

WESH, Chief to partner on debate

Mayoral debate to take place at Highland Manor

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka Chief and WESH 2 News are partnering on a 2026 Apopka mayoral election debate on Feb. 3 at Highland Manor.

All three active candidates, Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson and former Commis-



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Greg Fox

sioner Nick Nesta, have committed to participate in the debate, which will take place 5:30-7 p.m. in front of a live audience. Doors will open at 5 p.m.

WESH political reporter Greg Fox and Chief publisher J.C. Derrick will co-moderate the debate.

“We are thrilled to partner with WESH and its Emmy Award-winning reporter to bring this informative event to the community,” Derrick said. “This is

an important election for Apopkans, and the Chief is committed to making sure voters have the information they need to make an informed decision.”

The debate will be livestreamed online and remain available on demand after the event.

During the debate, the three mayoral candidates will discuss their plans for the future of Apopka, in-

MAYORAL DEBATE, A6

Nelson sues Moore over city residency

Mayor seeks to remove challenger from ballot

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore is facing a legal challenge over whether she met the residency requirements necessary to run for mayor of Apopka.

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson, who is running

for a third term, filed a lawsuit Tuesday asking the Orange County Circuit Court to remove Moore’s name from the March 10 municipal election ballot, citing her continued presence at a home just outside of city limits.

Although Moore listed her address as 75 W. Magnolia St. in Apopka in her qualification paperwork, records and photographs cited in the challenge ap-

LAWSUIT, A6

Car crashes into Apopka Museum

Museum closed until further notice

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

A burgundy sedan crashed into the Apopka Museum Monday afternoon, according to the Apopka Police Department, forcing the museum’s temporary closure.

“I was coming back to take down our Christmas decorations, and I get a call from one of our board members saying that something was going on — looked like somebody may have crashed into the museum,” said Francina Boykin, vice president of the Apopka Historical Society board of directors.

According to Boykin, a 93-year-old man arrived at the 150 East Fifth Street utility billing office to pay his bill. Afterward, he pushed the gas pedal, ran over the plants and a millstone in front of the museum, and hit one of the poles holding up the roof of the museum’s front porch. Boykin said a police officer transported the driver home and that the driver refused treatment.

“[It] could have been a lot worse, and he could have gotten seriously hurt, too, but I saw him standing there talking to the police, and so he’s okay,” Boykin said.

The Apopka Police Department said no injuries were reported.

Boykin credits the millstone, formerly positioned upright in front of the museum, for saving the build-



City staff inspect the damage.

ing from any severe damage. Other than the missing pole, several artifacts in a glass display case and hanging on the wall fell down inside, though the wall remains intact.

“Things are broken, but nothing that can’t be replaced, like photos came off the wall and cabinet,” Boykin said.

Boykin said she felt sorry for the 93-year-old driver and requested prayer from the Apopka community. The museum is closed until further notice as a result of the accident, although Boykin said she hopes the museum opens as soon as possible.

“We’re responsible for the history of Apopka in

northwest Orange County,” Boykin said. “We’re the pulse of our sacred history.”

The museum’s board of directors will be searching for volunteers in the near future to help restore the building. Those who are interested may email the museum at theapopkamuseum@gmail.com.

Photo by Francina Boykin

LYNX service changes to affect Apopkans

Service hours decreased, Fern Park service discontinued

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Service changes to LYNX’s Link 436N route will begin Sunday, Jan. 11, cutting service to Fern Park SuperStop and decreasing hours.

According to an Oct. 23 news release, the changing route will operate between Apopka SuperStop and Altamonte Springs SunRail.



A bus pulls out of the Apopka SuperStop.

The following routes are affected:

• Weekday trips from Fern Park to Apopka SuperStop at

9:05 p.m., 10:05, 11:05, and 12:20 a.m.

• Saturday from Fern Park to Apopka SuperStop at 6 a.m., 9:35, 10:25, 11:35 p.m. and midnight

• Saturday from Apopka SuperStop to Fern Park at 4:40 and 5:10 a.m., 8:40 and 9:40 p.m.

The Link 436N route connects Apopka to Seminole County, currently running through Forest City and Altamonte Springs and ending at Fern Park SuperStop.

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File photo by Marshall Tempest

Mayor Bryan Nelson says challenge Christine Moore has not lived inside the city limits long enough to qualify.

City Council appoints Torres, Mock alternates to canvassing board

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Council unanimously appointed Michelle Torres and Eric Mock on Wednesday as first and second alternate members to serve on the canvassing board for the upcoming general city and special election.

The decision to select alternate canvassing board members was first discussed at the Dec. 17 City Council meeting. However, the council voted unanimously to postpone the decision in order to solicit ad-

ditional names of potential alternates.

According to Jodi Wrigley, deputy city clerk, the clerk’s office received emails from residents offering to serve as alternates.

From this communication, Wrigley listed the potential alternates as Eric Mock, Michelle Torres, Nikki McGuire, Dennis Harper, and Dr. Phyllis Olmstead. Before the council voted, McGuire told the council she had asked to withdraw her name from consideration.

CANVASSING BOARD, A8



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Commissioner Nadia Anderson

APOPKA ELECTION 2026:

Voter registration deadline: Monday, Feb. 9

Early voting dates: Monday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Election Day: March 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

What’s on the ballot: Mayor; City Council seats 1, 2 and 4; eight city charter amendments

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‘Sheduction’ — A high degree of useful knowledge

I took Christmas stuff from the garage to decorate my office. To make room, I moved office stuff to the garage.

Last week, I undecorated and found that there is not enough room in my office for the stuff that used to be there and there’s no longer enough room in the garage to put the Christmas stuff back where it came from.

I took a Logic class in college, so I know this is not possible. I also taught math. If you have equal amounts and you subtract one from the other, you will not have a remainder. Add the difference to the subtrahend and you will have what you started with. You can trust me, because I know what a subtrahend is.

Yet here I stand in the driveway with half an artificial Christmas tree and an extra storage bin full of books. Obviously, there are “life skills” that are not taught in college, like maybe “Organization, an Introduction to Applied Common Sense.”

Pappaw didn’t go to college, but he could have taught that course. He had a shed out behind his house that contained one of just about everything on this planet that could be used for work. There were vises, pipe threaders, miter saws, twister things and bender things, and about a billion boxes of nails, screws, bolts, washers, flanges, hasps, hinges, clamps and a bunch of gizmos that looked like metal insects.

If you asked him for a counter-threaded Himmelfinger three-sevenths hex, he could walk right to the correct box and fetch one. Even more amazing is that if the box was empty, he knew there was no counter-threaded Himmelfinger hex in the shed.

I have no confidence that I would be able to go into my garage and locate the lawn mower. I once bought

Columnist



Jake Vest

a hedge trimmer, went to hang it on a hook and found, of all things, a hedge trimmer already there.

Pappaw had no formal education. He could make out some words in print but couldn’t really read. I sometimes tutor students who are taking the SAT and am currently reading a 224-page history of esoteric punctuation, Dr. Cecelia Watson’s “Semicolon: The Past, Present and Future of a Misunderstood Mark.”

When I am finished, I will know more about the semi-colon than I will ever be able to apply to any situation I will ever find myself in, and I still won’t be able to take care of my own pool or keep my grass alive.

I call it “situational IQ.” Jeopardy! contestants can casually identify obscure operas, know that the Orinoco is the fourth largest river by discharge in South America, and can tell the difference between Manet and Monet. Then they don’t know that the University of Alabama is called the Crimson Tide and are unaware that the Army rank above captain is major.

It’s like we all have little sheds in our heads with boxes we fill with whatever we think will come in handy. Might be know-how, might be punctuation, could be opera. There are all sorts of smarts, so why do we only officially recognize the college kind and hold it in such high esteem?

Beats me. Maybe somebody is studying that in college right now.

Meanwhile, let’s say you need a torx-headed carriage toggle. Who you gonna call? Probably not Dr. Cecelia Watson, certainly not me. Unfortunately, Pappaw is no longer around, and they aren’t making them like him anymore.

On the other hand, if you need a hedge trimmer, half a Christmas tree, or some consultation about a semicolon, I’m your man.

Property tax is the phantom menace

It’s the beginning of a brand new year, and in just a few short days the Florida Legislature will kick off the new 2026 session. Now that the tinsel is put away (or soon will be) the thoughts of many are turned once again to the important issue of property taxes, and the ever-present issue of affording our American dream.

I’d like to shed light on the process and hopefully demystify this possibly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to decide how we will fund the free state of Florida.

The first thing to understand is that the choice on how we structure our property taxes will ultimately be decided not by the governor or Legislature but by the people of the state of Florida. This issue will be placed on the ballot this coming November, and though similar in some respects, the process to place the issue on the ballot is different than the typical bill that becomes a law.

It begins with the House creating an HJR (House Joint Resolution), which involves a legislator proposing a resolution — in this case how property taxes are levied and their parameters.

Florida House of Representatives



Doug Bankson

To date, the Florida House has proposed eight different options for consideration, with one more late entry being proposed just before Christmas. (Remember, this is the beginning of the process, and all these may not be on the final menu.)

Unlike bills, which eventually go to the governor to decide, these HJRs will go directly to the people, and with a 60% majority those chosen will become the new mandate for Florida.

Each of the first eight proposed HJRs have passed through the House Select Committee on Property Taxes (on which I serve). The committee has been studying the issue for months, amassing real data and seeking input from across the state as to

how this will affect each district, all of which are diverse, from urban to rural, in how they attend to the needs of their constituents.

Herein lies the rub, as they say, and it is part of the complex issue of rethinking our tax structure. In future columns, I will expound on the choices being considered, but let us limit this one to understanding the process.

The real busyness starts this week with session, as these proposals pass through the typical committee process. There they will be scrutinized and fine-tuned, and members may pare down the list.

Ultimately, each HJR must pass the full House by a 3/5ths vote. Simultaneously, the Senate will go through the same process, proposing its own versions. Finally, both House and Senate must agree by 3/5ths margins to pass the final resolutions to the ballot, where voters will decide our collective fate and future.

Next time we’ll break down the proposed items on the menu. (For all you Matrix fans, this article is 100% home grown, not AI generated.)

OCPS offers life-shaping experiences

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is off to a great start to 2026 and that everyone had a wonderful break. I know many of our students in Apopka did.

Our Apopka Blue Darter and Wekiva Mustang marching bands certainly had a great break. Both of our local bands were honored to be invited to participate in very special parades on New Year’s Day.

The Darter band headed overseas to participate in the London New Year’s Day parade. What an absolute treat to see OUR Apopka Blue Darters marching down the London streets. The students visited all the great sites while in London, including Westminster Abbey.

They weren’t the only ones representing our community; The Wekiva Marching Mustangs participated in the Sugar Bowl parade in New Orleans, also on New Year’s Day. They won five awards at an awards dinner, including 3rd place overall for the parade.

Both bands represented not only Apopka, but all of OCPS in a tremendous way!

These incredible experiences

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

for our students do not come easily. They take months of fundraising and organizing from parents, boosters, community members and very dedicated teachers like Mr. Langford and Mr. Petty, the band directors at Apopka and Wekiva, respectively.

We have been working with these bands for over a year to make these trips a reality. The final push happened just last month when the Foundation for Orange County Schools secured a funder for the last \$25,000 Wekiva needed for its trip.

We hear a lot about educational choice these days, and our state is very proud of the opportunities it offers families to choose what educational path is best for their child, and I support that.

But in choosing options outside of public schools, parents need to know that these opportunities may not be available without the backing of a large school district that has tremendous community support.

When choosing an educational path, I hope parents look at all the opportunities that each option provides. As children age, education becomes about more than just what happens in the classroom. Opportunities outside the classroom impact students as well.

These kids not only experienced these trips with their friends and created memories that will last a lifetime, but experiences like these also change perspectives and outlooks. They have a way of creating a desire to set up your life to allow for future adventures, to plant a seed of exploration that can develop into motivation to work hard to keep your dreams alive.

In other words, these kinds of trips can be life-changing.

How lucky we are that hundreds of our Apopka children were given the opportunity by their local public school to have this experience.

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AdventHealth acquires distribution center property

Site is located near airport, major corridors

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

AdventHealth acquired a property used as its distribution center near the Orlando Apopka Airport, according to a Dec. 23 announcement.

The deal for 5050 Wesley Road in Apopka closed for an estimated \$84 million, the Orlando Business Journal reported.

Cushman & Wakefield represented EQT Real Estate in the disposition of the fully occupied building, according



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

AdventHealth acquired the property at 5050 Wesley Road in Apopka for about \$84 million.

to the firm’s news release.

Located within the Apopka Commerce Center, the property has access to U.S. 441, the newly widened S.R. 429 and S.R. 414.

The cross-dock distribution center was built in 2023 and features 40-foot clear heights, 150 dock doors, 190-foot truck courts and four drive-in doors, according to

Cushman & Wakefield.

Cushman & Wakefield listed the property at 546,820 square feet, while AdventHealth described the consolidated service center itself as a nearly 375,000-square-foot operation.

“This offering provides investors with a rare opportunity to acquire a modern cross-dock facility located in one of Florida’s key statewide distribution hubs in the highly sought-after Orlando market,” Rick Colon, Cushman & Wakefield senior director, said in a press release. “Apopka and Central Florida have had remarkable population growth over the past 10 years, and that growth, combined

with Apopka Commerce Center’s strategic location, allows users to draw from a skilled and diverse labor pool. This location and its demographics have also drawn strong interest from leading institutional investors and developers, such as EQT Real Estate.”

In a February 2024 press release, AdventHealth announced the opening of its new supply-and-operations hub in Florida, which helps ensure its hospitals have the medical supplies, mail, pharmacy items and support services needed to care for patients.

At the time of the announcement, the center was fully operational, employed

about 250 people, and housed a mail-order pharmacy serving more than 125,000 patients.

AdventHealth and Medline, a medical supply company, co-developed the Consolidated Service Center.

AdventHealth, which is headquartered in Altamonte Springs and has a campus in Apopka, confirmed it acquired the property in an email to the Chief.

“The property recently became available, and AdventHealth purchased it to ensure the long-term continuity of operations that support our patient care,” the AdventHealth public information office said in a Monday email.

City Council terminates Main Street Apopka agreement

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to dissolve its financial agreement with scandal-marred Main Street Apopka following concerns about financial oversight, governance and unmet obligations under the agreement.

Interim City Administrator Radley Williams presented staff’s request for direction regarding a notice of default previously issued to Main Street Apopka regarding the down-

town mural that the organization had commissioned last year.

Caitlin Kasheta resigned as executive director effective last October and is no longer affiliated with the organization, Yvette Anderson, a Main Street Apopka board member, told the council.

Anderson also announced that Main Street Apopka had recently been approved by Main Street America, a national organization that supports downtown revitalization programs, and said the city would be

promoted nationally for three months as part of that approval.

“The reason I am telling you this is so you can have that in consideration, because that would be very important for our city to be a part of Main Street National as well as the state,” she said.

Despite Yvette Anderson’s update, council members expressed reservations. Commissioner Nadia Anderson questioned the organization’s financial practices and lack of transparency.

“I don’t think [we can] justify ... continuously spending taxpayer dollars on an organization that has clearly defaulted on our agreement and has spent substantially a lot of money that I don’t think is justifiable,” she said.

Commissioner Diane Velazquez said that since the notice of default was issued, no one from the Main Street Apopka board had reached out to council members to explain what went wrong or how the organization planned to move forward.

Velazquez also referenced

the controversial downtown mural project, which was unveiled with much fanfare and then painted over days later after an Iowa artist called out the design for plagiarism.

During public comment, local business owners said they support the concept of a Main Street program but emphasized the need for experienced leadership, transparency and accurate public information.

The city had sent Main Street Apopka the notice of default on Oct. 29, 2025, outlining concerns with compliance

under the funding agreement.

Main Street Apopka submitted a Dec. 12 response, within the notice of default cure period that was set to expire Dec. 14, 2025.

The response outlined how the organization implemented several solutions to rectify the mural issue, including forfeiting \$4,600 from the next city disbursement, stating that it spent that same amount on the downtown mural, including \$1,600 to remove it, according to the Jan. 7 City Council staff report.



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pear to show her vehicle was regularly parked between April and July 2025 in front of her homesteaded Palm Crest Drive residence in unincorporated Orange County.

The Apopka City Charter requires mayoral candidates to reside within city limits for at least one year prior to taking office. This would have required Moore to establish residency in Apopka by April 28, 2025, Nelson said.

Moore listed the Magnolia Street address as her residence, a property homesteaded to City Council Seat 1 candidate Sam Ruth, according to Orange County property appraiser records. Moore continues to claim a homestead exemption on her Palm Crest Drive home. Florida law allows only one homestead exemption and one permanent residence.

“What she is doing is ille-



Photo by Sarah Merly
Christine Moore

gal, which is why I have filed a lawsuit to ask for the courts to review the evidence,” Nelson said in a statement. “I believe they will see her actions have been improper as well and will remove her name from the ballot.”

In a Wednesday state-

ment to the Chief, Moore dismissed Nelson’s complaint and called it “false and misleading.”

“People get sued all the time,” Moore said. “Mayor Nelson was the subject of similar criticism in 2018 after applying for annexation for his home and two other properties in his unincorporated neighborhood. Bryan Nelson did not cease his candidacy for Mayor due to complaints, and neither will I.”

Moore said she is a 38-year resident of Orange County and Apopka whose children and grandchildren were Apopka school students.

“Prior to deciding to run for Mayor of Apopka I began looking for homes for purchase in the city limits,” she said. “I secured the assistance of a professional, licensed realtor. I signed a lease at

75 W. Magnolia Street and completed numerous required residency documents. By mid-July I moved with all my belongings from both the rental room and my 30-year-old property to 141 S. Central Ave. I’m in the process of filing for homestead exemption as the application window for such is January. However, homestead exemption is not required as proof of residency.”

Nelson also accused Moore of improperly submitting her qualifying fee, saying she signed the qualifying check herself despite campaign records showing Benjamin Moore as campaign treasurer.

State law requires candidates to submit “a properly executed check drawn upon the candidate’s campaign account.” Nelson said Section 106.11(1) of the Florida Statutes requires that the

campaign treasurer or deputy treasurer sign the check.

“Moore is neither,” the suit says.

In her Wednesday statement, Moore maintained that her signature on the qualifying fee check was not illegal.

“As to the check required per statute for qualifying for municipal races, it is not required that the check be signed by a treasurer,” she said. “In fact, most of the other candidates filing for the Apopka city races also signed their own checks. If it had been a legal requirement, the Apopka Clerk would have had the opportunity to cure all the signatories.”

Moore announced her campaign for mayor last April. Former City Commissioner Nick Nesta is also vying for mayor on the March ballot, which will also feature three City Council races and eight charter amend-

ments.

Moore called on Nelson to focus on issues.

“I believe Mayor Bryan Nelson should spend his time working on the myriad of serious issues facing Apopka and not resort to such bogus claims of residency against his strongest competitor,” she said. “My campaign is about slowing growth, improving infrastructure, improving downtown Apopka and the other city neighborhood centers.”

Nelson’s suit names City Clerk Susan Bone, who supervises city elections, and Orange County Supervisor of Elections Karen Castor Dental in their official capacities as co-defendants. The complaint asks the court for an expedited decision to either remove Moore from the ballot or, if ballots are already printed, to not count any votes cast for her.

MAYORAL DEBATE
FROM A1

cluding such issues as the city’s growth, infrastructure and leadership.

Apopka Chief members have the opportunity to submit questions in advance and will have reserved seating at the event. Other local residents who wish to submit questions will need to attend in person and fill out a card.

“We will ensure the debate focuses on substantive issues that matter to local residents,” Derrick said.

Nelson is seeking his third term as mayor and said he wants to continue achieving the goals he set in his

current term, including adding new amenities and developments to the community.

This week he launched a bid to remove Moore from the ballot by challenging her residency.

Moore is in her second term as county commissioner for District 2 and announced her campaign for mayor last April. Her platform includes halting suburban sprawl, infrastructure improvements and increasing transparency in city government.

Nesta jumped into the race in November and cited three top priorities: strength-

ening city infrastructure, supporting city employees and public safety personnel, and restoring fiscal accountability. His entrance led to the withdrawal of local attorney Matt Aungst, who said he was concerned about “splitting the reform vote.”

Fox is a seven-time Emmy Award winner and a two-time winner of the Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Journalism. He has been an anchor and reporter for WESH since 1987 and is a veteran debate facilitator.

“This mayoral race carries real significance for



Photo by Marshall Tempest
Bryan Nelson

Apopka’s long-term direction, and we believe the community deserves a thoughtful, well-moderated discussion,” said John



Photo by Marshall Tempest
Nick Nesta

Soapes, WESH 2 and CW18 president and general manager. “Greg Fox’s decades of experience, deep understanding of Florida politics,



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and proven track record as a debate moderator make him an ideal choice to help guide a meaningful conversation that keeps voters informed.”

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15. Misrepresent
16. Do like ivy
17. Go for the bronze?
18. Poem of lament
19. *Grammy nominee Bad Bunny’s first language
21. *KPop Demon Hunters’ nominated song
23. Sought at crime scene
24. Lord’s worker
25. Rob Manfred’s org.
28. Jab, in speech
30. *____.com Arena
35. Rowboat engine, pl.
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39. Cowboy’s cry of joy
40. Big attraction
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43. Live bait
44. Daytime moth
46. Puerto follower
47. Finger move
48. Colonnade
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52. “Zip it!”
53. Trash bag brand
55. Polar helper
57. *Lady Gaga’s nominated album
60. *Tyler of CHROMAKOPIA, with The
64. Prejudiced one
65. Busy one
67. Do penance
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69. Make a mistake
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71. “I, Claudius” role
72. Jack and Jill did this
73. Changes to a manuscript
- DOWN**
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2. “Star Trek” speed
3. Away from port
4. Not be frugal
5. What TikTokers are often doing
6. This and that
7. Legal grp.
8. Door holder
9. Mix together
10. Away from wind
11. Leo or Libra, e.g.
12. *Wonder’s “Songs in the ____ of Life,” Album of Year (1977)
15. Where bats are?
20. Eurasian goat-like antelope
22. Middle-earth dweller
24. Pelican or albatross, e.g.
25. Person in an ad
26. One of Florida Keys
27. Health food pioneer of liquid aminos fame
29. *Nominated “Drop Dead Years” comedian Bill ____
31. Swerves
32. Sound units
33. Synagogue scroll
34. Zing or pizzazz
36. *Justin Bieber’s nominated song
38. Fabled fliers
42. Red one, send somebody over!
45. Unalienable ones are in the Declaration of Independence
49. Draft pick
51. Give satisfaction
54. Spot for prehistoric fly
56. Doomed
57. *MCA, Ad-Rock and ____ D, Grammy-winning Beastie Boys
58. Culture-growing turf
59. Walk-the-dog toy
60. What concerning and discernable have in common
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YouTuber’s Apopka police encounter spreads on social media

APD reviewing Jan. 2 incident

By Sarah Merly Reporter

YouTuber and self-professed civil rights investigator Jeff Gray posted a video on Monday of his encounter with Apopka police officer Robert Campbell last Jan. 2 at the Market on 5th. The video has since spread on social media and sparked a statement from Apopka Police Chief Lovetta Quinn-Henry.

“I am aware of the video circulating on social media involving one of our officers at the local street market on the night of January 2, 2026,” Quinn-Henry said. “As Police Chief, I want the community to know that the Apopka Police Department takes all public interactions seriously, particularly those that raise concerns or questions about our interactions



Screenshot from HonorYourOath Civil Rights Investigations on YouTube

Jeff Gray encounters Apopka police officer Robert Campbell in his YouTube video.

with the public.”

Gray’s video, posted under “HonorYourOath Civil Rights Investigations” on Facebook, shows Gray holding a cardboard sign reading “God Bless the Homeless-Vets” at the Fifth Street farmer’s market. Gray, an army veteran, visits public areas across Florida with the sign

and records reactions from onlookers to his “magic cardboard mirror.”

“At the Friday evening farmer’s market in Apopka, Florida, somebody did in fact get the cops on me,” Gray said in the video. “I was only there for like, three or four minutes when the City of Apopka police officer showed up, but

that’s basically because they were already there.”

After Gray greets several marketgoers with the sign, the video shows an unidentified individual encouraging Gray to stop.

“We don’t want to see you get arrested, but they’re not gonna let you stay here,” the individual said in the vid-

eo. “It’s implying that you’re panhandling.”

After the warning, Gray continues to hold the sign up. A police officer, who identifies himself as “Officer Campbell” later in the video, then walks up to Gray, who turns his back on the officer and walks away from him. Campbell then walks alongside Gray, requesting his attention, after which Gray says he wants to be left alone.

“You ask for money, you’re gonna get arrested,” Campbell says.

Gray then asks the officer directly if he could have some money, after which Campbell questions Gray’s behavior. Gray then asks the officer by name for the money, then tries to walk away, saying he’d rather be left alone. Campbell then asks for Gray’s name, which Gray declines to share. Campbell walks away shortly after-

ward.

Quinn-Henry thanked the Apopka community in advance for its patience as the Apopka Police Department completes its review of the video.

“The video is currently under review in consultation with our legal advisor,” Quinn-Henry said. “The current panhandling ordinance is being reviewed to ensure alignment with Supreme Court rulings. As part of this process, we will be providing department-wide retraining to reinforce guidance on panhandling laws and the appropriate lawful handling of these encounters.”

Gray’s videos have previously sparked controversy on several occasions, one of which involved a 2023 lawsuit against the city of Alpharetta, Georgia. Alpharetta settled the case on July 15, 2024.

POLICE BEAT

APD arrests 27 Dec. 28-Jan. 3

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In the period from December 28, 2025-January 3, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,640 calls for service, responded to 25 crashes, issued 77 citations, and made 27 arrests. Burglaries: 4 vehicles, 1 residence, 1 business. No juveniles were charged.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Edgar Aguilar Martinez, 33, 71 Camellia St., Umatilla, crash DUI-property damage/personal injury; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction; hit and run-leave scene of crash involve damage to property.

Alicia Liana Alfaro, 27, Ocoee, battery on specified personnel; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Jesus Arturo Arevalo Mil-

ian, 32, Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; weapon offense-missile into dwelling vehicle/building or aircraft; damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$200-\$1,000.

Matthew James Armel, 41, 25808 Pine Valley Dr., Sorrento, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status 3rd subsequent violation.

Shacquez Armontious Collington, 25, 33306 Ryan Dr. U 116, Leesburg, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Nathan Ray Davis, 38, 1006 Terry Dr., Altamonte Springs, other agency warrant.

Madison Bradley Donnell, 31, Apopka, weapon offense-improper exhibit of firearm or dangerous weapon; battery-touch or strike.

Wilmer Esteban Guillen-Guillen, 21, 23 E. Albatross St., Apopka, crash DUI-property damage/personal injury; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 2nd conviction.

Luz M. Gutierrez, 68, 915 Trailwood Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Matthew Taylor Heming-

way, 23, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Antonio Rashanda Hopkins, 26, 206 Lalla Ln., Apopka, larceny petit theft-merchandise farm transit, 2+ prior conviction; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Steve S. Hoyte, 49, 417 Jordan Stuart Cir. Apt 203, Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, refusal submit DUI testing.

Elmer Ibarra-Gutierrez, 30, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Alan Perry James, 38, Apopka, battery-touch or strike-domestic violence; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Cassi Alexis Kelley, 33, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Yvonne Lee Koch, 45, 411 S. Highland Ave., Apopka, retail theft.

Harry Mavronas, 55, 7487 FL-121, MacClenny, burglary of occupied dwelling, unarmed; burglary unoccupied conveyance, unarmed.

Melanie Muniz Rosa, 34, 1048 Aspen Way, Apopka, battery on specified personnel.

Zachary Dane Peacock, 34, Apopka, battery-prior conviction, battery commit 2nd subsequent battery.

Jennie Marie Pinson, 45, 808 W. Central Blvd., Orlando, other agency warrant.

Fabio Alberto Restrepo, 45, 624 Spring Oaks Blvd., Altamonte Springs, other agency warrant (X2).

Kevin Scott Revier, 48, 1806 Deanna Dr., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Charlene Rivera, 38, Apopka, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Lloyd Spencer, 63, 154 N. Apollo Dr., Apopka, moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended, habitual offender.

Eddin Guillobany Velasquez Morales, 35, 649 O Shea Ct., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher or with person under 18 in vehicle; moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Terry Lee Weaver, 57, Apopka, battery-touch or strike-domestic violence.

Lester Leroy Westerman, 71, Apopka, battery-touch or strike-domestic violence.

Grand jury indicts woman for wire fraud

Jury trial set for Jan. 28

Staff Reports

A federal grand jury recently indicted Apopka resident Xin Liu, 40, for conspiracy to commit wire fraud against an elderly victim via phone and email. John P. Heekin, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Florida, announced the charge Dec. 31.

“An indictment is merely an allegation by a grand jury that a defendant has committed a violation of federal criminal law and is not evidence of guilt,” said a press release from the United States Attorney’s Office of the Northern District of Florida. “All defendants are presumed innocent and entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the government’s burden to prove guilt be-

yond a reasonable doubt at trial.”

Liu’s arraignment in federal court occurred Dec. 23 before United States Magistrate Judge Midori A. Lowry. Liu’s jury trial is set for 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 28 before Chief District Court Judge Allen C. Winsor. If convicted, Liu will face a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Criminal Investigations division of the Internal Revenue Service, and the Gainesville Police Department investigated the case. Assistant United States Attorney Adam Hapner serves as prosecutor.

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MLK parade organizers invite area to celebrate King

‘The Dream Marches On’ to serve as 2026 theme

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

As of Tuesday, more than 85 entrants have applied to participate in Apopka’s 17th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, which will feature marching bands and exemplify the theme, “The Dream Marches On.”

The South Apopka Ministerial Alliance (SAMA) is accepting applications up to the day before the parade for the annual event, Monique Morris, parade chair, told The Apopka Chief on Tuesday. The parade will take place in the city of Apopka on Monday, Jan. 19.

Staging will begin promptly at noon at VFW Post 10147, located at 519 S. Central Ave. Any late arrivals after 1:01 p. m. will be added to the end of the pa-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Apopka High School marches in the 2025 MLK Parade.

rade. Entry fees are non-refundable. The parade will begin at 2 p. m.

Former Apopka High School (AHS) assistant principal Marcia Owens, who served at AHS for many years, is now the principal at Campbell Middle School in Daytona Beach. Owens will bring the school’s marching band to participate in the parade.

“I’m thinking that’s

great because Dr. King is not just in Orange County,” Morris said. “We know his dream marches on, which is this year’s theme. It marches on in every county, everywhere. So, it’s great that she wants to participate, because she used to be in our community as an assistant principal, and I’m grateful for that.”

Joining Campbell Middle School will be several high school bands, includ-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Wekiva High School marches in the 2025 MLK Parade.

ing Apopka, Wekiva, Oak Ridge, Evans and Ocoee.

“We have tons of bands this year,” Morris said.

The parade — and hence the celebration of King’s legacy — is not limited to the South Apopka community, Morris said.

“We want everybody — the whole Apopka community and Central Florida — to join the parade,” she said.

Othellus Swift, an Apop-

ka resident, will serve as the parade’s grand marshal for the community. The grand marshal for education and youth is Sophia Bascon, an Apopka daycare owner. The “bridge builder” grand marshal, a younger person who mentors and impacts community youth, is Joshua Black, a mime praise dancer who conducts free praise dance classes for youth, and mentors at St. Paul AME Church.

The grand marshal for the Hispanic community will be a representative from the Hope CommUnity Center, an immigration and working poor advocacy group.

Gerard Moss, the visionary of the event, will also join in the parade.

On Wednesday, the Apopka City Council voted on approving the requested street closures for the parade, including Central Avenue from VFW Post 10147 north on Station Street and south on Marvin C. Zanders Avenue to 13th Street, between the hours of noon and 4 p. m.

According to city documents, city staff, including police and fire officials, have reviewed the parade’s special events permit application and recommended approval.

Parade entrant applications are available at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church by calling 407-702-4223, emailing deanqueen456@gmail.com, or calling 407-721-4759.

CANVASSING BOARD

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When Torres contacted the city clerk’s office, she stated that she has 22 years of experience working in elections, including employment with the Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office, according to Wrigley.

Torres’s election experience includes ballot tabulation, canvassing procedures, and statutory requirements. She is familiar with board processes, expectations, and etiquette, and would require minimal training, Wrigley said.

“She resides in the city of Apopka, and she can remain entirely impartial and has the ability to serve as needed,” Wrigley told the City Council. “She feels that her years of experience in the field of elections have uniquely prepared her to serve in an unbiased manner while upholding statutory requirements.”

Mayor Bryan Nelson, who is campaigning for his third term, said he doesn’t know Torres and has never contacted her.

“Just for clarity here,

I didn’t ask [her],” Nelson said. “I don’t even know that I know her, although I was on the canvassing board once, way back when. So, she was there eight or nine years ago. I might have met her, don’t know. But for all intents and purposes, I don’t know who Michelle Torres is.”

Commissioner Nadia Anderson said that, for the sake of transparency, she is the only council member who is not currently up for election.

“I know that the concern was that it would be biased for

the mayor to actually suggest someone [for appointment to the canvassing board],” Anderson said. “But unfortunately, all four of us are up for election [at some point], so I don’t know how we would move past that.”

Before the council took action, Anderson recommended Torres as first alternate and Mock as second alternate, citing Mock’s experience working with local government. Mock, a realtor, is a member of the Planning Commission and has run for City Council in the past.

The city canvassing board includes the city clerk and two City Council members who are not running for office. The board requires designated first and second alternates.

If one of the City Council members becomes ineligible to serve on the canvassing board, a council majority must appoint two citizens to serve as first and second alternates. The first alternate would serve as the canvassing board’s third member. If that individual is unable to fulfill those duties, the second alter-

nate would then serve as the board’s third member.

The general election and Seat 4 special election will take place March 10 with any potential runoffs to follow April 14. The general election includes the races for mayor, Seat 1 and Seat 2.

Also on March 10, residents will be asked to vote on a referendum for eight proposed City Charter amendments, including a change to the municipal form of government from strong mayor to council-manager.

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Kevin Robin Diceglie

Kevin Robin Diceglie passed away January 4, 2026 at the age of 64, surrounded by his family. He resided in Apopka.

He was born February 15, 1961, in Warren, Ohio. His parents are Frank and Clella Diceglie.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Diceglie; his children, Tasha Lowe (Simon Lowe) in Sorrento, Joshua Diceglie (Corrinne Theodore) in Sanford, and Jessica Diceglie (Sam Himes) in Apopka; grandchildren, Teigan McMahan of Apopka, and Isabella Diceglie of Sanford; brother, Jim Diceglie of St. Petersburg; his mother, Kay Diceglie of Apopka.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Frank Diceglie (1988); his brother Gary Diceglie (1970), his son Christopher Forde (2012); and his niece, Jessica Marie Diceglie and all his grandparents.

Kevin attended Warren High School in Ohio. He started his career in irrigation commissioned by some of the most prestigious locations throughout Orlando. He eventually went into construction, including remodeling and new builds, both commercial and residential.

He loved telling jokes, watching NASCAR, favorite drivers were Mark Martin, Kevin Harvick, and Ryan Blaney.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 24th at his home. Friends and family are welcome to join the celebration from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

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Wekiva boys win consolation title in Illinois

Mustangs go 3-1 Centralia Holiday Tournament

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Wekiva traveled north to Centralia, Illinois, to compete in the Centralia Holiday Tournament, gaining valuable out-of-state experience while finishing 3-1 and capturing the consolation championship. Behind a star performance from

Eric Nichols, the Mustangs showcased versatility, physicality, and growth against Midwest competition.

The trip provided a measuring stick for Wekiva (11-4) as the team prepares for the heart of the season.

“My thing for them was score fast, do a lot of things fast, but in control,” head coach Gersino Lubin said. “Being out of town, we got a chance to see Midwest basketball, and Midwest basketball, they are very efficient in a lot of things.

I would like for us to be efficient.”

The tournament opened on Dec. 29 with a tight battle against Belleville West (Ill.). The Mustangs were locked in a one-possession game late, but a controversial no-call in the final moments led to a game-winning 3-pointer as Wekiva fell 54-51. The loss sent the Mustangs to the consolation side of the bracket despite a strong performance from Nich-

WEKIVA BASKETBALL, B2



Courtesy of Joyce Lubin

Wekiva won the consolation prize in the Centralia (Illinois) Holiday Tournament Dec. 29-31.

Apopka falls to Evans in first round of Metro West Tournament

Trojans lead wire to wire to clip Darters

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka boys basketball team hit the road to Evans Tuesday night for the first game of the new year and Game 1 of the Metro West In-Season Tournament. The Blue Darters (8-7) were given the seventh seed and lost 42-37 to the two seed Trojans (12-4).

Evans set the tone immediately, scoring on its first two possessions with an inside finish followed by a perimeter bucket. Apopka answered through Jarquavion McClain, who pulled up confidently from the elbow to get the Blue Darters on the board. From there, the opening quarter settled into a physical, half-court battle, with both teams working deep into the non-existent shot clock on nearly every possession.

“We knew coming in it was going to be a grind,” Apopka coach Scott Williams said. “They’re really hard to score on, and we have to recognize when we’re being passive because that hurts us.”

Midway through the first, McClain drove and kicked to Rafi Betancourt, who buried a corner 3 to tie the game. Evans responded with a strong layup, but Apopka stayed active on the offensive glass, fighting for two boards to convert second-chance points.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Xavier Freeman (left) goes up to attempt a block on an Evans big man (21).

Jean traded pull-up jumpers with a Trojan guard, but Evans closed the quarter with a buzzer-beating putback to take a 13-9 lead.

Jaden Andino opened the second quarter with a corner 3 for Apopka, but offense became harder to find as both defenses tightened. Stoppage-

es were limited, and the pace quickened as each possession carried more pressure. Evans

APOPKA BASKETBALL, B2

New year fishing off to quick start

Hello Folks,
Happy New Year to each and every one of you! And, we are off to the some great fishin’ in 2026. The fishin’ this year is off to a great start so far, and folks are gettin’ on the water and catchin’ fish! If you want to catch specks or bass, now’s a great time to go.

The specks are bitin’ really good in the St. Johns River up north around Highlands Fish Camp. The guides have been takin’ folks out, and they’re catchin’ their limits each trip. Most of the specks are bein’ caught on jigs tipped with a minner. The specks are bitin’ in Lake Monroe pretty good, as well.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, there’s gonna be a bass and speck tournament held on Lake Monroe. It’s called the 7th annual Hook’d on Lake Monroe, and it’ll be held from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Flights will go out of



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Jim Keck
Correspondent

25 teams every 15 minutes. The weigh-in starts at 1 p.m. There’ll be a mandatory Captains’ meeting and registration the day before, on Friday, January 16th. If you have any questions, you can contact 407-790-9515 for more information.

Also, for your information, the speck fishin’ is pickin’ up in Lake Jesup. Also, they’re catchin’ a few specks in Lake Harney.

Folks are startin’ to catch some specks in the Harris Chain, as well. If you’re interested in takin’ your kids fishin’, there’s gonna be a free Kids Fishing Rodeo at

Highland Park Fish Camp on January 31st. Mark your calendars, and I will provide more information in the comin’ weeks.

The bass fishin’ has been really good at the Headwaters down in Palm Bay. One of the guides down there had some clients out, and they caught 41 bass in 4 hours, with the biggest bass weighin’ 6 pounds 4 ounces. That, my friends, is how you do it!

If you are plannin’ a bass fishin’ trip to Orange Lake near the Ocala/Gainesville area, you might want to delay it. The water is very low, and conditions aren’t at all suitable for fishin’. I got a report this week that one angler couldn’t even get his boat back on the trailer because the water was so low!

The bass fishin’ is still good in the Butler Chain. You’ll catch a lotta *small* bass, but you *will* have a blast catchin’ ‘em! Depen-

din’ on the weather, we should start seein’ some bass move into shallow water; it’s that time of the year for the big females to move into shallow water to spawn. It’s been reported that a few male bass’re startin’ to clear out some beddin’ areas in our lakes.

We have a new moon on the 18th of this month, so be on the lookout for some activity in your favorite lake.

The weather has just been great for fishin’, and I hope you get a chance to do some worthwhile fishin’ very soon; I hope to get on the water myself in the near future, and hopefully, I’ll catch some of those bass!

Well, that’s it for this week. I hope to see you soon on the water.

See ya next week.

Tip of the week: The fishin’ is great!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

Big win opens 2026 for Apopka soccer

Girls extend win streak in shutout against Hagerty

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka girls soccer team (7-5) picked up right where it left off three weeks ago, handling the Hagerty Huskies 3-0 at home Wednesday night. This marked the Darters’ fourth consecutive win as they gain momentum toward the district tournament with just two games remaining in the regular season.

The victory didn’t come without an early test. Coming off a long break, Apopka spent the opening minutes settling back into match rhythm as Hagerty (6-4-2) controlled possession and tempo.

Head coach Tino Sangster said the focus entering the night was less about tactics and more about reconnecting with their identity.

“The whole game plan was to connect the pass a little more, be more patient, especially in the midfield,” Sangster said. “One or two touches, pick your head up, connect with your teammates, and let the confidence grow. Once we see the open space, we go for it.”

Hagerty earned the first quality scoring chance, but Apopka’s back line contested the shot for an easy pick-up by goalkeeper Nicole Garcia. As the first 10 minutes ticked by, the Huskies spent most of their time in Apopka’s defensive third. Several early through-ball attempts by the Blue Darters were either intercepted or pushed just beyond reach.

Garcia was called into action again nine minutes in, calmly securing a rolling shot as Hagerty continued to press.

Apopka finally found its footing around the 13-minute mark when Nevaeh Nguyen created space up the pitch and tried to slip Robyn Pickard into the box, but the Huskies cleared the danger. Hagerty sustained possession and unleashed a powerful strike. Garcia made a full extension save, leaping to deny what would have been the opening goal.

That moment proved to be a turning point. Apopka stopped the ensuing corner and countered quickly, swinging momentum back toward midfield. The match evened out from there as the teams went into the water break scoreless.

Sangster used the pause to refocus his group after the slow start.

“I asked them what they’re seeing first, then they told me the same thing we saw – we’re rushing the game,” he said. “I told them it’s us. We’re at home. Play for the badge, play for our families, and just go get it. Connect with each other and have fun.”

The message paid off quickly. Four minutes after play resumed, Jillian Kurz sent a ball forward to Nguyen, who found Pickard in the box for Apopka’s first real scoring opportunity, though the shot sailed just over the net. Hagerty briefly regained possession off the goal kick attacking the right side, but Apopka flipped the script moments later.

Andrea Sifontes received a ball up the right side and sent a cross into the box, and Nguyen – with her back to goal – redirected it toward the net. The ball popped over the goalkeeper and found twine with 15 minutes into the half, giving Apopka a 1-0 lead.

From there, the Blue Darters began to see clearly through the Husky defense.

APOPKA SOCCER, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Blue Darters celebrate Nevaeh Nguyens opening goal.

APOPKA BASKETBALL
FROM B1



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Alex Congdon sinks a 3.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Trent Jean one-hands a high pass.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Zee Davis lets contested transition 3 ball fly.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Zee Davis buries wing 3 in second half.

ans connected on another 3 with just over three minutes remaining, then earned the first trip to the free-throw line, extending the lead to 21-12.

Apopka broke the drought late, but Evans beat the trapping defense to take a 23-14 advantage into half-time.

Zee Davis sparked Apopka to start the third quarter, opening with a baseline jumper before drilling a wing 3 to cut the deficit to four. Evans

answered inside, but Apopka continued to chip away. Alex Congdon stepped into a 3 after the ball swung around the perimeter, then followed with a putback through contact.

Evans regained control at the free-throw line and began to lock in defensively, forcing long possessions and empty trips. After Jean and Xavier Bell each knocked down late free throws, Evans raced the length of

the floor and scored in three seconds for another buzzer-beater, taking a 35-27 lead into the fourth.

Evans opened the final period with a midrange jumper, but Noah Ferrer answered with a 3 – his first points of the night – to keep Apopka within reach. The Trojans pushed the lead to 39-30 before both teams went cold. Zee Davis broke the drought with a corner 3 to bring it back to two possessions.

After an Evans layup through contact, McClain answered with a floating shot in the paint, then finished a fast break to cut it to four with just over two minutes remaining. Apopka had two chances in transition to make it a one-possession game but couldn't convert. Forced to foul, the Blue Darters entered a free-throw battle they couldn't win as Evans closed it out.

Apopka struggled to force turnovers at its usual rate, and Davis and

McClain combined for nearly half of the team's points, each finishing with eight while contributing on the boards.

"We gave great effort once again," Williams said. "On nights we don't shoot it great, we've got to find other answers. We left too many points at the free-throw line and at the rim. If we handle our business there, none of it matters. But I'm really proud of our guys."

WEKIVA BASKETBALL
FROM B1

ols, who finished with 22 points.

On Dec. 30, Wekiva responded with resilience against Champaign Central (Ill.). The Mustangs jumped out early and weathered multiple runs in a back-and-forth contest, holding control down the stretch to earn a 55-50 win. Nichols contributed 14 points, while Kenny Dieujuste chipped in 10.

Wekiva carried that momentum into New Year's Eve against Millers Career Academy in a feisty, physical matchup. The Mustangs separated themselves in the second half, commanding the game on both ends of the floor to secure a 70-54 victory and earn an extra game in the tournament. Nichols once again led the way with 15 points.

In the consolation championship

later that day, Wekiva delivered its most dominant performance of the trip, dismantling Miami Southridge, 71-27. The opposing coach praised the Mustangs' physical presence and their ability to consistently pressure the basketball.

Nichols capped off an unforgettable tournament with 25 points, finishing as the tournament's leading scorer and earning a spot on the Second All-Tournament Team.

"Eric understood the assignment," Lubin said.

Lubin pointed to the benefit of simply observing elite programs during the tournament.

"We saw Marist play, which we really wanted to play, and Marist is No. 2 in their class," he said. "We

saw Centralia play, which was No. 3 in their class. So we saw some really good basketball teams, and the details they paid attention to, we sat and watched those games."

Despite the opening loss, Lubin was encouraged by how his team responded and adapted.

"Although we lost that buzzer-beater game against Belleville West, our better guy, Jasen, didn't do as well as I expected," Lubin said. "It was gratifying to see that everybody else was able to still handle business."

Lubin highlighted lineup flexibility as one of the biggest takeaways.

"We showed a lot of versatility," he said. "We were able to go big, go small, mix it up. Every group we put out there found a way to bring heat."

With roughly a quarter of the season remaining, Lubin believes the Mustangs are progressing but still searching for another level.

"I think they've progressed, but I'm still looking for something more," he said. "I was really looking forward to playing Marist to see how we stack up. Now we're playing Edgewater, and they're one of those teams that will help us. That's a significant, balanced team that's going to challenge us."

As the district tournament approaches, Lubin's message remains consistent.

"Be better each game," he said. "It's never about the other team. It's always about us. If we keep clicking on all cylinders, we'll be okay."



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Eric Nichols looks to coach for a play.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me— a prayer to the God of my life."
—Psalm 42:8

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APOPKA SOCCER
FROM B1

Ariana Obregon carved her way down the left side, beating a defender and striking the post with a shot that nearly doubled the advantage. Apopka controlled the remainder of the half, locking in defensively and keeping the ball in attacking areas until the halftime whistle.

Hagerty opened the second half aggressively, earning an immediate corner and firing a shot that Garcia handled with ease. Nguyen continued to threaten with two quick chances — a header that missed wide and a deep shot that skimmed past the crossbar — as Apopka maintained steady pressure.

That pressure broke through again when Sydney Chandler delivered a cross from the right side that found Obregon, who finished cleanly past the goalkeeper to make it 2-0 with 32 minutes remaining. Chandler's assist was her sixth of the season, giving her the team lead.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

The Apopka girls soccer team huddles before what would be a dominant performance against Hagerty.

Apopka kept attacking from the right flank, nearly adding another goal when a

low cross skipped just past Pickard's foot. Hagerty's best chance of the half came

with 27 minutes left, but Garcia stood tall on a one-on-one opportunity, shutting down

the near-post attempt. Seconds later, Pickard capitalized on a mistake.

Reading a pass along Hagerty's back line, she stepped in front, split the defenders and rolled a shot inside the left post for her 12th goal of the season, pushing the lead to 3-0 with 25 minutes left.

Hagerty found brief possession late, but Garcia continued to command her box after the final water break, blitzing one attack and calmly collecting another long shot. With a three-goal lead, the pace slowed as Apopka saw out the match.

Looking ahead, Sangster said the focus remains steady with district play approaching.

"If we show up mentally and physically, I think we can do this," he said. "The girls have been doing a great job, building confidence, working together for the badge and for each other. We just continue game by game and keep going by God's will."

The Blue Darters host Timber Creek at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Jillian Kurz boots a long free kick.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Robyn Pickard makes a move past the defender.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Nevaeh Nguyen steals the ball from a Husky at midfield.

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Technology Classes at Your Library – January 12-16

Tuesday
iPad and iPhone - Camera, 10:30 a.m.

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Destrezas en el Manejo del Teclado, 11 a.m.
Principios de Computadora Nivel 1, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday
Learn How to Type, 11 a.m.
Computer Basics Level 1, 12:30 p.m.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to news@theapokkachief.com.

Friday, January 9

Lunch & Learn: Golf Fore Central Florida
Noon at 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando
Curator Travis Puterbaugh highlights historic tournaments, players, and courses that shaped Central Florida golf.

A Mindful Planter Workshop
1 p.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Hands-on workshop where participants create a ceramic planter with mindful, nature-inspired techniques.

Chessmates
1 p.m. at 841 N. Park Ave., Winter Park
Casual chess for all ages and skill levels.

Florida Underground Fest 6
4 p.m. at 200 Myrtle Ave., Sanford
Experience more than 90 punk and alternative bands across six stages during this statewide music showcase.

“Dream Team” Opening Reception
5:30 p.m. at 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando
Art in the Atrium opening reception featuring Damon DeWitt’s exhibition.

20th Anniversary Show
7 p.m. at 1490 E. Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista
The Broken Hearts and Given to Fly perform a joint tribute inspired by Petty’s 2006 tour pairing with Pearl Jam.

Saturday, January 10

4th Annual Charity Sport Event
8 a.m. at 4990 New Broad St., Orlando
A day of games, friendly competition, and fundraising for a local cause.

Supercar Social
9 a.m. at 2202 33rd St., Orlando
Monthly meetup for exotic cars, benefiting Dream Cars 4 Kids.

Young Naturalist Explorers: Winter Bird Walk
9:30 a.m. at 1300 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park
Family-friendly bird walk through Mead Botanical Garden.

Intro to Pastel Painting
9:30 a.m. at 847 E. 5th Ave., Mount Dora
Hands-on pastel workshop.

Botanical Resin Jewelry Making
10 a.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Create custom jewelry pieces using botanicals and resin.

Auditions: “Assassins” — Stephen Sondheim Musical
10 a.m. at 6900 Aloma Ave., Winter Park
Open auditions for the Breakthrough Theatre production.

Sugar & Spice Esthetics One-Year Anniversary Event
12 p.m. at 1300 Alden Rd., Orlando
Celebrate with local vendors, wellness services, and community activities.

The Harlem Globetrotters — 100 Year Tour
2 p.m. at 12777 Gemini Blvd. N.,



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The Harlem Globetrotters will be bringing their 100 Year Tour to Orlando on Saturday, Jan. 10, delivering trick plays, comedy, and interactive basketball entertainment.

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High-energy basketball entertainment celebrating 100 years of tricks, comedy, and fan interaction.

Greyhounds Meet & Greet: Adoption Event
2 p.m. at 221 E. 4th Ave., Mount Dora
Meet retired racing greyhounds and learn about adoption opportunities.

Saved by the 90’s
7:30 p.m. at 1490 E. Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista
All-ages 90s tribute concert.

Sunday, January 11

Maitland Farmer’s Market
9 a.m. at 1776 Independence Ln., Maitland
Shop for food, crafts, plants, flowers, and produce in downtown Maitland.

Renaissance Family Day
12 p.m. at 633 Osceola Ave., Winter Park
Enjoy a free, family-friendly

Renaissance celebration.

Design Your Own Succulent Arrangement
2:30 p.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Create a custom succulent arrangement in this hands-on workshop.

Square Dance
3:30 p.m. at 200 N. Triplet Lake Dr., Casselberry
Beginner square dance class hosted by the Hoedowners Pairs & Spares.

Sourdough Pizza
5:15 p.m. at 125 W. Plant St., Winter Garden
Learn hands-on techniques for making crisp, tangy sourdough pizza from scratch.

Monday, January 12

Event Mastery for Realtors
11:30 a.m. at 2712 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando
Learn strategies for hosting events that strengthen community ties and build meaningful

connections in real estate.

Marty Supreme
Noon at 5901 Hazeltine National Dr., Orlando
Free movie showing. Open to ages 55+.

Artificial Intelligence: Theory, Practice, and the Latest Developments
6 p.m. at 841 N. Park Ave., Winter Park
Explore current trends in generative AI through short lectures, demos, and group discussion.

Wednesday, January 14

PMU Termite Foundations
8 a.m. at UF/IFAS Mid-Florida REC, Apopka
Training on subterranean termites, construction elements, and treatment practices per product labels.

Stroller Tours
10:30 a.m. at 2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando
A one-hour museum tour for caregivers with infants and toddlers, featuring interactive discussion and gallery exploration—pre-registration required.

Trivia
6:30 p.m. at 405 S. Highland St., Mount Dora
Free weekly trivia at Eden Abbey.

Book Release Party
7 p.m. at 1300 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park
Author chat and signing celebrating *Fundamentals of Being a Good Girl*.

Lowcountry comfort in chicken perloo and Savannah red rice

Mrs. Meggett has a recipe for Chicken Perloo. She says, “Many of the one-pot rice dishes in the Lowcountry and the South can trace their origins back to west Africa. There’s jollof rice in West Africa, jambalaya in Louisiana, and here in the Lowcountry? We’ve got red rice and chicken perloo. Chicken perloo has a lot of the same European and African cooking styles you find in dishes like Spanish paella and Ghanaian jollof rice. However, tender chicken, broth, and perfectly fluffed rice make this a true Lowcountry dish.”

Bob Warden has written a book titled “Great Food Fast,” and there is a recipe for Steak Chili (that’s fit for a meal)! Bob says, “This steak chili made with fresh pinto beans makes a warm and satisfying meal, especially when served over rice or pasta. I like to use sirloin steak but cheaper cuts of beef, especially cubed stewing beef, work great, too.”

June Shannon shares her Savannah Red Rice in *Feeding the Flock* from New Vision Community Church located in Plymouth. We appreciate all the lovely recipes contained in their keepsake book of recipes that have been provided by church members, family and friends.

Fresh Garden Relish from the Progressive Farmer’s *SOUTHERN Cookbook* is superb over turnip greens and black-eyed peas. I can see it on my table this time of year because it is made from wonderfully fresh vegetables.

From Savannah Style, there is Orange Cheesecake with Orange Cheese Filling. It looks scrumptious. It is not a traditional cheesecake, but cake with cream cheese filling.

EMILY MEGGETT’S CHICKEN PERLOO
Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett
6 tablespoons bacon grease or vegetable oil
1/2 pound salt pork, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 cup roughly chopped onion
5 cups chicken broth
1 teaspoon Nature’s Seasons (Morton’s Nature’s Seasons Seasoning



Blend)
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
1 pound cooked chicken thighs, skin removed and roughly chopped
2-1/2 cups long-grain white rice, unrinsed

1) In a large, heavy-bottomed pot, heat 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease or oil over high heat. Once the grease or oil is shimmering, add the salt pork and cook on high heat for 1 minute. Pour the remaining bacon grease or oil into the pot. Reduce the heat to medium-low and cook the salt pork for about 5 minutes, until browned. 2) Once browned, remove the salt pork from the pot and set aside. Leave enough oil to coat the bottom of the pot. Add the onion and fry for 1 minute. Return the cooked salt pork to the pot and cook the onion and salt pork together over low heat for about 5 minutes, until onion just darkens. 3) Add the broth, Nature’s Seasons, and poultry seasoning and bring to a boil. 4) Once boiling, add the chicken. Cook for about 2 minutes, then add the rice. Adjust the heat to medium-low and cook until most of the liquid has been absorbed, 10 to 15 minutes. 5) If using a steamer, transfer the rice mixture to the top of the steamer, cover and steam over medium heat for about 20 minutes, until done. If you’re using the regular pot, continue to cook the rice mixture on medium-low heat for 20 to 25 minutes, until the rice has absorbed all of the broth. Once done, stir the rice with a fork, and serve immediately.

STEAK CHILI
From *Great Food Fast*, by Bob Warden
1-1/4 cups pinto beans (not canned)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1-1/2 pounds sirloin steaks, cubed
1 large yellow onion, chopped
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 green bell pepper chopped
3 large tomatoes, chopped
1 (28-ounce) can tomato sauce
5 cups beef stock or broth
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 teaspoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Soak pinto beans for 30 minutes as you prep the remaining ingredients. Drain and rinse the soaked beans. 2) with the cooker’s lid off, heat oil on HIGH

or “brown,” until melted and sizzling. 3) Place the steak and onion in the cooker, and cook until steak is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. 4) Stir in chili powder and cook 1 additional minute. 5) Add remaining ingredients, securely lock the pressure cooker’s lid, and set for 24 minutes on HIGH. 6) Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes before performing a quick release for any remaining pressure. 7) Add any additional salt and pepper to taste before serving.

Note: Make it Yours! Serve this chili smothered with your favorite toppings. Try Cheddar or pepper-jack cheese, sour cream, sliced jalapenos, diced red onion, or even a dollop of guacamole!

JUNE SHANNON’S SAVANNAH RED RICE
Recipe from *Feeding The Flock, New Vision Community Church*

1/4 pound bacon
1/2 cup chopped onion
2 cups raw rice
2 cups tomatoes, diced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

Fry bacon crisp; remove from pan. Sauté onions in bacon fat. Add washed rice, tomatoes, seasonings and crumbled bacon. Cook 10 minutes over low heat. Pour into one quart casserole dish and cover tightly. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour, stirring with fork twice. Serves 8 to 10.

FRESH GARDEN RELISH ON TURNIP GREENS
Recipe from The Progressive Farmer’s *SOUTHERN Cookbook*
3 tomatoes, diced
1 cup chopped celery
1 medium cucumber, peeled, sliced, and finely chopped
3 tablespoons finely chopped onion
1 medium-sized green pepper, chopped
Salt and black pepper to taste
2 tablespoons French dressing
2 tablespoons vinegar
Mix and chill.

Note: Birmingham serves superb food, many old as well as new recipes. Our favorite there (and we never saw it served elsewhere) is just plain turnip

greens topped off by a fresh garden relish. These quantities are for six portions.

ORANGE CHEESECAKE
Recipe from *Savannah Style*, a Cookbook by The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.

1 cup flour, sifted
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon orange rind, grated
1/2 cup butter
1 egg yolk
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Orange sections for garnish
Mint sprigs for garnish

Combine flour, sugar and rind. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add egg yolk and vanilla and blend well. Pat 1/3 of the dough onto the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake in a hot oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 5 minutes or until golden brown. Remove and cool. Pat remaining dough evenly around sides of pan to 1/2 inch from top.

Pour orange cheese filling (see below) into pan. Place aluminum foil under pan on oven rack and bake in hot oven at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for 8 to 10 minutes until the crust browns slightly. Reduce heat to 225 degrees Fahrenheit and bake 1 hour and 20 minutes longer. Remove and cool slowly, then refrigerate. Serve garnished with orange segments and mint sprigs.

ORANGE CHEESE FILLING
Recipe from *Savannah Style*, a Cookbook by The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.

5 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, room temperature
1-3/4 cups sugar
3 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon orange rind, grated
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
5 eggs
2 egg yolks
1/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed and undiluted

Combine cheese, sugar, flour, orange rind, salt and vanilla in a large bowl. Beat at low speed until smooth. Add eggs and egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in orange juice. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Serves 12 to 18.

We like to shred, chop and slice our...



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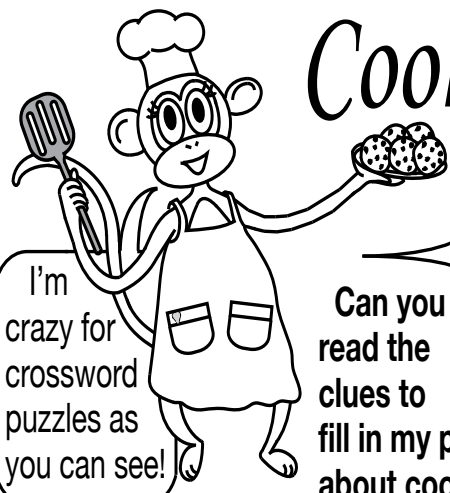
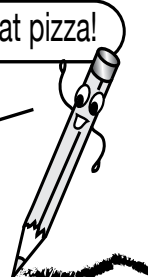


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...own ingredients to make a great pizza!



Kids: color stuff in!



I'm crazy for crossword puzzles as you can see!

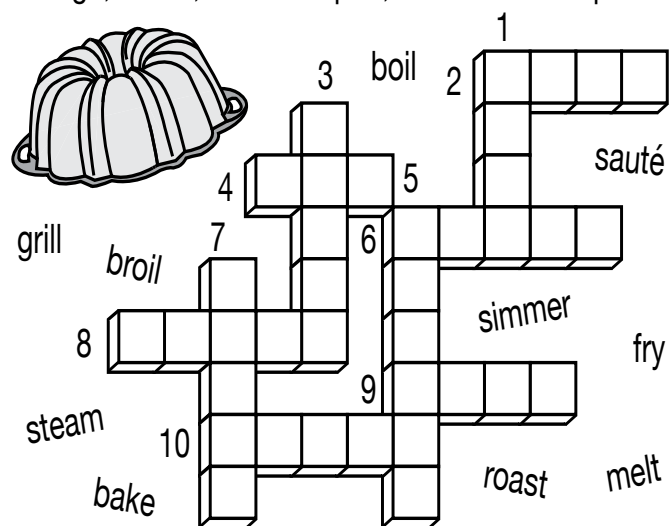
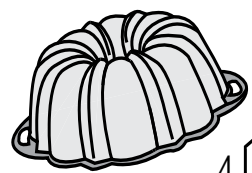
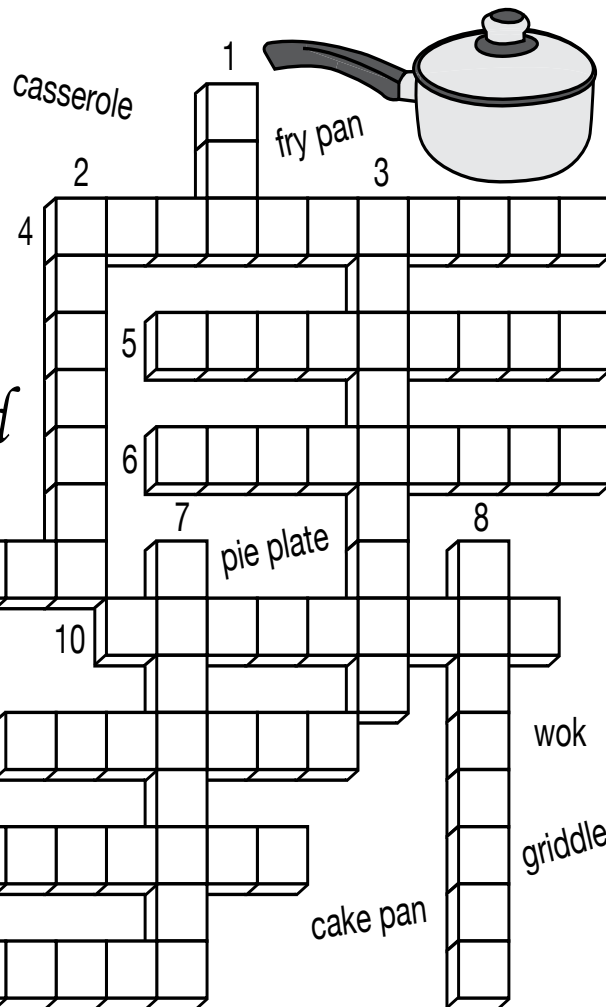
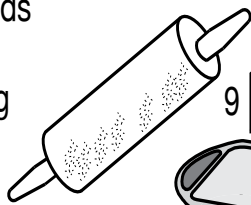
Can you read the clues to fill in my puzzles about cooking?

Cooking and Baking Fun!

I enjoy cooking and baking. I like putting foods together to make new, hopefully delicious, combinations. One of my favorite hobbies is to take an old recipe that everyone loves, like cheese and macaroni, and "lighten" it to make it a healthier dish that's just as tasty.

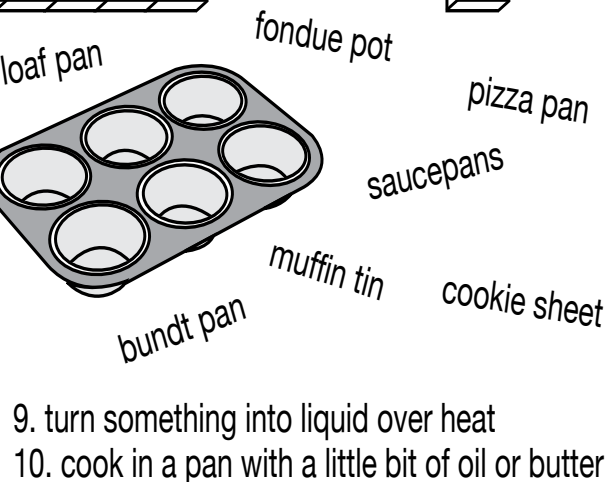
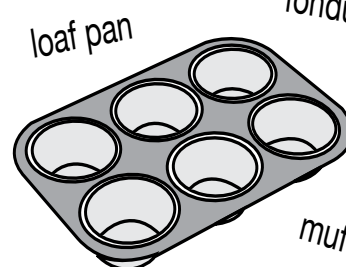
1. bowl-shaped pan used to cook Chinese food
2. comes in many shapes and sizes, usually metal
3. very deep with handles and lids
4. flat piece of metal for laying out pieces of dough
5. bowl heated from below – keeps cheese and chocolate melted for dipping
6. mixed foods cooked in a large, deep, usually uncovered dish in the oven
7. round, doughnut-shaped baking pan
8. shallow, round, glass or metal dish used to bake one of America's favorite desserts
9. round, flat, with low sides; may be made of iron, may have a non-stick surface, handle
10. has several, tiny cups for batter; a cupcake pan or a _____
11. square or rectangular "frying pan," may be flat or have ridges, drains off extra grease
12. rectangular pan that is deep, used for breads and a favorite meat dinner
13. large, round, flat metal pan, sometimes deeper for "deep dish"

Pots and Pans



How We Cook It

1. cook in oven using dry heat
2. heat liquid until it starts to bubble and steam
3. cook over an open fire
4. cook in a pan or griddle, usually in very hot oil
5. cook food just below its boiling point
6. heat using water in the form of wisps of _____
7. cook meat in oven, uncovered in a shallow pan without adding liquid
8. cook at high temperature using direct heat from the top of the oven

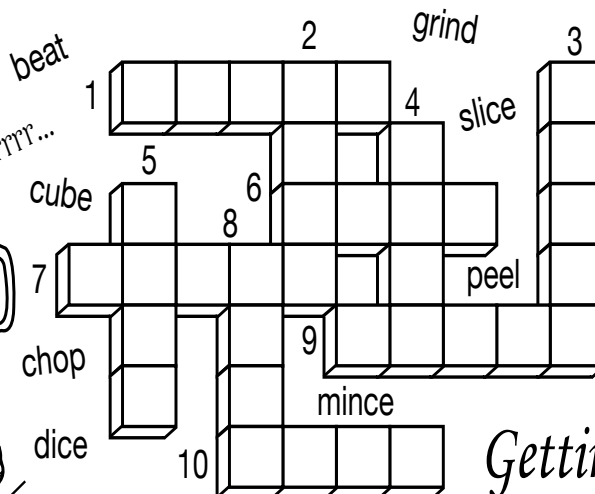
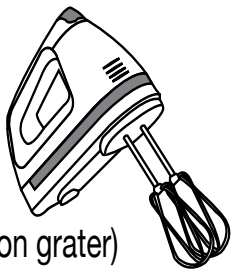


Running the Kitchen Smoothly

I'm helping Chatter in the kitchen today. I am her "sous chef," which means I am the second in command! I make sure everything is ready and the kitchen is running smoothly, and I help to cook the food.

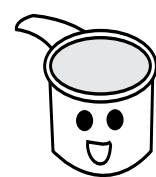
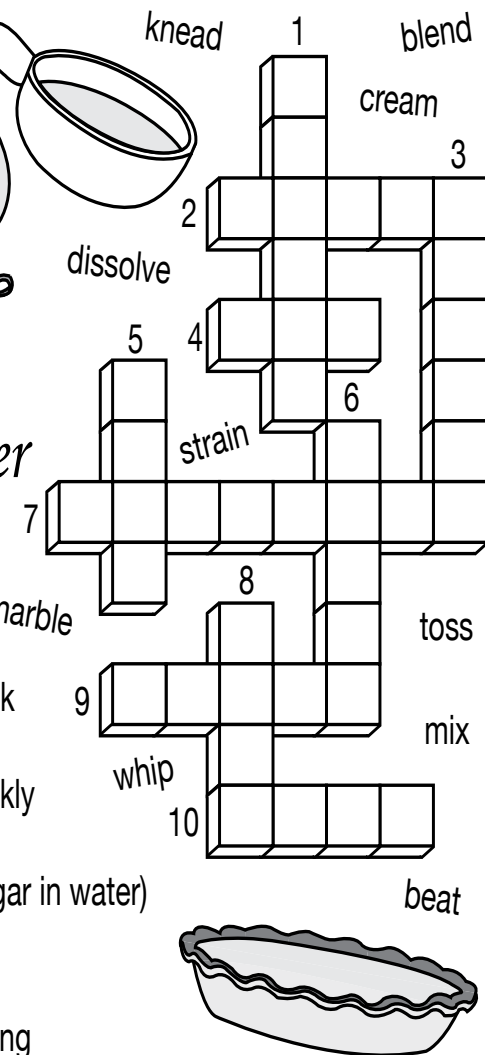
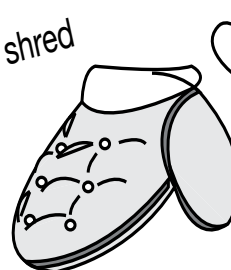
Getting food ready and keeping the kitchen running smoothly:

1. cut into thin strips with a knife
2. cut food into small square pieces
3. crush food in blender or other machine
4. press to remove lumps
5. cut food into squares smaller than 1/2 inch, using a knife
6. stir ingredients together with a whisk or spoon
7. chop into tiny pieces
8. cut ingredients into pieces using a knife or food processor
9. cut into long, thin pieces (may use round holes on grater)
10. pull off or cut off the skin or rind of fruit or vegetable



Getting It Together

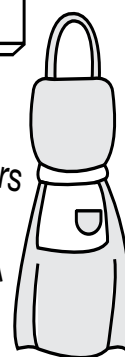
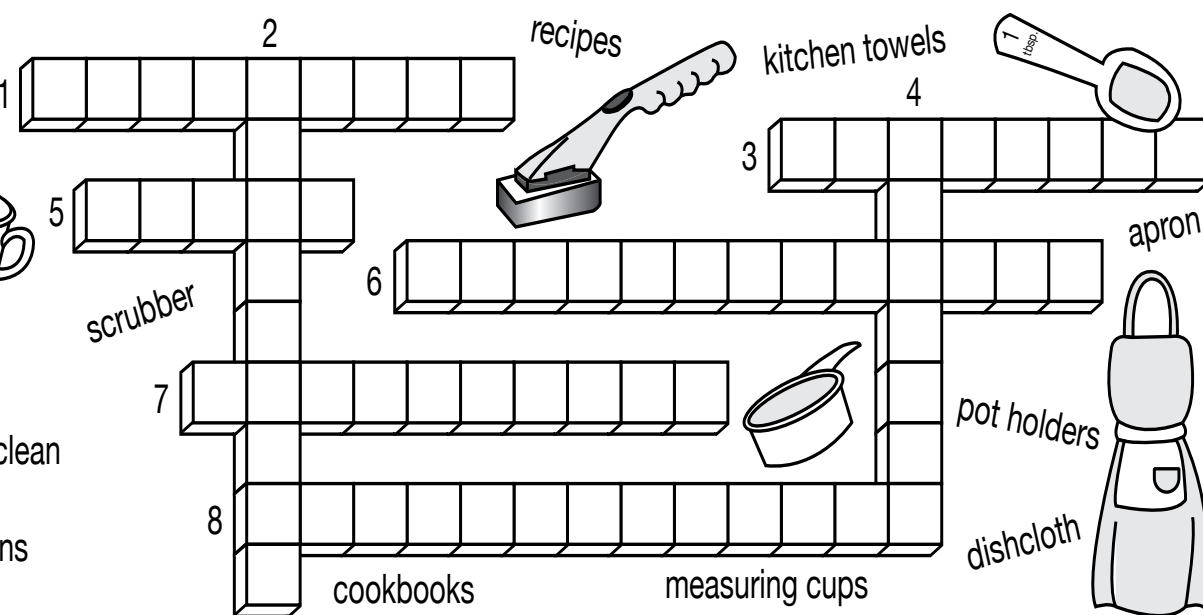
1. pour liquid or food into a filter that catches any solid bits
2. blend milk, butter, or sugar until smooth
3. swirl different types of batter for an interesting look
4. put ingredients together
5. make ingredients fluffy by adding air, beating quickly
6. mix smoothly together
7. blend food into a liquid until it disappears (like sugar in water)
8. stir very fast so ingredients mix or fluff up
9. work on dough by pressing and stretching
10. mix a salad until everything is coated with dressing



We are helpers in the kitchen. Read the clues to find out how we help. Then, fill in the puzzle!

Kitchen Helpers

1. small rag used for washing plates, pots, and pans
2. books filled with recipes
3. rough, sponge-like tool for removing food from pots and pans
4. sets of instructions for making or preparing something
5. special piece of clothing that covers the front to keep clothes clean
6. cups with markings on the side
7. thick cloths that protect hands and table from hot pots and pans
8. larger cloths for drying off your washed plates, pots, and pans



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NOTICE OF CLAIM OF LIEN

AND PROPOSED SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE
Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, **MAJESTIC AUTOS INC**, will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) located at below address to satisfy a claim of lien: 2021 TESL VIN 5YJ3E1EA4MF922459, Lien amt. \$6,970.00. OWNER: MARCIA BITENCOURT FUKAO 17616 NORTHLAKE GROVE DR WINTER GARDEN, FL 34787, Location of Vehicle: 5452 N PINE HILLS RD, ORLANDO, FL 32808. Auction Date: JANUARY 31ST, 2026, at 10:30 AM, at 5452 N Pine Hills Rd, Orlando, FI 32808 407-861-1727. Said vehicle(s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held. Publish: The Apopka Chief January 9, 2026

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BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **02/23/2026** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

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is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service**, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 580 Wilmer Avenue, ORLANDO, FL 32808
The following vehicle(s) will be sold on **01/22/2026** at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2018 Nissan
3N1CP5C2JL540476
2005 Kia
KNDJF7323557121236
2020 Kia
3KPA24AD8LE305071
2017 Nissan
1N4AL3APXHC207617
2008 Ford
2FMDK48C98BA68403
2005 Mazda
4FY2Z0Z2Z65KM14674
1999 Mazda
JM1BJ2221X0124059
2004 Chevrolet
1GNEK13Z84R239837
2012 Nissan
3N1AB6AP5CL669100
2004 Chevrolet
1GNDT13S442358134
1998 Acura
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2011 Chevrolet
2CNALBEC8B6240400
2012 Dodge
3CAPDCAB8CT300073
2017 Chevrolet
1G1ZC5ST0HF223062
2018 Nissan
1N4AL3AP8JC282371
2007 Chevrolet
1GND513S672249052
2017 Dodge
3CAPDCAB4HT676017
2005 Toyota
5TDZ422C75S260651
2022 Honda
3CZRUE6H52NM709400
2013 Toyota
2T1BU4EE1DC101102
2023 Dodge
2C3CDXGJ0PH643709
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
January 9, 2026

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is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service**, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 7777 Narcoossee Road, Orlando, FL 32822
The following vehicle(s) will be sold on **01/22/2026** at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2015 Honda
5FNRL5H45FB026753
2015 BMW
5UXWX9C57F0D50415
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
January 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-004114-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF KAREN MARIE MCLUCKIE, a/k/a KAREN M. McLUCKIE
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

The administration of the estate of KAREN MARIE MCLUCKIE, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The name(s) and address(es) of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are

set forth below.

An Order of Ancillary Summary Administration may be entered in the estate of KAREN MARIE MCLUCKIE, deceased. The names and addresses of those who are to receive the exempt assets are:
Name Address
WILLIAM MCLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
½ share of Florida assets
KATHLEEN MCLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
½ share of Florida assets
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE 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 other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2026.
WILLIAM McLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
Petitioner
Mestdagh, Wali & Hamilton, P.A.
Dominic Sieber, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1031733
Dominic@m-wlawfirm.com
280 W. Canton Ave.,
Suite 110
Winter Park, Florida 32789
January 9, 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No.: 2025-CP-003877
Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JAIME CEBALLOS OSPINA.

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Jaime Ceballos Ospina, deceased, whose date of death was January 25, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. 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. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. 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 9th day of January, 2025.
Personal Representative:
Jimena Ceballos Mendoza
421 Spring Valley Lan
Altamonte Springs,
Florida 32714
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Steven R. Palacio, Esq.
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 1022241
421 Spring Valley Lane
Altamonte Springs,
FL 32714
Telephone: (407) 276-7814
E-Mail: steven@thepalaciofirm.com
January 9, 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003897
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF LUIS ALBERTO FLORES
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Luis Alberto Flores, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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The date of first publication of this notice is January 9, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Yessenia Torres Vega
Yessenia Torres
18664 13th Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32833
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Sean Mason
Sean P. Mason
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 73894
The Mason Law Firm, P.A.
11555 Central Parkway,
Suite 502
Jacksonville, Florida 32224
Telephone: (904) 565-1421
E-Mail: sean@masonfirm.net
Secondary E-Mail:
mary@masonfirm.net
January 9, 16, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified that a public sale will be taking place on the 24th day of January 2026 from 10-4pm at **Lake Fairview Marina** 4503 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32804 for the following boats:
1988 Crestliner
VIN: #NOR17477H788
January 9, 16, 2026

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-002399-O
CYPRESS CREEK VILLAGE, UNIT TWO, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCISCO ALVES DE OLIVEIRA FILHO, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Francisco Alves de Oliveira Filho
Unknown Parties In Possession
5150 Cypress Creek Dr 105
Orlando, FL 32811
Francisco Alves de Oliveira Filho
Unknown Parties In Possession
6228 Peregrine Ct
Orlando, FL 32819
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien against the following property in Orange County, Florida: **Unit 105, The Grady Building, CYPRESS CREEK VILLAGE, UNIT TWO, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 2584, Page 1408, and all amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, **FRANK J. LACQUANITI, ESQUIRE**, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is **ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC**, 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 330, Winter Park, Florida 32789, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, 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 for Lien Foreclosure and Monetary Damages. DATED: DEC 29 2025
Tiffany Moore Russell
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /S/ Yanira Arroyo
Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-GA-000198
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF L.T., A Minor.

NOTICE OF ACTION
To: ANDRAL THEARD
5949 Bent Pine Drive,
Apt. 1008,
Orlando, Florida 32822
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Guardianship has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:
David W. Veliz
630 North Wymore Road
Ste 330
Maitland, FL 32751
on or before February 6, 2026, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice. Signed on this 31 day of December, 2025. First publication on January 9, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
As Clerk of the Court
By: s/Allison Prestwood
As Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
January 9, 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2016-CA-003405-O
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration, a/k/a Rural Housing Service, Plaintiff,
vs.
TIFFANY CARNEISHA TAYLOR, Defendant.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2025, by the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, the Clerk of Court or any duly authorized deputy, will sell the property situated in Orange County, Florida, described as: **Lot 14, Lakewood Manor, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 72, Page 100, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida.** to the highest and best bidder for cash on February 6, 2026, online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.com, beginning at 11:00 A.M., subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.

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 PRIOR TO THE CLERK REPORTING THE FUNDS AS UNCLAIMED.
REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration, ADA Coordinator, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32801, (407)836-2303; Fax (407)836-2204, 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.
DATED on December 29, 2025.
BOSWELL & DUNLAP, LLP
245 SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE (33830)
POST OFFICE DRAWER
30 BARTOW, FL 33831-0030
TELEPHONE: (863)533-7117
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
BY: /s/ Frederick J. Murphy, Jr.
FREDERICK J. MURPHY, JR.
FLORIDA BAR NO.: 0709913
E-MAIL: FJM@BOSDUN.COM
SETH B. CLAYTOR
FLORIDA BAR NO.: 084086
E-MAIL: SETH@BOSDUN.COM
January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
NORMAN C. AMONDSEN, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XII
TO: WILLIAM WINKELHORST
45 APPLEWOOD DR
BRIGHTON, ONTARIO K0K1H0
KAREN WINKELHORST-FOKKENS
45 APPLEWOOD DR
BRIGHTON, ONTARIO K0K1H0

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 23, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XII
9 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BB6419 & BB6420 & BB6421 & BB6422 & BB6423 & BB6424 & BB6425 & BB6426 & BB6427) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of February, 2026 online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on December 24, 2025. DATED December 24, 2025
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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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MRHC #ORANGE
January 2, 9, 2026

Notice of Public Sale
Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 1/23/26 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted.
Unit # – Name – Description
#1019-Keysha J Merced Marquez-
#1055-Rodney Alford-
#1075-Norman Gary-
#1099-Ersilia Jimenez-
#1155-Evelyn Lowe-
#1178-Latoya Andrew-
#B029-Ja'leel Jackson-
#C009-Brianna Eady- Furniture-
#E012-014-Cynthia Green-
#E058-Christina Garrett
January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff,
vs.
NORMAN C. AMONDSEN, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIII
TO: ROGER LE FEVRE, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF ROGER LE FEVRE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
3815 GLADE HOLLOW WAY
BOUNTIFUL, UTAH 84010
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 23, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XIII
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CF5919 & CF5920 & CF5921 & CF59222 & CF5923 & CF5924 & CF5925 & CF5926) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of August 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 17th of February, 2026 online at www.myorangedclerk.realforeclose.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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on December 24, 2025. DATED December 24, 2025.
/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0091
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January 2, 9, 2026

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the **21st Day of January, 2026 at 10:00 AM** Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.
1077–Micah Bittner–
Personal Property
5038–Elizabeth De Bose–
Personal Property
3001–Sugey Cuellar–
Personal Property
3016–Sugey Cuellar–
Personal Property
6027–Jose Puello–
Personal Property
2132–Keisha Sullivan–
Personal Property
1037–Shaquivia Bivins–
Personal Property
January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012239-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
GARY W. DAVIS, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: DERRICK M. DE SILVA, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF DERRICK M. DE SILVA, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT AND MERCEDES W. DE SILVA, DECEASED
12 SILVERTHORN LN
BELLE MEAD, NJ 08502-5549
AND
DERRICK M. DE SILVA, DECEASED,
THE ESTATE OF DERRICK M. DE SILVA, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT AND MERCEDES W. DE SILVA, DECEASED
7 GOODROCK RD
LEVITTOWN, PA 19057-3418
AND
MERCEDES W. DE SILVA, DECEASED
12 SILVERTHORN LN
BELLE MEAD, NJ 08502-5549
AND
MERCEDES W. DE SILVA, DECEASED
7 GOODROCK RD
LEVITTOWN, PA 19057-3418
The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees,

assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT III
Unit Week 47 in Unit 6043 respectively in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof. AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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. DATED on this 12/17/2025
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts
/s/ Charlotte Appline
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
CONFORMED COPY TO:
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600
Orlando, Florida 32801
Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#110522.1706/CY299
January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O
DIV NO.: 48
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,
vs.
NORMAN C. AMONDSEN, et. al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XIV
TO: JACQUELINE B. SONGCO
12625 WIXOM ST
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 91605
RENATO SONGCO
12625 WIXOM ST
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 91605

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 23, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell,

The Apopka Chief

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January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-012239-O DIV NO.: 39

MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,

vs. GARY W. DAVIS, et. al., Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: JOHN A. FARRIS, DECEASED,** THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. FARRIS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O JO ELLEN FARRIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 9303 TOPANGA CT NE ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87122-1225

AND JOHN A. FARRIS, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. FARRIS, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O JO ELLEN FARRIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE 340 W JAMISON CIR UNIT 7 LITTLETON, CO 80120-4282

AND JO MARGARET FARRIS, DECEASED 9303 TOPANGA CT NE ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87122-1225

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT II Unit Week 42 in Unit 5131 respectively in CYPRESS HARBOUR CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 4263 at Page 0404 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof. AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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.

DATED on this 12/17/2025 Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Charlotte Appline Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#110522.1705/CY299 January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O DIV NO.: 35

MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. LORI PARKER- GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IV TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: DONALD R. BORCHERS, DECEASED**

45453 13TH ST WEST LANCASTER, CA 93534-1769

AND DONALD R. BORCHERS, DECEASED 37373 PAINTBRUSH DR PALMDALE, CA 93551-6173

AND MARY E. MATHENY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF MARY E. MATHENY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 45453 13TH ST WEST LANCASTER, CA 93534-1769

AND MARY E. MATHENY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF MARY E. MATHENY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES,

GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 37373 PAINTBRUSH DR PALMDALE, CA 93551-6173

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT IV 13 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: N77037 & N77038 & N77039 & N77040 & N77041 & N77042 & N81946 & N81947 & N81948 & N81949 & N81950 & N81951 & N81952) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3250 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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.

DATED on this 29 day of DECEMBER, 2025, Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /S/Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 **ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, 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. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9560/MP115 January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-011906-O DIV NO.: 35

MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,

vs. LORI PARKER- GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XIV TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: CAROLYN ANNE MINK, DECEASED,**

THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN ANNE MINK, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 208 BLOSSOM GLEN WAY LOS GATOS, CA 95032

AND CAROLYN ANNE MINK, DECEASED,

THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN ANNE MINK, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 20 12TH ST APT 7 SEAL BEACH, CA 90740-6441

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XIV 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FU0246 & FU0247 & FU0248 & FU0249) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082- 0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation,

and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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.

DATED on this 29 day of DECEMBER, 2025, Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /S/Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, 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. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9575/MP115 January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O DIV NO.: 35

MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. LORI PARKER- GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XII TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: TIMOTHY T. SWECKER, DECEASED,**

THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY T. SWECKER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 540 SID MARTIN DR APARTMENT #9 JOHNSON CITY, TN 37615

AND TIMOTHY T. SWECKER, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY T. SWECKER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 1506 HUGH FOREST RD CHARLOTTE, NC 28270-9797

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XII 16 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: DM8131 & DM8132 & DM8133 & DM8134 & DM8135 & DO8630 & DO8631 & DO8632 & DO8633 & DO8634 & DO8635 & DO8636 & DO8637 & DO8638 & DO8639 & ED2818) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 4000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum").

The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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.

DATED on this 29 day of DECEMBER, 2025, Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /S/Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD

HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, 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. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9571/MP115 January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-011906-O DIV NO.: 35

MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,

vs. LORI PARKER- GLADSTEIN aka LORI (NMN) PARKER-GLADSTEIN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT V TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: **TO: PHYLLIS J. BERMAN, DECEASED,**

THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS J. BERMAN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 100 MANHATTAN AVE APT 1606 UNION CITY, NJ 07087

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below. **YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT V 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P22539 & P22540 & P22541 & P22542 & P22543 & P22544) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled 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.

DATED on this 29 day of DECEMBER, 2025, Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /S/Rosa Avilés As Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, 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. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HK#126435.9561/MP115 January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O DIV NO.: 48

MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,

vs. NORMAN C. AMONDSSEN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: RAYMUNDUS J. WANDERS CLUSIUSWEG NR. 96 NOORDWIJK NL-2203 CE MARIA T.H. WANDERS-DEKKER CLUSIUSWEG NR. 96 NOORDWIJK NL-2203 CE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure

entered on December 23, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X 20 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: A57735 & A57736 & A57737 & A57738 & A57739 & A57740 & A57741 & A57742 & A57743 & A57744 & A57745 & A57746 & A57747 & A57748 & A57749 & A57750 & A57751 & A57752 & A57801 & A57802) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2014 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of February, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on December 24, 2025. DATED December 24, 2025

/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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. OUR FILE #129710.0088 MRHC #ORANGE January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-009648 DIVISION: 33

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$3,135.00 U.S. CURRENCY TO: DERRICK B. GILMORE

NOTICE OF ACTION YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$3,135.00 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 08/18/2025 at or near 4855 Selbe Ct., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before January 26th, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture. DATED this 12 day of December 2025. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/Joji Jacob Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2024-CA-005729-O DIV NO.: 48

MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,

vs. NORMAN C. AMONDSSEN, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: JONATHAN B. HART

1022 SIERRA BLVD MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L4Y2E5 CANADA JENNIFER A. BARRY 1022 SIERRA BLVD MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L4Y2E5 CANADA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 23, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005729-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT XV 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: I03814 & I03815 & I03816 & I03817 & I03818 & I03819 & I03820 & I03821) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum").

The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of July 1, 2015 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement). at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of February, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on December 24, 2025. DATED December 24, 2025 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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. OUR FILE #129710.0094 MRHC #ORANGE January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-008315 DIVISION: 39

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,711.00 U.S. CURRENCY

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: THURMOND M. HARRISON

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orlando Police Department on the following property in Orange County, FL: \$2,711.00 U.S. Currency, seized on or about 07/14/2025 at or near 401 M. John Young Pkwy., Orlando, FL, Orange County. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Senior Orlando Police Legal Advisor Shannon Gridley Hesse, Petitioner's attorney, 1250 W. South Street, Orlando, FL 32805, on or before January 29, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture. DATED this 15th day of December, 2025. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL

Clerk of the Court BY: /S/ Nancy Garcia Deputy Clerk CIRCUIT COURT SEAL December 19, 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-007132 DIVISION: 33

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$1,881.87 U.S. CURRENCY

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: TASHAY L. MALPRESS

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