

# FINANCIAL FOCUS

## How should you respond to tariffs?



By Cory Taylor

tariffs — as a consumer and an investor?

**As a consumer...**  
• **Review your budget.** If you're worried that higher prices will put stress on your cash flow, look for ways to cut costs, perhaps by eating out less often or eliminating streaming services you no longer use. Look for items that could easily be swapped for cheaper alternatives, like generics for brand names. You may even be able to get a better deal from your cable or internet providers, just by asking.  
• **Build or replenish an emergency fund.** It's typically a good idea to have an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses in a liquid,

low-risk account. Usually, you'd want this fund available to meet large, unexpected expenses, such as a medical bill or a new furnace. But with the possibility of tariffs causing inflation in some sectors, you might also want your emergency fund ready to handle price increases in items such as car parts.  
• **Accelerate large purchases susceptible to tariffs.** If you're already planning on making a large purchase, and you think the price may be affected by tariffs, you might want to act now, if you can afford to do so. Some items that may be susceptible to tariffs include automobiles, smartphones and computers.  
**As an investor...**

• **Diversify.** Tariffs may affect some industries, such as automobiles and consumer electronics, more than others, such as healthcare and pharmaceuticals. But rather than making hasty "buy" and "sell" decisions based on tariffs and their possible effects, try to build and maintain a diversified portfolio containing a mix of stocks, bonds and other securities. Diversification is the best defense against the market volatility caused by tariffs — or, for that matter, caused by any other factor. While diversification cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss, but at any given time, some asset classes may be up, or not hit as hard as others. And if your

portfolio is heavily invested in an asset going through a downturn, you'll likely take a much bigger hit than if your dollars were spread across the wide array of available investment types.  
• **Keep following a long-term strategy.** Right now, tariffs are certainly in the headlines as a potentially disruptive force in the financial markets. But there have always been such forces — wars, natural disasters, political turmoil, and so on — and while they have caused volatility for a while, the markets regained its footing, sooner or later. And the most successful investors were the ones who stayed the course throughout the disruptive events, rather than jumping out of the market until

things cooled down. This doesn't mean you should never make changes in response to market conditions — at times, you may need to adjust your portfolio somewhat. But by following a long-term strategy based on your risk tolerance, time horizon and financial goals, you'll be better equipped to cope with market gyrations. Tariffs can lead to uncertainties in the financial world. But by thinking carefully about how you might respond, you can bring more clarity to your own situation. *This article was written by Edward Jones for use by local Edward Jones Financial Advisor Cory Taylor, who can be reached by calling (850) 223-0999.*

# July 4th events & activities

## Fun & fireworks in Steinhatchee July 4

Celebrate the 4th of July on Friday, July 4, with food, fireworks and more at Steinhatchee Community Center. Live entertainment will begin at 3 p.m. and continue until a fireworks show lights the skies over the river "at dark." There will also be face painting, arts and

craft vendors, food trucks and the famous annual "Mullet Toss." The event is being coordinated by the Steinhatchee River Chamber of Commerce. The community center is located at 1013 Riverside Drive East.

## Celebrate the 4th on July 5

Perry will celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, July 5, at Rosehead Park with live music, food trucks and fireworks. Activities will begin at 4 p.m., with live music at 5 p.m. and fireworks at 8:30 p.m.

There will also be food trucks, vendors and more. Admission is free. The park is located at 300 South Washington Street in historic downtown Perry.



The Boys & Girls Club of North Central Florida's Summer Reading Program is a 10-week initiative designed to close literacy gaps and strengthen reading skills for 650 children.

## Sunglass campaign will benefit foundation

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students thrive." The foundation supports organizations that increase access to educational programming, instruction and inspire a love of reading. The foundation also plans to launch its sixth annual "The Yellow Glasses Project" campaign on July 21, in which customers can purchase yellow sunglasses at Dollar General stores for \$2 each to benefit the foundation.

## LEGALS

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3501 or emailed to lpbemerton@taylorcountygov.com.

### SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that SunCo Storage - Steinhatchee will sell the contents of the following self-storage units by public auction to satisfy their liens against these tenants, in accordance with the Florida Self-Storage Facility Act. The auction will take place online at [storage-treasures.com](http://storage-treasures.com) from 9 a.m. on July 1st to noon on July 7th. Units are believed to contain household items, unless otherwise listed. SunCo Storage 821 Beach Rd, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. Auction is with credit/debit card payments only. A \$100 refundable cleaning deposit is required. The auction will be listed and advertised on [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com). All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement with the tenant. Name/Unit: Lori Strickland - 6 Roberta Mckimmy - 110 Aimee Hilton - 222

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Taylor County Planning Board will hold a public meeting July 11th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., or soon after as possible, at the Taylor County Administrative Complex located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347 to consider petitions for a variance petition. A variance petition V13-2025 by owner Jason Murphy, 418 Granger Rd SE, Steinhatchee Florida requesting a front yard setback from thirty feet to twenty-six feet and a rear yard setback from fifteen feet to eleven feet on the south eastern corner in a mixed-use-urban development land use category to construct a new house. Section 30, Township 09, Range 10, parcel number 10477-075. Copies of associated documents are available for public inspection at the Planning Administration Complex, located at 201 East Green Street, Perry, Florida 32347. All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at the above referenced public hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding, and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes their testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 25-010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate, for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 1133 Year of Issuance 2023 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R09486-315 Described as: LEG 0000.23 ACRES - STEINHATCHEE SUB - LOT 6 BLK 92 - OR 539-754 OR 828-348 SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 09 RANGE 09 Name in which assessed: Randall Barber & Michael Morrison Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. \*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 25-011

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Taylor County, Florida

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate, for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 1096 Year of Issuance 2023 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R09319-000 Described as: LEG 0000.70 ACRES - COM NW COR OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 E - 304.5 FT TO E RW US 19 SE ALG RW - 970 FT FOR POB N60DE 219 FT TO W RW - RR SE ALG RW 159.7 FT S72DW 188.36 - FT NW ALG RW 120 FT TO POB - OR 548-962 - OR 812-485 SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 07 RANGE 09 Name in which assessed: Adam I. Orenstein Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. \*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

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Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

\*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

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### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 25-015

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OR 765-960 OR 622-131 OR 808-410 OR 847-484 SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07 Name in which assessed: Doneda Shoffner Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

\*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 25-016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that FIG 20, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate, for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of the property and the names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 624 Year of Issuance 2023 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R05607-000 Described as: LEG 0002.24 ACRES - COM NW COR OF SW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 TH S - 420 FT FOR POB E 260 FT S 210 FT W - 50 FT S 210 FT W 210 FT N 420 FT TO - POB - OR 512-909 SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07 Name in which assessed: Michael K. Pillow Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. \*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

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names in which the property was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number 120 Year of Issuance 2023 Description of Property: Parcel Number: R02156-000 Described as: LEG 0002.65 ACRES - COM SE COR OF SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 RUN - W 660 FT N 50 FT TO N RW SR 361 FOR - POB TH W 472 FT TO E RW CO RD TH - NW ALG RD 88.5 FT TH S 89D 59M 32S - E 136.45 FT N 00D 00M 23S E 210 FT - S 89D 59M 32S E 386.64 FT S 280 FT - TO POB OR 685-457 OR 837-481 OR 692 PG 681 SECTION 04 TOWNSHIP 04 RANGE 07 Name in which assessed: Brittany J. Faircloth Said property being in the County of Taylor, State of Florida. Unless such certificate is redeemed according to law, the property described shall be sold to the highest bidder in the Courtroom on the 2nd floor in the Taylor County, FL Courthouse on the 14th day of July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. \*\* To participate in the bidding, you must be prepared to pay a NON-REFUNDABLE \$200.00 CASH deposit immediately following the sale of each parcel in which you are the highest bidder. \*\* Dated this 6th day of June, 2025. Signature: Gary Knowles Clerk of Circuit Court Taylor County, Florida

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED TDA 25-018

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