Byrd: Local state champion is met

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phenomenal year!

Wekiva High School FFA has a state finalist in Agricultural Mechanics and Fabrication Proficiency Award and they also have the state champion in the Safe Tractor Operations and Maintenance Career Development Event.

I met our state champion recently and he is thrilled to continue his path working with farm machinery after graduation. He was very enthusiastic about the highdemand career waiting for him that he will have with no college debt to pay off, a career he may not have found, had it not been for FFA.

Apopka High School FFA has a state finalist in the Landscape Management Proficiency award as well as the state champions in the Ornamental Horticulture Demonstration-Landscape Division.

They also have the third place team in the State Floriculture Career Development

Event.

Yes, it is fun watching the passion these kids have for their area of expertise. At a recent visit to the Central Florida Fair, I was able to spend some time with students who were showing their hens, rabbits and ducks. The amount of time, attention, research and energy that goes into caring for these animals is impressive, and students in the middle schools that I spoke to could not have been more excited to put in the time.

It's a beautiful thing to see students passionate about anything, and when they see a light go on in their future pathway, it's even better. Every child who participates in FFA doesn't follow a career path in agriculture, but they certainly gain valuable leadership skills and a work ethic that will serve them well no matter what future they choose.

Congratulations to all our FFA chapters in OCPS on a very successful year!

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that Investments Alliance, LLC has made application relating to the described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3054

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COUNTY" RURAL 1/2 TO "CITY" RURAL SETTLEMENT FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2518 HAAS ROAD, OWNED BY INVESTMENTS ALLIANCE, LLC., COMPRISING 4.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

and

ORDINANCE NO. 3055

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO PD (PLANNED PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT), FOR CERTAIN REAL LOCATED AT 2518 HAAS ROAD; OWNED BY INVESTMENTS ALLIANCE, LLC., COMPRISING 4.17 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE



Police make first arrests in Florida of pro-Palestinian protesters at two university campuses

By Vivienne Serret Fresh Take Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. -Police supported by

state troopers arrested nine pro-Palestinian protesters late Monday, May 29, who had occupied a plaza on the University of Florida for days. They were among the first college arrests in

Florida. Campus police Sgt. Courtney Marie Burgoyne said officers arrested nine

protesters, who were led away in handcuffs. It followed the arrest of three other protesters at the University of South Florida in Tampa, hours earlier. The administration at

Florida's flagship public university said in a statement the protesters had violated new rules announced last week that included "no disruptions" and a ban on camping, sleeping, bullhorns and tents – but it didn't immediately say exactly what the protesters were accused of doing wrong. A spokesman, Steve Orlando, declined Monday night to answer questions about the arrests. "I do not have to tell

you anything," an unidentified campus police officer told a protester at the scene. About 30 protesters remained after the arrests. Some shouted "shame" and "who do you protect?" at

officers and troopers. It wasn't immediately clear whether anyone who was arrested was a student or otherwise affiliated with the university.

Under the university's new rules, students who violate them will be suspended, and employees or professors would be fired.

In a statement emailed to reporters 16 minutes after the arrests, Orlando said police gave the protesters "multiple warnings and multiple opportunities to comply" before they were arrested.

"This is not complicated: The University of Florida is not a daycare, and we do not treat protesters like children – they knew the rules, they broke the rules, and they'll face the consequences," Orlando said in the statement. "For many days, we have patiently told protesters - many of whom are outside agitators - that they were able to exercise their right to free speech and free assembly.3

The arrests occurred about 7:40 p.m. Monday

on the school's Plaza of the Americas, the centrally located square in the heart of campus. Law enforcement officers - including about 15 campus and municipal police officers and about six Florida Highway Patrol troopers - marched toward the plaza and protesters with batons in hand.

Police appeared to shut off power in the area during the arrests then restored it immediately afterward.

Last week was the last day of regularly scheduled classes for the semester. Some students were finishing final exams this week.

Sunday night, as police explained the university's new rules to protesters, some of them criticized officers and compared them to members of the white supremacist group, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Israeli Defense Force: "IDF, KKK, UFPD, you're all the same," protesters chanted as someone beat on a drum.

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Communications. The reporter can be reached at vivienneserret@ufl.edu.

Moore: Designated areas are named

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tween neighborhoods, centers, and other special areas. Corridors are essentially streets, roads, or transit lines like SunRail tracks, but, a corridor also extends into the surrounding development.

Unincorporated areas that have already been developed in the past may receive a designation as a center, neighborhood, or corridor during this process. The great majority of the county's suburban

neighborhoods will also be typed or mapped, with the primary goal being to maintain or reinforce their existing residential character. Environmental lands, undeveloped areas, and rural properties do not receive a place type designation unless they become part of a specific land development application or small-area planning project.

The Board of County Commissioners will vote on whether to adopt Vision 2050 in September 2024.

Now is the time for you to share what you want to see occur where you live. Go to the interactive map on the county's website at: https://bit.ly/v2050web. On the website, you can comment on any location in Orange County.

Finally, we need to hear from as many residents as possible about planning in District 2. If you want to speak with the Planning Department directly, call 407.836.5600 or email: Vision2050@ocfl. net.

Parcel Identification Number(s): 07-20-28-0000-00-025 Contains: 4.17 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 3054 and 3055 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday**, June 5, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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.

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Hayden: Encourage one another

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All part of the making of the land we call America, and its history. We think

of the grander, more extraordinary happenings when we talk of history, but without those who were a part of daily life in general, there would be no history. History is propagated by ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

We need to become that people again. We need to encourage one another to stand and be counted. In society today, we

have an administration that states we can think what we want to, but you will be ignored, and you will be mocked to the point people will think you are losing it. The master no longer says,

"Think as I think or die." Now we are told we can go our own way, but you will be ostracized from humanity.

You will be shunned, and people will point at you, call you a detractor, devisor, racist, and you will be treated as a stranger. Even those that you call friends will turn away in fear of joining you in your "non-person" status.

Oh, they tell you they will not take your life, but the life of subordination they offer is worse than death.

Patrick Henry said it best: "Give me liberty or give me death!" The only thing democracy and socialism have in common is the word "equality." The difference is democracy

seeks equality in justice and liberty while socialism seeks equality in bondage and slavery.

You can follow the "Judas goat" up the ramp to slaughter as the sheep do, to their own butchering, or you can make the decision to bring back our Democratic Republic by being secure in your belief in America and getting up and getting busy.

We do not need the government telling us what they can give us for our happiness.

We need to pursue our own happiness by getting down to the "nitty-gritty," by going to work, and as Roger Miller once said, "Knuckle down, buckle down, do it, do it, do it!"

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Students are encouraged to finish up strong to prepare for next year



March.

Teacher

We are locked in and going strong! This is our last month to put in the hard work to perform at our best on our end of the year assessments. Our teachers have gone above and beyond to ensure EVERY child has the tools and strat-

egies they need to be successful. Our students continue to work hard and persevere with grit and the right mindset. Our Wildcats are a tough bunch that can and will bring their best through and through. Let's

finish strong! Lovell Up Wildcats! Game On!

House News:

Congratulations to the House of Majime for winning the most House Points this month! Ubuntu and Majime tied in the March Madness House Challenge Games during lunch but

Majime had enough total points to become House Winners for the Month of

Apprecia-

From Principal Sarasty:

tion Week will be celebrat-

ed from May 6 – May 10. If you would like to donate any items towards this event, it would be appreciated. Please reach out to Mrs. Davis at EXT/ 3602292 or email Laquesha.Davia vis@ocps.net.

This year's testing theme is Lovell Up for the Super Bowl, All in to Win! We will be having a Pep-Rally and a parade to motivate the students before testing.

May 1st is School Principal's Day. May 3rd is School Lunch Hero Day. May 8th is School Nurse Day.

Thank you ALL for the many things you do to take care of our children and staff!

Please keep up to date on Talking Points and Teacher messages for the many activities coming up in May.

Fourth grade

they are learning poetry, rhyme,

figurative language, and stanzas.

The book that they are reading

are all about nature. Even though

Mrs. Sims isn't a math or science

teacher she uses science like the

writing they just took the BEST

writing test and they just start-

ed learning how to write in cur-

Tell them you saw it in The Apopka Chief



Dawn Dowd

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Orange County Public Schools

OCPS HERO

SUPPORT STAFF

What would we do without Ms. Dowd? Willing to jump in to help at a moment's notice, Ms. Dowd is always there to lend a helping hand. Her charismatic attitude and calming demeanor help to make our front office one of the best to visit in the county. Lovell students adore that she gives out the best hugs and compliments. It gives us great pride to have Ms. Dowd as a part of this team. Her hard work, and dedication to the success of our students continues to inspire us.

#OCPSHeroSupportStaff

Lovell Elementary's OCPS HERO's: Danielle Steward – OCPS HERO Teacher and Dawn Dowd – OCPS HERO Support Staff.



Third grade

Mrs. Steele's kids are learning about plants and their structure. In math, Mrs. Steele's kids are learning about geo shapes and area models. Mrs. Steele thinks the best reward this year is watch-

sive. The most rewarding part of ing how her students have matured and reached their goals. this year for Mrs. Sims is seeing Third graders are excited about her non-English students particitheir SeaWorld field trip. pate in small group and class dis- J. Occenat and cussion. Exciting things are com-D. Limage ing to Mrs. Sims class and they are doing an escape room and a goodbye party for Mrs. Sims in-In Mrs. Sims class, in reading

tern Mrs. Enamorado. The fourth grade has an upcoming field trip to Saint Augustine.

Fifth grade

In Mrs. West's math class, water cycle in small group. In her scholars are learning about classifying shapes, in science they are learning about food chains and interdependence. The ation

most rewarding part of the year for her was that she could see all the growth her students were making. She is working on preparing for fast now that spring is approaching. They just returned from a Busch Gardens field trip. -A. Hansen

Upcoming events

April 22-26 - Teacher Appreci-- B.Wade ation Week April 24 – Administrative Professional Day April 27 – Parent Academy May 1 - Long Wednesday

May 1 – School Principal Day

May 3 - Lunch Hero Appreci-

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OCPS HERO TEACHER

Danielle Steward

A HERO teacher is one who is resilient, creative, and pushes her students to be the best they can be. Ms. Steward embodies all of these qualities and more. Patient, caring,

fun, knowledgeable, and empathetic are gualities that make

has a phenomenal teacher. With more than twelve years of teaching under her belt, Ms. Steward has seen her fair share of students come and go through the Lovel Elementary hals. The relationships she builds with her students is the

reason she has such a huge impact on their growth and development. Her students continue to come back and visit ber year after year. See, after you leave Ms. Steward class, you're forever part of the 'Stewie' Squad' Love Elementary is so fortunate to have the dedication an passion that Ms. Steward brings to her classroom every day

> May 6 – Nurse Appreciation May 7 – Fifth Grade Science PMA May 8 - Long Wednesday May 8 - Fast ELA Test Third-Fifth, Fast K-2 Math May 9 - Fast Math Test Third through Fifth May 13 - Fifth CFE Dance and

P.E. May 13 – NEHS Meeting May 14 - Fifth CFE Music and Drama May 15 - Fifth CFE Art and Health

May 17 - National Speech Language Pathologist Day May 24 - Last Day of School



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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE **REPEAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT OF THE** APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN **TRANSMITTAL HEARING**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statues Section 163.3184 and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B) that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Comprehensive Plan by repealing and replacing the Transportation Element.

ORDINANCE NO. 3029 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CITY OF APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; REPEALING AND REPLACING THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendment at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **<u>Tuesday</u>**, May 14, 2024 beginning at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Further notice is given that a public hearing for the transmittal of the proposed amendment to the Florida Department of Commerce will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, beginning at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Transportation Element 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.

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