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APK boy's basketball start season 1-1

By Marshall Tempest  
Apopka Chief Staff

Last week the Apopka boy's basketball team went 1-1 in their first two games of the season. The Blue Darters fell 57-42 to the Winter Park Wildcats and beat the Lake Brantley Patriots 52-47. Head coach of the team, Scott Williams told me it's still very early in the season and the team has nothing but time and opportunity to make up for last week's loss.

**Wednesday, November 20, 56-42 Loss to Winter Park**

In their loss to Winter Park last week on Wednesday, November 20, the



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Blue Darters just didn't look great. They looked good but not great. And good doesn't get you to the Final Four in Lakeland come late February.

Apopka just had a handful of deficiencies that

all compounded together. Turnovers, free throws, paint defense, and rebounding were all sub-par from Apopka against Winter Park. The worst part was that the Wildcats exploited each of those weaknesses shown by Apopka in their matchup.

Apopka accrued 16 turnovers (which Winter Park turned into 17 points), shot 6-for-16 from the free throw line, allowed 20 points in the paint, and only collected 64 percent of defensive rebounds which gave Winter Park 10 second chance points.

And when I say we didn't perform well on the glass I mean that we can do better than 64 percent. We have strong, tall, and physical guys who are excellent rebounders, and as a team it could be one of our best weapons whether it be for a quick transition, shutting down second-chance points, or creating your own second-chance points. Rebounding is a game-changing stat – so it has to be a point of emphasis. Last year our rebounding was rivaled by

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Apopka's Jahi Bowden gets above defenders and shoots a floater during Apopka's 52-47 victory.

Chip Gierke era established AHS football as elite

*\*This article is the first hand account of Roger Franklin Williams in collaboration with Marshall Tempest of The Apopka Chief.*

For the last four decades, Apopka Blue Darter football has enjoyed the status that comes with being recognized as one of the elite football programs in the state of Florida. In fact, Apopka High football has been so immensely successful that many fans and observers don't even remember a time when Blue Darter Football wasn't one of Florida's most consistently successful football programs. Today we will look back and observe when and how

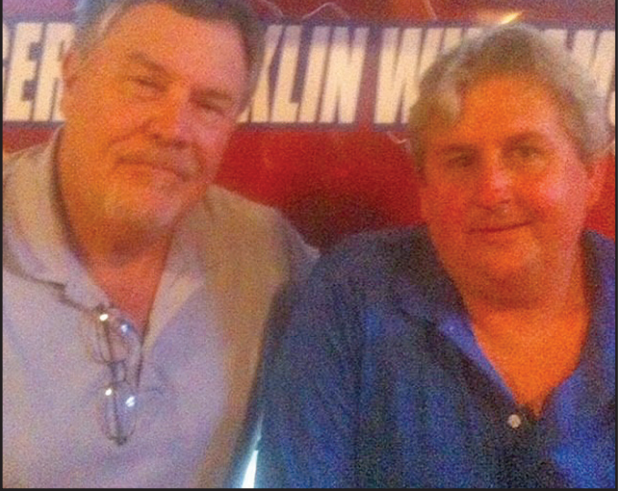
Apopka High School became an elite football power.

**From Consistent Losing Seasons to District Champions**

The Apopka High School football program began the rise to elite status on the day former FHSAA Hall of Fame Principal Roger A. Williams named Chip Gierke as Head Football Coach in 1978. At that crucial moment, Blue Darter Football was mired amid a prolonged victory drought.

Apopka experienced three winning seasons in the previous 15 from the fall of 1962 to 1977; 3-16 in the previous two seasons.

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Roger Franklin Williams (r) stands with legendary Blue Darter football coach Chip Gierke.

Earl Graham was a pillar of the AHS hosts the 14th annual Metro vs Florida Challenge community, local basketball

The Metro vs. Florida Challenge was this week and it's a meaningful and long-awaited event for many reasons but mostly because of who it is dedicated to: Earl Graham.

Below I have provided a brief background on who Earl Graham is and why the tournament is dedicated to him pulled from the 2024 program of the Metro vs. Florida tournament.

"Earl Thomas (Johnson) Graham was born on October 16, 1948, in West Palm Beach, FL to Ella Mae Johnson and Theodore Graham. After his parents married, Mr. Graham legally changed Earl's name, and he became Earl Thomas Graham. The family was active members of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Rivera Beach, FL. While living in Orlando, Earl was a member of the EBON Temple Church of Jesus and the Mt. Zion Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, where he participated in the Men's Ministry.

Earl was educated in Palm Beach County Schools where he attended Carver Junior High, Roosevelt High School, and Palm Beach High School, where he was a part of the desegregation initiative the Palm Beach County Schools. At Palm Beach High, Earl was an outstanding athlete-recognized as an All American in football. After graduating from high school in 1966, Earl received a scholarship and attended Alabama A & M University, Huntsville, AL, where his major was Phys-

ical Education and Kinesiology. He loved his years in college. He pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and was inducted into the Nu Epsilon Chapter (1970). He also continued to pursue his athletic endeavors had a wonderful collegiate career as a member of the football and tennis teams. After spending several exciting years as a college athlete, Earl tried out for the Kansas City Chiefs. Although he did not make the team, he was disappointed, but not defeated, and set another course for his life.

In June 1972, he married Cynthia Hinson and stepped into his role as father to her son, Andrew; in subsequent years, two sons were born to their union. Then, in 1973, he moved to Orlando, FL where his new family resided. In Orlando, he worked several jobs while he prepared for the test to become a firefighter with the City of Orlando. In 1974, he became a member of the third class of Black firefighters hired by the City of Orlando. He served the Orlando community for twenty-eight years as a Fire Fighter First Class and EMT Fire Fighter. Being the athlete that he was, Earl played on several softball and basketball teams. However, after realizing the liability of playing sports himself while working as a firefighter, he began coaching YMCA and Pop Warner football teams and basketball teams. The work schedule of 24 hours on/ 48 or 72 hours off worked well for Earl, as it gave him

days of uninterrupted time to pursue his real passion of coaching kids. He finally settled in that coaching basketball was where his real passion and talents lay. It was at this point that his nearly fifty-year coaching career began. Over the years, however, he often interspersed coaching football with his basketball coaching.

In 1975, his son Roderrick Earl was born. Rod's first photo was taken in the hospital with his hand propped on a mini basketball. Earl's "own player" was born; however, Earl very much realized that basketball was a team sport. So, as Rod grew and honed his skills, Earl grew as a coach and honed

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This week the Apopka Blue Darter boy's basketball team hosted the 14th annual Metro vs. Florida Challenge at Joe A. Sterling Gym. The event is a 28-game showcase featuring some of the best high school basketball programs in the state of Florida. The event started this week on Tuesday, November 26, at Lake Highland Prep for day one, and then moved to Apopka High School for Wednesday, November 27 through Saturday, November 30.

The Blue Darters will have three games during the event with the first being on Wednesday against the Sanford Seminoles and

To the right is the schedule for the games being held at the Metro vs. Florida Challenge hosted by Apopka High School on Friday, November 29, and Saturday, November 30.

the next two on Saturday. On Saturday, the Apopka girl's basketball team will face off against Mount Dora High School, and the boy's team will face off against Lake Howell High School.

"I'm glad that we get to hold the tournament not only for his memory (Earl Graham) but for what it means for basketball in our area," Head coach of the Apopka Blue Darters Scott Williams said about the tournament.

You can learn more about the tournament and buy day passes at the website <https://metrovsfl.com>. The price for a single day pass is \$12. The website also offers a multitude of ways to stream each game if you won't be able to

make it in person.

Here is a quick synopsis of the event from the tournament's website.

"We're extremely excited to bring you the fourteenth installment of a Central Florida Thanksgiving tradition! The 2024 Metro vs. Florida Challenge features 28 exciting matchups and, for the third straight year, two sites!

The concept is simple: Basketball programs from the Orlando-Metro Conference in Orange County test their skills against the best talent in the greater Central Florida area. The event has grown since its inception in 2010 to become a massive 28-game showcase where you can witness some of the best high school basketball in the state."

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11:00 am	NFHS	Lake Nona	vs.	Central FL Christian 1A #9
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1:45 pm	NFHS	East River	vs.	Davenport
3:30 pm	NFHS	Dr. Phillips	vs.	Foundation
5:15 pm	NFHS	Ocoee	vs.	Eustis 4A #7
6:45 pm	NFHS	University	vs.	Auburndale
8:15 pm	NFHS	Lake Buena Vista	vs.	Lake Mary
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30				
11:00 am	NFHS	Apopka (W)	vs.	Mount Dora (W)
12:15 pm	NFHS	Apopka	vs.	Lake Howell
1:45 pm	NFHS	7A #5 Windermere	vs.	Viera
3:30 pm	NFHS	Cypress Creek	vs.	Lake Region
5:15 pm	NFHS	6A #3 Evans	vs.	Discovery
6:45 pm	NFHS	Winter Park	vs.	Leesburg 5A #3
8:15 pm	NFHS	East River	vs.	Lake Minneola

WHS basketball comes back to win first game of the season

By Neal Fisher  
Apopka Chief

The Wekiva Mustangs' victory on Thursday, November 21 had far more value than getting the season's first out of the way.

With 26 seconds remaining, the Melbourne Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy Tigers held a 44-40 lead. Not only did Wekiva force overtime. Score over the last 4:26 of the contest was an authoritative

8-3 in favor of the Mustangs.

"Obviously, every team wants to win the first contest and as soon as possible," Wekiva coach Jerry

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# Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880.

In the period from November 17-23, the Apopka Police Department received 1,300 calls for service, responded to 38 crashes, issued 39 citations, and made 22 arrests. Juveniles were charged with lewd lascivious behavior, promote sexual activity, victim less than 16; battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

The following adults

were arrested and charged:

Jose Alvarado, 39, general delivery, Apopka, trespassing-structure or conveyance.

Nequosha Noel Anderson, 38, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Dekevious Johnell Burton, 33, 560 Marden Meadows Dr. #560, Apopka, larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; burglary-unoccupied structure unarmed; damage property-criminal mischief over \$200 under \$1,000.

Aaliyah Chanel Shei-

la Cooper, 36, 2510 Carver Ave., Orlando, larceny-petit theft merchandise/farm/transit \$100-\$750.

Justin K. Flores, 31, 1030 S. Apopka Blvd., Apopka, vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle.

Lovely Legacy Hampton, 22, confidential, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Delmar Hernandez-Diaz, 48, confidential, Apopka, contempt of court-violate injunction protection domestic violence.

Nicholas Hernandez, 27, confidential, Apopka, aggravated battery-cause bodily harm or disability.

Symore Albri Neveah Hunter, 20, 7237 Crooked Lake Trail, Orlando, other agency warrant.

George Quincy Kennedy, 46, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Sotero Martinez Olguin, 43, 1975 Borgia Court, Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drug-possession of controlled substance without prescription; weapon

offense-usedisplay ETC firearm during felony; other agency warrant.

Derli G. Roblero-Zunun, 30, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Chad Lee Stephenson, 44, 121 Roger Williams Rd., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Ciara Len Subbs, 38, confidential, Leesburg, battery-cause bodily harm.

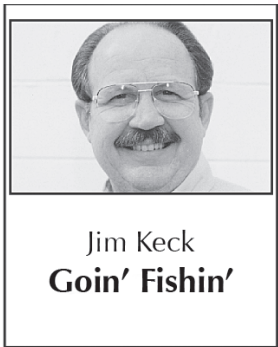
Orlinjosue Valle Varela, 35, confidential, Apopka, warrant arrest.

## Another cold front coming in means female bass will be on beds

Hello Folks,

I hope you had a great Thanksgivin' and you are takin' some time to be with your family and friends. The best thing about Thanksgivin' is havin' a turkey sandwich on the water while you are fishin'. When you go speck fishin' and you are just sittin' there watchin' your bobber and eatin' a turkey sandwich, it don't get much better than that, right?

A few folks are speck fishin' and they are catchin' a few specks on minners. I have been gettin' some reports that the specks are bitin' in the Kissimmee Chain. Most of the specks



Jim Keck  
Goin' Fishin'

that are bein' caught are in the pads. It was reported that some folks are gettin' their limits of specks.

The bass fishin' is still pretty good. The bass are schoolin' and feedin' on the baitfish before it gets cold. By the way, we have another cold front comin' our way. The cold front will help get the water

cold.

Once that water gets to the right temperature, it won't be long before the females will be goin' on the beds. I got a report this week that a few bass are on the beds already. A buddy of mine already has a female on the bed right near his dock. The big female is on the bed and the buck bass is right with her guardin' the bed.

We have a new moon this weekend, and we will have a full moon two weeks from Sunday. So, everything is settin' up for a great December for fishin'. The cold front will drive a few more females to the shoreline to spawn.

So, keep your eyes open for spawnin' bass.

If you do catch a beddin' bass, please make sure you get her back in the water so she can finish spawnin'. That way we can insure there will be plenty of bass for future generations to come. I know I am mainly right about fresh water fishin' due to the fact we live inland and we have lots of lakes to fish in our area.

I wanted to take a moment to recognize a fellow angler who accomplished a feat that I didn't even know existed here in our state. The FWC has a program called Catch a Florida Memory. There are

eight Grand Slams available for adult participants.

A gentleman by the name of Gregg Lewis has achieved all eight of the Grand Slams. Gregg achieved "Grand Slam Master Angler" status after four years of fishin'. Gregg said that it took a long time to do his research in order to complete the challenge of bein' a "Grand Slam Master Angler." Gregg is the first one ever to accomplish this feat here in the State of Florida. You can go to the FWC's website to read all about Gregg's achievement.

If you are interested in becomin' a Grand Slam Master Angler, the FWC's

website will provide all the information you need to get started. Also, if you are a Florida resident, you can get a 50-percent discount on fishin' and huntin' licenses for children up to 17 years of age. If you have a young angler or hunter in your family, this would be a great Christmas gift. You can purchase the discounted licenses online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com

Well, that's it for this week. I hope you had a great Thanksgivin' weekend, and I'll see you on the water real soon.

Tip of the week: Turkey Time is Fishin' Time. Save a few and good luck!

## Gierke: Breaks losing streak in first year, wins District Championship

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sons, which included an ominous 0-9 season in '76 that was attached to a 16-game losing streak.

In just his first season as Head Coach in the fall of 1978, Gierke, a 25-year-old ball of fire, led Blue Darter Football to a 7-3 regular season record and Apopka's first-ever District Championship. Within a few seasons, Gierke's 1983 team posted the best season in Apopka Football history with a 10-0 regular season,

Apopka's first undefeated team with no ties (The 1948 Blue Darters posted an undefeated mark that included two ties).

Even though Chip Gierke had led Blue Darter Football to accomplishments never before achieved, his relentless passion and drive for excellence fueled the fire that blazed the trails of even higher levels of success. In 1991, as an uncharacteristic 5-4 season neared the final game against heavily favored, undefeated Evans,

Gierke made the fateful decision to go to a brand new offense—the heavily run-oriented, triple-option offense.

The Blue Darters blew out Evans at Roger Williams Field that night the first victory in a Florida record 31 consecutive regular-season victories, plus unforgettable playoff wins over some of Florida's premier programs. With Jeremi Rudolph at QB operating the option and literally dozens of talented players on both sides of the ball, Blue Darter Football was firmly established and recognized as one of Florida's most extraordinarily talented and powerful football programs.

### How Did Gierke Become the Football Coach at Apopka?

From 15 years of futility, frustration, and disappointment and a program that had never even been to a playoff game to numerous District and Regional Championships, multiple undefeated regular seasons, playoff wins over some of the biggest names on Florida High School Football, 3 NFL Number 1 draft choices including and NFL Hall of Famer, numerous of other NFL players and dozens of players advancing to top Power 5 college football programs, the impact of Chip Gierke cannot be

overstated.

But what were the circumstances that resulted in a 25-year-old assistant coach, who had never been a Head Football Coach, becoming the leader of the Apopka Blue Darter Football program? Former Blue Darter Football letterman Roger Franklin Williams shares his firsthand insights into the circumstances of how Chip Gierke became head coach.

"My Father was nearing the time when he would retire, and a major goal of his was to have a winning football program before he retired AND to have a coach who would build a program that would lay the groundwork for future success. As a very keen observer of the program who attended many freshman games, he knew we had a talented freshman class and those guys could potentially have a good varsity team if they had the right head coach. Unfortunately, after their junior year, we were still mired in losing and he knew he had to make a coaching change. I was a close observer of this process and even offered my advice as a former player and lifelong witness to Apopka Football."

Principal Williams narrowed his list to three finalists—former Blue Darter and Florida Ga-

tor standout Gerald Odom, who had captured multiple State Championships as Head Coach at Merrit Island, Tom Comer, who was a coaching legend in Lake County for his outstanding teams as HC of Eustis and Umatilla and 25-year-old Chip Gierke, who had just completed an undefeated season as our JV coach.

It's important to note that Coach Odom was never contacted; Principal Williams said he would only contact Coach Odom if he was going to offer him the

job flat-out. The process was to interview Coach-es Comer and Gierke first, if he wasn't satisfied with them, he would call Coach Odom with the offer of the job.

After the interviews and careful, intense, and prayerful consideration Principal Williams decided to put the future of Apopka Blue Darter Football into the hands of Chip Gierke. There were many, many reasons why my father

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Apopka head coach Chip Gierke talks with an Apopka High School quarterback, Melvin Jones, during the Fall of 1978.

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 12A

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- Songs to one's beloved
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- Evil spirit
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# Apopka fights back in fourth quarter to beat Lake Brantley



Apopka's Jahi Bowden (2) flies toward the rim through traffic for an easy layup during the Blue Darters victory over Lake Brantley.



Apopka's Trent Jean, does his best to defend against a taller shooter as they attempt a shot over him on Friday, November 22.



Apopka's Jermichael Johnson sees a lane to the basket and grabs at the opportunity to drive.



Jermichael Johnson goes up for a transition bucket after a turnover leads to easy points for Apopka.



Apopka's Jahi Bowden swings to the left wing while looking for open teammates as he tries to manipulate the Patriots' zone defense.



Jahi Bowden elevates above his defender to get a better shot inside the key during Apopka's 52-47 victory over Lake Brantley.



Apopka's head coach Scott Williams kneels down and directs Apopka's offense from the sideline in Friday, November 22.



Trent Jean surveys the floor and talks with teammates about what he sees during Apopka's win over the Patriots.



# Hoops: Apopka gave away too many points at the free throw line

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none and it saved us in so many ways so I hope to see that come back in the game ahead.

Another huge detriment was the amount of fouls Apopka committed in their loss to the Wildcats. The Blue Darters fouled 18 teams giving up 20 free-throw opportunities. Winter Park was able to sink 16 of those 20 shots for free.

What did look good against Winter Park was Apopka’s offensive output. The Blue Darters shot 44.4 percent from the field outperforming their opponents at 42.5 percent. Without all of the little deficiencies holding them back, Apopka could have scored much more if they had more possessions that weren’t given away.

Where the game fell apart for the Darters was in the third quarter. Apopka was leading going into the second half 21-19 after outscoring Winter Park 11-8 in the first quarter. The Wildcats outscored Apopka 16-4 in the third and Apopka was unable to recover after that.

The Blue Darters tried hard to fight back in the fourth quarter scoring 17 points but were outdone by Winter Park’s 21-point fourth quarter that put the nail in the coffin for Apopka’s season opener.

**Friday, November 22, November 22, 52-47 win over Lake Brantley**

Last Friday, the Apopka Blue Darters once again were on the road for their game. They found themselves at Lake Brantley High School to face the Patriots. Apopka made sure to collect their payback beating Lake Brantley 52-47 after falling to the Patriots 52-43 last year.

Coach Williams told me what his initial thoughts were after the win on Friday.

“Wednesday night (game against Winter Park) when we got punched, we didn’t respond very well. Tonight – when we got punched late in the third quarter, we had a wonderful response, and we immediately took control of the game. I can’t be prouder of our guys for that – this is a tough place to come into and play and they (the Patriots) did a nice job and they are a tough team. So, I am super proud of our tenacity and our ability to hang in there when they punched us tonight.”

As Coach Williams said Apopka got hit right in the mouth late in the third quarter. The third was a battle of momentum. Apopka started off with that momentum and was ahead nearly ten points at a point in the third but by the end were down 42-39. Apopka came into the third quarter out of the locker room leading 28-21 and were trailing by three eight minutes later.

But the fourth quar-

ter belonged to Apopka as they more than doubled Lake Brantley’s points putting on a clinic on both sides of the ball to control the game and secure the win. The Blue Darters outscored the Patriots 13-5 in the fourth quarter to win the game 52-47.

Apopka played great on both sides of the ball except for a few minor mistakes. Apopka outscored Lake Brantley in three out of four quarters and kept the Patriots to single digits in two quarters. This mixed with Apopka’s relentlessness they have been showing in the fourth quarter these past two games could be a problem for Apopka’s opponents in the future.

Apopka outplayed Lake Brantley in nearly every way dominating the stat box even though they only won by five points. Apopka shot better from the field with a field goal percentage of 50 to the Patriots’ 38.6. Apopka outscored them in transition with 17 to Lake Brantley’s six, and they also secured more points off turnovers with 15 to Lake Brantley’s 11. Apopka also dominated the paint scoring 32 of their 52 points inside. Another huge positive was the focus on rebounding with Apopka collecting 31 rebounds with 12 of them being offensive rebounds leading to 11 second chance points. The Blue Darters were able to grab 79.2 percent of defensive

rebounds and 44.4 percent of offensive rebounds which allowed the Patriots to only secure five second-chance points.

I think a major contributor to such a small lead was again Apopka’s free throw shooting. Apopka was given 17 shots from the line and only converted five of those into points. Now to give the boys some credit every student in the gym on the Patriots side was screaming like a banshee so it was less than normal, but Apopka still needs to make their shots from the free-throw line no matter the noise or distraction.

I asked Coach Williams if he blamed the poor shooting from the free throw line on the noise and distractions from the Patriots fans and he said not at all.

“No, I don’t blame it on anything; we have to be better free throw shooters. But also, good teams find a way to not be bothered, we couldn’t do that tonight.”

This week Apopka had a matchup against Sanford Seminole on Wednesday, November 27, the day before Thanksgiving after press time in their first game of the Metro vs. Florida Challenge. Sanford has been and will be a very strong squad this year as coach Williams explained to me and I’m sure to the players as well.

Last year Sanford finished their season 20-7, ranked 49th in the state by

FHSAA, and lost to Evans in the Regional Finals in last year’s FHSAA Class 7A Boys Basketball State Tournament. Apopka finished last season 15-12, ranked 96th in the state by FHSAA, and fell in the Regional Quarterfinal in last year’s FHSAA Class 7A Boys Basketball State Tournament.

But since last year Apopka has lost some pieces and gained some. Where Apopka has lost experience and leadership with last year’s seniors, they gain a whole lot of offensive ability with this year’s senior core and young roster.

I attended practice this week to watch the boys prepare for the game and also to talk to Coach Williams about the matchup.

“Well, we have a lot of respect for Seminole. You know they have knocked us out of the playoffs a couple of times in the past few years. Are they going to be less than their full strength because of football? (Sanford is currently still in the FHSAA football playoffs in the Regional Final round where they face off against Lake Mary today Friday, November 29, slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff) I don’t know. But their style of play is very very aggressive, and they do a wonderful job of trapping and forcing bad plays. They thrive on people being passive and tentative. And if we are passive and tentative they’ll beat us

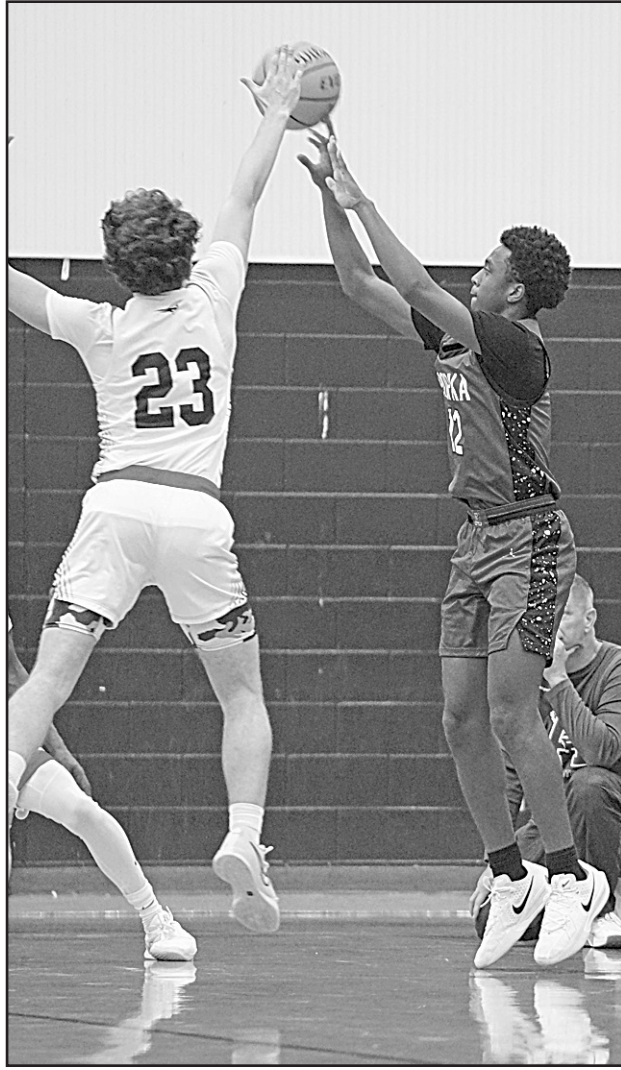
up.”

Coach Williams reminded me that it’s still only November so while these games count towards the record and are very much important they aren’t games where all of the team’s questions and problems will be answered but just another step in that process.

Williams also talked about the Metro vs. Florida Challenge that has been taking place all of this week into the weekend that Apopka High School has hosted since Wednesday, November 27.

“It is something that we are very proud of. It’s a lot of hard work. It’s also something that all of the Metro teams and teams around central Florida enjoy playing and ask to be featured in. It’s an enormous undertaking on our part but the biggest reason I do it is to honor Coach Graham (Earl Graham). For over forty years he impacted so many young men and athletes who lived in Central Florida. I just love when people come to the event and read the little program and say, ‘Hey who is this Coach Graham?’ they read about it and go, ‘Wow, what a special guy!’”

Make sure to read my other story on the Metro vs Florida challenge if you want to learn more about it, when Apopka plays, when other teams play, and how much it will cost.



On the left, Apopka’s Larson Taylor (5) wins the tip-off against Lake Brantley. In the center, Apopka’s Trent Jean talks with teammates about adjustments while taking free throws after being fouled. On the right, Apopka’s Noah Ferrer takes a shot from beyond the arc with an incoming Lake Brantley defender.

# Mustangs: Pooler and Bell’s buckets send the game to overtime

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Middleton said. “Getting the first W facilitates playing with a much lighter load because the team is moving forward. Aspirations of advancing to and even winning the state championship final is the end goal for us this season. A strong record is expected in order to reach the championship final. We have to win the first contest before the second and the second before the third and so on.

Jasmine Pooler and Makayla Bell converted field goal attempts inside the paint on consecutive possessions to send the contest into overtime at 44-44.

“The contest and eventual victory against the Tigers was because of growth as a team,” Middleton said. “Talent and skill to win against anyone in the state is present. Like every team though, we didn’t

play a regular season, non-exhibition contest for eight months. As is usually the case, too, the handful of contests played in during the offseason were without a complete team. Most of the other teams also played in 12-15 contests during the offseason as well. We have to learn how to play together and apply the talent and skill again.

“The grit, trust and commitment to each other began to develop and had an impact on the outcome for the first time this season. Scheduling contests against state powers is in order to provide an opportunity for development. In the case of the contest against Holy Trinity, the grit, trust and commitment to each other was as necessary to win as talent and skill. We answered the challenge and took some solid steps forward in particular towards developing the level need-

ed to reach the end goal. More work is needed but some steps were also taken towards taking care of the ball.”

Thirty-six turnovers were committed during the regular season opener and a loss to the Haines City Hornets by a score of 52-41. Against the Tigers, the number was reduced to 18.

“Sounds like a broken record but coaches continuously talk about turnovers because the impact doesn’t change,” Middleton said. “Impact of turnovers is basketball and logic 101. The more turnovers committed, the higher the likelihood of losing. Not only is a possession given up with every turnover committed though. One more possession is being given to the opponents as well. Haines City was given 36 more possessions to score. Even if only half of the Hornets’ possessions after the turnovers end in two

points scored, the amount is still 36, about 65 percent of the total. Half of Holy Trinity’s possessions after turnovers is about 40 percent.

“Lethargic physically and mentally against the Hornets. Much more attentive and aware against Holy Trinity.”

Only 12 turnovers were committed by the Mustangs after the first quarter (including overtime) in comparison to 20 by the Tigers.

The first of the two successful field goal attempts was set up by Senaia Asanya’s drive, spin and pass. Pooler received the pass, then ran across the paint from left to right and released a 10-foot fadeaway jump shot.

Traveling was called on Holy Trinity in the right corner of the backcourt after Pooler cut the lead to 44-42. The trap was applied by the Mustangs as a team expertly. Lack of space to turn

upcourt was the result of Ja’Niya Poole’s pressure on the player receiving the inbound pass.

Asanya struck again with another perfectly located pass over the top of the defense from the free throw line. The pass set up Bell for the successful turnaround field goal attempt tying the score, from eight feet and along the right side of the paint.

After driving through the lane from the left side, Bell scored the winning points by executing the up-and-over-with-the-ball maneuver with 1:31 remaining. Wekiva’s defense prevented Holy Trinity from scoring during the last 1:31 and three possessions.

Three timeouts (combined) were called during the last 36 seconds of regulation.

“Message during the timeouts was attention to detail as far as how to prop-

erly execute the trap and carried out by the players,” Middleton said. “Then the box-and-one was well-executed during the last two minutes with the intention of keeping the ball out of (Kayla) Green’s hands.”

Green was high-scorer with 21 points. However, only three points were scored during the last 4:26 by Green.

“The black-and-white, bottom line measurement of growth is figuring out how to win close contests,” Middleton said. “A team has to figure out how to win close contests at some point if the deep run into the playoffs is realized. However, figuring out how to win was also against a regional finalist from last season with the same expectations this season, always an achievement to build on.



Glade and I helped to store apples,...



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...potatoes and onions in the cellar.



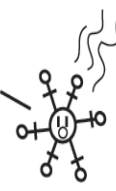
Kids: color stuff in!



Ya, ya, ya...I finished before Chatter!

## Getting Ready for Winter

Sigh! I hate being the first flake of the season...it's such a lonely job.



Read the clues

below to fill in the crossword puzzle.

Kids in my class reported that their families are:

1. having \_\_\_\_\_ checked and tuned-up.
2. getting their oil \_\_\_\_\_ filled.
3. raking \_\_\_\_\_ and cleaning them out of the gutters.
4. storing \_\_\_\_\_ and salt in buckets to spread on sidewalks and driveways to prevent icing.
5. bringing in the last of the fruits and vegetables from \_\_\_\_\_.
6. digging out sweaters, \_\_\_\_\_, hats, mittens and scarves.
7. putting heavier \_\_\_\_\_ and quilts on beds.
8. making sure that \_\_\_\_\_ and snow blowers are in good shape.
9. taking down \_\_\_\_\_ and putting up storm windows.
10. bringing \_\_\_\_\_ and small trees into the house for the winter.
11. cooking larger, hotter \_\_\_\_\_ and more baked pies and cookies.
12. turning on the \_\_\_\_\_ earlier and starting to turn up the heat.
13. cutting and stacking \_\_\_\_\_ into piles.
14. signing up for classes to \_\_\_\_\_ inside or to play indoor sports.
15. checking over their skiing, skating and sledding \_\_\_\_\_.

Hey, *my* list of chores was this long!

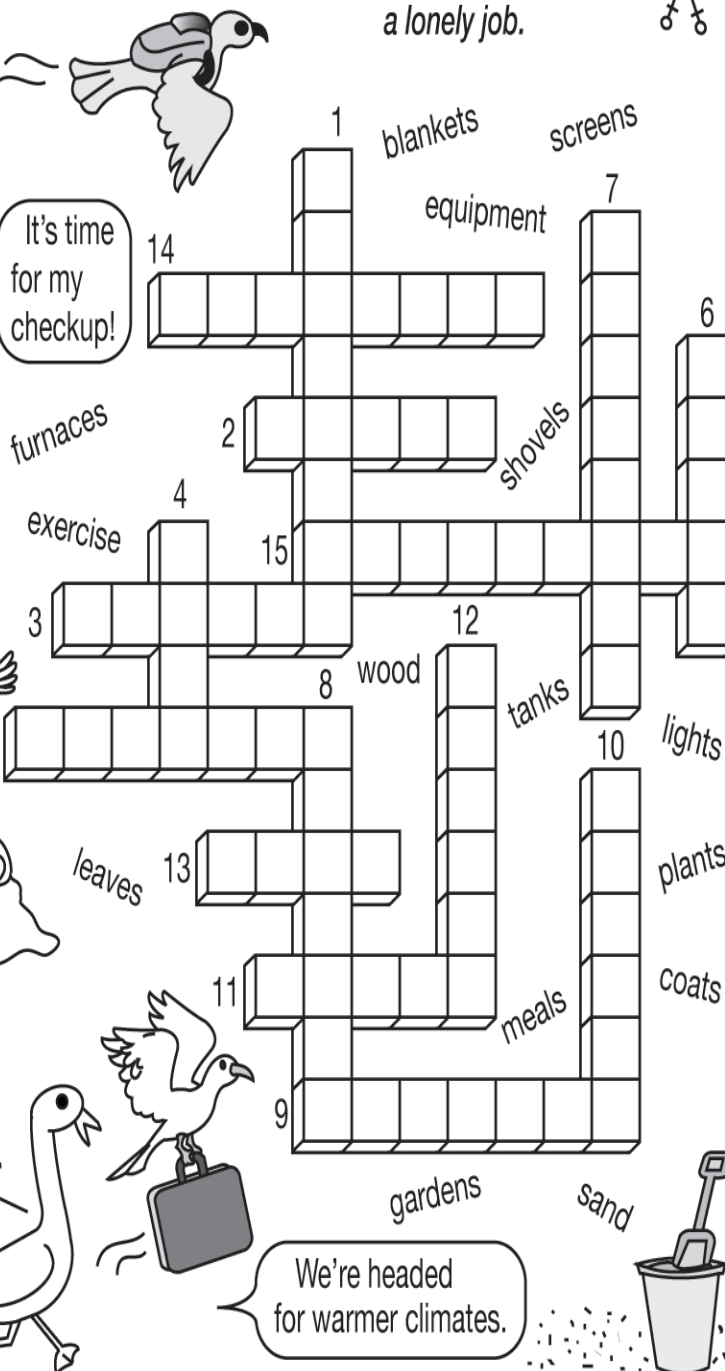


Whew! This sure is a long walk.

South



We're headed for warmer climates.



## What Do Animals and Birds Do To Get Ready For Winter?

Match each animal in the first part of the sentence to the second part that tells what it does to get ready for winter.

1. Snakes
2. (some) Butterflies
3. Weasels and Snowshoe Rabbits
4. Red Foxes
5. Moose
6. Bears
7. (some) Sharks
8. (some) Turtles

- A. grow new, thicker fur. Sometimes the new fur is whiter to help them hide in the snow.
- B. go to the bottom of lakes and ponds where the water is warmer.
- C. swim to warmer waters near Hawaii.
- D. eat to increase body weight since there is less food.
- E. change their diet completely. In spring, summer and fall they eat berries and insects, but in late fall and winter they eat small rodents.
- F. gather together into a big ball underground for warmth.
- G. fly as far south as Mexico.
- H. eat lots of extra food before they go into hibernation or a deep sleep.

Menu

~~Insects~~  
~~Fruits~~  
Rabbit  
~~Berries~~  
Mice

I see my diet has to change for the winter.

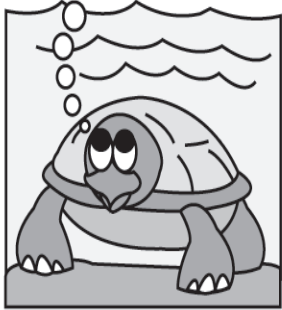


mmmphf...little busy here!



1. (some) Frogs
2. Squirrels
3. Skunks
4. (some) Bats
5. Trees
6. Alligators
7. Robins
8. Bobcats

Hmmm...the water is warmer here at the bottom.



I hide in mud.

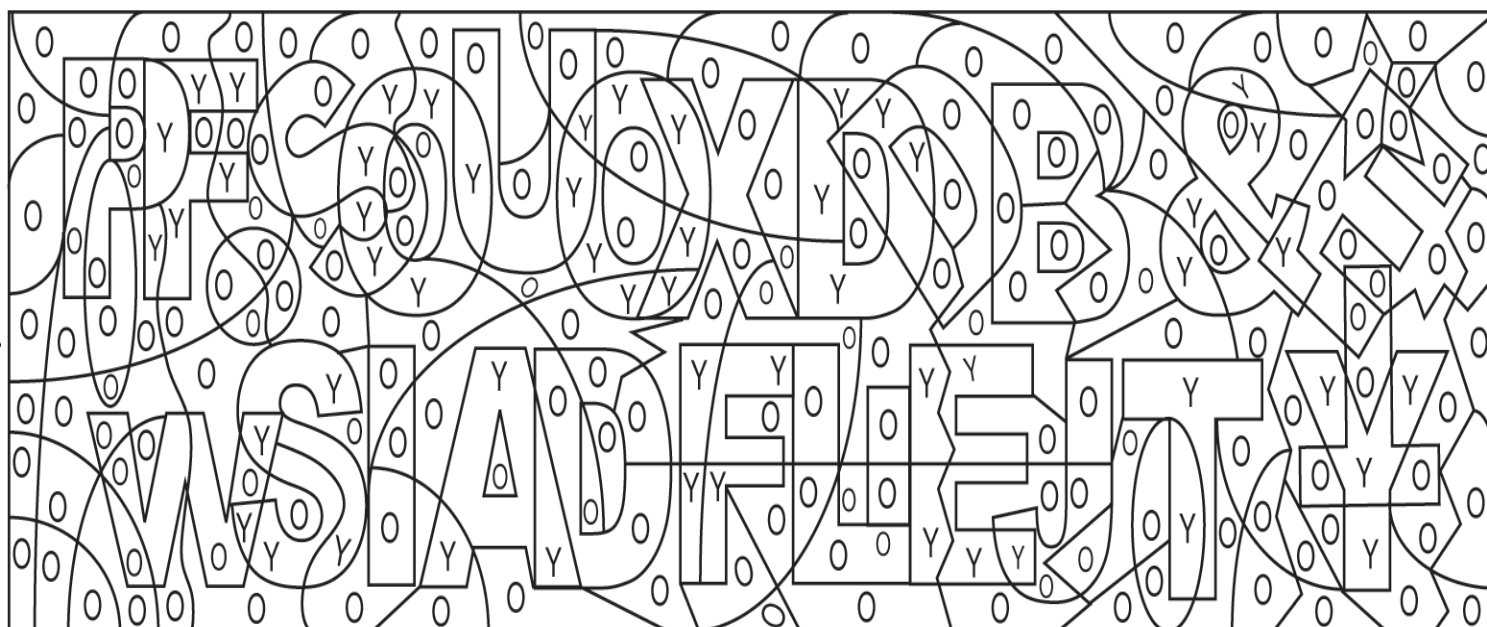
- A. gather acorns so they have a large amount of food stored.
- B. stop growing to save energy. This helps them get through very cold temperatures.
- C. usually live in the deep south, but some that live farther north in North Carolina or Georgia stay in dens and slow their metabolism, making them less active so they need less food.
- D. turn from hunting only during the night to hunting during the day.
- E. usually travel south for the winter, but those that live in Canada come to the United States, so you might not notice any change at all!
- F. hibernate in close clusters in their caves and holes. Others fly to find a warmer place to live.
- G. start to take very long naps, but they do not actually hibernate.
- H. allow themselves to be fully frozen! Their bodies thaw in the spring and are completely fine!

## Why do Animals and Birds Go South?

People who go to the warmer southern states for the winter are sometimes nicknamed "Snowbirds."

Animals and birds go south for the warmer weather too! Two more reasons animals and birds travel south during the season of deep cold and snow are for:

O = orange Y = yellow





# Graham: Coaching basketball was always his true passion

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off worked well for Earl, as it gave him days of uninterrupted time to pursue his real passion of coaching kids. He finally settled in that coaching basketball was where his real passion and talents lay. It was at this point that his nearly fifty-year coaching career began. Over the years, however, he often interspersed coaching football

with his basketball coaching.

In 1975, his son Rodrick Earl was born. Rod's first photo was taken in the hospital with his hand propped on a mini basketball. Earl's "own player" was born; however, Earl very much realized that basketball was a team sport. So, as Rod grew and honed his skills, Rod's friends, classmates, and their siblings; Earl's fellow

fire-fighters' sons, nephews, cousins, and their friends, as well as the Rock Lake neighborhood and Elementary School were the recruiting grounds for his teams. Additionally, affiliation with the American Athletic Union (AAU) birthed traveling, local, regional, state and national teams. It was a regular occurrence for the Graham house to be filled to capacity with team mem-

bers whose parents would not be able to attend the game. If the team had a pot of spaghetti (although Earl did not cook) or money for McDonald's or Burger King coupons, and a van (Everyone remembers the big red & white van.), Coach Graham was good to go and the team was on the road.

In 1980, JayRaj was born. Even as a youngster, he would spend hours

shooting hoops. He subsequently became the teams' mascot. (Earl very rarely coached only one team.) Jay enjoyed the privileges of being the coach's son and the teams' little brother. When Jay was five, Earl started a "sprout" team so he could grow Jay and his young relatives, friends, and classmates into basketball players.

Throughout his life

and coaching career, Earl inspired thousands of players to love the game and become better men. While he can never be truly replaced, we can honor his legacy by playing on in his name. It is in that spirit that our annual celebration of Central Florida basketball forever bears his name."

# Gierke: Player development was where Gierke shined the most

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tal factors stood out; The most tangible was his excellent job leading our JV team to an undefeated season. Just as important was the young coach's boundless energy and enthusiasm and his obvious love and concern for his players. Finally, and the most crucial for Apopka Football's future was Gierke's stated mission; he wanted to "BUILD A PROGRAM, not just coach a team during the football season".

Another important fac-

tor was the strong encouragement of Principal Williams's son, Roger Franklin Williams. According to the younger Williams, "In the summer of 1976, I had the opportunity to play for Gierke as a member of the Championship American Legion Post 386 baseball team. I witnessed his special gifts as a coach firsthand as one of his players. We had one of the top teams in Florida and were Champions of the prestigious Firecracker Tournament in DeLand. I flat out told my father, 'You will

NOT go wrong if you hire Chip Gierke. I know without a doubt he will make us a winner in football once again. You need to hire Gierke."

## Gierke Developed Boatloads of Outstanding Players

One of the most impressive achievements of the Chip Gierke era was the extraordinary number of future NFL players and college football players he helped to develop.

Before Chip Gierke, Apopka Football had nev-

er produced an NFL player; after Gierke took over Blue Darter Football produced three NFL Number One draft choices (Sammie Smith, Aaron Jones, and Warren Sapp) and one member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (Sapp).

Other NFL alumni from the Gierke era include James McKnight, Rogers Beckett, Derrick Clark, and Brent Bartholomew. The Gierke era also included an unprecedented harvest of players who played at the highest levels of major College

Football including a partial list of Rodney Brewer Florida, James Jones Florida, Cedric Anderson Ohio State, Doug Kellom Florida, Eddie Williams Miami, Kent Elmore Tennessee, Kenny Carr FSU, Anthony Williams FSU, Greg Thompson FSU, Derrick Clark FSU, Jeremy Rudolph UNLV, and our NFL alumni Sammie Smith FSU, Sapp Miami, Bartholomew Ohio State, Beckett Marshall. This is just a partial list for example, with apologies to those who are not included.

Background on Roger Franklin Williams  
The son of legendary Apopka High Principal Roger A. Williams who served from 1946-1980, former Apopka Football letterman and lifelong witness of Apopka Blue Darter Football, 1960 to Present, and current radio voice of Apopka Blue Darter Football on FM 94.9/AM 950.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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**CASE NO.: 2024-CC-006747-O**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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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.

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**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2024-CC-018592-O**

**THE PINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,**

**vs. ERICK J. DIAZ MOYENO, et al., Defendants.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: Erick J. Diaz Moyeno,**  
963 Ponderosa Pine Court, Orlando, FL 32825  
**Yajalralee L. Diaz,**  
963 Ponderosa Pine Court, Orlando, FL 32825

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

**Lot 36, THE PINES UNIT 1, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 67, of Public Records of Orange**

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 on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served 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.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No.: 2024-CP-003478-O**  
**Division:**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM ANTHONY McMILLION, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of WILLIAM ANTHONY McMILLION, deceased, whose date of death was September 23, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**File No. 2024-CP-003213-O**  
**Division 01**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DONALD L. ASHER Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of DONALD L. ASHER, deceased, whose date of death was August 10, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, 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 DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this Notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No. 2024-CP-003391-O**  
**Division Probate**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF GARRETT GRANT SMITH Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of GARRETT GRANT SMITH, deceased, whose date of death was September 11, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2024-CC-018592-O**

**THE PINES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,**

**vs. ERICK J. DIAZ MOYENO, et al., Defendants.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: Erick J. Diaz Moyeno,**  
963 Ponderosa Pine Court, Orlando, FL 32825  
**Yajalralee L. Diaz,**  
963 Ponderosa Pine Court, Orlando, FL 32825

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:

**Lot 36, THE PINES UNIT 1, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 22, Page 67, of Public Records of Orange**

**FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.**

The date of first publication of this notice is November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: BYRON D. SEYDA  
P.O. Box 770670  
Winter Garden, Florida 34777

Attorney for Personal Representative: **KATHRYN C. PYLES**  
Florida Bar No. 1002555  
The Pyles Law Firm, P.A.  
P.O. Box 770670  
Winter Garden, Florida 34777  
E-Mail: [kathrynpyles@pyleslaw.com](mailto:kathrynpyles@pyleslaw.com)  
Publish: **The Apopka Chief**  
**November 22 and 29, 2024**

**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 November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: **KIM MARTIN**  
44 Night Owl Court  
St. Augustine, FL 32092

Attorney for Personal Representative: **ROBIN H. CONNER, Esquire**  
Florida Bar No. 353361  
**ROBIN H. CONNER, P.L.C.**  
255 King Street, # 204  
St. Augustine, FL 32084  
Telephone: (904) 829-0511  
FAX: (904) 907-1117  
[pa133@bellsouth.net](mailto:pa133@bellsouth.net)  
Publish: **The Apopka Chief**  
**November 22 and 29, 2024**

**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 November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: **Steven Dean Asher**  
4801 Cypress Avenue  
Orlando, Florida 32806

Attorney for Personal Representative: **/s/ Alexandra Fox**  
Florida Bar No. 879169  
Alexandra Fox  
E-mail Address: [gmeier@shuffieldowman.com](mailto:gmeier@shuffieldowman.com)  
[procterservice@shuffieldowman.com](mailto:procterservice@shuffieldowman.com)  
Shuffield, Lowman & Wilson, P.A.  
1000 Legion Place,  
Suite 1700  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
Telephone: (407) 581-9800

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

The date of first publication of this notice is November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: **/s/ Melissa Tremaine**  
**MELISSA TREMAINE**  
4910 Tangerine Ave.  
Winter Park, Florida 32792

Attorney for Personal Representative: **/s/ Alexandra Fox**  
Aime Collins Hitchner  
Florida Bar No. 879169  
Alexandra Fox  
Florida Bar No. 1040188  
Attorneys for Petitioner  
Email: [ahitchner@maynardnexus.com](mailto:ahitchner@maynardnexus.com)  
[atfox@maynardnexus.com](mailto:atfox@maynardnexus.com)  
[hyates@maynardnexus.com](mailto:hyates@maynardnexus.com)  
Maynard Nexsen PC  
200 East New England Avenue, Suite 300  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
Telephone: 407-547-2777  
Publish: **The Apopka Chief**  
**November 22 and 29, 2024**

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

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

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2022 CA 005093-O**

**COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Plaintiff,**

**vs. ASAD YAZDANI, an individual; Et al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein, **COMMUNITY LOAN SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, ASAD YAZDANI, ASAD YAZDANI, AN INDIVIDUAL, SPOUSE OF ASAD YAZDANI, OFFICES AT VERANDA PARK BUILDING 7000 CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., SUNTRUST BANK, STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, JOHN DOE I and JANE DOE I, as Unknown Tenants; JOHN DOE II and JANE DOE II, as Unknown Tenants; and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons, unknown entities, and any unknown parties or unknown spouses claiming by, through or under any of the above-**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2024 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-012384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2023-CA-012384-O**  
**DIV NO.: 33**

**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs. HERBERT B. WILLIAMS, et al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III**

**TO: WILLIAM RACICH, DECEASED**  
**256 WASHINGTON COURT COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426**

**JULIA RACICH**  
**256 WASHINGTON COURT COLLEGEVILLE, PA 19426**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2024 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-012384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

**COUNT III**  
**8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W30548 &**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2023-CA-012384-O**  
**DIV NO.: 33**

**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs. HERBERT B. WILLIAMS, et al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V**

**TO: DAVID M. HUDSON, DECEASED**  
**C/O SAMANTHA J. FORTSYTH, KAUFMAN & CANOLES, PC, TWO JAMES CENTER, 1021 EAST CARY STREET, STE. 1400 RICHMOND, VA 23219**

**DENNIS W. REEVE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF DENNIS W. REEVE, DECEASED AND AN UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O SAMANTHA J. FORTSYTH, KAUFMAN & CANOLES, TWO JAMES CENTER, 1021 EAST CARY STREET, STE. 1400 RICHMOND, VA 23219**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on November 11, 2024 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-012384-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2023-CA-012384-O**  
**DIV NO.: 33**

**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs. HERBERT B. WILLIAMS, et al., Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI**

**TO: BRYAN A. MARCOTTE, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF BRYAN A. MARCOTTE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O CARLENE MARCOTTE, 17 BOULAY CIRCLE, NEWTON, MA 01020-3008**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
**ON DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT 0700 AT JOHNSON'S WRECK-ER SERVICE** 580 WILMER AVENUE, ORLANDO, FL 32808, TELEPHONE 407-293-2540. THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE (S)/VESSEL (S) WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH. SOME OF THE VEHICLES POSTED MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SALVAGE SALE.

YEAR	MAKE	VIN
2014	MERCEDES-BENZ	WDDUG8FB2EA032752

Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.

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**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.: 2024-CC-004067-O**

**D'ASHA SMITH,**  
**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**DONOVAN O'BRIEN,**  
**and STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**HIGHWAY SAFETY AND**  
**MOTOR VEHICLES,**  
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To:  
DONOVAN O'BRIEN  
1342 Lukas Acres Way  
Oviedo, Florida 32765

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for breach of contract, unjust enrichment, and conversion has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of

your written defenses, if any, to it, on John A. Morey, Esq., of the Morey Law Firm, P.A., the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 250 N. Orange Ave., Suite 1220, Orlando, FL 32801, on or before December 17, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition

DATED ON Nov 6, 2024

Tiffany Moore Russell,  
Clerk of Courts  
/s/ Charlotte Appline  
Deputy Clerk  
Circuit Court Seal  
Civil Division  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, FL 32801

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**December 6, 2024**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NUMBER: 2024-CA-010149-O**  
**DIVISION NUMBER: 37**

**IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$14,224.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY**

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**

**TO:**  
**SEBASTIAN ARANGO**  
**6428 NARCOOSSEE ROAD,**  
**APT. 429**  
**ORLANDO, FL 32822**

**JUSTIN STEWART**  
**P.O. BOX 4970**  
**ORLANDO, FL 32802**

and all others who claim an interest in \$14,224.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 30th day of September, 2024, at or near

6428 Narcoossee Road, Apt. 429, Orlando, 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 14th day of November, 2024.

/s/ Ann-Marie Delahunty  
Ann-Marie Delahunty  
Assistant General Counsel  
Florida Bar No. 006513  
Orange County  
Sheriff's Office  
Legal Services  
P.O. Box 1440  
Orlando, FL 32802  
(407) 254-7170  
AnnMarie.Delahunty@ocsoff.com

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.:**  
**2014-DR-001468-O**

In Re: The Former Marriage of JAMES WILLIAM LEWIS, Former Husband, and KIMBERLY JEAN LEWIS, Former Wife.

**NOTICE OF ACTION SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION**

*Action by Former Wife, Supplemental Petition for Enforcement and Modification of Final Judgment of Dissolution of Marriage.*

**TO: James William Lewis**  
3776 Luxair Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for enforcement and modification of a Final Judgment of 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 Kimberly Jean Lewis, c/o Barry W. Rigby, Esq., whose address is P.O. Box 568841, Orlando, FL 32856-8841, on or before December 26, 2024, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 315, Orlando, FL 32801, before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter.

tioner's attorney or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the supplemental petition.

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 emailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

**WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.**

Dated: November 14th, 2024.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
By: /s/ ROBERT HINGSTON (Deputy Clerk)

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No. 2024-CP-002880-O**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF SOFIA VALENTINA RODRIGUEZ ZAMBRANO**  
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of SOFIA VALENTINA RODRIGUEZ ZAMBRANO, deceased, whose date of death was March 27, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is PO Box 38 Orlando, FL 32802. 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 must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice: November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: DANIELLE WHITE  
3772 Idlebrook Circle, Apt. 212  
Casselberry, Florida 32707

Attorney for Personal Representative: DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 846368  
VELIZ KATZ LAW  
630 North Wymore Road, Suite 330  
Maitland, Florida 32751  
Telephone: (407) 849-7072  
Facsimile: (407) 849-7075  
E-Mail: Velizkatz@VelizKatzLaw.com  
Secondary: AMendez@VelizKatzLaw.com  
Attorney for Petitioner  
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fied under s. 732.221, 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: November 22, 2024.

Personal Representative: DANIELLE WHITE  
3772 Idlebrook Circle, Apt. 212  
Casselberry, Florida 32707

Attorney for Personal Representative: DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE  
Florida Bar No.: 846368  
VELIZ KATZ LAW  
630 North Wymore Road, Suite 330  
Maitland, Florida 32751  
Telephone: (407) 849-7072  
Facsimile: (407) 849-7075  
E-Mail: Velizkatz@VelizKatzLaw.com  
Secondary: AMendez@VelizKatzLaw.com  
Attorney for Petitioner  
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**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 12/17/2024 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:  
**RV2-Charges Gorman-**  
**Charles Gorman-**  
1993 Fibr Trailer, Vin/Hull 1G9PT1421PA125877;  
**C001-CIEARA THOMAS;**  
**C062-Vaduva Nicola;**  
**D032-Tory J Goldbloom/**  
**Tory J Goldbloom**  
**Florida Breeze Realty;**  
**D101-Vanessa Nieves;**  
**E023-Julius Hurd;**  
**1033-Melissa Rodriguez;**  
**1082-Jeremiah Rivera;**  
**1086-Willis Dorsey;**  
**1172-Tori Alexander**

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**December 6, 2024**

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**STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the 18th Day of December, 2024 at 10:00 AM Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.

Keith Lovett	Unit 3016 - Personal Property
Zyon Mcgee	Unit 5001 - Personal Property
Jarvis Scott	Unit 4031 - Personal Property
Lana Stewart	Unit 5003 - Personal Property
Christopher Held	Unit 1063 - Personal Property
Marion Peterson	Unit 0600 - Personal Property
Twentiy Williams	Unit 1084 - Personal Property

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No. 2024-CP-003330-O**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF MELANIE ANN STOCKEMER A/K/A MELANIE STOCKEMER**  
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of MELANIE ANN STOCKEMER A/K/A MELANIE STOCKEMER, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2024, 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.

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. 732.221, 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

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No. 2023-CP-003991-O**  
**Division 02**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CECILIA M. WEGA**  
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Cecilia M. Wega, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., 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

ten defenses, if any, to it on Fredline Gresnegre, whose address is 1122 Sheeler Hills Dr Apopka, FL 32712 on or before 12/05/2024, 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.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.:** 2024-DR-9111-O  
**Division 42**

**Fredline Gresnegre,**  
**and**  
**Luxene Oorvil**  
**Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**

**TO: Luxene Oorvil**  
1122 Sheeler Hills Dr  
Apopka, FL 32712

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 writ-

ten defenses, if any, to it on Fredline Gresnegre, whose address is 1122 Sheeler Hills Dr Apopka, FL 32712 on or before 12/05/2024, 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.

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

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NO.:** 06-2010-CC-004399

**HP CAPITAL, LLC**  
**Plaintiff,**

**vs.**

**JUDITH BURGOS,**  
**Defendant**

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 12th day of April, 2024, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: All and all of the right, title and interest of JUDITH BURGOS, in and to the following

**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 December 18th, 2024, 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. TEFNMS listed on auction website Sindy Trujillo-701-Household Goods; Ali Warthen-830-Household Goods; Allan Castellanos-1026-Household Goods  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**

**File No. 2024-CP-001517**  
**Division O**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF SAGAR HARRYSINGH**  
**Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
The administration of the estate of Sagar Harrysingh, deceased, whose date of death was February 18, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., 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

IDA 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 November 29, 2024.

PATRICIA ANN  
SALERNO WEGA

Tonya Cromatie  
Attorney  
Florida Bar Number: 149389  
648 South Ridgewood Avenue  
DAYTONA BEACH, FL 32114  
Telephone: (386) 615-9521  
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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.

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Dated: 10/15/2024

TIFFANY M. RUSSELL  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Signed  
Deputy Clerk  
**CIRCUIT COURT SEAL**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**FAMILY LAW DIVISION**

**CASE NO.:** 24-DR-003252 AD  
**DIVISION: 30**

**IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AN ADULT BY RELATIVE:**

**MADISON MARIE POPE DUVAL**  
**DOB: June 29, 2006**

**NOTICE OF ACTION, NOTICE OF PETITION, AND NOTICE OF HEARING TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS PENDING ADOPTION**

**TO: CHARLES DAVID MAURICE POPE, JR.**  
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**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for termination of Parental Rights Pursuant to an Adoption has been filed, and you are required to serve a copy of your written response, if any, to Alexis V. Goolsby, Esq., 710 Oakfield Drive, Suite 254, Brandon, Florida 33511, Petitioner's attorney, on or before December 6, 2024 and to your original response with the Clerk of this court, at the address below, before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately there-

**JOHN W. MINA,**  
**AS SHERIFF**  
Orange County, Florida  
BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez  
As Deputy Sheriff

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NUMBER: 2024-CA-010395-O**  
**DIVISION NUMBER: 48**

**IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2022 DODGE RAM NO VIN**

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**

**TO:**  
**GASSAN G. MATTA SOTO**  
**1229 NW 34TH AVE.**  
**CAPE CORAL, FL 33993**

and all others who claim an interest in a 2022 DODGE RAM NO VIN, which was seized on or about the 4th day October 2024, at or near 12707 Tanja King Blvd., 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 22nd day of November 2024.

/s/ Jose C. Campa  
Jose C. Campa  
Assistant General Counsel  
Florida Bar No. 105781  
Orange County  
Sheriff's Office  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**CASE NUMBER: 2024-CA-010206-O**  
**DIVISION NUMBER: 37**

**IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,917.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY**

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**

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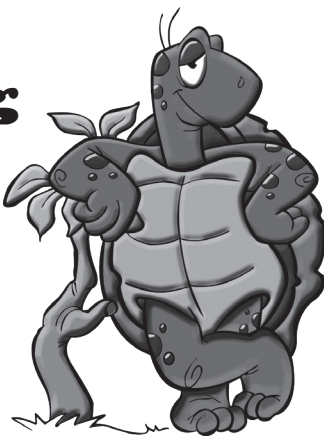
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