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DeSantis honors Anderson with anthem designation

Executive order directs renaming of Apopka's wildlife drive

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Gov. Ron DeSantis issued an executive order Tuesday establishing John Anderson's "Seminole Wind" as "Florida's Anthem" and directing state officials to name the Lake Apopka North Shore wildlife drive and trail system after the late Apopka native.

Executive Order 26-222 also directs the secretary of state to erect historical markers in Apopka recognizing Anderson's contributions to Florida's heritage.

"This is a proud and historic moment for the City of Apopka," Mayor Nick Nesta said in a statement provided Wednesday by city Public Information Director Steven Montiero. "John Anderson was more than a country music legend; he was one of our own, and his music will forever be part of Florida's story."

The proposed wildlife drive and trail naming will require consideration by the St. Johns River Water Management District's Governing Board, according to district Regional Media and Communications Coordinator Danielle L. FitzPatrick.

"The matter would be brought before the Board at a future date," FitzPatrick said in a Wednesday email.

The district's land management policy requires Governing Board approval to name a management area, project area, building or feature for an individual or group. The policy describes such naming as "the highest honor that the District can bestow."

FitzPatrick did not identify a board meeting date or provide details about which trails would be included, potential signage changes or costs.

The executive order directs the secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection to work with the district to designate the wildlife drive and trail system within the North Shore as the "John Anderson Wildlife Drive and Trail System."

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An executive order honors Apopka native John Anderson's "Seminole Wind" as "Florida's Anthem." | Photo courtesy of John Anderson's official Facebook page

Governor announces $5.7M for Apopka project

Award part of $100 million in statewide grants

Staff Reports

Governor Ron DeSantis awarded $5,784,615 to the city of Apopka on Wednesday for a reclaimed water service extension on Plymouth Sorrento Road. The grant was part of a total of $100 million awarded across 45 projects to restore and protect Florida's water resources.

"Today in Crystal River, I was proud to announce $100 million for springs restoration and alternative water supply projects throughout Florida," said Governor Ron DeSantis in a Wednesday news release. "These strategic investments will build on the progress we've made in protecting our natural resources and improving water quality in communities across Florida, so that we can leave this state to God better than we found it."

The Plymouth Sorrento Road project is one of 22 projects aimed at reducing Florida's re-

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HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK



Two performers wave and smile during Halloween at the Park last Saturday at Kit Land Nelson Park. The annual event enjoyed good weather and a strong turnout of vendors and families. See page A6 for more photos. | Photo by Dana O'Connor

Town hall examines ballot amendments, government spending



From left: state Rep. RaShon Young; Ninth Judicial Circuit judge candidate Temika Hampton-Johnson; County Commission District 2 candidate Kamia Brown, OCPS official Marquise McMiller, and the Rev. Betty Watson of Faith in Florida participate in the town hall at St. Paul AME Church. | Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Forum held as early voting continues until Nov. 1

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Proposed tax changes on the Nov. 3 general election ballot could affect the local services residents rely on, speakers told a Tuesday town hall at St. Paul AME Church, where voters also questioned candidates about government spending, access to justice and support for small businesses.

The Vote Ready! Town Hall combined explanations of Florida's three proposed constitutional amendments with candidate introductions and audience questions. Organized by the church's Social Action Committee, the nonpartisan forum took place at the South Park Avenue church. Organizers said participation did not constitute an endorsement by the church or its Social Action Committee.

Panelists included the Rev. Betty Watson of Faith in Florida; Cynthia Laurent of Florida Rising; Orange County Clerk of Courts candidate Roberta Walton Johnson; state Rep. RaShon Young; Dr. Jarod Fox, a candidate for Florida House District 39; Marquise McMiller, Orange County Public Schools' senior director of government relations; Ninth Judicial Circuit judge candidate Temika Hampton-Johnson; and former state Rep. Kamia Brown, a candidate for Orange County Commission District 2. State Sen. LaVon Bracy Davis also spoke briefly before leaving early.

For attendee Hedder Pierre Joseph, who had already voted during the current early voting, the gathering offered an opportunity to hear candidates and bring community concerns directly to them.

"It was important for me to come to the space to hear what the candidates had to say, and also to let them know what I'm hearing from the voters in the community," Joseph said after the town hall.

Kesha Dawson Harris, representing the League of Women Voters, reviewed the amendments and urged residents to read beyond their titles. Constitutional amendments require approval from at least 60% of voters.

Dawson Harris explained that Amendment 1 would expand the state's Budget Stabilization Fund, raising its maximum size from 10% to 25% of specified state revenue. She also discussed a proposed annual transfer and language allowing withdrawals for "critical state needs," questioning how those needs would be defined.

Amendment 2 would exempt qualifying tangible personal property on agricultural land from taxation. Dawson Harris said the exemption, covering items such as equipment and machinery, would reduce local government revenue.

Much of her presentation focused on Amendment 3, which would increase the homestead exemption for non-school property taxes to $150,000 in 2027 and $250,000 in 2028.

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Mead's Bottom to get historical marker

Recognition follows three-year effort to preserve history of early Black settlement

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Sarah Mead's story has been preserved in a book and painted into an Apopka mural. Now, the community associated with her will be recognized with a state historical marker.

The Florida Historical Marker Council approved the Mead's Bottom marker Oct. 2, following a three-year effort by the Apopka & Northwest Orange County Historical Society to recognize one of the area's oldest Black settlements, according to society President Maribel Brinkle.

"This marker is preservation, and it is also economic development," Brinkle said in an Oct. 22 statement emailed to The Apopka Chief. "Historical markers bring visitors, traffic, and tourism. They bring pride to a city and to a community."

Mead was born into slavery in South Carolina in 1836 and later sold to a plantation owner in Georgia, according to the finalized marker text provided by Brinkle. She arrived in Apopka around 1870.

The settlement's significance extends beyond Mead's own life. Its residents helped build the citrus, lumber and turpentine industries that supported Apopka's early growth, the society said. Recognizing Mead's Bottom preserves the contributions of Black families whose work helped shape northwest Orange County's economy.



The Mead's Bottom mural by artist German Lemus, pictured June 30, depicts Sarah Mead and other Apopka historic figures. | Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Addressing the council remotely, Brinkle described research that involved examining records and speaking with elders and descendants.

"It is the story of Black families whose labor built

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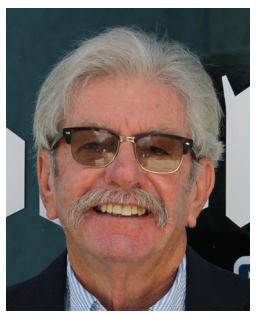
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Stand up and holler about this two-bit penalty

Columnist



Jake Vest

My vote for attorney general will go to whichever candidate pledges to decriminalize "the flinch."

An offensive lineman, a guy who weighs in at close to a fifth of a ton, is required to squat down publicly while wearing extremely tight pants, a stance and a costume that both look very comfortable. After becoming "set," he must, according to football law, remain totally motionless for as long as it takes for his quarterback to quit barking like a dog or hollering "HUT HUT FORTY TWO BLUE MIKE SEVEN" or some other secret code.

These words are instructions – sort of like a GPS. The lineman needs to hear them in order to go bust the appropriate head.

His head, meanwhile, is encased in expanded polypropylene foam surrounded by an outer shell of injection-molded polycarbonate, aka a helmet. It's like having a high-tech bucket on your head and is not optimal for hearing, which is why human heads come equipped with ears instead of listening holes. To add to the difficulty, there are 50,000 deranged students and alumni hollering into each opening.

The sixth-of-a-ton slobbering psychotic across from the offensive lineman can prance around, jump, make threatening gestures, move back and forth, and try to time a running start. If the offensive lineman moves, even ever so slightly, he is treated like he kidnapped the Lindbergh baby.

The guys on the other side start pointing at him and one might even run up and legally push him over. Whistles blow, the coach throws his visor, approximately half the crowd moans, the cheerleaders look puzzled, and the "yellow rag of official disapprobation" is thrown into the air. While the poor guy stands there in his own little circle of self-loathing, the referee goes to the sideline, looks into a camera and CALLS HIS NUMBER.

I ask you, has this man not suffered enough? Why take five yards away from his team? That penalty, by the way, is a clear case of collective punishment, outlawed by Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention.

In the NCAA, players are still technically students. When I taught, we were told to handle minor issues on the spot by redirecting behavior. Referees could do that. They could be equipped with fly swatters and, when a lineman flinches, whack him one on the rump and say sternly, "we don't do that here…cut it out."

Besides, a flinch is a sudden, small INVOLUNTARY movement – by definition, the guy didn't mean to do it. He's being punished for an accident, which is downright medieval, like when they used to put some serf's eyes out for looking at a king.

Have we not advanced any more than this as a culture? We need to stop this madness. It's time for equity on both sides of the line of scrimmage, fair play and a square deal and opportunities for all of our oversized children in tight pants.

Free them from the flinch. And free up our intercollegiate on-field law enforcement officials to focus on the things that really matter.

Like keeping an eye out for the illegal shift – whatever in the heck that is.

Let's build a stronger community

Apopka Mayor



Nick Nesta

It's that time of year again. The cooler air is starting to move in, and we can finally enjoy being outside without having to change clothes three times a day because of the Florida humidity!

Our kids are busy with school, fall baseball and soccer are in full swing, and the holidays are right around the corner.

It really is a great time to live in Apopka.

I know there is a lot being said on social media, and unfortunately, much of it focuses on negativity and division. I want to remind everyone that there is so much good happening in our community. We have wonderful families, great schools, local businesses, dedicated city employees and neighbors who genuinely care about one another.

Since taking office, I have spent a great deal of time reviewing our city departments, listening to employees and working to build a leadership team that I can trust. I've always believed that you should surround yourself with good people, give them the tools to succeed and hold everyone, including yourself, accountable.

But building a stronger Apopka goes well beyond what happens inside City Hall.

A strong community is built in our neighborhoods, at our schools, on our ballfields, in our churches, at our local businesses and in our parks. It's built when neighbors look out for one another, when families get involved, and when people are willing to work together even when they don't agree on everything.

That's the Apopka I want us to continue building.

We are going through changes at City Hall, and I understand that change can bring questions and concerns. We have challenges that developed over many years, and we have work ahead of us. But I know we are moving in the right direction.

I believe we need to spend more time bringing our community together. I want to see our parks filled with families, our youth sports programs growing, our local businesses supported and more residents getting involved in what happens throughout our city.

We don't always have to agree on politics or every decision made at City Hall to be good neighbors. We can have different opinions and still shake hands, have a conversation and work toward something positive.

Social media can make it seem like everyone is divided, but when I get out into our community, I see something different. I see parents volunteering their time, coaches mentoring young people, neighbors helping neighbors and people who take pride in calling Apopka home.

That's what makes this city special.

As mayor, my responsibility is to make sure our city government is doing its part. That means supporting our employees, improving services, planning for growth and being responsible with taxpayer dollars. But it also means listening to our residents and finding more ways to bring people together.

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy our community. Attend a local event, cheer our youth on at a sporting event, visit a park, support a small business or introduce yourself to a neighbor you haven't met.

Sometimes building a stronger community starts with something that simple.

Apopka has a great future ahead of us. We have challenges to address, and we also have tremendous opportunities. I believe that if we continue working together, respecting one another and taking pride in our city, we can make Apopka an even better place for our children and grandchildren.

Let's keep building a stronger community, together.

Costs put squeeze on local news

Publisher



J.C. Derrick

As the 2026 election arrives, affordability is a major campaign issue. From gasoline to health insurance to tomatoes, increasing costs are putting pressure on every American.

Unfortunately, the news industry is no exception. All the consumables involved in printing a newspaper have increased sharply, including aluminum plates, ink and paper.

So far this year, North American newsprint suppliers have increased rates three times, pushing newsprint prices to historically high levels. Those increases have hit our printer, The Villages Daily Sun, which has passed along the increases to us. We are now left with no choice but to pass these on to advertisers.

We know that this rate adjustment does not come at an easy time. Many small businesses are in a battle for survival, facing not only rising costs but market disruptions of various kinds.

The Apopka Chief has first-hand knowledge of these challenges. In our first year under new ownership, we managed to grow revenue — the first time that had happened in 14 years — but rising costs have applied relentless pressure. We still have work to do to get the Chief back in the black.

Advertising is the bedrock of our business model. Increasing weekly circulation to 10,000 last year helped serve long-term advertisers such as Shren Yeager, J&K Automotive and Graceworx Community Church while also attracting new advertisers such as Publix and Hancock Whitney Bank.

As you have the opportunity, please frequent Apopka Chief advertisers and thank them for supporting independent, trustworthy local news. This work could not continue without them.

The same could be said of our members. We are grateful for each person who has joined The Apopka Chief membership program, which plays a critical role in making the Chief sustainable for its second 100 years.

Membership comes with some fun perks, including an exclusive monthly email and giveaways. What kind of giveaways? The next member newsletter goes out Monday and will include a P.F. Chang's gift card, Crayola Experience tickets, and tickets to see the No. 1 Florida men's basketball team take on Merrimack.

The perks are pretty sweet, but the most important reason to become a member is to help us build a stronger community. The Chief does not traffic in conspiracy theories and rumors, peddle narratives and agendas, or use AI to produce faux journalism.

We show up every day to deliver quality reporting on this great community we call home, documenting city government actions, showcasing community events and clubs, and celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of our student-athletes.

That's a mission worth supporting. If you would like to join us, please visit www.theapopkachief.com/become-a-member.

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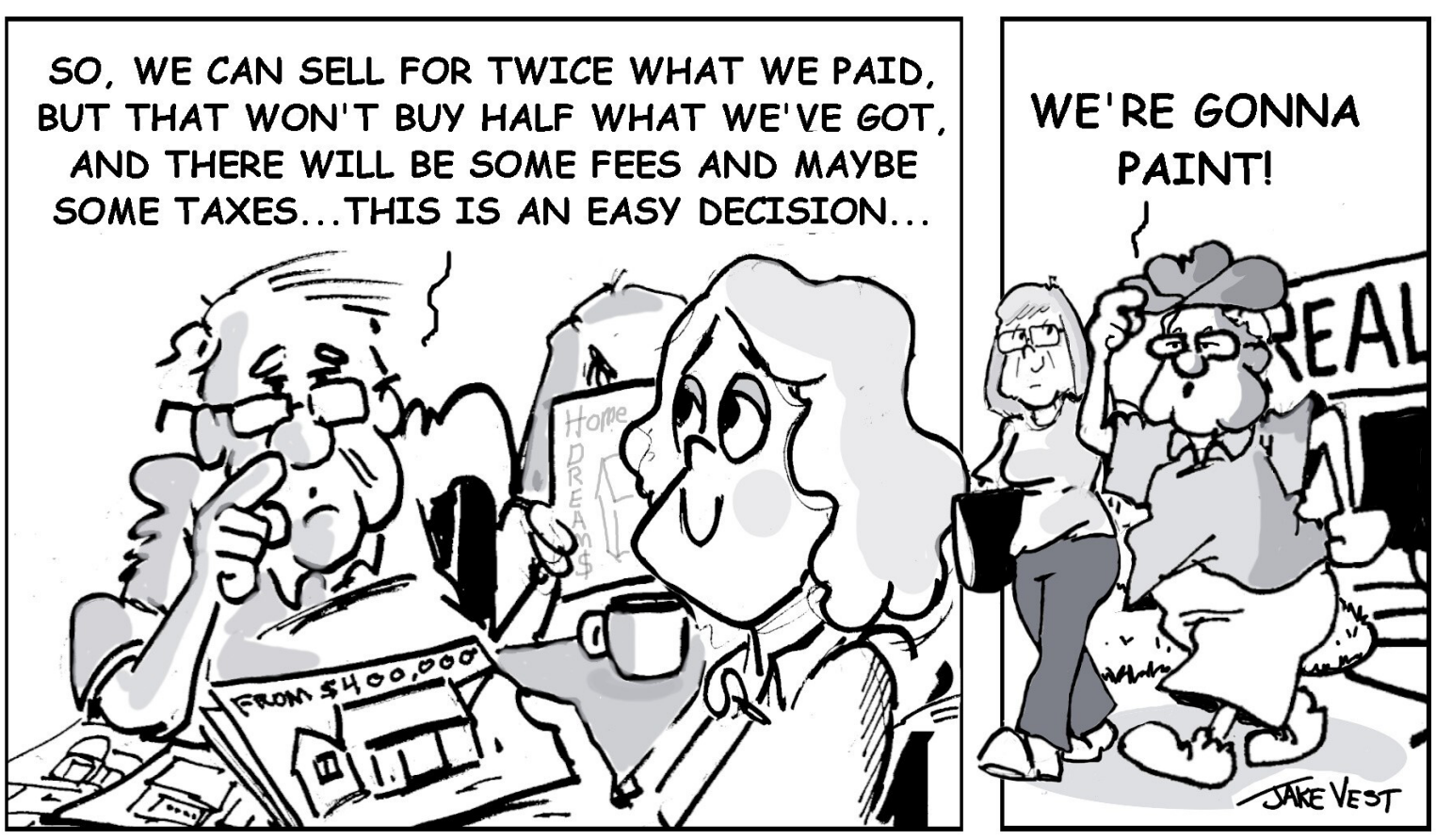
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God Bless America



Groves, Pericola, Strada race for HD11 at polls

Winner to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Daniel Webster

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

After an eight-candidate primary race for U.S. House District 11, three candidates — Ralph Groves, James Pericola and Joe Strada — are running for the seat in the general election. The winner will ultimately replace longtime congressman Daniel Webster, who announced his retirement in April, and represent portions of several counties in west Central Florida.

Read more about each candidate's endorsements, funding and issues below.

Ralph Groves,
Libertarian Party

• Endorsements: Groves has not publicly released any endorsements on social media or on his campaign website.

• Funding: Total contributions to Groves' campaign were not available on the Federal Election Commission website as of Wednesday afternoon.

• Issues: Groves' campaign website expresses that Groves "applauds the abolition of the Federal Department of Education," "believes U.S. defense industries should be allocated increased funding," and "opposes deepening of U.S. support for Ukraine."

Groves said in a post-August primary election interview with FOX 35 Orlando that his first priority upon winning the race would be to "revigorate the War Powers Act, which puts Congress in charge of declaring war."

"Any president has only 60 days to commit U.S. forces overseas — hopefully in defense of the United States and its interests — but beyond 60 days, Congress has to be well-informed as to what the goals are and to approve of any further military action," he said.

James Pericola,
Democratic Party

• Endorsements: Pericola has received endorsements from Reproductive Freedom for All, American Association for Justice, Seafarers International Union, Orlando Sentinel, Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Florida Democratic Agricultural Caucus and more. Individual endorsements include Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer and state representatives RaShon Young and Rita Harris.

"James has the experience, humility, and deep sense of service that Central Floridians deserve," said state senator LaVon Bracy Davis in her endorsement. "In Congress, he will restore the outreach and constituent services our communities have been missing and fight for the people of this district. He will also aggressively hold this dangerous and unlawful administration accountable through strong congressional oversight."

• Funding: Pericola has raised $160,403.90 in contributions, received a total of $64,965 in loans, and has offset $499.02 to operating expenditures, according to the Federal Election Commission. He has spent a total of $190,672.27, including a loan repayment of $5,000.

• Issues: Pericola's campaign website lists five priorities: "protect Social Security and Medicare," "protect affordable healthcare," "lower housing and insurance costs," "cut taxes for working families," and "protecting our democracy."

"Families across Central Florida are working harder than ever while the cost of housing, insurance, groceries, and utilities continue to rise," he said in a July questionnaire with The Apopka Chief. "Our tax system should give working and middle-class families more breathing room instead of continuing to reward large corporations."

Joe Strada,
Republican Party

• Endorsements: Strada has received endorsements from four county sheriffs, six state representatives, and Florida attorney general James Uthmeier, according to his campaign website.

"Joe works hard and cares about people. He values the dignity of a job and what that can do to change the trajectory of someone's life," said former state senator Carey Baker, against whom Strada ran in the primary, in his Facebook endorsement. "Joe has stood with our first responders and will fight to ensure they have the resources they need to keep us safe. He'll work to expand opportunities in the trades, to protect our Second Amendment rights and to cut taxes... I am incredibly proud to endorse Joe Strada for Congress because I know he will put Central Florida first, always."

• Funding: According to the Federal Election Commission, Strada has received $512,075.39 in contributions and made three loans totaling $5 million. He has spent a total of $4,652,007.69, all but $1,000 of which was spent on operating expenditures.

• Issues: According to Strada's campaign website, Strada's top three priorities are "investigate congressional insider trading," "enact term limits" and "a balanced budget amendment."

"President Trump has exposed the fraud, waste and abuse buried deep in the federal government, and we must continue to root out bureaucrats and policies that enrich greedy politicians and fraudulent NGOs," he said in a July questionnaire with the Chief. "No one should get rich in public office."

Early voting runs from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 1. The general election will take place on Tuesday.

OCPS pay, insurance impasse hearing postponed to Nov. 13

Delay follows district's rejection of special magistrate's recommendations

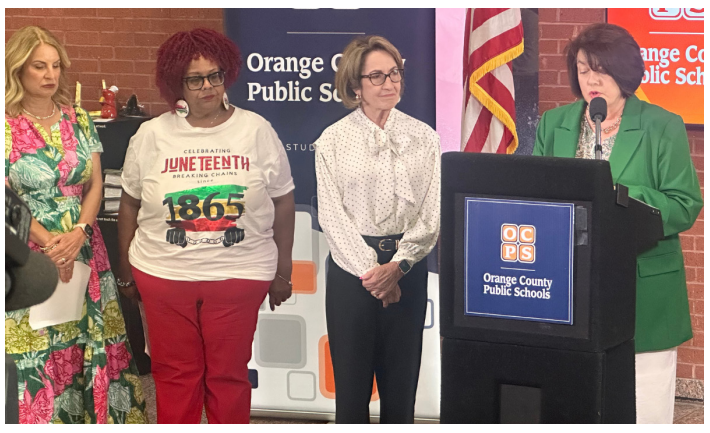
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The Orange County School Board voted Oct. 21 to postpone an impasse hearing over employee pay and health insurance until Nov. 13, one day after Orange County Public Schools announced it had rejected a special magistrate's recommendations.

According to an Oct. 21 district news release, the postponement followed more than two hours of discussion. Attorneys representing the Classroom Teachers Association and Orange Education Support Professionals Association requested the delay, raising concerns about the timing of the proceedings.

The district said maintaining current health benefits costs about $20 million for each month of delay. It warned that continued delays in implementing insurance changes, alongside an existing Employee Benefits Trust shortfall and other financial pressures, could lead to further budget reductions and personnel impacts.

"We realize this long process has caused real frustration and uncertainty to employees," the district said in its Oct. 20 re-



Orange County Public Schools Superintendent Maria Vazquez (right) speaks during a June news conference at the Ronald Blocker Educational Leadership Center in Orlando. From left are School Board members Angie Gallo and Vicki-Elaine Felder and School Board Chair Teresa Jacobs. | File photo by Teresa Sargeant

OCPS estimated that the magistrate's recommendations would cost $68.5 million beyond the district's current proposal, including $57 million for health insurance and $11.5 million in compensation across employee groups.

Combined with $36.6 million in insurance concessions already included in the district's proposal, OCPS placed the total estimated financial impact at $105.1 million.

The district said the recommendations would leave the Employee Benefits Trust paying more in claims than it receives in revenue.

Among its commitments and proposals, OCPS listed a $40 million transfer tied to delayed implementation of insurance changes and an additional $21 million annually in School Board contributions toward employee coverage.

The district's proposal also maintains a premium-free, employee-only SureFit option and reduces that plan's deductibles and coinsurance. Employee-only premiums for the OA Plus Hybrid plan would be $1,172 annually, matching the current employee-only cost of Plan C, according to OCPS.

The district also said it added a deductable reimbursement benefit at the union's request, at a cost of $4.1 million, to provide eligible employees up to $1,000 in deductible reimbursement.

In announcing the postponement, OCPS said it would continue working with both unions toward a resolution addressing employee concerns and the school system's financial stability.

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DeBary woman sentenced to prison in crash that killed daughter

Crash occurred in September 2024 on S.R. 429 in Apopka

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

A DeBary woman was sentenced Oct. 8 to more than 10 years in prison for DUI manslaughter stemming from a 2024 crash in Apopka that killed her 4-year-old daughter and seriously injured another child.

Caitlyn Nichole Swatkowski, 36, pleaded no contest to DUI manslaughter and DUI with personal injury, according to Orange County court records. The court adjudicated her guilty of both charges.

She received a sentence of 127.65 months in state prison, followed by four years of supervised probation. The court credited her with 675 days already served and designated four years of the prison term as mandatory.

For the misdemeanor DUI with personal injury charge, she received 364 days in the Orange County Jail, with credit for the full term already served. That sentence runs concurrently with the prison sentence.

Prosecutors dropped four remaining charges: aggravated manslaughter of a child, vehicular homicide, child neglect and reckless driving causing damage to property or a person.

The single-vehicle crash occurred Sept. 22, 2024, on State Road 429 in Apopka, according to the Apopka Police Department's account reported by The Apopka Chief that November.

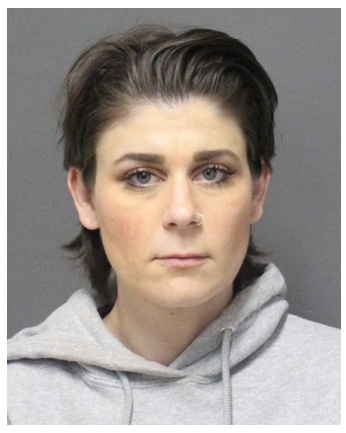
Police obtained arrest warrants following an investigation. Swatkowski was taken into custody Nov. 26, 2024, while attending an unrelated court hearing in Volusia County.

The October court minutes state that victim impact statements were read aloud during the hearing.

The probation order lists her license action as "Permanent Suspension/Revocation" and states that the court has no objection to a business-purpose-only permit when she becomes eligible.

Her probation conditions include DUI education, a victim impact course, 100 hours of community service and a prohibition on possessing or consuming alcohol or illegal drugs.

The court ordered restitution and reserved jurisdiction for 60 days to determine the amount.



Caitlyn Nichole Swatkowski | Courtesy of Orange County Jail

APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB VISITS SOLARIS RESIDENTS

This fall, GFWC Apopka Woman's Club (AWC) members have frequently volunteered at Solaris Healthcare Apopka, leading residents in festive autumn activities such as painting and scarecrow crafting.

"It was so touching, because we walked around with some of the clothing that was going to be on scarecrows... so we had little pairs of Crocs and little hats, and they were so cute," said AWC member Dr. Rita Tybor. "And they helped crumble up the paper to stuff the scarecrows and keeping an eye on them for us because they're out in front of the nursing home."

AWC began its senior programs after the city of Apopka granted the club $5,000 earlier this year. AWC members offer twice-a-month manicures, handmade gifts, monthly story times, and art classes, along with bingo sponsorships.

"When it's our turn to sponsor bingo, everyone wins a prize," Tybor said. "So we go out of our way and gift wrap little prizes in cellophane bags so they can see what they are."

Although the grant has ended, Tybor said the volunteers continue to offer activities for the residents.

"We filed our final report online with the city of Apopka," she said. "Even though [the grant] concluded, you wouldn't know it, because we're still actively doing what we were doing, which is the whole point in my mind." | Photos courtesy of Laura Beusse





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liance on traditional freshwater sources by expanding the use of alternative water supplies. These projects will help produce more than 60 million gallons of water per day. The selected projects focus on expanding reclaimed water use, enhancing aquifer recharge and promoting water conservation.

"Year after year, Governor DeSantis has demonstrated a firm commitment to protecting Florida's waters," said Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Alexis A. Lambert in the release. "We will continue to work cooperatively with local communities to secure the sustainable clean water supply that is critical for Florida's future."

To date, funds committed by the Alternative Water Supply Grant Program will result in more than 400 million gallons of water per day when projects are fully online.



The grant will support the reclaimed water service extension project on Plymouth Sorrento Road. | File photo



Governor Ron DeSantis speaks in Apopka in 2025. | Photo by Marshall Tempest

A PUBLIC HEARING ADOPTING A NON-AD VALOREM TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR WEST KELLY PARK – CRESCENT RIDGE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Apopka will conduct a public hearing and subsequently adopt a resolution to Adopt a Non-Ad Valorem Tax Assessment Roll for the West Kelly Park – Crescent Ridge Street Lighting District for the imposition of annual non-ad valorem special assessment in the areas designated by the specified herein. Each individual non-ad valorem special assessment shall be billed on the Orange County Annual Tax Bill for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2027, and annually thereafter for the collection of all associated costs and expenses applied to the designated areas as applicable.

The public hearing for the West Kelly Park – Crescent Ridge Street Lighting District Assessment shall be before the City Commission of the City of Apopka in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the imposition of the assessments, as follows:

Development/Sub-Division Name	1st Reading Final Certification
West Kelly Park – Crescent Ridge Street Lighting District	December 2, 2026 1:30 P.M.

Florida Statutes (F.S.) require us to advise you that a failure to pay the assessment will cause a tax certificate to the issued against the property which may result in the loss of title, F.S. 197.3632(4)(b).

The non-ad valorem assessment is for the West Kelly Park – Crescent Ridge Street Lighting District as provided.

The imposition of the annual non-ad valorem assessment may only apply to the Designated District Area, identified herein, where the City Commission intends to impose an assessment for the purpose of providing West Kelly Park – Crescent Ridge Street Lighting District for the safety and welfare of the residents whom reside within the designated district area.

The costs of the assessment shall be entirely apportioned to the property owners within the subdivision receiving the benefited service. The assessment will continue to be billed by the Orange County Tax Collector on the annual Orange County Tax Bill until all emergency costs expended are recovered by the City. Parcel owners may elect to pay their proportionate share in whole in lieu of paying the annual assessment should they elect to do so but must notify the city of their intentions prior to July 1, 2027.

All affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearing and the right to file a written objection with the City Clerk's Office within 20 days of the publication of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 407-703-1794 at least three (3) days prior to the date of the hearing.

Copies of the Resolutions detailing the legal description of the areas to be assessed are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, located at 120 E. Main Street, Apopka Florida, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions regarding the assessments, please contact the Special Assessments Coordinator at 407-703-1700, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Local music nonprofit to celebrate 10th anniversary with festival

Founder Marla Singleton shares story of Drums in Recovery

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Local nonprofit Drums in Recovery is set to celebrate its tenth anniversary with DRUMFEST, scheduled for 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13, at the Apopka Community Center.

Drums in Recovery invites DRUMFEST attendees to enjoy entertainment from Orlando Taiko Dojo and Toppermost Beatles Tribute, participate in the festival's 1960s costume contest, and join a three-tier drum circle, facilitated by Drums in Recovery founder Marla Singleton.

Singleton founded Drums in Recovery in 2016 after watching the Music Together programs she directed bring families healing. Music Together provides music education for children ages 5 and under.

"I was just seeing so much healing with music and the families from physical ailments, like one little boy couldn't even speak — he couldn't make sounds. And through the music, he began singing and then speaking," she said. "I started looking into music therapy and came across drumming."

Singleton then completed training to work as a facilitator for DRUMBEAT, "a social and emotional learning program" from Australian nonprofit Holyoake "that stands for Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes, and Thoughts," according to the Holyoake website.



Kids join in the drumming fun at the DRUMBEAT Community-Based arts program at Rolling Hills Elementary School in Orlando. | Courtesy of Marla Singleton

"DRUMBEAT is a 10-week program that we offer. Each week has a theme, and we learn to play the drums from scratch, so no musical experience necessary to join the class," she said. "Then we learn to play music in harmony, and we have conversations about what skills are we using to learn this to play the drum, and how can we use those same skills in life to change our rhythm in life... If you pertain that to recovery, it really opens up the mind to new possibilities and hope."

Drums in Recovery also offers what Singleton calls "an advanced DRUMBEAT" curriculum called Rhythm2Recovery, created by DRUMBEAT founder Simon Faulkner.

"They have Rhythm2Recovery substance abuse. They have Rhythm2Recovery bullying awareness, Rhythm2Recovery youth violence prevention — and then there's all kinds of different curriculums," Singleton said. "We had a DRUMBEAT parenting — I took it and created a Rhythm2Recovery parenting, and then I also have a Rhythm2Recovery grief, addressing grief through rhythm."

According to the Drums in Recovery website, the nonprofit has led programs at many facilities across Central Florida, including House of Hope Orlando, Phillis Wheatley Elementary School, John E. Polk Correctional Facility and more. Drums in Recovery currently serves more than 2,000 individuals per year, works with more than 20 community partners, and has improved the emotional regulation of 95% of its participants, according to the site.

"Music just connects us in so many ways," Singleton said. "It just brings us together despite our differences."

Tickets to DRUMFEST 2026 start at $10 per person and are available at zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/drum-fest-cultivating-community-through-rhythm.

Villas at Wekiva plans need revisions before third review

DRC seeks planning and engineering revisions for 16-unit project

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka Development Review Committee denied the second submission of construction plans for the proposed 16-unit Villas at Wekiva development on Wednesday, requesting revisions to address outstanding planning and engineering comments before a third review.

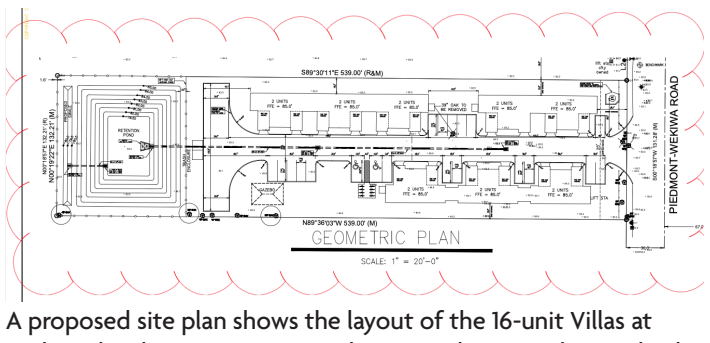
The multifamily project is proposed on approximately 1.63 acres at 734 Piedmont-Wekiwa Road, next to Wekiva Village. The plans identify Tatiana Gonzalez as the owner and AIP Design as the applicant.

During the brief discussion, the applicant sought clarification of staff comments. Staff and the applicant agreed to discuss the outstanding requirements in a separate meeting.

"From the Planning perspective, some required information was still missing or needed clarification," city Planner II Jun Sohn wrote in a response following the meeting.

Sohn also said proposed chain-link fencing must be replaced with a type permitted under the city's Land Development Code.

Engineering comments also call for additional drainage details, including connections between building drains and the stormwater system, proposed ground elevations behind buildings and at property lines, and measures to capture runoff that would otherwise flow off the property.



A proposed site plan shows the layout of the 16-unit Villas at Wekiva development at 734 Piedmont-Wekiwa Road. Site plan by Enrique A. Torrens. | City of Apopka public records

Senior Engineer Dale Smith also requested dimensions and slopes for a proposed spreader swale and said the geotechnical review did not meet comprehensive-plan requirements.

The applicant's geotechnical consultant acknowledged that most or all of the property lies within a mapped karst area but reported identifying no karst features through a review of topographic information, a survey and a site visit. Smith's comments call for further analysis of subsurface and groundwater conditions.

In his written response, Smith said city requirements prohibit developed sites from producing greater runoff than before development. He said runoff from the property discharges to an adjacent stormwater pond and that the developed site should not affect surrounding properties.

The Piedmont-Wekiwa Road area, including Wekiva Village, has experienced repeated flooding. The city and Orange County have worked on flood mitigation efforts, including pumping water through the area's chain of lakes.

The DRC also reviewed three other applications.

Planning recommended approval of a future land use amendment for an existing warehouse property at 2525 Clarcona Road. The applicant said the existing industrial use would continue as the property is brought into Apopka. The agenda lists Karuna Buildings LLC as the owner and Joseph Kovecses as the applicant.

An initial plat submission for an 11-lot development at 860 E. Lisa Lane could not advance because legal and surveyor comments remained outstanding. Project manager Amer Hamza said the construction site plan had already been approved.

The application would replat approximately 3.58 acres to match the approved subdivision plan. The agenda identifies Albert Iglesias as the owner and Kimley-Horn and Associates as the applicant.

The Crescent Ridge Phase 2 final plat also could not be approved because of additional Public Works and Engineering comments. Project manager Jean Sanchez said those comments had been relayed to the applicant.

That application covers properties at 3744 and 5712 Ondich Road. Pulte Home Company LLC is the owner, with 1828 Engineering representing the application.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Phylis Louise Samuels

July 17, 1931 — September 2, 2026

Phylis Louise Grant was born on July 17, 1931, in Lambs River, in the parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica. She was the daughter of Roland Milton Grant, a shopkeeper, and Roslyn Grant (née Woolery), who had married at St. Michael's Church in Westmoreland the year before.

As a young woman, Phylis worked in Montego Bay, where she met Nathaniel Samuels. On July 16, 1958, the two were joined in marriage at Calvary Baptist Church in Montego Bay. When Nathaniel left for the United States in March 1967 in search of greater opportunity, Phylis followed that October and together they built a new life and home in New York. For more than 30 years, she served as a nurse's aide at NYU Hospital, taking great pride in caring for others with tenderness and careful attention to detail.

Phylis and Nathaniel devoted themselves to their three sons, Henry, Steve, and Herbert, and to securing them an excellent education. When Nathaniel was ill in his final years, she cared for him with unwavering strength and dedication. After 33 years of marriage, he went to his rest in 1991, and she carried his memory with her for the rest of her life.

Phylis was a devoted member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. For more than three decades, she worshipped at Hanson Place Church in Brooklyn, where she was a member of the Benevolent Association. Through her charitable endeavors and warm hospitality, she gave generously to her Hanson Place church family, reaching out to those in need with the same care she gave her patients. After moving to Florida, she found her church home at Forest Lake Church. Her faith guided how she lived, how she served others, and how she carried herself through life's joys and sorrows. She kept the Sabbath, loved her church family, and trusted God's promises until the very end.

True to her Adventist faith, Phylis held health and temperance close to her heart. She believed in caring for the body God gave her, and she lived that belief with discipline and grace. She was also known far and wide for her excellent cooking. Her rice and peas, her cakes, her carrot dumplings, and so many other delights were nothing short of legendary. Her kitchen was a place of warmth and generosity, and a meal at her table was nourishment for body and soul alike.

In her golden years, Phylis settled in Apopka, Florida, where her days were filled with the things she loved most: quilting, reading, gardening, regular walks, cooking, and staying in touch with lifelong friends and relatives near and far. She found special joy in her involvement with Prayers & Squares, the prayer quilt ministry, where her gifts of faith and needlework came together to comfort others. A generous giver, she supported several nonprofit organizations over the years and sought to instill the values of philanthropy and community service in her progeny. On June 1, 2026, Phylis suffered a stroke. With the strength that defined her life, she rallied for a time. During her final hospital stay, it was discovered that the colon cancer she had once successfully battled had returned. On September 2, 2026, at the age of 95, our mother and grandmother breathed her last. She now rests in peace and awaits the call of her Savior.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Nathaniel Samuels; her parents, Roland and Roslyn Grant; her brother, Henry Grant; and her grandson, Marcel. She leaves to cherish her memory her sons, Henry, Steve, and Herbert; her daughters-in-law, Deniece, Jasmine, and Renee; her grandchildren, Marquis, Maurice, Gabrielle, Dylan, and Corey; her sister-in-law, Thelma Grant; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, and dear friends who loved and admired her.

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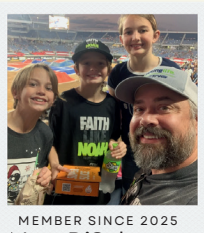
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A MAINSTREET DAILY NEWS PUBLICATION

FROM A MEMBER OF THE APOPKA CHIEF



MEMBER SINCE 2025
Matt DiSalvatore

One of our members recently shared a message that perfectly captures why community-supported journalism matters so much:

"Opportunities like this go far beyond entertainment — they create memories and reinforce the sense of community that makes Apopka such a special place."

His family had just attended Monster Jam using tickets they received through their Apopka Chief membership, and they wanted to say thank you. But their message was about more than a fun night out. It was about connection, community, and the impact of supporting trusted local news.

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Halloween in the Park conjures up fun on Oct. 24



Guests stroll through the lawn at Kit Land Nelson Park and explore various vendors, including PNC, Synovus, and AC's Heating & Air. | Photos by Dana O'Connor



Rod Olsen (left) with the Citizens Police Academy jokingly issues Mayor Nick Nesta (right) a red card. | Courtesy of Greg Abrigani



Children enjoyed the celebration's spooky bounce houses.



Sebastian Cruz—better known as Spider-Man—reveals the face behind the mask.



Balloon artists inflated and tied colorful creations for Apopka children.

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6 ways to have Halloween fun this weekend

Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, giving Apopka families an extra reason to put those costumes to work all weekend. Start with a Friday evening downtown, head out for candy on Saturday or leave room for a project at the kitchen table.

These six ideas include four outings in Apopka and nearby cities, plus two activities to try on your own schedule. Check event pages for updates and registration details before hitting the road.

1. Dress up for an evening downtown

Hall's on 5th, 15 E. Fifth St. in Apopka, hosts Haunt the Hall's from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Friday. Hall's event listing describes a celebration with music, food vendors and Halloween treats at E-mo's Candy Shop.

The Friday evening schedule offers a chance to wear a costume before Halloween night. Hall's says the event welcomes families and friends.

2. Collect treats before sunset

The B.E.E. More Trunk or Treat Fall Festival runs from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, at 508 Suggs Road in Apopka. The organizer's listing advertises decorated trunks, candy, games, music, local vendors and food trucks.

General admission is free, according to the listing. Check the organizer's listing for current registration information before making plans. The daytime hours leave Halloween evening open for other activities.

3. Find candy and costumes by the lake

Halloween at Cranes Roost Park offers a community celebration from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, at 274 Cranes Roost Blvd. in Altamonte Springs.

According to the city of Altamonte Springs, the event includes trick-or-treat booths around the lake, costume contests, live music, games and photo opportunities. Admission is free, while food and beverages are sold separately. The city does not allow coolers or glass at the event.

4. Watch city hall change after dark

Winter Garden's Halloween Light Show turns city hall into a backdrop for animated projections synchronized with spooky music. The city describes the show as family-friendly, with ghosts, goblins, witches and other Halloween images.

The free outdoor display runs from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, at 300 W. Plant St. It is an option for families who would rather watch a Halloween spectacle than collect another bag of sweets.

5. Turn a neighborhood walk into a hunt

A neighborhood scavenger hunt offers an outing without a scheduled event. A family's list might include a skeleton, a smiling pumpkin, purple lights, a spiderweb and a ghost. Children can check off decorations as they spot them or draw what they find afterward.

A shared tally can make the hunt cooperative. The idea is to spot decorations from public areas, with families staying on sidewalks where available and crossing streets together. Entering yards, touching decorations or ringing doorbells is not part of the game. A short route works fine; finding every item is optional.

6. Give a pumpkin a new face

Pumpkin decorating offers a kitchen-table project with washable markers, stickers, paper shapes and other age-appropriate craft supplies. A clean, dry pumpkin can become a face, a pattern or a favorite character, with no carving tools required.

A covered work surface keeps the mess contained, while paint or glue needs time to dry before the pumpkins are moved. Paper pumpkins work, too, if there is no real one on hand. You can finish with a family display and let each artist name their creation. This project can fit before an outing or become the afternoon's main event.

County announces debt relief

Program wiped out more than $758 million in debt for 515,000 residents

Staff Reports



Orange County Commissioner Michael Scott, center, speaks during a 2025 commission meeting, flanked by Commissioner Kelly Semrad and Comptroller Phil Diamond. | FILE PHOTO

Orange County has erased another $199 million in medical debt for more than 112,000 residents, county officials announced Tuesday.

The latest round is the fourth under the county's Medical Debt Relief Initiative. The program has eliminated $758.2 million in debt affecting approximately 515,000 residents, according to a county news release.

Commissioners approved the partnership with national nonprofit Undue Medical Debt in August 2024, using federal funds to support it.

The nonprofit buys outstanding medical debt at steep discounts from hospitals, other health care providers and collection agencies, then cancels it. The county said those purchases often cost a penny or less per dollar owed.

Residents cannot apply for assistance. Instead, the nonprofit identifies qualifying debt through participating providers and collectors.

To qualify, residents must have household income at or below 400% of federal poverty guidelines or medical debt totaling at least 5% of household income.

Residents receiving relief in this round should receive confirmation letters in envelopes bearing Undue Medical Debt's name soon, the county said. The canceled debt carries no tax consequences.

The county's Medical Debt Relief Initiative webpage pro-vides additional information.

Waters to offer free car washes for veterans Nov. 9-11

The chain offers more than 25 locations in the state

Staff Reports



Waters Car Wash operates more than 25 locations in the state, including the location in Davenport pictured above. | COURTESY OF WATERS CAR WASH

In recognition of Veterans Day, Waters Car Wash will offer complimentary car washes to veterans, active-duty military personnel and first responders from Nov. 9-11.

"We're honored to recognize the men and women who have dedicated themselves to serving our country and protecting our communities," said Kevin Matthews, chief operating officer and president of Summit Wash Holdings, the parent company of Waters Car Wash, in an Oct. 16 news release. "Whether serving in the military or responding to emergencies here at home, these individuals make extraordinary commitments to others. This is our way of saying 'thank you' and showing our appreciation for their service."

With more than 25 locations throughout Central, North and South Florida, Waters Car Wash invites eligible participants to visit any location, including the Apopka location at 1609 S. Orange Blossom Trail, during regular operating hours to enjoy a complimentary car wash. Valid military or first responder identification is required.

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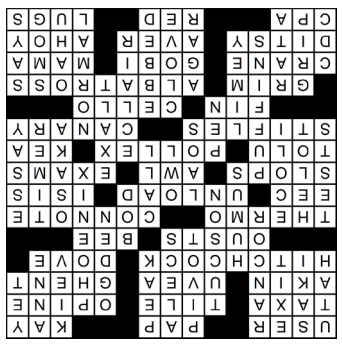
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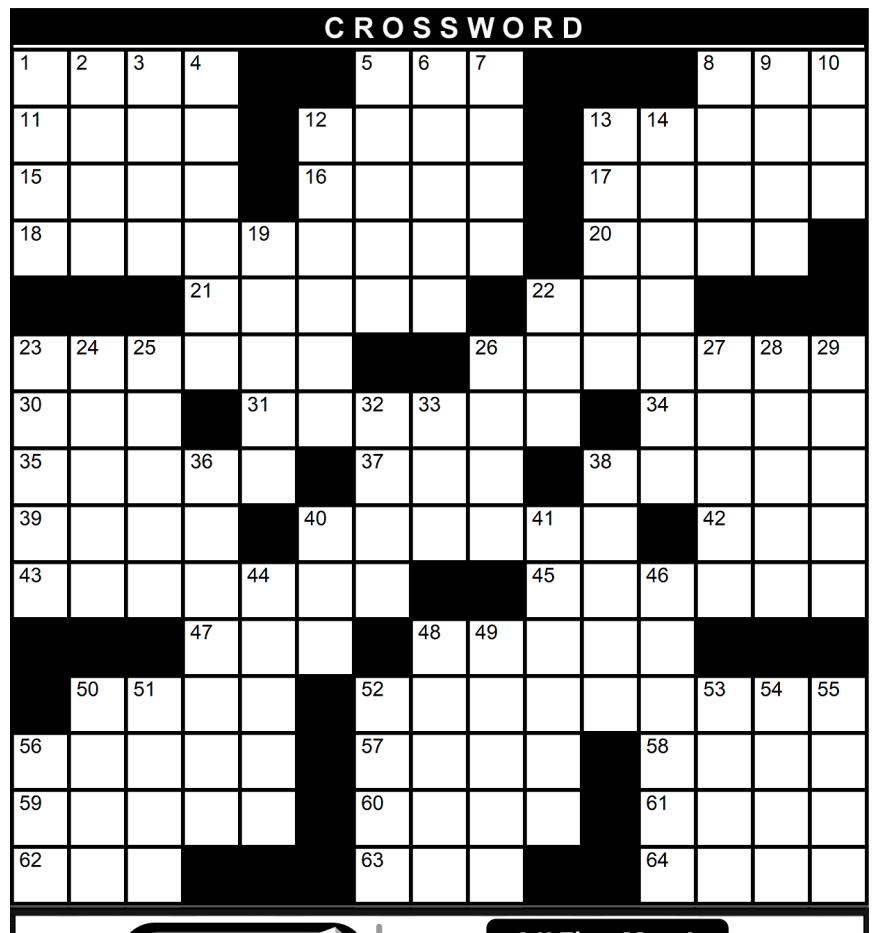
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Chili and community take center stage at CFP fall festival

More than 1,000 attend event featuring cook-off, games, petting zoo

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Chili cooks competed for bragging rights, but community was the main attraction at Central Florida Preparatory School's annual fall festival.

More than 1,000 people attended the Oct. 23 celebration at the school's Marden Road campus in Apopka, enjoying activities ranging from a chili cook-off to a mechanical shark and a petting zoo.

The festival gave members of the school community an opportunity to see one another and connect, according to Alba Reyes, the school's director of admissions.

"The highlight is the community," she said. Reyes, who had worked at the school for less than a year, described the festival as "the most talked-about event."

More than 80 staff members helped operate festival stations. Attractions included bounce houses, vendors, raffles and a school "jail." The petting zoo even featured a baby kangaroo.

In the chili cook-off, Alicia Minott of Leeci's Garden of Goodness won first place. Flor Lightner of Bacon Me Crazy placed second, and Yriana Julio-Garnichaud of Panela of My Heart took third.

Adriana Reyes of Luchi's Chili won the People's Choice Award, selected by festival guests.

Judges scored entries on appearance, aroma, texture and consistency, flavor and balance, spice and finish, and overall impression.



Central Florida Preparatory School staff member Jasmin Garcia holds a baby kangaroo during the school's fall festival Oct. 23 in Apopka. | Photo by Teresa Sargeant



Chili cook-off winners at Central Florida Preparatory School's fall festival Oct. 23 in Apopka are, from left, Alicia Minott of Leeci's Garden of Goodness, first place; Adriana Reyes of Luchi's Chili, People's Choice; Yriana Julio-Garnichaud of Panela of My Heart, third place; and Flor Lightner of Bacon Me Crazy, second place. | Photo by Teresa Sargeant

ST PAUL AME

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It would also lower the annual cap on assessment increases for non-homestead property from 10% to 5%.

Dawson Harris warned that reduced property-tax collections could affect local services, particularly in financially vulnerable rural counties.

School funding received separate attention during a presentation on Orange County Public Schools' proposed continuation of its one-mill property-tax levy. McMiller said the levy supports instruction and student services and described financial pressures associated with declining enrollment.

Candidates also outlined their priorities. Fox discussed Medicaid expansion, insulin affordability, public education and property insurance.

Brown urged voters to examine how services would be funded if proposed amendments reduced tax revenue.

"Where is the money to make up the services that our property tax pays for?" Brown said.

During audience questions, Joseph asked Brown whether she would support a 4% county commissioner salary increase and how she would approach county spending while residents faced financial pressures.

Brown said she would examine the data and cost of living. She expressed openness to salary increases because of elected officials' workload and personal expenses, while saying she would be mindful of spending decisions.

Other audience concerns included an allegation of police violence and diminished opportunities for minority- and women-owned businesses.

Afterward, Joseph described a voting analogy her daughter had shared: Twelve people ride a bus, with three voting against going over a cliff, four voting for it and five abstaining.

"All 12 of us are going to go over that cliff," Joseph said.

She connected the analogy to her responsibility to encourage others to participate, even after casting her own ballot.

Joseph said that "although I have voted, it is imperative that I stay engaged."

"Please, I'm not telling you who to vote for," she said. "Look at the issues, and you gotta vote."

Early voting continues through Nov. 1 at 27 Orange County locations, including two in Apopka. Sites are open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ahead of Nov. 3 elections.

ANDERSON

FROM A1

Montiero said his office had communicated with the governor's office over the past several days to request special recognition honoring Anderson. The city looks forward to working with the state on opportunities to establish historical markers, he said.

The anthem designation is expressly separate from the state's existing statutory state anthem, "Florida, Where the Sawgrass Meets the Sky." The order does not replace "Old Folks at Home" as the state song.

Anderson, a Country Music Hall of Famer known for hits including "Swingin'" and "Straight Tequila Night," died Oct. 21 at age 71.

The order describes "Seminole Wind," released in 1992, as the state's unofficial anthem since its debut, citing its tribute to the state's natural landscapes, the history of Seminole people and conservation-minded residents.

It credits the song with inspiring investment in protecting Florida's heritage, environment and way of life, including efforts to restore the Everglades.

The city of Apopka is also considering additional tributes.

"We have also received several thoughtful suggestions from residents on additional ways to honor Mr. Anderson, and the City is actively exploring those options," Montiero said.

He did not specify which suggestions are under consideration.

The order takes effect immediately but sets no completion date for the naming directive or historical markers. It also encourages the incoming Legislature to codify "Seminole Wind" in Chapter 15 of Florida Statutes.



Gov. Ron DeSantis has directed state officials to name the Lake Apopka Wildlife drive and trail system after country music legend John Anderson. | Photo courtesy of St. Johns River Water Management District

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POLICE BEAT

Apopka police arrest 35, issue 74 citations Oct. 18-24

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In the period from October 18-24, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,624 calls for service, responded to 44 crashes, issued 74 citations, and made 35 arrests. Burglaries: 2 vehicles, 3 residences, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon (X2); aggravated battery-cause bodily harm or disability; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; out-of-county warrant; failure to appear.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Samuel Rodriguez Cherena, 46, 1860 Daffodil Ave., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use (X2); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (X3).

Jaden Germain Bryant, 26, 2333 Old Dixie Hwy, Apopka, burglary of unoccupied dwelling unarmed; larceny-grand theft property value $750-$5,000; larceny-grand theft $20,000 or more less than $100,000.

Shelby Carolyn Collins, 31, 227 S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Brittany Marie Burrows, 26, 2349 Valley Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Kervin Jean Lesperance, 37, 502 Lake Bridge Ln. #1625, Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction; battery-prior conviction battery commit 2nd subsequent battery.

Lee Enrique Garcia Santiago, 34, 558 Sparrow Ct., Apopka, stolen property-deal in dealing/traffic stolen property; larceny grand theft-property value $750-$5,000; burglary-unoccupied structure unarmed.

Johnny Leroy Woods, 31, 110 E. 15th St., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jessica Lorene Beck, 40, 2362 Partnership Hills Dr., Apopka, battery on person 65+ years of age.

Heather Nicole Hobin, 47, 7007 Sidney Lanier Ct., Orlando, larceny-other theft; fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer; resist officer with violence; battery on specified personnel.

Paola Galindez Landol, 30, Apopka, kidnap-false imprisonment of person (domestic).

Tevans Dewayne Daniels, 35, 1967 Legacy Cove Dr., Maitland, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Lance Guy Wambles, 49, 102 N. Central Ave., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Aramis Antonio Bermudez, 55, 2953 Bickley Dr., Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Geraldine Irene Williams, 39, 1321 Falconwood Ct., Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Sergio Lopez Martinez, 50, Santa Gertrudis Dr., moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Ivan Milosavljevic, 44, 4154 Grn Mdws Trl., Marianna, aggravated assault-with deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Danny Jerome Chancellor, 55, 813 Monroe Ave., Apopka, possession of weapon or ammo by convicted Florida felon; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Trina Gail Vickery, 59, 32100 Spring Meadow Ct., Sorrento, battery-touch or strike; larceny-grand theft property value $750-$5,000.

Dymond Oshea Guerriero, 27, 34 W. Seaflower St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended or revocation, equivalent status; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher.

Roberty Lamar Cowart, 47, Two Pond Ln., Bradfordville, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

William Scott Phillips, 65, 1969 Crown Park Dr., Valrico, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Juanito Trigueno, 21, 10 S. McGee Ave., Apopka, resist officer obstruct without violence.

Valeria Andrea Argenal, 25, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Reshawn Rovelle Sims, 38, 1165 S. Central Ave., Apopka, trespassing-structure or conveyance.

Mari C. Torres, 48, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Manuel Alejandro Barruetaferrer, 28, 2421 K. St. Apt. 118, Kissimmee, fraud-swindle defraud to obtain property value of $50,000.

Victor Jesus Urdaneta, 65, 2512 Balmoral Dr., Kissimmee, fraud-impersonate, create possession use fictitious personal ID information; fraud-swindle defraud to obtain property value of $50,000+.

Narkeith Keon Payne, 52, 401 W. 17th St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended habitual offender.

Mack Nelson, 22, 41 W. 10th St., Apopka, marijuana-possession of less than 20 grams cannabis.

Isaac Valenti Dugas, 19, 1165 S. Central Ave., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Anthony James Love, 43, 7487 FL-121, MacClenny, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Wilver Dulandir Lopez-Garcia, 34, 932 S. Christiana Ave., Apopka, carrying concealed weapon-unlawful carry of concealed firearm; resist officer-obstruct without violence; fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer; out-of-county warrant.

Sebastian William Douglas, 18, 333 Lancer Oak Dr., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Charly Dean Bovard, 21, 1635 Sunburst Dr., Apopka, probation violation (X2).

Carol Lynn Littlefield, 42, 1145 S. Christiana Ave., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

MEAD'S BOTTOM

FROM A1

the citrus industry that built Northwest Orange County," Brinkle told the council.

She said she supported the staff's proposed marker text because it presented that history with dignity.

Council members' discussion focused on small editorial changes rather than objections to the application. They called for consistent capitalization of "Black" and consistent spelling and punctuation of the name Mead's Bottom throughout the text.

"Pretty straightforward marker that tells a story in a pretty clear way," Jeremy Heiker, the state historical marker coordinator, said during the review.

The council then approved the marker by voice vote and thanked Brinkle for her work.

The approval follows earlier efforts to make the settlement's history accessible to the public.

The society's project included the book "Celebrating Legends of Apopka" and a mural commissioned from artist German Lemus depicting Sarah Mead and other figures from Apopka's history.

Brinkle's statement described the marker as the project's third chapter, following the book and mural.

Other markers approved during the meeting included Historic Port Orange Elementary School, Howard Academy and a marker about Tom Petty and Elvis Presley.

The marker's text has been finalized, and ordering is underway, Brinkle said in an Oct. 23 email. She said Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency funds will pay for the project, with installation planned next to the mural at Sixth and McGee streets.

In an Oct. 2 email forwarded by Brinkle on Oct. 23, Heiker quoted a marker price of $3,145 if ordered before Dec. 31. Sewah Studios will manufacture it, with manufacture and delivery generally taking six to seven months, he wrote.

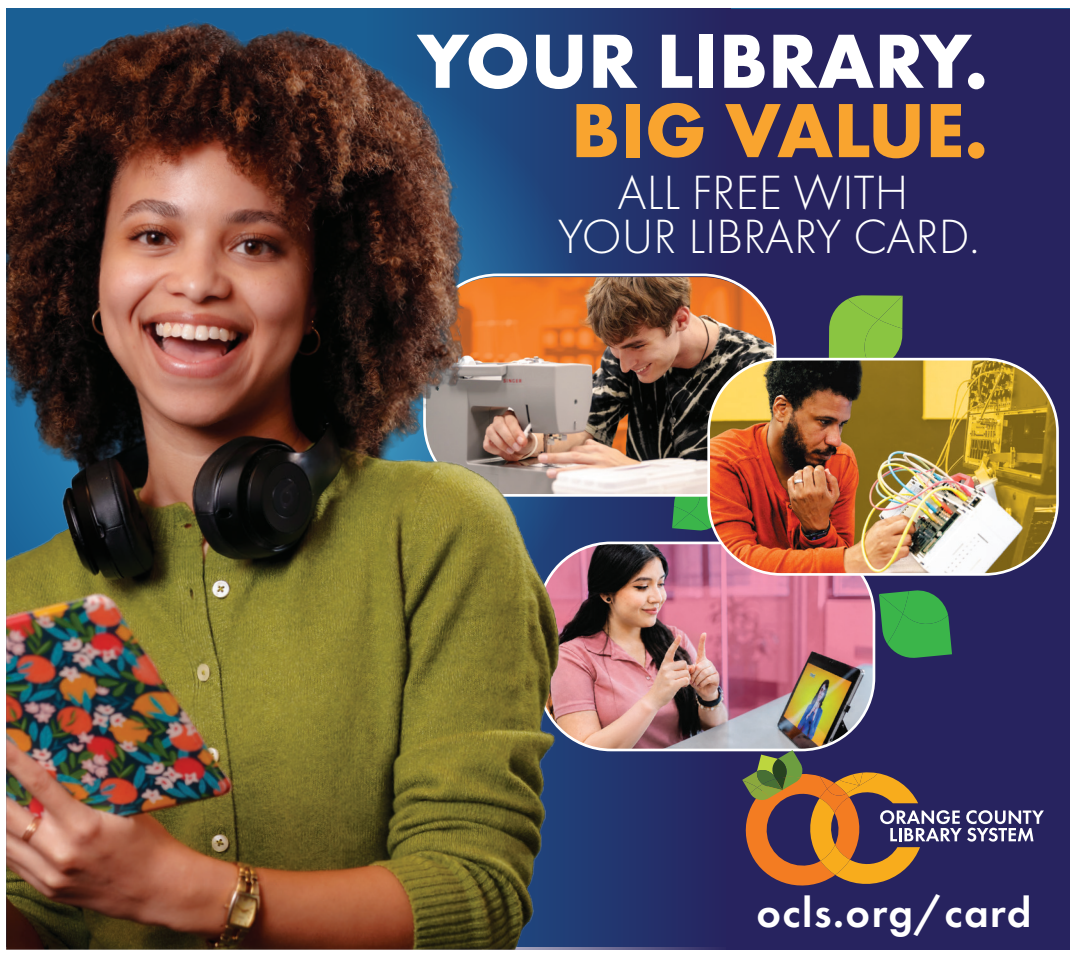
Brinkle did not provide a total project cost, including installation, and said no installation or unveiling date has been established.

"This belongs to the whole community," Brinkle said in her statement.



Portraits of Amos Stewart, left, and Michael Gladden flank a locomotive in this section of German Lemus' Mead's Bottom mural, photographed in June. | PHOTO BY TERESA SARGEANT







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SPORTS

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Apopka football endures devastating loss in Lake Mary



Nyzier Collington mosses a Lake Mary defender for a touchdown. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Nyzier Collington highlights Apopka's offensive production

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka's playoff hopes came to an end Friday night as the Blue Darters fell to Lake Mary 45-13 in their final Class 6A District 3 matchup of the season.

The Blue Darters (3-5) entered the matchup looking to build on a district win over Lake Brantley and keep their postseason hopes alive. Instead, Lake Mary controlled the game early, building a 31-7 halftime lead before triggering a running clock in the third quarter.

"I thought we were going to come out and compete," Apopka coach Marcus Neeson said. "I thought we had a good week of preparation, but we kind of lacked the focus on Thursday, and it came back to bite us. This was not how I expected this game to go."

Lake Mary wasted little time establishing control. After receiving the opening kickoff, the Rams marched down the field, converting a third-and-short opportunity with a 31-yard completion to reach the Apopka 1-yard line. Three-star quarterback Remy Jarman eventually punched the ball into the end zone to give Lake Mary a 7-0 lead with 7:07 remaining in the first quarter.

Apopka struggled to respond, going three-and-out on its opening possession. The Rams capitalized with another scoring drive, extending their lead to 14-0 with 2:57 left in the first quarter.

The Blue Darters found a spark on their next possession when quarterback Kai Goodling connected with Jakyvion Kemp for a 50-yard completion into Rams territory. However, a pass thrown to an out route on the left side was intercepted, ending the drive.

Lake Mary continued to take advantage of its opportunities, opening the second quarter with a touchdown pass to extend its lead to 21-0.

APOPKA FOOTBALL, B2

Apopka boys golf closes season



Owen Ancona hits his ball out of a bunker. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Blue Darters finish 11-2 in head-to-head and tri-match play

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka boys golf competed Oct. 26 at Wekiva Golf Club against 10 other schools in the FHSAA Class 3A District 4 tournament. Coach Christian Lundy said the Blue Darters season has ended.

The Blue Darters finished 11-2 in head-to-head and tri-match play. The top two teams and top two individuals not on those teams automatically qualify for regionals. Additional at-large berths are awarded using combined regular-season and district ratings.

Lake Mary controlled the tournament from start to finish, shooting 3 under par through the front nine then ultimately claiming first place. Apopka opened strong, sitting third after the front nine with a team score of 11 over par.

Sophomore Owen Ancona led the way early for the Blue Darters, playing even par through his first eight holes before finishing the front nine at 1 over par.

Senior Isaiah Smith also put together a strong front nine, shooting 2 over par with a birdie on the seventh hole.

Junior Paul Ancona finished as Apopka's top individual golfer, carding an 80 to tie for 12th overall. He chipped in a birdie on the 16th hole to highlight his round. Isaiah Smith finished with an 84, tying for 19th.

The team's five golfers – Owen Ancona, Paul Ancona, Isaiah Smith, Jordan Smith and Kyler Ransom – competed in groups alongside golfers from Seminole, Lake Howell and Hagerty.

Apopka finished sixth overall with a team score of 336.

Lundy praised the team's effort and sportsmanship throughout the season.

"While the season didn't end the way we wanted it to, I just wanted to say that I am extremely proud of everyone this whole season," Lundy said. "More important than the quality of golfer that everyone is, was the sportsmanship that everyone exhibited. Keep playing, keep improving and keep growing."

Paul Ancona led the team in scoring average relative to par over his best six rounds, while senior Kyler Ransom played in all 19 rounds for the Blue Darters this season.

Lundy also recognized his three seniors — Isaiah Smith, Ransom and Devon Brown — for their sportsmanship and professionalism throughout the year.

"They made it extremely easy

APOPKA GOLF, B3

Central Florida Prep launches inaugural basketball season



Coach Mark Washington and his Central Florida Prep team gather ahead of the season. | Photo by Mark Washington

Mariners celebrate a successful volleyball season

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Central Florida Prep (CFP) is entering a new era of athletics as the Apopka private school prepares to host the first home basketball game in its high school program's history while celebrating a successful fall volleyball season.

The inaugural CFP high school basketball season begins with a home opener against Apopka Christian Academy at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, inside the Robert A. Flanders Athletic & Performing Arts Center.

Head coach Mark Washington said the program's first season will be a gradual process as the school builds its schedule and establishes its place in local athletics.

"It's the inaugural season so it will be a 'gradual build' to fill out the schedule in year 1, but the future is certainly bright as we continue to expand, develop and grow in the days, weeks, months, and years to come," Washington said.

The opening game follows the recent ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's gymnasium, a milestone Washington said has generated excitement throughout the CFP community.

"This has been a long time coming and exciting times," Washington said. "The gym just had its ribbon cutting last month and the students, families, staff and CFP community are extremely excited to usher in this new era of CFP athletics."

Washington will lead the team alongside assistant coaches Quantary Roberson and Dannie Moore. Athletic

MARINERS, B3

Wekiva falls to Evans 59-7, looks ahead to Mayor's Cup

Evans quarterback throws for six touchdowns

By Nick Cohen
Correspondent

The Wekiva Mustangs suffered their seventh consecutive loss last Friday, falling 59-7 to the Evans Trojans at Mustang Field in a game that saw Evans score 44 first-half points.

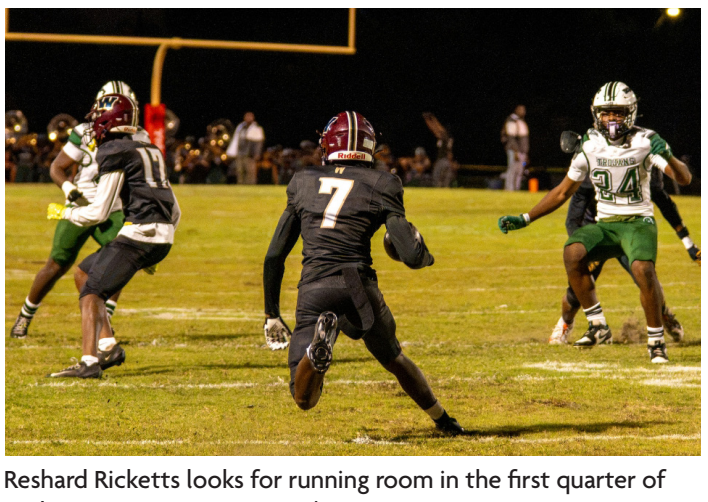
Wekiva (2-7, 0-3 district) struggled offensively throughout the night, totaling just 59 yards while surrendering two safeties on mishandled snaps. Evans (5-3, 3-0 district) won its third straight game behind a six-touchdown performance from quarterback William Jackson.

The Trojans wasted little time getting on the scoreboard. Charles Jacobs fielded the opening kickoff at the Evans 13-yard line, ran up the middle and bounced outside for an 87-yard touchdown return.

Wekiva's first offensive possession ended in a safety after a pair of mishandled snaps, giving Evans a 9-0 advantage.

After the Mustang defense forced a turnover on downs, quarterback Dominick Sanguine was intercepted on Wekiva's ensuing drive. Evans capitalized with a nine-yard touchdown pass from Jackson to Trenton Hamilton, extending its lead to 16-0.

Wekiva found an opportunity to respond early in the second quarter after Evans committed two special teams mistakes. A roughing-the-punter penalty extended a Mustangs possession before a muffed punt on the following series gave Wekiva the ball at the Evans 17-yard line.



Reshard Ricketts looks for running room in the first quarter of Wekiva's game against Evans. | Photo by Juju Jean

Despite a holding penalty pushing the Mustangs backward, Wekiva executed a trick play to reach the end zone.

Sanguine handed the ball to Landon Jerome, who transferred it to Dominique Walker running in the opposite direction. Walker rolled right and connected with Deandre Adams for a 27-yard touchdown pass. Jochrist Exantus converted the extra point, cutting the deficit to 16-7.

However, the Trojans immediately responded with a pair of touchdowns in a span of about 90 seconds.

On the first play of their next possession, Jackson found Jacobs wide open along the sideline for a 65-yard touchdown pass. Evans recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, setting up another Jackson touchdown pass, this time a 15-yard completion to Brian Dillard.

Wekiva continued to struggle moving the football, although Sanguine connected with Reshard Ricketts for a 14-yard completion on the Mustangs' next possession.

Evans added two more touchdowns before halftime. Jackson connected with Jaydon Sweet for a 10-yard score and later found Dillard for a 39-yard touchdown. Successful two-point conversions following both scores gave the Trojans a 44-7 halftime lead.

The margin exceeding 35 points triggered a running clock for the second half, when Evans tacked on two more touchdowns.

Jackson led Evans offensively, completing 12 of 18 passes for 210 yards and six touchdowns. Jacobs finished with 80 receiving yards and two total touchdowns, while Dillard caught three passes for 55 yards and two scores.

Wekiva finished with 44 passing yards and 15 rushing yards. Sanguine completed two of four passes for 17 yards with an interception.

Following the game, Wekiva head coach Ashton Watts addressed the snapping issues and emphasized the importance of continuing to develop his young players.

"Some of those mistakes are expected, but, you know, you just keep coaching," he said. "We don't give up on guys."

Watts also credited Evans' talent and acknowledged Weki-

WEKIVA, B3

Wind slows fishing, but bass are still biting



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Hello Folks,

It was a little tough out there this past weekend. The wind was just brutal on our lakes, and it kept a lot of folks off the water. You had to get out of the wind just so you could fish. If you did get on the water, I hope you caught some.

The water temperature is slowly goin' down, and with all this rain we've been gettin', the water levels are risin', as well. That's a great thing! In some areas of the St. Johns River up around Astor, there's been some floodin', so you need to be careful if you're fishin' up in that area.

Folks're still catchin' some specks up in Lake Woodruff on jigs and jigs tipped with a minner. Some bass are bein' caught up around that same area on shiners, as well. If you decide to go bass fishin' up there, Highland Fish Camp has shiners in stock.

Folks're catchin' some nice bass in Lake Fairview durin' the Wednesday Night Tournament.

The Butler Chain is doin' real good for bass, right now. This is a great time of the year to catch numbers of bass over there. As the water temperatures start comin' down, the bass will be schoolin' on the bait fish. Look for the divin' birds throughout the chain. And always keep a lipless crankbait tied on to one of your rods just in case they start schoolin' up around your boat. If the wind dies down this week, the fishin' should pick up pretty good.

The fishin' has been gettin' better over on the Harris Chain. Some nice bass are bein' caught at first light. Try fishin' a topwater bait along the shoreline grass at first light. Then move out to the deeper water and fish the submerged hydrilla grass with a slow sinkin' Senko type bait.

The bass fishin' is pickin' up out at Johns Lake in Clermont. The Wednesday Night Shootout last week was a good event. Congrats to Justin Evans and Conner Lietz on their win. They brought three bass to the scales that weighed in at 11.350 pounds. They also caught the biggest bass that night that weighed in at 7.65 pounds.

You might want to try West Lake Toho to see if you can catch some bass on shiners. Most of the guides are takin' folks on a four-hour trip, and they're catchin' 15 to 30 bass per trip. Once this wind settles down some, the fishin' is bound to get better and better each week.

Down in the Kissimmee Chain, the specks are startin' to bite again. Some folks are driftin' with minners in the open water, and they're startin' to catch specks along the shoreline grass and pads.

Folks are also catchin' some nice bass on shiners at the Headwaters Lake down in Palm Bay.

So, wherever you are, get you a bucket of minners and… go catch some fish! It's fun, it's educational, it puts you in a good mood… usually. And the sun will increase your vitamin D, so it's healthful! To top it off, you can make some lifelong friends when you're out there among other folks fishin'.

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

Tip of the week: Happy Halloween. Don't eat too much candy!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

APOPKA FOOTBALL

FROM B1



Kai Goodling drops back and looks left to pass. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Nyzier Collington leaps up for an incredible grab and lands at the 5-yard line with space to run in for a touchdown.



Johnson Navilssaint catches a ball in the red zone late in the game against Lake Mary.

Apopka answered on its next possession. Kemp took a direct snap for a 16-yard gain before Goodling connected with Nyzier Collington on a long completion to move the Blue Darters near midfield. After working into the red zone, Goodling delivered a jump ball to Collington, who outleaped a defender for the touchdown. The extra point cut the deficit to 21-7 with 9:09 remaining in the first half.

Lake Mary responded with another scoring drive, using a 50-yard completion to reach the red zone before finding the end zone again. After the Blue Darters surrendered possession on a failed trick play behind the line of scrimmage, the Rams added a 47-yard field goal with 52 seconds left in the half to take a 31-7 advantage into the break.

Apopka's attempt to build momentum after halftime was quickly derailed. A pass from Goodling was intercepted and returned for a touchdown, pushing the Rams' lead to 38-7 with 11:34 remaining in the third quarter.

The Blue Darters briefly gained possession after Le'Melle Griffin tracked down a punt and recovered the ball when the Lake Mary returner struggled to field it. Apopka took over at its own 47-yard line but could not turn the opportunity into points.

A failed fake punt gave the ball back to Lake Mary, which scored on a 56-yard touchdown run down the right sideline. The extra point made it 45-7 with 5:07 remaining in the third quarter, triggering a running clock.

Despite the deficit, Apopka continued to compete in the fourth quarter. After the defense forced a three-and-out, the Blue Darters put together their final scoring drive behind completions from Goodling to Ceon Cotton, Jaylen Laster and Johnson Navilssaint.

Goodling extended the possession with a scramble before connecting with Collington, who made a defender miss near the goal line and finished the play with a touchdown. The extra point was blocked, leaving the score at 45-13 with 2:40 remaining.

Lake Mary recovered Apopka's ensuing onside kick attempt and ran out the clock to secure the victory, eliminating the Blue Darters from playoff contention.

With the Battle for the Mayor's Cup remaining, Neeson said the focus shifts to preparing his seniors for their final opportunity to take the field together and reinforcing lessons that extend beyond football.

"It's playing for pride," Neeson said. "Football and playing a team sport, it's a life lesson that we're trying to teach these guys. It's not just about the sport of football. It's about teaching these young men to be great men."

Neeson acknowledged that the result fell well short of expectations after a week of preparation. Rather than pointing to one specific issue, he said the team needed to improve across the board.

"I'm kind of at a loss for words because this was not how I was expecting this game to go," Neeson said. "I can blame it on bad play calling. I can blame it on execution, but it was a total, whole across the board loss. We just got to get better. That's what it boils down to."

The Blue Darters will look to close their season on a stronger note, playing for pride against crosstown rival Wekiva on Friday night. They will then complete their suspended game against Timber Creek, 7 p.m. Tuesday at home.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

All the nations may walk in the name of their gods, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.

Micah 4:5

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APOPKA GOLF

FROM B1

to come in and coach," Lundy said.

Lundy will also take on a new role at Apopka. He was recently hired as the Blue Darters' girls soccer head coach, taking over a team that includes several players he coached at younger ages.

Lundy said he is excited for the opportunity to continue working with familiar faces and lead the program into its next chapter.



Paul Ancona drills a ball from the rough. | Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Kyler Ransom watches his ball fly through the rain.



Owen Ancona and coach Christian Lundy communicate and share a laugh.

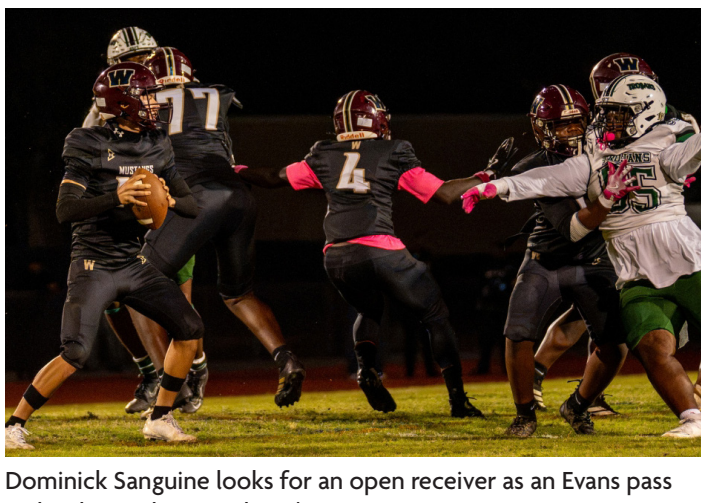
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va's defensive mistakes.

"We just had some blunders coverage-wise, and they took advantage," Watts said. "[Jackson] is gonna be special on the next level."

The Mustangs will close the regular season next week when they host Apopka (3-5, 1-2 district) in the Mayor's Cup on Senior Night. Festivities begin at 6 p.m., followed by kickoff at 7 p.m.



Dominick Sanguine looks for an open receiver as an Evans pass rusher bears down on him. | Photo by Juju Jean

MARINERS

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director Steve Mazzilli oversees the school's athletic programs.

The inaugural roster includes Adriel Arias Milord, Aaron Lu, Christian Padro, Coa Le, Croix Nelthropp, Isaac Powell, Jayden Nix-Knight, Kingston Stong, Marc Lenart and Nathan Karcher.

The preliminary schedule features five home games, with additional contests still being added. After opening against Apopka Christian Academy, CFP will host Glad Tidings Academy on Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. and Cristo Rey High School on Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

The team will face Apopka Christian Academy again Dec. 3 at 6:15 p.m. before closing its currently scheduled slate against Glad Tidings Academy on Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. The schedule remains subject to change as the program adds games.

While the high school basketball program prepares for its debut, CFP's volleyball teams have already established a strong foundation across the school's athletic program.

CFP fielded six volleyball teams during the 2026 fall season, competing in the Conrad Academy league, MetroWest league and UACL. Four teams captured league championships, including three undefeated squads.

The junior varsity team won the UACL championship after finishing third in regular-season league play. The team advanced through the postseason to claim the title, with Soleil Arana earning tournament MVP honors.



Coach Mark Washington, head coach of Central Florida Prep. | Photo by Mark Washington

The middle school Maroon team, representing grades seven and eight, also won a UACL championship. The team entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed with a 7-1 record and finished its postseason run as league champion. Aubrey Cruz earned middle school tournament MVP honors.

The school's fifth- and sixth-grade Maroon team went undefeated to win the MetroWest league championship, while the fifth- and sixth-grade Navy team completed an undefeated season and captured the Conrad Academy league title.

The youngest group, the second- through fourth-grade team, also went undefeated during the regular season before finishing as the Conrad Academy league runner-up.

CFP's middle school Navy team, also made up of seventh- and eighth-graders, reached the UACL playoffs and competed in the third-place game.

The volleyball results provide an early measure of the school's developing athletic program as it continues to expand opportunities for students across grade levels.

In addition to boys and girls basketball, CFP offers boys and girls soccer in the spring, winter cheerleading and cross country, alongside its middle school sports programs.

Central Florida Prep is a private prekindergarten-through-12th-grade school based in Apopka. For more information about the school or to schedule a tour, visit cfprep.org.



Washington to hold second annual Halloween Hoops camp

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka Sports Hall of Famer Mark Washington will host his second annual Halloween Hoops basketball camp Sunday, Nov. 1, giving young players an opportunity to sharpen their skills and prepare for the upcoming season.

The camp will run from 3 to 5 p.m. and is open to co-ed players in third through 11th grade. Washington will work alongside current and former players to lead participants through skills training, drills, workouts and competitive games.

With youth and high school basketball tryouts taking place around this time of year, the camp is designed to help players build confidence, improve their fundamentals and get ready for the season ahead.

Players of all skill and experience levels are welcome, whether they are preparing for tryouts or simply looking to develop their game. The afternoon will also feature prizes and other opportunities for participants to enjoy competition on the court.

Registration is available online at MarkWashingtonBasketball.com.



Coaches and campers huddle up at the Back2School hoops camp from August 2026. | Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

APOPKA FOOTBALL

Photos by Vinnie Cammarano



Apopka runs on to the field fired up ahead of their game against Lake Mary.



Kai Goodling, Nyzier Collington, and Jaylen Laster celebrate in the end zone after their first touchdown of the game.



Jaylen Laster finds some space to work with on a punt return during Apopka's loss to Lake Mary last Friday.

WEKIVA FOOTBALL



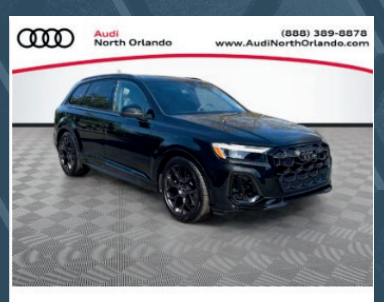
Wekiva Mustangs offensive huddle looks to the sideline for a play call. | Photos by Juju Jean



Travelle Jefferson drags down an Evans ballcarrier.

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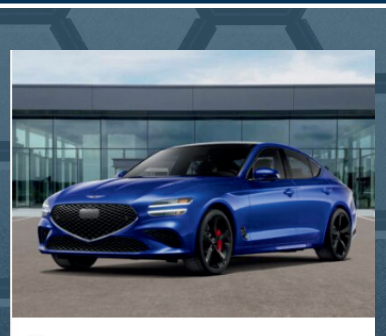
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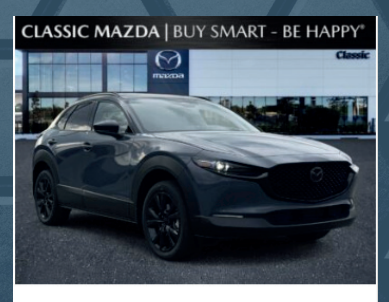
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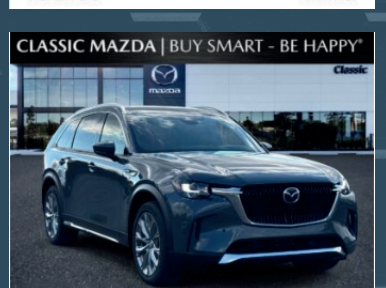
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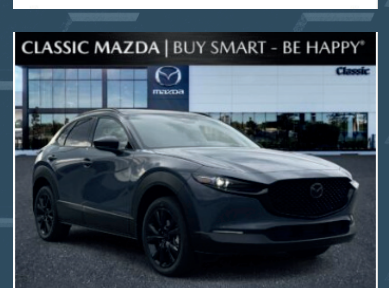
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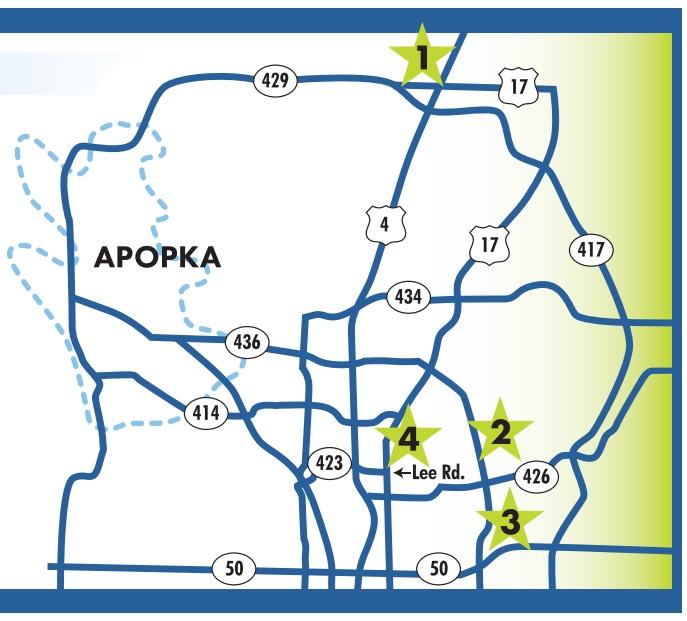
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Friday, October 30

Phillis Wheatley Elementary PTA Trunk or Treat
5 p.m. – Phillis Wheatley Elementary School (1475 Marvin C. Zanders Ave., Apopka)
Families can look forward to creatively decorated vehicle trunks, candy giveaways, and an opportunity to connect with neighbors, friends, and community supporters. Free.

Frightfully Fun Lego Night
5 p.m. – Central Florida Railroad Museum (101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden)
A ticketed event to see a custom-built Lego train layout at the railroad museum. Admission includes Halloween candy, a coloring table, a Lego blocks fun table, a newly updated Artifact Hunt map, costumed railroaders, and decorations throughout the museum. $5.

2026 Boo Fest
6 p.m. – Downtown Tavares (214 E. Main St., Tavares)
Activities for the whole family, interactive DJ, costume contest at 7pm, CANDY, and so much more! Free.

Saturday, October 31

Team Gina 5K
6:30 a.m. – Northwest Recreation Complex (3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka)
Race, run, or walk the 5K in support of The Gina McReynolds Foundation. This year's event takes place on Halloween, so participants are welcome to come in costume. In addition to traditional race awards, prizes will be given to the top three best dressed participants, adding a festive touch to this meaningful cause. $35 with registration.

Doggie Halloween supporting The Friends of WP Dog Park
9 a.m. – Lake Baldwin Dog Park (2000 S. Lakemont Ave., Winter Park)
Enjoy a morning of costumes, community, and some truly questionable fashion choices that your dog will somehow pull off. Enter the costume contest for just $2 per pet and compete in one of three categories: Small Dog, Joint Human and Pup, Best All Around. Free.

Lego Day at the Museum
9 a.m. – Central Florida Railroad Museum (101 S. Boyd St., Winter Garden)
View the Greater Florida Lego User Group's railroad layout and join the free Artifact Hunt, coloring table, Lego brick table and more. Free.

Culture Bites Orlando: Halloween Edition
10 a.m. – Leonard & Marjorie Williams Family YMCA (2178 Packing District Way, Orlando)
A family-friendly Halloween market with local vendors, food, music, trick-or-treating and spooky activities. Free.

Char-"Boo"-terie Workshop with Journey Across the Board
10:30 a.m. – 4Roots Farm Campus Education Center (1101 N. John Young Parkway, Orlando)
Learn the art of creating a beautifully styled grazing board with Chef Jon, owner and curator of Journey Across the Board. With guided instruction, you'll explore flavor pairings, styling techniques, and a few clever knife tricks as you transform seasonal ingredients into your own deliciously spooky, coffin-shaped creation. $115.



View Greater Florida Lego User Group's Lego model railroad layout at the Central Florida Railroad Museum on Oct. 31. | Courtesy of Central Florida Railroad Museum

Spooky Caboose
3 p.m. – Winter Garden Heritage Museum (1 N. Main St., Winter Garden)
Enter if you dare as the beloved Chessie Caboose turns into a fright zone on Halloween. Climb the steps into the dark recesses of the caboose outside the Winter Garden Heritage Museum to see what family-friendly frights await. Free.

Mt Dora Art League Halloween Treats
5 p.m. – Mount Dora Center for the Arts Downtown Gallery (134 Fifth Ave., Mount Dora)
Join in the fun with local artists in costume and handing out all kinds of treats. Free.

Sunday, Nov. 1

Move, Mark, Mend: Healing Through Body and Art
1:30 p.m. – Orlando Museum of Art (2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando)
This presentation and workshop explores four bodies of work by Maria Barbist. Together, these works trace a journey from psychological injury toward the rebuilding of a more stable sense of self, viewed through Barbist's perspective as an artist trained in clinical psychology. From $50.

Sonic Live in Concert
7 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Backed by a live 15-piece orchestra, the concert brings Sonic's worlds to life with newly arranged music spanning Sonic Adventure, Sonic Frontiers, Sonic Generations and more, all synchronized to HD gameplay footage and cinematic visuals from across the franchise. From $64.90.

Monday, Nov. 2

Story Time at Leu Gardens
10 a.m. & 11 a.m. – Leu Gardens (1920 N Forest Ave., Orlando)
Story Time is a fun, interactive event for families with small children. Enjoy stories and songs with your little one. This event is for families with infants to 5 years of age. Free.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Cheyenne Jackson
7 p.m. & 9 p.m. – Judson's Live (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Fresh from his sold-out Carnegie Hall solo show, Grammy and Emmy-nominated singer, songwriter and actor Cheyenne Jackson takes Orlando's intimate music lounge for the first time with an evening of songs and storytelling. From $105.91.

Monty Python's Spamalot
7:30 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Lovingly ripped off from the film classic Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Spamalot features a book & lyrics by Eric Idle and music by John Du Prez and Eric Idle. Spamalot has everything you need for a great knight at the theater—from flying cows to killer rabbits, British royalty to French taunters, dancing girls, rubbery shrubbery and of course, the Lady of the Lake. From $61.80.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Sushi Making With Chef Mark
7 p.m. – Orlando Brewery (1010 Virginia Drive, Orlando)
Take your first step into the world of Japanese cuisine at this hands-on sushi making class. $52.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Vinyl Night at The Museum
5 p.m. – Orlando Museum of Art (2416 N. Mills Ave., Orlando)
Explore OMA's current exhibitions, sketch in the galleries, and connect with fellow music and art lovers while dancing through the sounds and spirit of disco. Members receive free admission; all others pay $20.

Finding Nemo Kids
6 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Students from The Christ School bring Disney and Pixar's "Finding Nemo" to life in this family-friendly musical adventure, following Marlin's journey across the ocean to find his son Nemo. $23.60.

Resonate Festival: Beethoven
7 p.m. – Dr. Phillips Center (445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando)
Hear Beethoven's works in a series of concerts curated by Music Director Eric Jacobsen specifically for Orlando audiences in a fun and invigorating new way! From $71.10.

Gee whiz! It's almost Halloween… let's have sliders to celebrate!

To start off your Halloween evening tomorrow, we have a recipe adapted from *Foodnetwork.com* for Spicy Juicy Lucy-fer Sliders, made with ground beef, pepper jack cheese, onions, and chipotle peppers. You serve them on slider-sized potato buns. It is rated easy. They advise that to ensure a nicely browned top to your sliders, check that the broiler flame is on when you pop them in. Many broilers cycle on and off as they work, so it's important to broil these fast-cooking burgers during an 'on' cycle.

I remember as a kid when Mama would start cooking a big pot of pea soup on Saturday mornings for us to eat that evening after she and Daddy finished working in the garden. She would put in ham or a ham bone if she had one. I loved it! And from *Country Cookin'*, we have Split-Pea Soup that was made famous at The Little Inn in Homosassa. This is the book that Joyce LaFray Young wrote featuring famous dishes from all over Florida. She has also written other books based on recipes from other states.

From the *1982 Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival* recipe book, we have Doubly-Delicious Double Corn Pie that was shared by E. L. Williams in Eustis.

Susie Sams' Mexican Black Bean Salad comes from *A Taste of Heaven*, a book that our friends over at First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda published.

We have a Hummus recipe for you from *Southern Living's 1996 Annual Recipes*. This recipe was contributed by Joan Ranzini of Waynesboro, Virginia.

From First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, we have their book, *Treasures and Pleasures*, where we found Sis Pitman's recipe for Peanut Butter Fudge Dreams. Sis was a good friend but passed a few years back. We still have some of her recipes.

SPICY JUICY LUCY-FER SLIDERS

Adapted from *Foodnetwork.com*

INGREDIENTS:
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced (about 3 cups)
2 chipotle peppers in adobo, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1-1/2 pounds ground beef
4 ounces pepper jack cheese, cut into 12 equal pieces
1/4 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
12 slider-size potato buns, split and toasted
DIRECTIONS:

1) Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat and add the onions, spreading them into an even layer. 2) Cook, without stirring, until the edges of the onions are beginning to brown, five minutes. 3) Stir the onions and continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until browned and caramelized, another 20 minutes. 4) Add the chipotles, garlic, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. 5) Cook until fragrant and well combined, one to two minutes, and remove from the heat. 6) Preheat the oven broiler. 7) Divide the meat into 12 portions, about two ounces each. 8) Form a patty around each piece of cheese and flatten to 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter. 9) Put the wrapped patties on a foil-lined baking sheet and sprinkle all the patties with 3/4 teaspoon salt. 10) Broil until the cheese is melted and the burgers are still a bit pink inside, about six minutes. The burgers will be cooked to at least medium to melt the cheese but still stay juicy. 11) Mix the ketchup, balsamic vinegar and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl. 12) Brush the burgers with some of the ketchup sauce and divide the rest among the bottom halves of the buns. 13) Place a burger on each bottom bun, top with some of the spicy onions and finish with a top bun. Serve warm.

DOUBLY-DELICIOUS DOUBLE CORN PIE

Recipe from *E. L. Williams, Eustis*
Published by
1982 Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival

INGREDIENTS:
4 cups fresh corn (cut from cob), or frozen corn
1 pound very lean ground beef
1 medium green pepper (finely diced)
1 large onion, chopped fine
1 can tomato sauce (about 6 ounces) mixed with 1 can water
1 teaspoon chili powder seasoning
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon crushed oregano
DIRECTIONS:

1) In a large skillet, lightly brown meat in just enough oil to cover bottom of pan slightly, with the onion and green pepper. 2) Add tomato sauce and seasonings. 3) Stir well; then fold in corn. 4) Place into a lightly buttered casserole dish, about 2-1/2 to 3 quart size. 5) Spread over with topping, as follows:

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup yellow cornmeal
4 tablespoons flour
1 teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 large egg
1/2 cup milk
4 tablespoons butter or margarine (melted)
DIRECTIONS:

1) Combine all ingredients and stir together lightly. 2) Spread over meat mixture. 3) Bake in a 350-degree oven about 30 minutes or until top is slightly browned. Serves six.

SUSIE SAMS' MEXICAN BLACK BEAN SALAD

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda, Florida
A Taste of Heaven

INGREDIENTS:
1 (8-ounce) carton sour cream
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon taco seasoning
1 large head green leaf lettuce, torn (about 10 cups)
2 cups (1/2 pound) shredded cheddar cheese
1/2 cup chopped purple onion
2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, drained
2 large tomatoes, chopped
Corn chips, crushed
DIRECTIONS:

1) Combine sour cream, cilantro, and taco seasoning in a large bowl, stirring well. 2) Add lettuce, then cheese, onion, black beans, and chopped tomatoes. 3) Toss well. 4) Sprinkle with crushed corn chips and serve immediately. Yield: 6 servings.

SPLIT-PEA SOUP FROM THE LITTLE INN IN HOMOSASSA

Recipe from
Country Cookin'
by Joyce LaFray Young

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup split peas (allow peas to soak overnight before cooking)
2 to 4 cups water
1 carrot (diced)
1 small onion (diced)
Ham bone
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper to taste
3 cups milk
DIRECTIONS:

1) Wash peas several times, then place them in pan with water and allow to soak overnight. 2) The next day, add carrot, onion, and ham bone. Cook over medium heat until it boils. Simmer uncovered until peas are tender, about 1-1/2 hours. 3) Remove ham bone and press the material through a sieve. Return to pot with liquid they were cooked in. Add seasonings, milk, and any meat pieces from bone. 4) Heat through, stirring to thicken. Serve hot. Serves 4 to 6. Note says: "Lip-smacking good with cornbread."

SOUTHERN LIVING'S HUMMUS

Recipe from *Southern Living's 1996 Annual Recipes*

INGREDIENTS:
1 (15-oz) can chick-peas, drained
1/4 cup tahini
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 clove garlic
1/3 cup lemon juice
1-1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
DIRECTIONS:

Position blade in food processor; add all ingredients; process until smooth. Yield: 2 cups.

SIS PITMAN'S PEANUT BUTTER FUDGE DREAMS

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, *Treasures and Pleasures*

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup white sugar
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup milk
Few grains of salt
1 cup marshmallows
1/4 pound peanut butter
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
DIRECTIONS:

1) Cook sugar, milk and salt to the soft-ball stage. 2) Add marshmallows, peanut butter and butter just before removing from the stove. 3) Cool, add vanilla and beat, then pour into a buttered pan. 4) **NOTE:** If you don't have a food scale, you can probably use 1/2 cup (or little less) of peanut butter and it will be just fine.

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2009 HOND
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October 30, 2026

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1989 BMW
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Publish: The Apopka Chief
October 30, 2026

I**N THE NINTH CIRCUIT**
COURT OF FLORIDA,
ORANGE COUNTY
PROBATE
CASE NO. 2026-CP-003399-O
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ANDREW SEMINAZZI,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the ESTATE OF ANDREW SEMINAZZI, deceased, File Number 2026-CP-003399-O, is pending in the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Room 335, Orlando, FL 32801.
The names and addresses of the personal representative and that 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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 30, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Lorraine K. Seminazzi
7933 Gun Cay Ave.
Orlando, FL 32822
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Edward P. Blaisdell, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 0043336
Email:
eblaisdell@dyerblaisdell.com
DYER & BLAISDELL, P.L.
416 N. Ferncreek Ave.,
Ste. A
Orlando, FL 32803
Phone: 407.648.1153
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR ORANGE COUNTY,
FLORIDA PROBATE
DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002517-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
AGRIPINA AROCHO VELEZ,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of AGRIPINA AROCHO VELEZ deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N Orange Avenue, 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.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is: October 23, 2026.
Signed on 6/8/2026.
JESSICA BURNS
Personal Representative
501 NE 31st Street
Miami, FL 33137
Mary Merrell Bailey
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar No. 541265
Your Caring Law Firm
2323 Lee Road
Winter Park, FL 32789
Telephone: 407-622-1900
Email:
Merrell@YourCaringLawFirm.com
Secondary Email:
Paralegals@YourCaringLawFirm.com
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-3264
Division _____
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LOUIS ROY KILMER NEZZER, JR.
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Louis Roy Kilmer Nezzer, Jr., deceased, File Number 2026-CP-3264, by the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801; that the decedent's date of death was August 13, 2026; that the total value of the estate is $18,000.00 and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:
Name Address
Probate@VelizKatzLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-003357-O
Division No. 01
IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARJORIE SMITH PAZMAN,
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Marjorie Smith Pazman, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 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, 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.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 23, 2026
Personal Representative:
Charles Alexander Pazman, Jr.
2501 Amyris Court
Zellwood, Florida 32798
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/Joseph M. Percopo
Joseph M. Percopo
Florida Bar Number: 70239
Dean, Mead, Egerton, Bloodworth, Capouano & Bozarth, P.A.
420 South Orange Avenue,
Suite 700
Orlando, Florida 32801
Telephone: (407) 841-1200
Fax: (407) 423-1831
E-Mail:
jpercopo@deanmead.com
Secondary E-Mail:
probate@deanmead.com
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-002841-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ROBERT L. BURNS, SR.,
Robert Lee Burns, Sr.
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ROBERT L. BURNS, SR., also known as Robert Lee Burns, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was April 14, 2026; File Number 2026-CP-002841-O, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Room 355, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is October 23, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Barbara Ann Iannone
1531 Cardinal Ct.
Winter Park, FL 32789
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in sections 732.216-732.228 Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under section 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
The date of first publication of this Notice is October 23, 2026.
Person Giving Notice:
Barbara Ann Iannone
1531 Cardinal Court
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Attorney for Person Giving Notice
/s/ Michelle A. Berglund-Harper
Michelle A. Berglund- Harper, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Florida Bar Number: 0084028
MURPHY & BERGLUND PLLC
1101 Douglas Avenue
Suite 1006
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
Telephone: (407) 865-9553
Fax: (407) 865-5742
E-Mail:
michelle@murphyberglund.com
Secondary E-Mail:
eservice@murphyberglund.com
October 23, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE MENTAL
HEALTH DIVISION
CASE NUMBER: 2023-CP-002290-O
DIVISION Probate
IN RE:
DIAN MOOLCHAN
DECEASED
NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED
PROBATE FUNDS
DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY
Notice is given that, pursuant to section 733.816, Florida Statutes, unclaimed probate funds of $4,212.40 are being held for ALICIA WHARTON in the registry of court, deposited per order of 08/21/2026 in the Estate of DIAN MOOLCHAN, deceased; case number 2023-CP-002290-O. The Clerk of the Circuit Court will deposit these funds with the Department of Financial Services no less than six months after the posting or the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Any person or entity entitled to such funds may obtain them by compliance with applicable provisions of Section 733.816, Fla. Stat., within 10 years from the date of deposit with the Department of Financial Services, after which time the funds will escheat to the state.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of this Court, on this the 28th day of September, 2026.
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
Orange County
Clerk of the Circuit Court
425 N. Orange Ave.,
Ste. 335
Orlando, FL 32801
By: /S/ Carissa Bundy
Deputy Clerk
Carissa Bundy
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
Publish in
The Apopka Chief
October 2, 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-10207
DIVISION 37
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
$15,920.00 U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To Klisha N. Roberson, and all persons who claim an interest in a $15,920.00 U.S. CURRENCY seized on or about 9/7/2026 at or about 617 Mercy Dr., Orlando, FL, Orlando, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.
/s/ Shannon Hesse
Shannon Gridley Hesse
Police Legal Advisor
Orlando Police Department
1250 W. South Street
Orlando, Florida 32805
(407) 246-2464
Fla. Bar No. 528633
shannon.hesse@orlando.gov
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No. 2026-CP-001270-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
DAVID ANTHONY MCCONOUGHEY
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of David Anthony McConoughey, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave. #340, 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.
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The date of first publication of this notice is October 30, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Jeremy McConoughey
40973 Parsons Road
Lagrange, Ohio 44050
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Lisa A. Musial Esq.
(FL Bar #495972)
Musial Law Firm, LLC
923 Del Prado Blvd S 207
Cape Coral, FL 33990
Telephone: (239) 772-0639
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lamusial@musiallawfl.com
Secondary E-Mail:
legalasst@musiallawfl.com
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-004961-O
DIV NO.: 35
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of ROYAL PALMS OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT BLUM, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT II
TO: RONALD P. GOLD
46 BUCCANEER LANE
EAST SETAUKET, NY 11733
EILEEN J. HATTERSLEY
46 BUCCANEER LANE
EAST SETAUKET, NY 11733
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 22, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2026-CA-004961-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
Unit Week 50 in Unit 4271, in ROYAL PALMS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3965 at Page 2031 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd day of December, 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 October 22, 2026.
DATED October 22, 2026.
/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 #110520.0312
MRHC #ORANGE
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-10206
DIVISION 39
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
2018 KTM AG MOTORCYCLE
VIN #MD2JPJ40XJC270251
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To Janpaul G. Rivera Rodriguez, and all persons who claim an interest in a 2018 KTM AG Motorcycle VIN#MD2JPJ40XJC270251 seized on or about 8/16/2026 at or about S. Orange Ave. & Columbia St., Orlando, FL, Orlando, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.
/s/Shannon Hesse
Shannon Gridley Hesse
Police Legal Advisor
Orlando Police Department
1250 W. South Street
Orlando, Florida 32805
(407) 246-2464
Fla. Bar No. 528633
shannon.hesse@orlando.gov
October 30, November 6, 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 11/19/26 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:
#1058-Kianna Gray
#1128-Jose Rodriguez
#1155-Evelyn Lowe
#1159-Aspen Burks
#1163-Lakrissa Davis/
Davis Lakrissa Davis
#1178-Latoya Andrews
#1218-Chantilly Ruff
#1221-Corneil Alce
#B014-Mathew Partlow
Household Goods,
Furniture, boxes,
#B024-Berthony Hyppolite
#B026-Teresa Roberts
#B032-Wilbert Pierre
#B038-Berthony Hyppolite
#B109-Deborah Martinez
#C056-Julian Hamilton
Spades Cuts/
Julian Hamilton
#C057-Frantz Rendel
#E019-021-Berthony Hyppolite
#E020-022-Roberto Joseph
#E039-Marqus Alston
#E044-Mathew Partlow
Household goods,
Furniture,Boxes
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT XII
TO: RAYMOND T. BAZILIO
94 CLINTON ST
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735-2604
SABRINA T. BAZILIO
94 CLINTON ST
FARMINGDALE, NY 11735-2604
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 21, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-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
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F60818 & F60819 & F60820 & F60821 & F60822 & F60823) 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 September 01, 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 18th day of November, 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 October 21, 2026.
DATED October 21, 2026
/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 #129710.0152
MRHC #ORANGE
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-005177-O
JAMIE LIM,
Plaintiff,
vs.
PATRICIA A. DOLEZAL, GLENN L. LANGE, ANGELA M. DUTSCH, SUSAN WOODRUFF, JOHN J. MEYER, JR., JOSEPH D. BURLESON, EARL BURLESON, NAOMI BURLESON, LONA S. HAYES, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CRYSTAL REILLY, DECEASED,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: PATRICIA A. DOLEZAL,
JOSEPH D. BURLESON,
LONA S. HAYES, UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES FOR JOSEPH D. BURLESON, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES FOR LONA S. HAYES
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Complaint for Quiet Title by Adverse Possession without Color of Title on the following described lands located in Orange County, Florida, to wit:
Lot 125, CREEKSIDE VILLAS AT MEADOW WOODS, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 13, Pages 103 and 104, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Rania A. Soliman, Esq., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 415 Montgomery Road, Suite 141, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714 on or before thirty (30) days from the first date of publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on October 12th, 2026
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
Clerk of Court
BY: s// Lauren Scheidt
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-011262-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 33
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
$7,880.00 IN U.S CURRENCY
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
COMPLAINT
TO: JAMES DELLAFIELD JR.
P.O. BOX 4970
ORLANDO, FL 32802
and all others who claim an interest in $7,880.00 IN U.S CURRENCY, which was seized on or about the 8th day September 2026, at or near 3127 San Leo Dr.., Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County.
A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 23rd day of October 2026.
/s/ Jose C. Campa
Jose C. Campa
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No 105781
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
jose.campa@ocsofl.com
October 30, November 6, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10906 Moss Park Rd, Orlando, FL, 32832, 407-725-5277 intends to sell the personal property described below in order to satisfy Owner's lien. Everything sold is purchased AS-IS for CASH ONLY. See and bid on all units 24/7 ending on October 21st 2026, at 11:00 am @ www.lockerfox.com. Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the property. TERMS listed on auction,
Ana Senac-259-
HouseholdGoods;
Diani Lopez-101-
HouseholdGoods;
October 30, November 6, 2026

A-AAA Key Mini Storage
1001 S Semoran Blvd
Orlando FL 32807
407-401-9422
M30@trustedstoragepros.com
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for Credit/Debit only at www.storagetreasures.com on November 24th, 2026 at 11:30AM.
IAN STEPHENS: Couch, dolly, moving supplies, boxes
IAN CHRISTOPHER STEPHENS: Couch, dolly, moving supplies, boxes
MICHELLE ROSS: Kid's car bed, totes, bags, kid's toys, luggage
KATHERINE JARAMILLO: Reclining couch, adult bike, outdoor furniture, scooter, boxes, kid's toys, bags, crutches, dйcor
IRIS ESTHER TORRES TURELL: Dйcor, boxes, dryer, ladder, bags, totes, kid's toys, luggage, baby items
CYNTHIA D SMITH: Boxes, bags
CYNTHIA DIANE SMITH: Boxes, bags
MICHAEL DAVIS: Boxes, totes, dresser, dйcor, holiday dйcor, lock boxes, flat screen TV
MICHAEL BRADLEY DAVIS: Boxes, totes, dresser, dйcor, holiday dйcor, lock boxes, flat screen TV
MICHAEL B DAVIS: Boxes, totes, dresser, dйcor, holiday dйcor, lock boxes, flat screen TV
ANGEL LUIS GARCIA ALICEA: Mattresses
JOSEPH MARIN: Mattress, boxes, bag, bed frame, dйcor, basket, furniture, kid's toys, chair
JOSEPH LOUISE MARIN VELOZ: Mattress, boxes, bag, bed frame, dйcor, basket, furniture, kid's toys, chair
JUAN MARTINEZ: Bags, totes
JUAN ANTONIO MARTINEZ PORTALATIN: Bags, totes
Publish: The Apopka Chief
October 30, November 6, 2026

A-AAA Key Mini Storage
5285 S Orange
Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32839
M29
m29@trustedstoragepros.com
689-800-7333
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 5285 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32839, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payment will only be accepted with Credit/Debit at www.storagetreasures.com on October 28th, 2026 at 11:00AM
Marielie Petion-Furniture
Luggage Crib Linens
Headboards TV Clothes
Jeana Thelusma-
Houseware Luggage Totes
Boxes Household Items
Bags
Mitchina Michel- Shoes
Boxes Bags Toys Tools
Misc. Items
Publish: The Apopka Chief
October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT VII
TO: LLOYD P. ALLARD
PO BOX 84
CUMBERLAND CITY, TN 37050-0084
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 16, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VII
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 874613 & 874614 & 874615 & 874616 & 874617 & 874618) 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 1, 2013 (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 18th day of November, 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 October 19, 2026.
DATED October 19, 2026.
/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 #129710.0147
MRHC #ORANGE
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT IX
TO: DAVID HARRIS LIPPMAN**
296 DIVISION ST
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
HONEY SHARP-LIPPMAN
296 DIVISION ST
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 16, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT IX
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B25218 & B26643 & B27114 & B27115 & X21943 & X21944) 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, 2025 (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 18th day of November, 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 October 19, 2026.
DATED October 19, 2026.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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OUR FILE #129710.0149
MRHC #ORANGE
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWARD, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT XI
TO: WESLEY Y. YOUNG**
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290
CECILIA M. YOUNG
600 KENTUCKY ST
UNIT 2753
FAIRFIELD, CA 94533-8290
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 16, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XI
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: F34240 & F34241 & F34242 & F34243 & F34244 & F34245) 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, 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 18th day of November, 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 October 19, 2026.
DATED October 19, 2026.
/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
October 23, 30, 2026

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF INTENDED DISPOSITION OF FOUND/ ABANDONED PROPERTY**
The Apopka Police Department is intending to dispose of found/ abandoned property & currency currently being held in the property room. Lawful owners who believe that the property belongs to them must appear at the Apopka Police Department, 112 E. 6th Street by **November 13th**. Contact may be made between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday through Friday to claim ownership. After **November 13th**, the Apopka Police Department will retain the items for its own use, donate the property to charity, give the property to the finder, or auction off the property.
Property and Evidence Unit
407-703-1669
October 30, November 6, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-004701-O
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-RPL1 TRUST,
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILFRID MIRVILLE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILFRID MIRVILLE; HIAWASSEE POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLAGSTAR ASSOCIATION BANK, F/K/A NATIONAL NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK; CITIBANK, N.A.; TD BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 16, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2026-CA-004701-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2018-RPL1 TRUST, Plaintiff, and WILFRID MIRVILLE; HIAWASSEE POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; FLAGSTAR BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION F/K/A NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANK; CITIBANK, N.A.; TD BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A CHRISTINE MIRVILLE, are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 1st day of December, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 33A, HIAWASSEE POINT, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 19, PAGES 74, 75 AND 76, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
**If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County
Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303**
Dated: October 21, 2026
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
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October 30, November 6, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-011020-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 33
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
A 2024 KIA SORRENTO
VIN: 5XYRL4JC5RG295215
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
COMPLAINT
TO: JUSTIN ROJAS
215 WILD PINE POINT
ORLANDO, FL 32828**
and all others who claim an interest in A 2024 KIA SORRENTO VIN: 5XYRL-4JC5RG295215 which was seized on or about the 27th day September 2026, at or near 8901 Atlantic Ave, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 16th day of October 2026.
/s/Jose C. Campa
Jose C. Campa
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Bar No 105781
Orange County
Sheriff's Office
Legal Services
P.O. Box 1440
Orlando, FL 32802
(407) 254-7170
jose.campa@ocsofl.com
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT VI
TO: M.B. STEWART aka
MONTE B. STEWART**
3405 E 58TH PL
TULSA, OK 74135-7846
**CONNIE S. STEWART
aka CONSTANCE S. STEWART,
DECEASED**
3405 E 58TH PL
TULSA, OK 74135-7846
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VI
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V78101 & V78102 & V78103 & V78104 & V78105 & V78106 & V78107 & V78108) 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 January 01, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
AND
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 867708 & 867709 & 867710 & 867711 & 867712 & 867713) 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, 2013 (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 18th of November, 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 October 14, 2026.
DATED October 14, 2026.
/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
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-008827-O
U.S. BANK TRUST
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RP1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
STEVEN A. JONES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN A. JONES; PIEDMONT LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.;
FIGURE LINE OF CREDIT TRUST 2020-1; JOY JANELLE SHASKY;, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, et.al.
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: JOY JANELLE SHASKY
(Current Residence Unknown)
(Last Known Address(es))**
6408 SLEEPY HOLLOW DRIVE
ORLANDO, FL 32810
407 LAKE HOWELL RD,
ST 103
MAITLAND, FL 32751
521 TRADEWINDS DR
DELTONA, FL 32738
922 PLYMOUTH SORRENTO RD
APOPKA, FL 32712
9901 EMMAUS
ST. JOHN, VIRGIN ISLANDS, 00830
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
**LOT 205, PIEDMONT LAKES PHASE THREE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGES 34 THROUGH 36, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY,
FLORIDA.
A/K/A: 2453 LAKE JACKSON CIRCLE, APOPKA, FL 32703.**
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire, POPKIN & ROSALER, P.A., 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard, Suite 400, Deerfield Beach, FL 33442., Attorney for Plaintiff, within thirty (30) days after the first publication, (Please publish in THE APOPKA CHIEF) 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.
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 16 day of OCTOBER, 2026
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Joji Jacob
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
25-52189
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
IN AND FOR ORANGE
COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-010752-O
VICTORIA GRACE BATES,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HENRY H. BERRY A/K/A HERBERT H. BERRY; the unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and Grantees of The ESTATE OF HENRY H. BERRY a/k/a HERBERT H. BERRY; ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY; the Unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and grantees of The ESTATE OF ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY and CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., as SUCCESSOR TO THE ORLANDO AND WINTER PARK RAILWAY COMPANY OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION –
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: HENRY H. BERRY
A/K/A HERBERT H. BERRY;** the unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and Grantees of The ESTATE OF HENRY H. BERRY a/k/a HERBERT H. BERRY; ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY; the Unknown heirs, legatees, beneficiaries and grantees of the ESTATE OF ELMINA BERRY a/k/a ELMIRA BERRY and CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC., as SUCCESSOR TO THE ORLANDO AND WINTER PARK RAILWAY COMPANY
OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title described in the Complaint on the following described property has been filed by the Plaintiff:
THE WEST 19.97 FEET OF THE NORTH 12.5 FEET OF THAT CERTAIN 25 FOOT STRIP OF ABANDONED CSX RAILROAD (FORMERLY KNOW AS S.A.L.) RIGHT OF WAY LYING NORTH OF LOT 4, BLOCK A, KENILWORTH SHORES SECTION ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK T, PAGE 128, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND LYING SOUTH OF LOT 3, BLOCK B, FREMAR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK T, PAGE 82, PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JENNIFER BEAMAN CLARK, ESQ., Beaman & Clark Law Firm, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 501 S. New York Ave, Ste 220, Winter Park, FL 32789, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on October 14, 2026
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Takiana Didier
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 23, 30, November 6, 13, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-003552-O
NEWREZ LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JEAN ORELUS; KATTIANA ORELUS; GOODLEAP, LLC; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 7, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2026-CA-003552-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein NEWREZ LLC, Plaintiff, and JEAN ORELUS; KATTIANA ORELUS; GOODLEAP, LLC; ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A JULY OWELIS, are Defendants.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 2nd day of December, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 35, AMERICAN HERITAGE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 2, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
**If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ADA Coordinator-
Orange County Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303**
Dated: October 14, 2026
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-007921-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF
$3,960.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Daron L. Jones Jr.**
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office on the following property in Orange County, FL: seized on or about the 6th day of June 2026, at or near 7600 Majorca Pl #2046, Orlando, Orange County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Assistant General Counsel for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Legal Services, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, Florida 32802, within 30 days of this publication, 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.
REQUESTS FOR
ACCOMMODATIONS BY
PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES.
If you are a person with 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, 425 North 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.
DATED this 9/15/2026
Joyce Boudoin,
Clerk Ad Interim
/s/ Charlotte Appline
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
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.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et. al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
AS TO COUNT XIII
TO: MARC WILLIAMS**
364 GOLF VIEW DR
LITTLE EGG HARBOR
TOWNSHIP, NJ 08087
SUSAN E. ATHERLEY
168 ELY AVE
LAURENCE HARBOR, NJ 08879-2649
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 13, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-012575-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT XIII
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: FO2714 & FO2715 & FO2716 & FO2717) 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 February 01, 2024 (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 18th of November, 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 October 14, 2026.
DATED October 14, 2026.
/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 #129710.0154
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October 23, 30, 2026

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SELF STORAGE
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Personal Property
Xavier Jordan–
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Personal Property
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Unit 6027
Personal Property
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Unit 6072
Personal Property
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Unit 2087
Personal Property
April Leaster–
Unit 2093
Personal Property
Kimberly Alvarez–
Unit 5015
Personal Property
Jessy Surin–
Unit 2125
Personal Property**
October 23, 30, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 26-DR-9569
Division: 29
JEAN PAUL MARTINIANO GARCIA,
Petitioner,
and
MARIA EMILIA LOZADA BOADA,
Respondent,
NOTICE OF ACTION
FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
(NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL
SUPPORT)
TO: MARIA EMILIA LOZADA BOADA**
54 JEFFERSON AVE,
WHITE PLAINS, NY, 10606
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on JEAN PAUL MARTINIANO GARCIA, whose address is 10720 LARISSA ST, ORLANDO, FL. 32821 on or before 11-19-2026, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. ORANGE AVE, ORLANDO, FL, 32801 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: {insert "none" or, if applicable, the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located}
NONE
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address(es) on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: 9-28-2026
CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT
By: Keydrah Gumbs
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
IF A NONLAWYER HELPED YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM, HE/SHE MUST FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW:
This form was prepared for the Petitioner.
This form was completed with the assistance of:
MARIA OSORIO
4745 HOFFNER AVE,
Orlando, FL, 32812,
407-780-2336
October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Poppop Of 11 Publishing,** with a mailing address of 3950 Rock Hill Loop, Apopka, Florida 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Richard K. Caldwell
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO SECTION
865.09, FLORIDA
STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **None Your Business,** located at 13313 Fairway Glen Drive, Apartment 201, in the City of Orlando, County of Orange, Florida 32824, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
Owner: NONYB LLC
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Erin Does Hair,** with a mailing address of 34 Madison Drive, Sorrento FL 32776 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Erin Cook
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **WALL & DESIGN,** with a mailing address of 5905 Caravan Ct, Apt 5160, Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: RESSTEL SOLUTIONS CORP
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO SECTION
865.09, FLORIDA
STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **IM Productionz,** located at 13313 Fairway Glen Drive, Apartment 201, in the City of Orlando, County of Orange, Florida 32824, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida
Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2026.
NONYB LLC, Owner
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Latin Raices,** with a mailing address of 7811 Sugar Bend Dr., Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: CENTRAL FLORIDA CATERING AND BAR LLC
October 30, 2026

**NOTICE UNDER
FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 865.09
FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Douglas Advisory,** with a mailing address of 308 Largovista Dr, Oakland, FL 34787 and a principal office located in Orange County,

intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Douglas Ventures LLC
October 30, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **CandorFile**, with a mailing address of 311 W Pierce Ave, Orlando, FL 32809 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: MAKIPOINT LLC
October 30, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2026-CA-003641-O
CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RPL1,
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES D. BERLUS A/K/A JAMES DAVID BERLUS; JUDINE BERLUS; VILLA CAPRI AT METROWEST ASSOCIATION, INC.; ALLIANT CREDIT UNION; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et.al.,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 26, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2026-CA-003641-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2024-RPL1, Plaintiff, and JAMES D. BERLUS A/K/A JAMES DAVID BERLUS; JUDINE BERLUS; VILLA CAPRI AT METROWEST ASSOCIATION, INC.; ALLIANT CREDIT UNION, are Defendants.
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 10th day of December, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:
LOT 12, OF VILLA CAPRI AT METROWEST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 58, PAGES 57 THROUGH 61, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus.
If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
ADA Coordinator
Orange County
Courthouse
425 N. Orange Avenue,
Suite 510,
Orlando, Florida, 32801
(407) 836-2303
Dated: October 27, 2026
/s/ Brian L. Rosaler
By: Brian L. Rosaler
Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
26-52867
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October 30, November 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No: 2025-CA-010630-O
SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,
v.
RICHARD RUSSELL: THOMAS OUELLETTE; DANIEL PELLI; FIGURE LENDING LLC D/B/A FIGURE; PHIL KEAN DESIGNS, INC.; JPB7US HELOC TRUST 1; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2,
Defendants.
AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., through the Courthouse of Orange County, Florida, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, in accordance with chapter 45, Florida Statutes, Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court, shall offer for sale the following described real property:
Lots 5, 6, Block 69, Revised Map of the Town of Winter Park, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book A, Page 67, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida together with the North one-half of vacated alley lying South of and adjacent to said lot.
The aforesaid sale will be made pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in Civil Case No. 2025-CA-010630-O, now pending in the Circuit Court in Orange County, Florida.
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, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 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.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.
Interested parties/bidders are advised that the property is being sold without any warranties or representations of any kind whatsoever as to the state of the title of the subject property, and there may be unpaid real estate taxes on the property. Interested parties/bidders are advised to do their own investigation as to the state of the title and the state of the real property taxes on the subject property.
Dated October 27, 2026.
By: /s/ Eric B. Jontz
ERIC B. JONTZ
Bar No.: 64905
Eric B. Jontz, Esq.
Fishback Dominick LLP
1947 Lee Road
Winter Park, Florida 32789
Telephone: (407) 262-8400
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Seacoast National Bank
October 30, November 6, 2026



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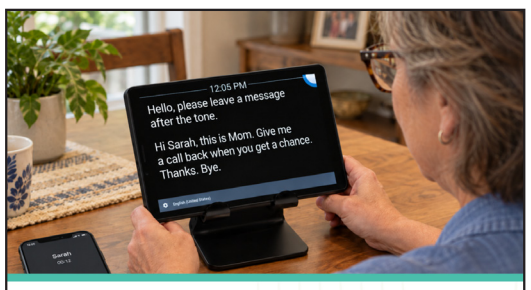
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