Parton to Morris:

‘You’re following your dreams and you’re good at it too’

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valued possessions is a letter from her. It’s written on pink stationary and embossed with butterflies – it’s beautiful just like her soul,” Morris said.

He had the opportunity to thank Parton in person during a NPR radio call-in show which aired several years ago.

Here’s how the conversation flowed:

“I was 31, I started writing. It was my dream to write a novel. I would work on it an hour before work each morning. It got published. ‘A Place called Wiregrass,’ I wrote ‘Slow Way Home’ and ‘Man in the Blue Moon.’

“And one day I got a letter from Dolly, and I just want to tell you how much that meant to me. It’s one of my most prized possessions. So, thank you so much for encouraging me and so many other people to follow our dreams,” Morris said.

“Well, I love that. I told you in the letter that I loved your books, and I did encourage you, and I thank you for sending me the second one too,” Parton replied. “I just really think you’re spectacular, and it’s amazing that you called in today. So I’m proud of you. You’re following your dreams and you’re good at it too.”

Morris went on to thank Parton for her “Imagination Library,” which has impacted millions of young readers.

“Well, that’s actually one of my favorite things that I do. I’m known as the ‘book lady.’ The kids all call me that because, as you know, we send books to children from the time they’re born until they start school, and they get a book a month in their name in the mailbox, so they’re kind of, you know, really selfish about their books. They don’t want nobody messing with it unless they’re going to help them read,” Parton said.

“So, it’s their little properties, but I just felt like that it was better to teach children when they’re very young and most impressionable. And the

Michael Morris

idea came from the fact that a lot of my own relatives, my dad, couldn’t read and write. (He) didn’t get a chance to go to school, but was a very, very smart man, and I saw how crippling that was to him, and so I dedicated the book to my dad,” she added.

“But I just think we can’t get enough books in the hands of enough children, so we’ve given away 47 million books to date, and hopefully there’ll be millions and millions and millions more. If you can read, you can self-educate yourself. If you don’t have the money to go to school, there’s a book on anything you want to learn about. So you can be whatever if you can read,” Parton said.

Expansion comes as county works to diversify economy

BBTC
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Trusted by more than 3,500 school districts, technical centers, community colleges and universities, zSpace enables hands-on “learning by doing” experiences proven to improve engagement and student outcomes.

Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., zSpace holds more than 80 patents, with research published in the Journal of Computer Assisted Learning (2021) validating the impact of 3D virtual reality technologies on student knowledge gains.

BBTC’s Industrial Engineering Technology program is already equipped with Amatrol hydraulic and pneumatic trainers, along with fault-based systems trainers featuring industrial robotic arms.

Working with instructors, the college identified an opportunity to use the zSpace Inspire, a headset-free AR/VR learning platform, to let students safely explore and practice on virtual versions of that same equipment before ever stepping into the lab.

The college’s zSpace curriculum spans Advanced Manufacturing (hydraulics, mechanical, and pneumatic systems), Industrial Robotics and Process Technology, mirroring the physical trainers students will use hands-on.

By building familiarity with components and procedures virtually first, students can move through the physical lab more quickly and confidently, spending their limited time on hands-on trainers mastering skills rather than encountering equipment for the first time.

Because zSpace runs on a laptop, BBTC can also put an entire class of students into self-paced, hands-on practice simultaneously, something the physical trainers alone can’t support given their limited quantity.

Big Bend Technical College plans to use its virtual and physical trainers side by side, with zSpace building foundational familiarity and the Amatrol equipment reinforcing real-world, hands-on mastery.

The blended approach supports BBTC’s broader investment in workforce development. The college recently opened a new 10,000-square-foot Advanced Manufacturing facility to house its Industrial Engineering Technology program, training students in automation, robotics, welding and millwright skills.

The expansion comes as Taylor County works to diversify its local economy and rebuild industry following mill closures and hurricane damage in the region.

“Our goal is to give students more hands-on experience so they are better prepared and confident when they enter the workforce,” said BBTC Director Shelbi McCall. “zSpace gives our rural students access to hands-on experiences and work environments they may not otherwise have the opportunity to see or experience.”

The approach reflects a growing trend among CTE programs nationwide: using AR/VR alongside physical trainers to close the gap between classroom instruction and the advanced systems used in modern manufacturing, without requiring schools to buy enough physical equipment for every student to train on at once.

“I am really proud to see our team getting this kind of recognition,” McCall said. “There’s a lot happening at BBTC, and I’m proud to be part of a team that is helping move workforce education forward in our region.”

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and any and all persons whether living or dead, all unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and/or trustees are Defendants.

Gary Knowles, Jr. Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on the East Steps of the Taylor County Courthouse, 108 North Jefferson Street, Perry, FL 32347 at 11:00 AM, on September 24, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

Lot (s) 19 and 20, Sugar Hill Estates, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 161, of the Public Records of Taylor County, Florida.

Also known as Property address: 1205 Sweetgum Lane Northeast Steinhatchee, FL 32359;

NOTICE:

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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE

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 Carrina Cooper, 386-758-2163, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, Florida 32055 or complete the ADA Request form found at https://thirdcircuitfl.org/ada-accommodation-request/ 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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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on August 21, 2026.

GARY KNOWLES, Jr.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Case No. 2026-099-CA

REM FAMILY, LLC,
Plaintiff, v.
DIANE DODGEN; and
ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: DIANE DODGEN

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT AN AMENDED PETITION FOR DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT AND APPLICATION OF INSURANCE PROCEEDS TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IN TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA

Address: 20360 Keaton Beach Dr., Unit 2, Perry, FL 32348

Parcel ID # 06966-020

Legal Description:

COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF LOT 95, KEATON BEACH SUBDIVISION AND RUN NORTH 5° 47′ 00″ WEST ALONG KEATON BEACH ROAD R/W 257.50 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 84° 13′ 58″ EAST 34.27 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE FROM SAID POB CONTINUE NORTH 84° 13′ 58″ E 47.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 05° 46′ 02″ EAST 19.0 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 84° 13′ 58″ WEST 47.0 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 05° 46′ 02″ WEST

HAS BEEN FILED AGAINST YOU AND YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR WRITTEN DEFENSES, IF ANY, TO IT ON, SALLY ROBERTS, THE PLAINTIFF’S ATTORNEY, WHOSE ADDRESS IS PO BOX 2026, PERRY, FL 32348, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 25, 2026, 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 AUGUST 24, 2026

GARY KNOWLES,
AS CLERK OF THE COURT
BY: KATHRYN LAGO
AS DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-000145

TRIAD FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,
Plaintiff, vs.
JOSHUA B. LANGFORD, ELIZABETH A. LANGFORD, UNKNOWN PARTY IN POSSESSION, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the FINAL JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE filed on June 25, 2026, and entered in Case No. 2025-CA-000145 in and for Taylor County, Florida, wherein TRIAD FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. is Plaintiff, and JOSHUA B. LANGFORD and ELIZABETH A. LANGFORD are Defendants. Gary Knowles, Clerk of the Circuit Court & Comptroller, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash ON THE EAST STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE, at 108 NORTH JEFFERSON STREET, PERRY in TAYLOR County, FLORIDA 32347, at 11:00 A.M., on October 29, 2026, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

PARCEL 2:

A PART OF LOT 11, BLOCK A AND LOT 12, BLOCK A, OF FORTNER SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 178 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 11 BLOCK A, FORTNER SUBDIVISION, AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 13° 19′15″ EAST, ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FORTNER CIRCLE, A DISTANCE OF 119.50 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 417 PAGE 317 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE SOUTH 76° 48′42″ WEST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 240.96 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LANDS AND THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF GEORGIA AND FLORIDA RAILNET INC; THENCE NORTH 13°12′55″ WEST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 181.25 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 442 PAGE 860 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF TAYLOR COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE NORTH 76° 43′09″ EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LANDS, A DISTANCE OF 240.63 TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LANDS AND THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF FORTNER CIRCLE; THENCE SOUTH 13°19′15″ EAST, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 62.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

Parcel ID No.: 02035-000

Together with that certain Manufactured Home more specifically described as:

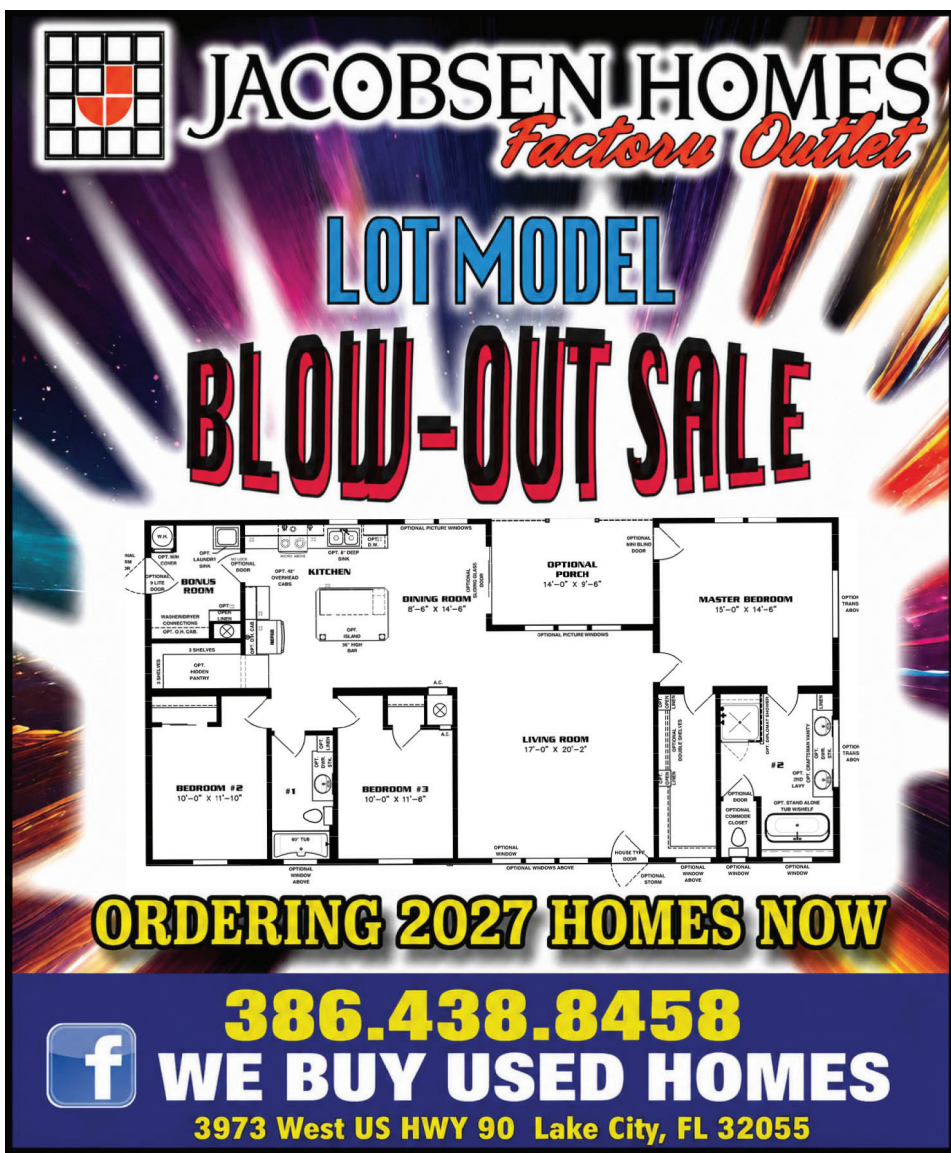
2021 Live Oak Homes, D-3663A, 66X30

Serial No. LOHGA32072092A/ LOHGA32072092B

Property Address: 4450 Fortner Cir, Perry, FL 32347

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.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 108 N. Jefferson Street, 1st Floor, Perry, FL 32347, Phone No. (850) 758-2163 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-995-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Dated on August 25, 2026.

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