

MARCH 19, 2024



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9am to 3pm
March 23, 2024

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NEW ARRIVAL

1279 SW MARTHA ST.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS#A4602971

FEATURES

- 2 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Office/ potential 3rd bedroom
- 2021 build
- Open/ Split floor plan
- Large shed
- New Septic system

LISTED AT
\$225,000

NEW ARRIVAL

2288 NW BROWNVILLE ST.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266,
MLS#A4603001

FEATURES

- 4 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 2 Car garage
- 5.10 Acres
- Pool
- Huge screened patio
- Remodeled Kitchen
- New floors
- Impressive master bedroom/ ensuite
- 40x40 Barn
- 30x48 Workshop
- Zoned Ag
- Flood Zone X

LISTED AT
\$725,000

NEW ARRIVAL

1683 SE HARGRAVE ST.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266, MLS# A4603330

FEATURES

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- Pre- Construction 2024 build
- Open Concept
- Stainless steel appliances
- Metal Roof
- large Island
- Near Parks & Conveniences
- Upgrades Available!
- Buyer picks colors!

LISTED AT
\$254,000

GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY!!!

3112 OAKS BND.,
BOWLING GREEN, FL 33834, MLS# A4589989

FEATURES

- 3 Bedrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- 2318 Sq Ft
- 2008 custom build
- Energy efficient
- Bonus room
- 10 ft ceilings
- Gated neighborhood
- Fenced backyard
- Concrete patio
- 2022 roof
- Modern appliances

REDUCED TO
\$429,900

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FEATURES

80+ acres of Hamlin citrus groves. This listing consists of 5 parcels. Power is available on parcel 20-37-37-0A05-0010-0000. There are also 2 wells located within this 80+ acres, a 12 in well and a 10 in well, both have diesel pumps. This property is zoned A-10,

NE HWY 70,
ARCADIA, FL 34266
MLS#A4597555

LISTED AT
\$680,000

351 VALDOSTA RD.,
ARCADIA, FL 34266,
MLS#A4570715

LISTED AT
\$50,000

FEATURES

2 different orange groves both on 10 acres for sale in the Alico Citrus Grove/Joshua water control district. both parcels offer fresh water canals.

Owner financing Available!


NE HWY 70,
ARCADIA, FL 34266,
MLS#A4600488&A4600478

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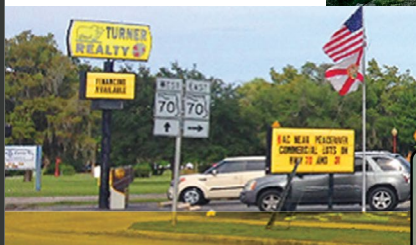
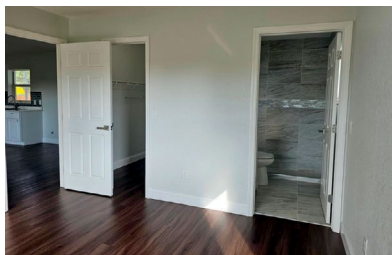
Recently Remodeled

**1320 SE Ohio Ave
Arcadia, FL 34266
MLS# C7489126
\$319,000**

- ✔ 3 BEDROOM
- ✔ 2 BATHROOM
- ✔ OVERSIZED LOT

This home will qualify for most financing programs (FHA, VA and USDA).

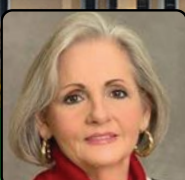
Ready for immediate occupancy. Super neat and clean home that shows like new. All new baths, kitchen, roof, floors and new interior and exterior paint. Must see the pride in ownership. Every detail has been done very meticulously. Home is very spacious with an open floor plan. High ceilings. Inside washer and dryer room. New tankless water heater. Enjoyed the Florida weather in the spacious screened rear porch that has a huge privacy fenced yard. Hurry schedule an appointment right way.



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223 E. OAK ST. STE. 1B, ARCADIA, FL 34266

REDUCED

This recently renovated POOL home on .91 Acre corner lot has just had a drastic reduction in price. There is 3118 total sq. ft. in this block home with 3 bedrooms and 3 full baths as well as a two car garage. The roof is brand new, so is the inground pool. New flooring in bedrooms, bathrooms, office and bonus rooms. The kitchen has new appliances and breakfast bars. Fresh paint inside and out and new fixtures. Previously asking \$445,000, this offering is now listed at \$435,000. You must come see to appreciate the 450 sq ft common area that includes the kitchen, dining and family room with the very inviting fireplace for the much cooler weather we have been having.

MLS# C7485257 **ASKING \$435,000**



2.5 ACRES



This BRAND NEW, 2829 total sq ft block home sits on very coveted 2 1/2 acres in the County. Tile floors throughout, custom kitchen with breakfast bar, split plan bedrooms, large common area, rear porch overlooking the acreage, which is fenced and gated. The zoning is A-5 which allows for grazing animals. Nice circular drive inside the front wooden fence has just been paved. What is not to love with property and all possibilities it offers. Come take a peek.

MLS# C7486461 **ASKING \$538,000**



Jean Vitali

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ALCOCER, ADOLFO:

Flee/Elude Police - Fail To Obey
Leo Order To Stop, Nonmoving
Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp
2Nd Off

BAILEY, DYLAN MICHAEL:

Aggrav Battery - Cause Bodily
Harm Or Disability

BUSH, SHYIAN NISHAI:

Marijuana-Possess - Possess
Marijuana Over 20 Grams, Drug
Equip-Possess - And Or Use

CAMALLERI, EDDIE MANUEL:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While
Lic Susp 1St Off

CHANZA, GEORGE LUIS:

Prob Violation (X3)

DAVIS, TIMOTHY WILLIAM:

Out Of County Warrant

DUOBLYS, JOSEPH ANTHONY:

Possession Of Weapon - Or Ammo
By Convicted Fla Felon, Fail To Reg
As Crim Reg - Convicted Felon Fail
To Register

FERNANDEZ, JAIMIE DAWN:

Trespassing - Fail To Leave
Property Upon Order By Owner,
Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

FUENTES, OLIVA CARRANZA:

Larc - Petit Theft 2Nd Degree 1St
Offense

GOFF, KENNETH EDWARD:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

HATCHER, MALAYAH NIJEANA:

Prob Violation

JOHNSON, CHAWNSAE DAVON:

Sex Offender Violation - Fail To
Comply With Registration Law,
Marijuana-Possess - Not More
Than 20 Grams, Larc - Petit Theft
2Nd Degree 1St Offense

LASH, JASON DANIEL:

Dui-Unlaw Bld Alch - .15 Or Higher
Or With Person Under 18 3Rd Off

LOPEZ DE JESUS, JENNIFER:

Contrib Delinq Minor - Parent Fail
To Require School Attendance

MACK, MOUNTRY:

Resist Officer - Flee Elude Leo With
Lights Siren Active, Drug
Equip-Possess - And Or Use,
Marijuana-Possess - Not More
Than 20 Grams

**MARTINEZ- SALDANA,
ONESIMO:**

Retail Theft (Value \$100 Or Less)
1St Ofns - Pursuant To 812.015

MCCALL, KYLE LYNN:

Battery - Touch Or Strike, Resist
Officer - Obstruct Wo Violence

MORIVAL, ERNST:

Moving Traffic Viol - Reckless
Driving 1St Off

OLGUIN JR, FRANCISCO:

Prob Violation

PENA BRICENO, DENIS

RAFAEL:

Traffic Offense - Dui Alcohol Or
Drugs

RAY, DEVIN LEE:

Impound Confine Animal Wo
Sufficient Food Water (X2)

RICHARDSON, DOUGLAS R:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While
Lic Susp 1St Off

ROBERTS, CHELSEA LYNN:

Abandon To Die Animal Sick Maim
Infirm Disease

SANTANA-MUNOZ, PILAR:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate
Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

SNYDER JR., DAVID LEE:

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly
Weapon Without Intent To Kill

STEPHENSON, JAMES HENRY:

Out Of County Warrant (X2)

TIJERINA, GREGORY GARCIA:

Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo
Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess
- And Or Use



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\$245,000



Two bedroom, two and half bathroom, two car garage home in the Sunnybreeze Community. Features include a massive living area, kitchen with plenty of cabinetry, dining room with direct access to the screened in back porch, metal roof and large yard.

\$250,000



Great future home site in the city limits! This property totals 5 lots, measures almost half an acre, sits on a paved road and is cleared. This property is zoned R-1C, perfect for a new home. There is even a well already installed that is currently being used for irrigation of plants. Public water and sewer are available at the road for connection!

\$36,500



Updated three bedroom, two bathroom home on over a third of an acre. Features include: a primary suite with a ton of dedicated space to relax and recharge, an oversized kitchen perfect for entertaining, statement fireplace in the living room and multiple outbuildings for extra storage or workshop space.

\$174,900

— 3 MORE CLOSINGS —



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Boehm on the sale of their home!



Congratulations to Mr. Freeman on the sale of his property!



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Cline on the sale of their home!

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Lots for Rent

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10.COMMUNITY

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Yard Sales

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“Amazing Love”

“What A Beautiful
Name”

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4.85 ACRES



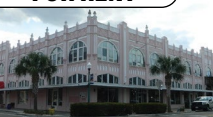
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FOR RENT



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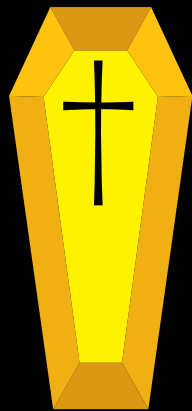
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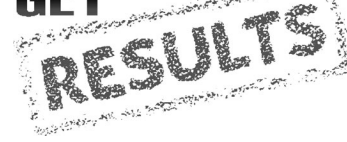
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| 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
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| 4 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 6 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| 8 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 4 |

ANSWER:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION SAMPLE BALLOT

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March 19, 2024
Republican Party
DeSoto County, Florida

01 South County Annex

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- Use only the marking device provided or a black or blue pen.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. Do not cross out your vote or your vote may not count.

President
(Vote for 1)

☐ Ryan L. Binkley

☐ Chris Christie

☐ Ron DeSantis

☐ Nikki R. Haley

☐ Asa Hutchinson

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☐ Donald J. Trump

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20
February

Presidential
Preference Primary

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19 de Marzo de 2024
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Condado de DeSoto, Florida

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(Votar por 1)

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION DAY: MARCH 19TH

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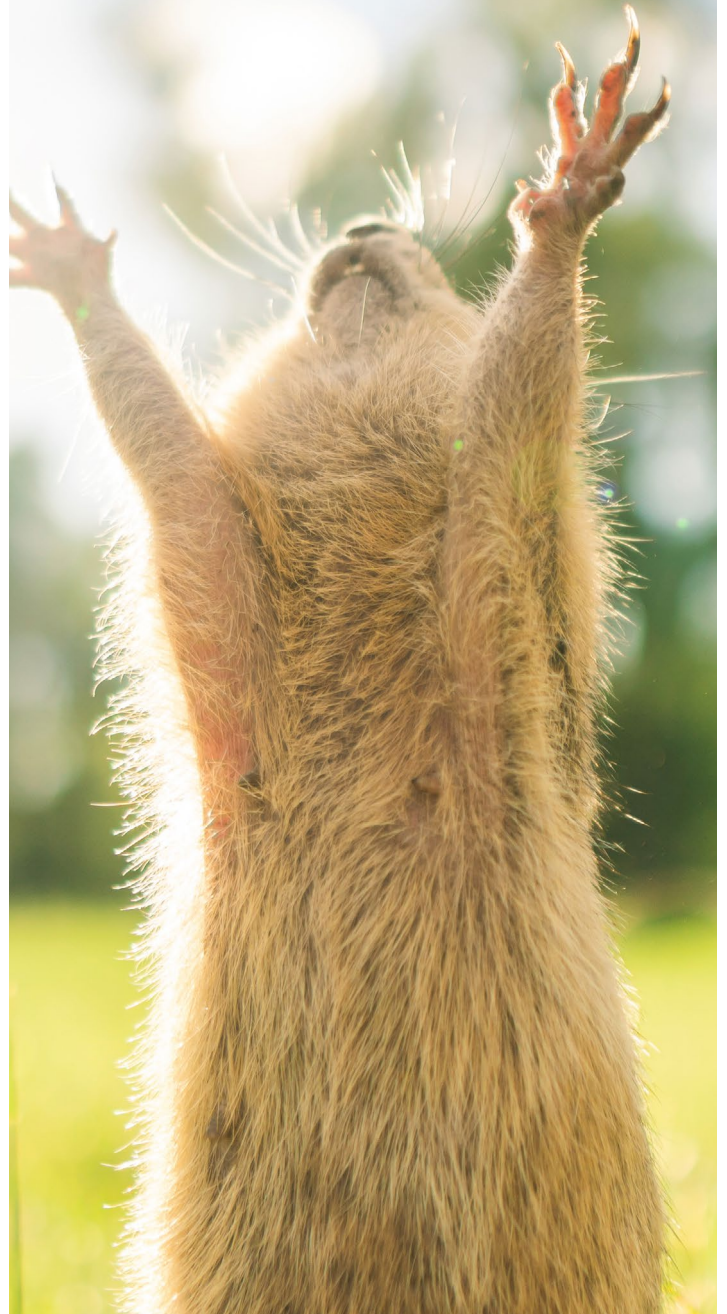
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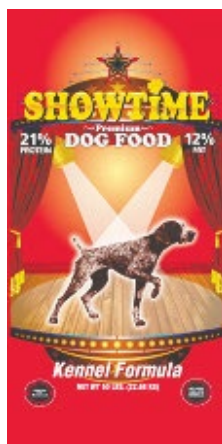
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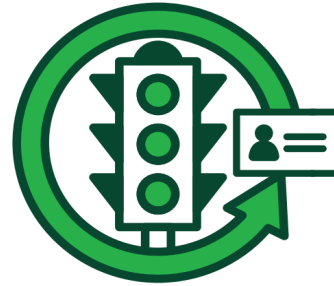
While I Breathe I Hope

CRYPTO FUN

Answers: A. physical B. routine C. exercise D. male



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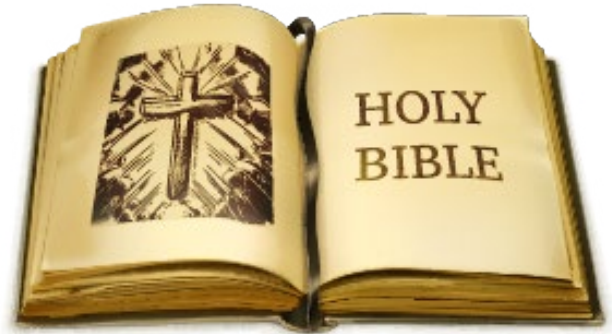
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OBITUARIES

Perry L. Randall



Perry L. Randall passed away December 31, 2023. Perry was born November 6, 1955 in Flint, Michigan to Louis & Janolla Randall. He was the youngest son & had 2 older brothers; David & Mark. The family moved to Riverview, FL. When Perry was 8 years old, his father was killed in an auto accident. Later moved to Ft. Myers. At 14 years old, he began roofing & spraying urethane foam systems. In 1981 he moved to the Arcadia area and began working for Lou Welch at the Paint Spot (Action Roofing) & made great friends Judge Parker & Donnie Lefrbre, Louis Wilson and Jerry Morell. His past time was given to hot rodding cars, trucks & his drag boat (hardly anyone would go for a second ride). He was hard to work for only because he wanted the job to be perfect. Perry belonged to Kingdom Hall in Arcadia. He took his mother there

most Sundays. Perry married Sharyn K. Epperly in 1986 making him the stepfather to Stephanie B. Epperly and put a family back together. He was truly selfless when it came to taking on the responsibility and role of a father to a teenage girl and loved her mother unconditionally. Family was very important to Perry.

Philip Wayne Turner



Philip Wayne Turner, 91, entered his heavenly home on March 8, 2024. Philip was born on March 16, 1932, to John H. and Virginia (Moore) Turner. He was born and raised in Arcadia, FL where he made a very successful life for him and his family. During his life, Phil built several profitable businesses which included cattle ranching, watermelon farming and citrus groves. He was also proud of operating the Arcadia Livestock Market for 7 years, which fulfilled a lifelong dream of his. Through the years he was an active

member of many of the boards involved with the agricultural industry. Philip served his country and was honorably discharged in 1952 from the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He was a Baptist and member of the First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden. In his spare time, Phil enjoyed fishing, deer and quail hunting, and just being outside. He was the happiest anytime he was checking his cows, watching his watermelons grow or just sitting in Englewood watching the boats go by.

Philip married Shirley (Fort) on March 16, 1958, and together they raised four children. Libby Turner McKettrick, John H. (Margie) Turner III, Philip W. (Amy) Turner Jr. and Malcome "Mac" Turner. He was Grandpa to eight grandchildren: Krista (Robert) Browning, Stephen (Jamie) Heine, John (Nicole) Turner IV, Randall Turner, Brad (Erika) Turner, Philip Turner III (Amanda), Bailey (Shelby) Turner and Katie (Landon) Albritton. He was also Grandpa to his 11 great grandchildren. Phil was a family man who instilled a hard-working ethic and love of the land in all of them. Many are carrying on the agricultural efforts and traditions so that his legacy can live on for many years.

Philip was preceded in death by his parents, his wife

Shirley Turner, his brother Eugene H. Turner Sr., his daughter-in-law, Sherrie Turner and his son-in-law, Carl McKettrick Sr.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, his special caregivers, and many other family and friends.

Visitation was held at Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home, Arcadia on Sunday, March 17 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.

The Funeral was held at the First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden, Pastor Wayne Earnest officiated, on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 11:00AM. Interment was held at Joshua Creek Cemetery at 2:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice of Arcadia, 919 North Arcadia Ave., Arcadia, FL 34266 or First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden, P O Box 157, Ft. Odgen, FL 34267, or to the charity of your choice.

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Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 12 = R)

A. 22 7 24 25 1 4 12

Clue: Flat surface

B. 19 2 25 5 1 23

Clue: Surrounds sink in bathroom

C. 11 5 12 12 7 12

Clue: Reflective device

D. 22 2 15 5 25 4 1 9

Clue: Storage devices

Answers: A. counter B. vanity C. mirror D. cabinets

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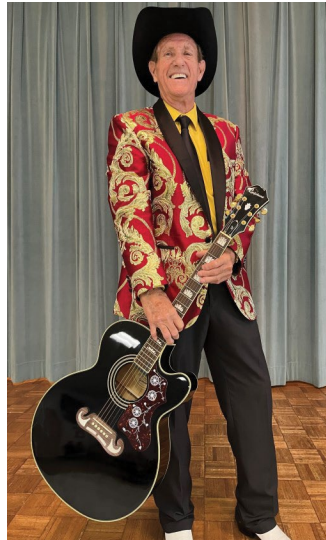
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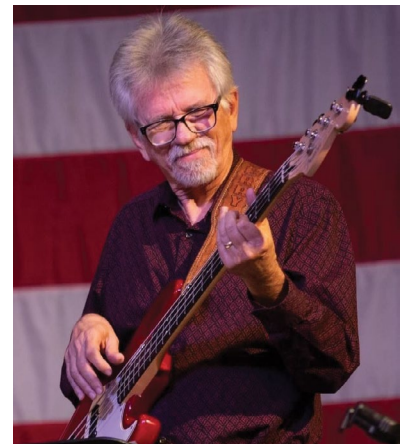
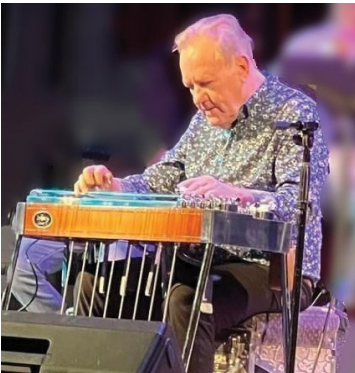


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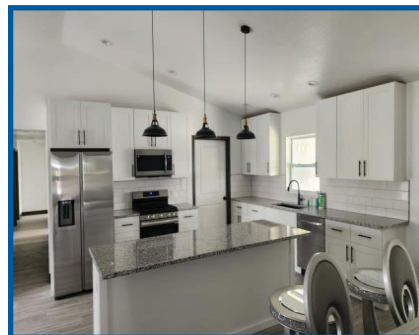
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THE Tree

CHAPTER 1

Early on in life I remember being told about an old tree that was so old that everybody thought it had been growing since the flood. If that was true, that would surely be an old tree. They say it had grown up between two big mountains, and that it was so big that it reached up to those mountains and touched on two sides. The story goes on to say that the “Yellows” took care of the tree and always had. I assume somebody in my family told somebody else and over time the story must have been twisted, but there was always one thing that made me wonder. It was the part about the “Yellows” taking care of it. My grandfather had always told me that we are part of the “Yellows”. As a young person, I never gave much thought to the name. Oh, I knew it had something to do with the tree, I had heard old stories of how the “Yellows” protected the tree and that the “Others” wanted to destroy it. I never knew who the “Others” were. I guess I just assumed they were around and wanted the tree as well. But, as I grew older, strange things began to happen to me. Like the time I was at the hardware store in our little town, and an old wrinkled up man called me Levi. I just looked at him. When he said it the second time I was looking right in his eyes. They were black as coal, black and scary. That’s when he said it again. You are Levi the “O”. Of course, I thought he had mistaken me for someone else, but he would not take that for an answer. After the second time he called me Levi the “O”, he walked off and went his way. The poor old man could hardly walk down the street. He would fall up against the wall every now and then just talking to himself. I figured that he must be drunk and thought I was someone he knew. All these years no one had ever told me anything that I needed to do or to worry about. There was no information given to me about my family or that there was anything special about us. Heck, I was almost grown now. I will be thirteen in two more months. Should there be anything I should know, now would be

a good time for someone to tell me. Sure, strange things had happened to me before that I couldn’t explain, but hasn’t that happened to everybody? Everything had always seemed pretty much normal to me, unless my age might have had something to do with it. Were things hidden because of my age? I don’t know what I don’t know, but I must admit that strange thoughts were beginning to invade my head, and at night, my dreams were getting weird. This same dream would keep coming back that didn’t make any sense to me. I was dreaming about large burned fields with people and trees laying everywhere. I had never had dreams like that before. I had never seen the big old tree that the “Yellows” took care of. It had only been in conversation, but in my dreams, there was a giant tree with huge limbs sticking out of it. All the branches were big and had yellow leaves on them. The base of the tree was a brown color, almost a chocolate color, and roots were growing out of the ground that had a tint of orange to them. In the dream, the tree was alive. It was feeding on the large corn fields around it. The roots went right up to the corn and would pull it from under the ground and eat the corn, plant and all. When I would look at the tree, I felt like it was trying it’s best to not let any leaves touch the ground, like something would happen if they did. I would always wake up just as I knew there was a big wind coming. The skies would get dark and the wind would howl, but as soon as the wind would begin, I would wake up...

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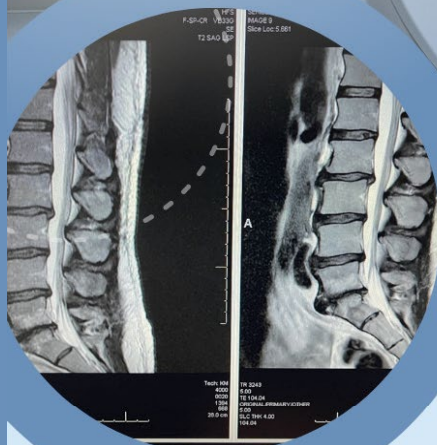
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