

# Byrd: Her attitude is contagious

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students, staff and the community is the key to success.

This philosophy is evident from the moment you meet her as her excitement is contagious. In her first week on the job she hosted two "meet and greets," one with her staff and one with the community.

Her desire to build relationships is clearly at the heart of her leadership style.

It's not just her positive attitude toward leadership that sets her apart, it's the results she gets as well.

During her tenure as principal at Hidden Oaks

Elementary, she increased the school grade from a "C" to "A" and received recognition from Governor Rick Scott as one of the top elementary schools for reading gains in the State of Florida.

Furthermore, under her leadership at Memorial Middle in 2021-2022, the school earned the highest learning gains in math and proficiency scores in civics in the history of the school.

Williams was also a part of the inaugural group of Level 5 principals with OCPS. Level 5 principals are considered top level leaders who are ambitious and put the needs of others above their own.

These kinds of results speak for themselves and this is why she will be a great leader for Wekiva High School. Most of all, I'm just so impressed by her excitement to join Wekiva and the vision of unity and joy she has for the school.

She is married with six children ranging in ages 12-26. Her family loves to travel and try new restaurants.

Williams is joined by two new assistant principals as well at Wekiva this year: Douglas Miller and Kristen Iannuzzi.

It's going to be a great year for our Mustangs and our community!

# Those who can't do, teach. Do you agree?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his/her best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they often say about teachers: "Those who can't do, teach."

To stress his point, he said to another guest: "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make? She paused for a second, then began ...

Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. \*I make a C+ feel

like the Congressional Medal of Honor. \*I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit through five without an iPod, Game Cube, or movie rental.

You want to know what I make? She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.

\*I make kids wonder. \*I make them question. \*I make them criticize. \*I make them apologize and mean it. \*I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. \*I teach them to write and then I make them write. \*I make them read, read, read. \*I make them show all their work in math. \*I make my students from other countries learn everything they need to know in English, while preserving their unique cultural identity.

\*I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. \*I make my students stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag because we live in the United States of America.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts, they can succeed in life.

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued: "Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention, because they are ignorant.

You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What do you make?  
**Teachers make every other profession possible.**  
Author Unknown

# Moore: Placemaking uses history

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## Action Through a Main Street Master Plan: DeFuniak Springs Main Street Case Study

I learned rather quickly that sometimes you need a professional to write a comprehensive plan. There is never enough money, and integrating community-wide planning processes with the purpose of maximizing the effect and leveraging funds is powerful.

The "electeds" must hold staff accountable to the plan, budget and will of the people. The plan is the tool.

The DeFuniak springs Main Street Master Plan project created effective cross-collaboration with city leaders, departments, residents, and external agencies. The speakers highlighted the process.

## Placemaking in the Palm Beaches: Historic Buildings as Anchors -

Placemaking is something I absolutely love to do. While serving on the School Board, I was instrumental in remaking new prototype schools into special places through creating

exhibits, sculpture, school histories, and art.

Speaker Rick Gonzalez, AIA with REG Architects, Inc. used Palm Beach County as his example for placemaking. Palm Beach has a rich concentration of historic and new buildings which respect historical precedent. Early mixed-use projects from the 1920s are models for today's live/workspaces.

Remember, placemaking uses historic preservation as a tool for existing buildings, as well as new construction. It involves a purposeful effort to serve ALL people, encourage social interaction, and promote well-being that builds upon the special assets of a community and strengthens them through thoughtful design.

## Historic Cemeteries as Cultural Resources -

Alisa Slade Lotane, Florida State Historic Preservation Officer and her team led a session on the importance of local cemeteries.

The goal of the session was to learn how to use historic cemeteries in

research, providing information, and how to properly clean and maintain them. She also updated attendees on recent legislation pertaining to cemeteries.

## Recollecting Memories: Florida's Last Fish Camp

Professor Charlie Hailley PhD from the University of Florida is an author, philosopher, and architect who has studied the interconnection of fish camps. Fish camps witness the changing ecology and important lifeways of Florida's people. We have some buildings reminiscent of fish camps remaining on Lake Apopka in the Paradise Heights community. I hope I can get a historical marker, something done to commemorate these previous fish camps. Paradise Heights could use some revitalization.

As you can see, there are many ways to use history, design, planning, art, cemeteries, beautification, and other tools to improve communities. I hope reading this series of columns on the Florida Main Street Program inspires you to action.

# Hayden: Close the open borders

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intentions and the only thing that keeps them from completely dissolving our Constitutional Republic is the fervent efforts of the very few true patriots we have left in our political arena.

Do you know why it is expedient for the Democrats to toss out the second amendment? What caused us to enter WWII and claim war against the Japanese was the bombing of Pearl Harbor. But do you know why the Japanese did not make a beach landing with a significant military force? They knew that every home had a firearm, or firearms, and they thought it a lesser loss of personnel to make a run on the "Pearl" using aircraft.

Do you now know why the Swamp wants to get rid of our weapons? Read our Declaration of Independence. You will see how precious freedom is and how it is

to be protected even from "domestic" enemies.

We do not need politicians; we need sewer cleaners. We have grossly maligned the name "Swamp." A swamp is an environmental eco-system that gives life promoting protection to different forms of animals, birds, and humans.

I think what we need to be calling Washinton, D.C. is the sewer. After all, it is filled with rats, excrement, and garbage.

What we need to hire are sewer cleaners. Say anything you want about Donald J. Trump, but the reason the rats hate him and want to get him out of the way is because he uncovered all their lies, and deceitful cover-ups they had built up over years of unethical, immoral, backstabbing methods to keep the public from ruining their sewer nests that were padded with tax money. They have been voting for their own causes.

In my opinion, Donald J. Trump should be allowed to finish what he started.

Let's give him his last four years to restore the economical foundation, and the freedoms so blatantly stolen from America by the Biden regime.

After he sets the United States of America back up where we belong - as leader of the world's superpowers- we can get the next conservative leader, Gov. Ron DeSantis to maintain our world dominance for the next eight years.

That will give us twelve years of growth: economical, moral, spiritual, and pride in our national heritage. I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired.

Let us close off the spigot of diseases and illnesses that are streaming across our border and take the bitter medicine of firing all those responsible for this charade. See you at the polls!

# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **DENNY SHIVER** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located on the southeast corner of Plymouth Sorrento Road and Dowman Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

## ORDINANCE NO. 3024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY SNP PROPERTIES, LLC; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD AND DOWMAN DRIVE, COMPRISING 5 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 07-20-28-0000-00-030 AND 07-20-28-0000-00-070  
Contains: 5 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3024 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, September 20, 2023 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Council  
Apopka Planning Commission  
Community Development Department

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## ALL ABOUT APOPKA

### The Apopka Chief

Established 1923  
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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 23, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.

The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

www.theapokachief.com, news@theapokachief.com



#### City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi.	www.apopka.net

#### Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

#### Other Area Numbers of Note

<b>U.S. Senators</b>	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
<b>U.S. Representative</b>	
Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10)	202-225-2176
<b>State Representatives</b>	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
<b>State Senators</b>	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
<b>Orange County Commissioner</b>	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
<b>Orange County Public Schools</b>	
Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441