UNIT 12  
 BLK 1423 LOT 34  
 PLAT BOOK O PAGE 225

Name in which assessed:  
 INVESTORS NETWORK SERVICES INC

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296156  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that ILIRA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 27497  
 Year of Issuance: 2020

Description of Property:  
 # 9034-1054-10  
 SEC 30 TWP 16 RGE 24  
 SILVER SPRINGS SHORES UNIT 34 BLK 1054 LOT 10  
 PLAT BOOK J PAGE 286

Name in which assessed:  
 GASPER LUPO AND MONICA JAGESWAR

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

Sale # 296157  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that JOCALBRO INC PROFIT SHARING PLAN TRUST the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issue 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. 27696  
 Year of Issuance: 2015

Description of Property:  
 # 9033-1125-15  
 SEC 25 TWP 16 RGE 23  
 SILVER SPRINGS SHORES UNIT 33  
 BLK 1125 LOT 15  
 PLAT BOOK J PAGE 294

Name in which assessed:  
 ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ SUAREZ

Said property being in the County of Marion, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be deemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder online at <https://marion.realtax-deed.com> scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. E.S.T. February 5, 2025.

Dated this December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 GREGORY C. HARRELL, CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

Signature: Gregory C. Harrell  
December 19, 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 2025 14-4tc

**Public Notice**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO. 24-CA-000034-AX  
 Division No.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VERUS SECURITIZATION TRUST 2023-2

Plaintiff,  
 VS.  
 JERRY LACEFIELD, et al,  
 Defendants/

NOTICE OF SALE  
 PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated December 13, 2024, and entered in Case No. 24-CA-000034-AX of the Circuit Court of the FIFTH Judicial Circuit in and for Marion County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VERUS SECURITIZATION TRUST 2023-2 is the Plaintiff and JERRY LACEFIELD the Defendants. Gregory C, Harrell, Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Marion County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at online at [www.marion.realforeclose.com](http://www.marion.realforeclose.com) at 11:00 AM on January 28, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Order of Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 12, BLOCK A, KINGSWOOD ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE(S) 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITH THE CLERK OF COURT BEFORE OR NO LATER THAN THE DATE THAT THE CLERK REPORTS THE SURPLUS AS UNCLAIMED. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A TIMELY CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS. AFTER THE FUNDS ARE REPORTED AS UNCLAIMED, ONLY THE OWNER OF THE RECORD AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MAY CLAIM THE SURPLUS.

If the sale is set aside, the Purchaser may be entitled to only a return of the sale deposit less any applicable fees and costs and shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's Attorney.

DATED at Marion County, Florida, this 24 day of December, 2024.  
 GILBERT GARCIA GROUP, P.A.  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 2313 W. Violet St.  
 Tampa, Florida 33603  
 Telephone: (813) 443-5087  
 Fax: (813) 443-5089  
 email: [service@gilbertgroupplaw.com](mailto:service@gilbertgroupplaw.com)

By: Joseph N. Dayan, Esq.  
 Florida Bar No. 125660  
 Published in: The Voice of South Marion

"In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons in need of a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall, within seven (7) days prior to any proceeding, contact the Administrative Office of the Court, Marion County, 110 N. W. 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, Telephone (352) 671-5604, via Florida Relay Service".

Apré ako ki fet avek Americans With Disabilities Act, tout moun kin ginyin yun bézwen spés yal pou akomodasyon pou yo patise nan pwogram sa-a dwé, nan yun nan rézonab an ninpot aranjman kapab fet, yo dwé kontaké Administrative Office Of The Court i nan niméro, Marion County, 110 N. W. 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, Telephone (352) 671-5604 i pasan pa Florida Relay Service.

En accordance avec la Loi des "Americans With Disabilities". Les personnes en besoin d'une acomodation speciale pour participer a ces procedures doivent, dans un temps raisonnable, avante d'entreprendre aucune autre démarche, contacter l'office administrative de la Court situé au, Marion County, 110 N. W. 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, Telephone (352)

**Public Notice**

671-5604 Via Florida Relay Service.

De acuerdo con el Acto ó Decreto de los Americanos con Impedimentos, Inhabilitados, personas en necesidad del servicio especial para participar en este procedimiento debrán, dentro de un tiempo razonable, antes de cualquier procedimiento, ponerse en contacto con la oficina Administrativa de la Corte, Marion County, 110 N. W. 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475, Telephone (352) 671-5604 Via Florida Relay Service.  
 832775.103932/tll  
 January 9, 16, 2025 17-2tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 42-2023-DP-000317  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 A.M.F. DOB: 11/15/2023  
 Minor Child.

NOTICE OF ACTION  
 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
 TO: Nikki Tavidian  
 (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: A.M.F. born on 11/15/2023. You are hereby commanded to appear on March 3, 2025, at 09:45 a.m. before the Honorable Stacy Youmans at the Marion Courthouse, Marion County Judicial Center 110 NW 1st Avenue Courtroom 5A Ocala, FL 34474, for an ADVISORY HEARING.

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

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW First Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34475, telephone (352) 401-6710, 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 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

WITNESS my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 18 day of DEC, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
 Clerk of Court  
 By: N. Cardinal  
 As Deputy Clerk

Maxine C. C. Henry, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No.: 844101  
 Children's Legal Services  
 Department of Children and Families  
 1100 SW 38th Avenue  
 Ocala, FL 34474  
 Phone: (352) 512-6053

December 26, 2024 - January 2, 9, 16 2025 15-4tc

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION  
 CASE NO. 42-2024-DP-000101  
 IN THE INTEREST OF:  
 T., B. R. (M) DOB: 04/05/2024  
 Minor Child.

Date of Removal: April 8, 2024  
 NOTICE OF ACTION  
 TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS  
 TO: Cordell John Templeton  
 (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: B.R.T. born on 04/05/2024. You are hereby commanded to appear on February 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., before the Honorable Stacy Youmans, Dependency Court Judge, at the Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Courtroom 5A (5th floor), Ocala, Florida 34475, for an ADVISORY HEARING. This hearing will be conducted via Zoom.  
 FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION

**Public Notice**

OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD (OR CHILDREN). IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD OR CHILDREN NAMED IN THIS NOTICE.

\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS MUST STAY IN CONTACT WITH THEIR ASSIGNED ATTORNEY FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPEAR FOR THIS HEARING. PARENTS MAY ALSO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY CONTACTING THE FAMILY CARE MANAGER, ERIN ALLEN AT (352) 598-8390 (email: Erin.Allen@KidsCentralinc.org) or the FAMILY CARE MANAGER SUPERVISOR, DEANNA WARFLE, AT (352) 502-5273 (email: Deanna.Warfle@KidsCentralinc.org). \*

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the office of the Trial Court Administrator, Marion County Judicial Center, 110 NW 1st Avenue, Ocala, FL 34475; Telephone (352) 401-6710; or email: [ada@support.circuit5.org](mailto:ada@support.circuit5.org), 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 30 day of DEC, 2024.

GREGORY C. HARRELL  
 Marion County Clerk of Court and Comptroller  
 By: N. Cardinal  
 As Deputy Clerk

Maxine C. C. Henry, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No.: 844101  
 Department of Children and Families  
 Children's Legal Services  
 1100 SW 38th Avenue  
 Ocala, Florida 34474  
 Phone: (352) 512-6053  
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# Fur-Ever Homes Needed: Shelter at Capacity with 215 Animals

As of January 5, Marion County Animal Shelter is bursting at the seams with 215 animals in its care. The lineup includes 162 adoptable dogs, 34 adoptable cats, and 19 animals on stray holds. That's a whole lot of paws looking for their forever homes.

The shelter is immensely grateful to its community and rescue partners for stepping up during these busy times. A special shoutout goes to the organizations that have accepted transfers this week, including Clay County Animal Rescue, 4 Lucky Dogs Rescue, and even breed-specific groups like the Florida Great Pyrenees Club and Sun-coast Basset Rescue.

This month, you can adopt a furry friend for free when you purchase the shelter's Rescues and Rescuers 2025 Calendar. It's a win-win: adorable pets and your chance to make a difference. The shelter still needs adopters, fosters, and volunteers to help ease the load. Ready to lend a paw? Call 352-671-8700 or visit [www.marionfl.org/animal](http://www.marionfl.org/animal) to learn how you can help. Let's find these pets the homes they deserve!



## The Goofy Grandpa

Bubba, age 9, would love a place to call home. He's all about friendly dog pals, power naps, and lovable dork vibes. (Photos: Marion County Animal Services)

## Rebel

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