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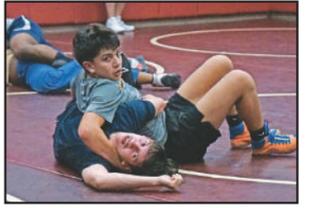
The Apopka Progressive Senior Citizens Club marks Black History Month with a Feb. 25 event. See page 6A.



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Heading to regionals

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County awards \$1.4M contract for local emergency road improvements

Project to address frequent flooding on Ocoee-Apopka Road

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to ratify a \$1.4 million contract for an emergency improvement project to mitigate the frequent flooding on Ocoee-Apopka Road impacting nearby residential dwellings in Apopka.

Awarded to W.T. Comp



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The intersection had Ocoee-Apopka Road and Harmon Road.

Inc., the contract was a consent agenda item the board voted on without any discussion at its Tuesday, Feb. 25, meeting in Orlando. The project, which will

tackle flooding along the road between South Hawthorne Avenue and Marden Road, will focus on catching the runoff through newly built gutters, curbs and inlets

The project will also control stormwater runoff with modified drainage, according to a Jan. 31 county interoffice memorandum.

"Flooding has occurred along Ocoee Apopka Road between South Hawthorne Avenue and Marden, along frontage of residential properties as well of the associated roadside conveyance along the frontage

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Q&A: Bankson expects Legislature to tighten spending

Legislative Session begins March 4, ends May 2

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

State Rep. Doug Bankson, R-District 39, is preparing to enter his second term in the Florida Legislature after winning reelection in November. This week the Apopka native gave The Apopka Chief a preview of the upcoming legislative session, which begins on March 4 and lasts 60 days until May 2.

Bankson has co-sponsored seven bills, including one for tag flipping, House Bill 253. He also gave his perspective on the two recent special sessions that convened to address immigration issues, as well as his efforts to increase funding for the Lake Apopka restoration.

This interview has been edited for clarity and length.

Q: What do you think will be the top three priorities in this year's legislative session overall?

Bankson: Overall, there's been such a national mandate to deal with the immigration issue, and that's a challenge. It's a tough one, but we have to do the right thing when it comes to immigration policy, and the governor has a very strong push for that.

I would say insurance has got to top the list. This is just unaffordable for people, and I'm very concerned, especially for our seniors. We're looking for legislation to try and address that, and I've looked into some other things that deal with the industry itself. I'm personally going to be pressing on that to see what we can do



Rep. Doug Bankson

to bring our insurance prices back to something that's reasonable and affordable.

Beyond that, a real focus is on a tight fiscal policy. [House] Speaker [Daniel Perez] told us this year that we're not to use the word "appropriations." We're supposed to use the word "budget." Because the average person has to live on a budget, and this is their money that we're responsible for, so he wants us to think in that manner.

We're seeing the COVID money begin to disappear, so all of this excess that we've had in the last couple of years is beginning to wane. We have to look forward and make sure that we're not just still spending at the same level even if the same amount of resources are not coming in.

Q: What are the top three issues that are priority to you in this session?

Bankson: Other than continuing to deal with insurance, I'd say No. 1 is education and workforce. Right now, we have a booming economy in one sense, other than the fact that we're trying to keep up with the inflation coming out of Washington, but we've got workforce needs in different areas that we need to make sure

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City celebrates Black History Month

Proclamation reading, music highlight event

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

Twenty-eight Black Apopka legends were recognized at the third annual Celebrating Legends of Apopka Black History Month event on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Apopka Community Center. Families of the deceased were in attendance to receive the honor on the legends' behalf.

The Apopka Youth Council organized the event as well as compiled Volume 3 of the booklet "Celebrating Legends of Apopka in Honor of Black History Month" with local historian Francina Boykin and the city of Apopka.

In addition, the event will feature a special proclamation by Mayor Bryan Nelson, a reception for attendees, and special music performances by Mark Wright-Ahern and the Wekiva High School Chorus.

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Apopkan and opera singer Mark Wright-Ahern sings at the city of Apopka's third annual Celebrating Legends of Apopka Black History Month on Feb. 25.

Police chief swears in 9 new APD officers

Staff Reports

Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley swore in nine new police officers on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Apopka City Hall council chamber.

One by one, the officers were introduced to the community at the ceremony with his biography read. Afterward, McKinley administered the oath, followed by a loved one pinning the badge to each officer.

Six of the officers were sponsored by the Apopka Police Department and just graduated the Police Academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety.

Phillip Galloway

Born in Orlando, Officer Phillip Galloway graduated from Edgewater High School, has an associate's degree in criminal justice and completed the police academy at Polk State College. His hobbies include feeding the needy and spending time with kids. His aspirations in career are to make Apopka a better place and to promote it.

Jacob Braverman

Officer Jacob Braverman was born in Winter Park. He graduated from Lake Brantley

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Developer presents Station Street project layout, plans

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Representatives of the Station Street redevelopment updated the City Council on this project, intended to foster interconnectivity with the rest of downtown Apopka and by accommodating 54 families in its planned two apartment buildings, would further spur the area's economic growth.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 19, Apopka City Council meeting, Kenneth Polsinelli and Jason Schaller, partners of Winter Park-based real estate firm Peacock Capital, showed the Station Street de-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Station Street in Apopka

velopment's conceptual site plan, overall layout, and specific amenities and interior finishes of the apartments. All displayed renderings were not final concepts.

Polsinelli described the unit prices as "affordable market rate." The one-bedroom rent rate at under 800 sq. ft.

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Recreation Complex upgrades to bring Apopka more revenue

The tourist development tax (TDT) is paid by visitors who stay in our Orange County hotels. The city of Apopka has never received a grant from the hotel tax, even though we probably generate \$750,000 a year in bed tax with the six hotels and Airbnb rentals in Apopka.

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

tax dollars and hotel taxes furthering the mission of the TDT program.

We presented our \$13.1 million dollar proposal to the county, and of the 14 applicants, the city of Apopka was ranked No. 1. I am so proud of the team effort that we put forward, and we are excited about the future im-

I asked our dedicated parks and rec team to imagine what improvements we could make that would generate heads in beds, which is the core mission of grants from the hotel tax. They went to work on two distinct projects at the Northwest Recreation Complex that would generate even more hotel tax dollars.

One is to add another four softball fields, which would give us the ability to host bigger tournaments and bring teams from farther away. That would create more hotel night stays and generate more revenue for our local restaurants and shops.

The second part of the upgrade to the complex is adding additional features to the Apopka Amphitheater, which could then draw bigger names to choose Apopka as a destination. These concerts would also generate more sales

provements at the Northwest Recreation Complex.

Because the tourist development tax is spread out over the next four years, we needed to split the project into four different budget cycles. In the first year we will fully engineer the plans for the softball quad and Amphitheater site preparation, improvements and utilities for a total cost of \$4,500,000.

In the second year we have \$8.8 million to spend before October 2026, and in the third year we have \$13,075,000 to spend by October of 2027. Finally, we can spend \$13,100,000 on or after Oct. 1, 2027.

We at the city are excited about these improvements but realize these dollars came from our tourists. Our commitment is to spend these dollars to generate even more hotel room nights.

Border Lake flooding presents urgent issue

Last October Hurricane Milton flooded State Road 436, Piedmont Wekiwa Road, Lumen, the Piedmont Plaza, and Wekiwa Village Townhomes. It was just shy of catastrophic. Some flooding has existed in this drainage basin for decades. However, after the hurricane, Border Lake flooded all the way to Lake Ruden and much of the basin.

As early as December I began asking Orange County Public Works staff to develop a short-term plan to address this issue. So, county staff hired a consultant to confirm a conceptual drain-down plan. The consultant determined it was feasible, and county staff received preliminary approvals from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), which Orange County is grateful to for their unwavering support.

Additionally, the county is

County Commissioner
District 2



Christine Moore

offering to fully develop and submit these engineering plans and complete all regulatory requirements. We, the county, will survey the lakes and set up the gauges which the city staff can monitor during the draw-down. The only "out of pocket" cost for the city will be \$8,000 per week to rent pumps.

Originally, we were under the impression that the pumps would cost \$16,000 a week but have found it's actually less. Howev-

er, the city will also need to seek right-of-entry permissions from Apopka property owners.

Unfortunately, I had to call a news conference and head off various forms of misinformation. Orange County has stepped up to provide expertise and guide the flood mitigation plan through the regulatory processes. Why? Because we care about the residents and business owners in the basin. Orange County is trying to be a friend to the City of Apopka.

I'm hoping after previous delays that the Apopka City Council will approve the temporary draw-down plan at their March 5, 2025, meeting at 1:30 p.m. Please attend and support Orange County's Border Lake Drain Down Plan.

Time is not on our side as the rainy season will be here soon. We must get the pumping started immediately.

OCPS helping teachers find more affordable housing

With the average home costing \$400,000, up nearly 10 percent over the past year, it's no secret we need more affordable housing. After all, a first-year teacher earns under \$50,000. After taxes, around \$3,500 a month. The mortgage on that home? Around \$2,700 a month.

Owning a home is not a reality for most teachers.

It's not much better to rent when the average cost of a two-bedroom apartment is nearly \$2,000, leaving little room for other expenses.

We worked on raising salaries. Teachers in Orange County had salary increases between 9 and 11 percent recently, significantly higher than other districts, but the cost of housing increased more.

With limited funding from the state, the school board is pursuing attainable workforce housing for employees, creating a committee, which I serve on, to look at what is available today and tomorrow.

The committee's goal is to partner with organizations to access existing attainable housing and construct residential devel-

Orange County School
Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

opments intended for OCPS employees with wrap-around services.

The committee has toured several housing options already available across Orange County. These developments are nothing like the housing projects of yesterday. They are high-quality, well-maintained complexes like any nice apartment complex.

While we plan for solutions involving building housing, we want solutions available to our employees now. The school board approved its first agreements on Feb. 11 with two sites in Orlando where OCPS employee applications have priority with

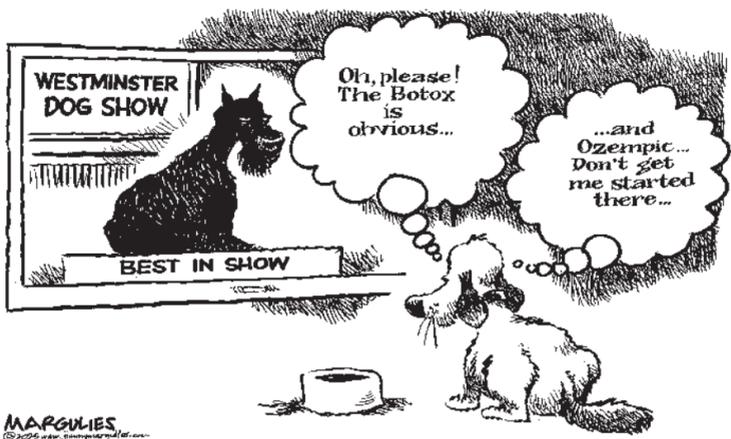
reserved units for qualified employees.

The next agreements included two future sites in Apopka. The owners were seeking waivers of impact fees to the school district, so the school district asked for priority consideration and reserved units for OCPS employees.

Now, there are affordable options throughout the county for our employees who might not be able to live in this area without it. The school board views this as important to the overall well-being of our employees and as a valuable recruitment tool.

While this is a wonderful story of community collaboration and problem-solving, the sad truth is we shouldn't be looking for affordable housing options for the people who educate our children.

While we continue to push the state for more funding for public school employee salaries, our district is committed so that employees can come to work with one less worry on their minds. It's just one tool in the toolbox to help our employees, which in turn helps our children.



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Loaves & Fishes to kick off March Madness

Event is nonprofit's only annual fundraiser

Staff Reports

All throughout March, people can donate money to Loaves & Fishes during March Madness, the organization's only annual fundraiser.

Every dollar donated throughout the entire month of March will be matched up to \$50,000. Loaves and Fishes buys in bulk and at deep discounts, stretching donated dollars even further.

Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit,

non-denominational, Christian organization serving a nine-zip code area since 1984. Currently, the nonprofit is helping over 300 qualified clients with a weekly food bag and monthly household items, including toiletries and baby essentials.

Loaves & Fishes homeless clients receive bagged lunches each day, plus monthly toiletries. Over 24,000 items distributed each month.

Loaves & Fishes receives no government funding, so the nonprofit operates on support from local churches, schools, businesses, organizations and individuals.



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

A 2020 file photo of the Loaves & Fishes building, located on 206 E. Eighth St., Apopka.

Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to *The Apopka Chief*, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880.

In the period from February 16-22, 2025, the Apopka Police Department received 1327 calls for service, responded to 28 crashes, issued 62 citations, and made 12 arrests. There were 3 burglaries reported. There were no juvenile arrests.

Victor Alfonso, 38, 127 N Christiana Ave, Apopka, moving traffic violation, operate motor vehicle w/o valid license, 1st conviction.

Leonel Alejandro Banuelos Tavares, 32, Apopka, battery touch or strike, obstructing justice-hinder witness comm info, LEO/judge life/cap proceeding.

William Edward Bastin, 46, transient, drugs-possession, possess controlled substance w/o prescription; obstructing justice, tamper w/evidence in criminal proceeding.

Christopher Belfort, 41, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Andrew De Vaul, 43, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Dane St. Michael Lawson, 43, 611 Business Park Blvd #101, Winter Garden, drugs-possession, possess controlled substance w/o prescription; other agency warrant.

Jack David Magrino, 21, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Erin Yavani Reyes-Manueles, 39, 1430 McDonald Ave #10, Milton, resist officer obstruct w/o violence.

Kensha Andrea Stone, 25, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; neglect child without great bodily harm.

Shonicka Denise Turner, 43, 1460 Marvin C. Zanders Ave, Apopka, larceny-petit theft merch farm transit, 2+ prior convictions.

Sean Michael Vanatta, 43, 1536 Errol Pkwy, Apopka, other agency warrant.

Travon Leroy Brandon Williams, 33, 1462 Holden Ave B, Orlando, other agency warrant.

Black History

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"This is just unbelievable each year. It keeps growing and growing and growing, and we're just so, so proud of the work that our Apopka Youth Council and the leadership of Stephen Cribb have given us," Mayor Bryan Nelson said, who read a proclamation declaring February 2025 as Black History Month in Apopka.

The concept of Black History Month originated in 1915, when minister Jesse E. Moorland and historian Carter G. Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History for researching and promoting Black Americans' achievements. The association later became known as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

In 1926 the Association for the Study of African American Life and History started National Negro History Week and selected the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Doug-



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lass.

Through Moorland and Woodson's efforts, educational institutions and communities put together local celebrations, performances and history clubs for National Ne-



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The audience enjoying the city's event.

gro History Week. In subsequent decades, the week eventually expanded into what became known as Black History Month.

President Gerald R. Ford officially recognized Black History

Month in 1976. Every year since then, every American president has designated February as Black History Month with a specific theme. This year's theme is African Americans and Labor.

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Report: Unprovoked shark attacks plummeted in 2024

Florida accounts for half of U.S. shark bites in 2024

By Jerald Pinson
Florida Museum of Natural History

2024 was an exceptionally calm year for shark bites. Worldwide, there were only 47 unprovoked attacks, down 22 from the previous year and well below the 10-year average of 70.

Four of last year's attacks resulted in fatalities, also a significant reduction from recent years.

The International Shark Attack File, maintained by the Florida Museum of Natural History, provides data on what are considered unprovoked bites, defined as incidents in which a person does not initiate contact with a shark. Instances in which a person intentionally or unintentionally initiates contact, including spearfishing and releasing sharks from nets or hooks, are not included in the report.

"We're interested in the natural patterns of shark behavior so that we can understand why people occasionally get bitten by these animals. Any cue or attribute that modifies an animal's natural behavior is something that, we as scientists, want to exclude," said Gavin Naylor, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research.

The United States consistently has the highest number of unprovoked bites, a trend that continued last year with a total of 28 reported incidents. An attack by an unknown shark species off the northwest



A tiger shark swims near the Bahamas.

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coast of Oahu, Hawaii resulted in the only unprovoked fatality in the U.S.

With warm waters and ample shoreline, Florida had a total of 14 bites, more than any other state. Of these, eight occurred in Volusia County, which bears the unofficial title of shark bite capital of the world. Though unconfirmed, many of these bites were likely from blacktip sharks, whose breeding grounds stretch along the northeast Florida coastline. Many of the sharks in this area are juveniles and haven't yet fully developed the ability to distinguish between humans and their natural prey, which includes fish, stingrays and other sharks.

In June, a spate of attacks in the Florida Panhandle took place within four miles of each other, injuring three people.

A trio of healthcare professionals — two nurses and one paramedic — were vacationing along Watersound Beach in South Walton, FL, where a woman bitten by a bull shark was carried ashore. They and other bystanders provided life-saving medical attention while first responders were en route to the scene. Less than two hours later, a shark bit two teenagers wading in the shallows of nearby Seacrest Beach.

Bull sharks and tiger sharks are common along Florida's northern coast, but they rarely venture into recreational areas.

"You'll see 20 to 30 of them patrolling the coast about 500 feet offshore, where they mind their own business," Naylor said. Nearby dune lakes that regularly dump freshwater into the sea were reportedly

blocked when the attacks occurred. This may have allowed schools of fish, which are invariably followed by sharks, to swim closer to shore than they otherwise would have.

As residents and tourists converge on the coastlines for summer holidays, the likelihood of a shark encounter increases. This was evident over the July 4 weekend when six people were injured by sharks in Texas and Florida. Five of these qualify as unprovoked bites.

"The South Padre Island bites were significant, with several incidents on the same day in the same vicinity," said International Shark Attack File manager Joe Miguez.

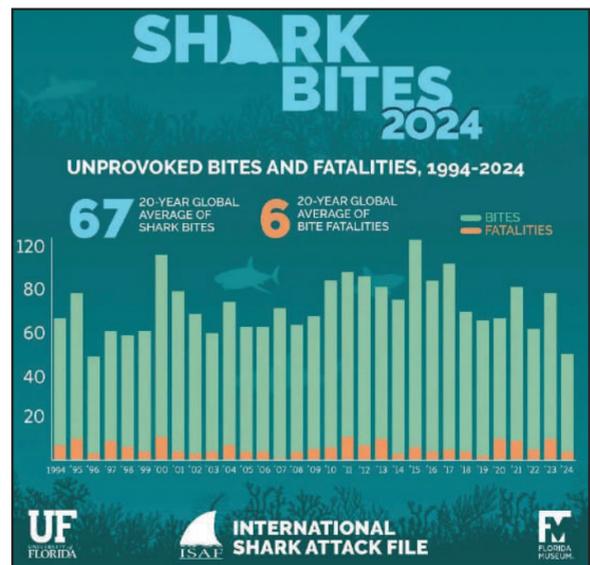
Padre Island, a thin sliver of sand dunes, tidal flats and coastal prairie that begins near the U.S. Mexico border and

curves north to Corpus Christi, is the largest barrier island

in the world, and its southern terminus is a major tourist attraction.

A woman swimming in murky water near one of the island's sandbars was bitten on her calf, and her husband sustained mild injuries while fending off the shark. Another man was bitten nearby, and a teenager received a small wound when a shark ran into her and grazed her leg, either with its teeth or its rough skin (shark skin is composed of small, flattened teeth called denticles).

Initial reports of the Padre Island attacks speculated that a single shark may have been responsible for the attacks, and the same idea was used to explain the consecutive attacks that took place a month earlier in the Florida panhandle. While it's possible for a single shark to bite multiple people in an area, there's little evidence to suggest this actually takes place.



Unprovoked bites and fatalities 1994-2024.

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February 28, 2025

Apopka City Council
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Foliage Sertoma Club recognizes city flag, essay contest winners

Flag contest was to update city's flag design

Staff Reports

The winners of the city of Apopka's community recognition flag and essay contests were honored at the Tuesday, Feb. 18 luncheon meeting at the Back Room Steakhouse on Rock Springs Road in Apopka.

The contest, held in 2024, was a community-wide effort to update the flag's image and raise awareness about the meaning of the symbols on the city's historic seal.

In recognition of their efforts, flag designer Faith Lee and essay author Selena Lim presented their entries and were each awarded a check for \$250 from the Sertoma Club.

Eric Mock, Sertoma Foliage Club vice president, opened with a brief overview about the contest, including details about the challenge for the judges to select from 161 flag entries and 60 essay submissions.

The panel of 10 judges narrowed the flag designs down to the top 10 for the public to vote on.

Over 1,000 votes were cast to select Faith's version

incorporating the foliage leaf symbol with yellow, white and green colors depicting Apopka's sunshine, nature and springs.

Seventh grader Selena Lim presented her winning essay entitled "A Seal to Remember" to the club. Her research explained the importance of the symbols depicted in the city seal referencing the founding in 1882. Summing it up, she writes that the Indian head was in honor of the original Timucuas Indians who settled in the area. The Masonic Emblem recognized the historic Masonic lodge dating back to 1717, and the oranges referenced the city's deep

roots in agriculture: fruit, vegetables and foliage.

Foliage Sertoma Club supports programs such as this contest throughout the year in addition to their annual Service to Mankind Award. The club is currently seeking nominations until March 22. The winner will be awarded at the annual banquet in late April.

Additionally, for 49 years the club has produced the Apopka Christmas Parade, scheduled to take place this year on Dec. 13.

For more information about programs and membership, go to foliagesertoma.org.



On behalf of Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka, Mayor Bryan Nelson (l to r) presented certificates of appreciation and checks for \$250 on Feb. 18 to essay winner, seventh grader Selena Lim, and flag designer Faith Lee, accompanied by Erick Mock, vice president of Foliage Sertoma Club.

Station

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would be \$1,499 per month, and the two-bedroom rent rate under 1,100 sq. ft. would be \$1,699 per month.

"It (the project) really integrates into the existing retail to take advantage of all the redevelopment and gentrification that's happening right in downtown Apopka," he said. "That connection with the (downtown Apopka) trail, the connection with the surrounding retail, and then this becomes the catalyst for additional development because it puts a lot of density downtown with 54 families living down there, that will spur growth."

The Station Street redevelopment will consist of a 30-unit building and a 24-unit building, both with one- and two-bedroom units. The project will have a shared-use parking lot

that apartment residents and downtown visitors alike could use, and a common plaza for events including a staging area for live performances and a section for food trucks.

According to the partners, the apartment buildings will be constructed out of cold-formed steel using 100 percent domestic steel coming from South Carolina. The units will be energy-efficient, have all-solid plywood cabinets, customized flooring that are manufactured and shipped from overseas, timeless finishes, tall ceilings with LED recessed lighting, and huge windows so residents could view the performances and activities in the common plaza, the downtown surroundings and the rest of the city.

"The way we design our buildings and the way that we

think about this, it truly accommodates workforce and workforce housing," Schaller said. "But the luxury finishes on the interior are that similar to what you would see inside of a Class A apartment building."

Right now, Peacock Capital is going through all the site work including survey and utility updates, site plan approval with the city, as well as prepare the brownfield application with the city to send to the state. All this will take a six to eight-month process, Polsinelli said. Once those details are finalized, both buildings can get built in about six months, he said.

Station Street is a designated brownfield. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website defines a brownfield as "a property, the expansion, re-development, or reuse of which

may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

Commissioner Diane Velazquez pointed out that plans to revive Station Street began in 2022. From the paperwork she had that reflect the conversations about the Station Street project, she was trying to figure out why nothing happened with the redevelopment yet.

"I'm kind of just trying to figure out what happened between 2022 and today that nothing really has been done and it's just the process is just going to start now," Velazquez said.

In response, Polsinelli said that the process in bringing the Station Street Project through to completion was through changes in city staff, getting

the development agreement approved, and legal work. The development agreement was finally approved in summer 2024.

"Our community is really asking for some movement down in Station Street, and, and you are really the kind of the anchor we have to start putting residents in that area. We have to start building in that area," Velazquez said. "A lot of our residents are asking when are they going to start moving dirt."

According to Polsinelli, Peacock Capital owns and operates approximately 2,300 departments across Central Florida, including some in Apopka. Customers who generally live within Peacock Capital residences generally between 80 and 120 percent are of area residences median income, or ranging from \$60,000 to \$140,000

per year. However, Peacock Capital isn't dependent on any government subsidies.

"The people who live with us are honest, hardworking people that have to get up and go to work every single day to pay their bills," Polsinelli said.

Nesta expressed appreciation for Polsinelli answering his questions and explained that his own goal with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) District in downtown Apopka is to start creating building standards with consistent, cohesive colors to produce a vibrant downtown area.

"I'd like to try to get on the same page with our CRA and have our CRA kind of create something as well that we can all kind of blend together, I think would be beneficial," Nesta said.



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Gilland: Pride goes before destruction

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With all the excitement of being a new college student, there was one class on my freshman list of courses that was a head scratcher for me. I entered the university as an education major, with the goal of becoming an elementary math teacher. During all my years of elementary and high school classes, math had not only been my favorite subject, it had come the easiest to me. Now don't get me wrong, it is not like I didn't have to work at some aspects, like grasping algebra in the very beginning. But even in those more difficult sciences, it quickly seemed to make sense, and I soon loved that class, be it algebra, geometry, trigonometry, or analytical geometry.

I didn't realize just how offended I was to get my class schedule and realize that, in my very first freshman semester in college, I was forced to take a required class called "Math 101." My pride blinded me, as all I was able to conceive was that this class was way beneath my academic experience. This must be one of those "snoozer" college classes that I had heard about.

Although I never came out and articulated my intentions, I functionally adapted the mindset that I would endure this required class—but I would show them, and not even crack open the book for our first assignment. That proved to be a really bad move on my part.

The very next class, without a single guilty feeling in my heart that I had completely dissed the assignment, I was a bit surprised to hear that we were already facing a "pop quiz." I had no idea.

When I looked over the questions on that quiz, I was shocked and quickly repentant of my cockiness. Truth be told, I didn't understand a single question or problem. Worse yet, this page talked about concepts that were completely foreign to me. I muddled my way through, knowing I was in a heap of trouble.

Sure enough, when the very prim and proper professor walked through the classes passing out test papers, she stopped at my desk, plopped down my big red "F," and said quietly, "Looks like someone didn't think they needed to study." Then she smiled, and encouraged me to not be

so sure of myself and dig in to this "New Math." This was a much-needed lesson, and that professor was very patient with me. She basically threw out that first grade and let me catch up on what my arrogance had dismissed.

There is a verse in the Bible (Proverbs 16:18) that became very real after this incident: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

That expression of my haughtiness could have wrecked my first-ever college class, but God was merciful to me, and instead it became a practical life lesson that I've never forgotten.

May we all remember that our past experience and successes are not guarantees to future ease. We need to be vigilant with each new day.

Mike Gilland is a longtime pastor and operations manager for The Shepherd Radio Network which airs on 1270 AM in Orlando.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

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Farmworker Association of Florida organizes Black History Month event

Event held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Staff Reports

Celebrating Black History Month, the Farmworker Association of Florida (FWAF) co-sponsored a Black History Month event held at New Hope Mission-

ary Baptist Church in Apopka on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The event offered memorial quilt pieces by Linda Lee and free children's story books on Black history. The FWAF and Hope Community Center had displays.

Lee coordinated the event with FWAF but was not able to attend. However, her family, and FWAF staff and volunteers provided a

display. Her family served homemade potato soup to attendees.

The FWAF has five offices throughout the state including one in Apopka. Each office was set up to help the local community and farmworkers, Lake Apopka former farmworkers and their health and lives impacted by the lake's pollution caused by now-shuttered farms' chemical runoffs.

At the event, volunteers displayed a board of articles chronicling the Lake Apopka restoration project and local farmworkers' struggle to recover from illnesses. Such illnesses resulted from the farmworkers' exposure to the chemical drainage from the now-shuttered farms that once populated the Lake Apopka shore.



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Materials displayed for the FWAF's Black History Month event Feb. 22.

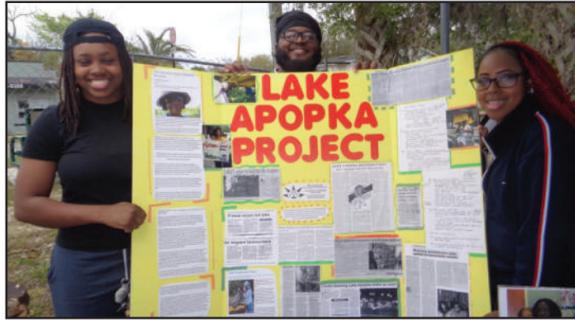


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At the FWAF's Black History Month event, volunteers display a board of articles chronicling the Lake Apopka restoration project and local farmworkers' struggle to recover from illnesses.

Senior citizens celebrate Black history at community center

Highlights include artifact displays, emphasis on significance of Black history

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

John H. Bridges Community Center in Apopka.

Many tables displayed historical artifacts, some from the Apopka Museum. The club's Black History Committee compiled the Train of Courage and Triumph, a wall of pictures showing historical people. These pictures formed a timeline of American Black history. Committee members presented the Train of Courage and Triumph at the event.

The Apopka Progressive Senior Citizens Club, Inc., celebrated Black History Month and the accomplishments of Black Americans with addresses about their significance in the nation's history, artifact displays, and more.

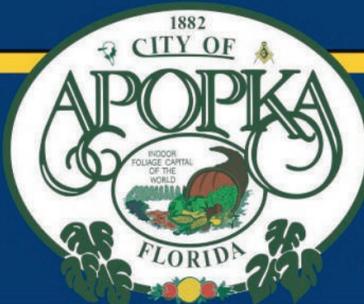
The club held the event at its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the

Several people at the event such as retired Judge Theotis Bronson and retired attorney Jeanelle Bronson emphasized the importance of Black Americans remembering the struggle their ancestors endured throughout American history.

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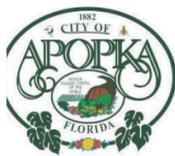
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Frank Lloyd Wright and Florida Southern College

College boasts most Wright-designed structures anywhere

By Ronnie Lovler
CORRESPONDENT

If you're looking for an adventure into Central Florida, consider a day trip to Florida Southern College (FSC) in Lakeland to view the buildings designed by internationally renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. There are more Wright-designed structures here than anywhere else in the world – 13 in all. The college boasts that its Wright collection won recognition as a Historic Landmark in 2012 for being the “largest single-site collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture in the world.”

Another Frank Lloyd Wright house, Lewis Spring House, is in Tallahassee. The owner met Wright at FSC, and a connection was made. However, unlike the collection of buildings at FSC, it is a singular dwelling.

So, how did little FSC capture the eye, the heart and the soul of architectural visionary Frank Lloyd Wright? Well, it was easy back in 1938 when another visionary, then FSC president Ludd Spivey, asked Wright to meet with him to discuss expanding the campus.

Spivey wanted to build a campus that embraced new technologies and modern artistic awareness. Although money was short, Spivey told Wright that if he would design the buildings, he would dedicate himself to raising the funds to pay for it.

Wright leaped at the opportunity to design and build a community, something his

torians say Wright had long wanted to do. As for Spivey, he thought Wright might like the chance to do his own thing at FSC.

Spivey was right about Wright.

On its webpage, FSC tells the tale of the Spivey-Wright encounter by quoting the telegram Spivey sent to Wright: “Desire a conference with you to discuss the construction of a great educational temple in Florida. Please collect wire when and where I can see you.”

Wright invited Spivey to Taliesin, his estate in Wisconsin. The rest is history.

Wright made his first visit to FSC on May 8, 1938. At the time, the campus had only seven buildings; most of the property was undeveloped and covered with citrus trees. FSC's tale of Wright's first visit to campus quotes him as saying he felt he could design buildings there that would grow “out of the ground and into the light – a Child of the Sun.”

Visitors to campus can wander around and check out the buildings independently. No official tour is necessary; you can see and meander through the treasures before you. But you may fail to grasp the whole story. Doing your homework helps you scope out each building. Signing up for one of the tours at the Frank Lloyd Wright house helps the visitor understand the true significance of this collaboration.

The Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center is just off Hollingsworth Road. There is ample parking for visitors, which is not always available at a college or university.

Most of the Wright buildings are on the southern part of the FSC campus, not far



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The Danforth Chapel at FSC contains Wright's last executed stained-glass window designs.

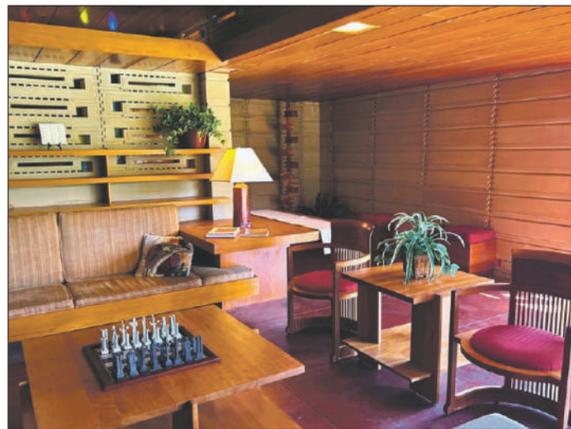


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Inside the Usonian residence.

from a very gentle rolling slope around Lake Hollingsworth.

Wright's first design was for what would become the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel, with its 65-foot bell tower, which would become the first college chapel with a modern

design that used skylights.

According to the website, Wright began working at FSC immediately following the Depression, when money was scarce. Students provided labor to compensate for funding shortages. When World War II started, “Rosie

the Riveter” took over. The wartime FSC student body and the Wright construction crew were made up almost entirely of women.

One thing that stands out as the visitor wanders from building to building is the Esplanade, or covered walkways, that link the Wright-designed buildings that went up during his lifetime. The Esplanade is more than a mile long. It also means you can leave your umbrella at home, which worked well on the rainy day we visited with nary an umbrella among the three of us.

The last structure to be built was done posthumously after Wright died in 1959.

When Spivey and Wright first got together 20 years earlier, Spivey asked Wright to build a single-family home to set the stage for what would have become a faculty housing neighborhood on campus using his Usonian residential design style. That didn't happen, but the plans were still around, and in 2013, the structure was built to serve as the Sharp Family Tourism & Education Center, the heart of all Frank Lloyd Wright activity on campus. That is the 13th Wright-designed structure on campus.

You can sign up for one of three tours at the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center. The introductory tour costs \$35, and an in-depth one is \$50. Both are offered twice daily. A third, longer, behind-the-scenes tour is \$125 and must be reserved. There is also a \$15 tour of the Usonian House that includes viewing of a documentary about Wright's work at Florida Southern. The introductory tour costs \$35, and an in-depth one is \$50. Both are offered twice daily. A third, longer, behind-the-scenes tour is \$125 and must be reserved. There is also a \$15 tour of the Usonian House that includes viewing of a documentary about Wright's work at Florida Southern.



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A statue of Frank Lloyd Wright on the Florida Southern College campus.

Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve to have grand opening

Preserve named after native state plant

Staff Reports

Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings and District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore will host a grand opening ceremony for the Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The event will take place at 951 W. Kelly Park Road, Apopka.

The Preserve features an interpretative trail titled “What's Under Your Feet?” The trail focuses on the relation-



Photo by J.C. Derrick

The Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve officially opens Feb. 28.

ship between animals living on or under the forest floor. The property is named

after the native Florida Greeneyes plant (*Berlandiera subcaulis*), known for blooms with bright yellow petals and green center disk.

The Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve is one of a series of land acquisitions made by the county's Green PLACE Program. In 2021, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners allocated \$100 million to support the goal of preserving an additional 23,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands by 2030.

In addition to Mayor Demings and Commissioner Moore, the county's Environmental Protection Division staff will provide remarks.

Road

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of a commercial business,” the memorandum reads. “This was handled as an emergency procurement because construction needs to be completed before the rainy season to prevent additional flooding that affects safety of citizens.”

The county received eight bids for this project, with W.T. Comp Inc. the lowest and most responsible bidder of the eight bids submitted to the county.

The drainage improvement project is unrelated to the \$28 million road safety widen-

ing project the city intends to execute. That project proposes to broaden the northern portion of Ocoee-Apopka Road to accommodate increased traffic, construct a multi-use trail along the road, and restore sidewalks.

“This (emergency drainage improvement project has been in the books for a couple of years,” said Eduardo Avelaneda, manager for the Orange County Roads and Drainage Division, in a phone interview.



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Bankson

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that we're training them up. Being involved in both the Education and Workforce committees, that's been something that has really interested me to be involved in, because we need to have an education that fits the workforce and that fits the students.

I'm very proud of the work that we've done to make sure that there are technical colleges, universities and schools all of the different paths for success, and then allowing the parents to have that choice, to send their students a pathway that they will succeed at. That's just a very high thing on my list.

I also want to stay focused on public safety, and I'm going to be running a couple more bills again this year. I was able to pass two of those for our Florida Sheriff Association (FSA), and I have two more that are priorities to them. One is dealing with tag flipping, which is those who conceal their license plate and make everyone else pay for the tolls on the road.

Also, they're hiding those from police to be able to follow after them in the case of crime, and the other one is fleeing and/or evading and fleeing. Basically, it allows them [law enforcement agencies] to continue to go after the perpetrators of crime and not allow them to hide. This was brought to me by one of our own in the Apopka Police Department. The FSA has had the same issue.

Water quality is always important, and with us being right here on the shores of Lake Apopka, we need to continue to make sure that we have safe water and water quality continues to get better.

Q: Were there any water quality bills that you supported?

Bankson: That's actually being dealt with more with our appropriations—or rather, our budget request. In Apopka, for example, one of the first ones there, of course, dealing with the asbestos pipe replacement. We got the firefighter recruit training center, persons with disabilities, substance abuse treatment resources and child trafficking prevention projects. That's \$3.8 million that I'm going for Apopka locally here.

Aside from that, there's a water need in Winter Garden and Seminole County as well. In Winter Gar-

den, there's \$2.75 million of appropriations, and a big part of that is on the shores of Lake Apopka. That's where I try and think of water treatment plant on the shores of Lake Apopka, down in the Winter Garden area.

Again, continuing to fund the process we rate. We've been able to get \$5 million per year. I want to try and increase that, so I'm really going to push after that. We see other areas, other water needs, where multiple millions of dollars are being put that direction, and I think Lake Apopka is one of our pearls, right here in the center of the state. So, I'm going to continue to push to see if we can increase the funding there.

Q: Immigration has been front and center, and you said that will be one of the top priorities. Can you say more about what you're expecting?

Bankson: We've had two special sessions, and it was something that the governor felt very strongly about—that we want to move immediately in line with the president. It was a very challenging time. It was confusing for folks back home. I had different ones say, 'Why didn't you support the governor's bill?' The bottom line is we never even had the option to vote on that. However, the bill that we did pass in the House, as well as in the Senate, was a very strong and robust bill.

There were a lot of things said in the media. Some of the things just weren't quite accurate. But the bottom line is it was all in keeping with the mandate that the American people gave through the president and our state wanting to lead the way on that. It's interesting that Democrats and Republicans agreed that this truly is a crisis, that the border had become a crisis, and we need to address it now. Not everyone agreed in how to do that, but the bottom line is, what we passed.

The first bill was the House and Senate version, and then the governor came back in and waited on it. All of the leadership got together, worked out the compromise, and that was finally a session that we were able to pass that and basically a very robust policy when it comes to immigration that helps to fix the issues, to stop the flood of everything from fentanyl to sex

trafficking, all of these things across the border.

We can only do what the state can do. We still need Washington to fix the issues, and it's very frustrating to be the ones here that have to make the hard decisions, because they weren't doing it at the federal level. But I believe we're going to see all of that coming together.

The bottom line is, we are a nation of immigrants. We don't want to stop immigration, but we also have to have a lawful way to do it. There's just no way to have an open border without elements coming across that border that are against us. There are many very good people wanting to come across, but there are people who've been waiting in line, and it's unfair to them. They're in just as much need. They care about their families, they want to have a future in the American Dream, and they've been waiting in line, and now, because of the flood of the last four years over this border, they don't even have those opportunities.

It's a challenge. There's a lot of emotion involved, but we have to do what's right, first of all to the American people and the people of Florida, and make sure that there's safety involved in that.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Bankson: I'm excited and honored to serve. I work nonstop when session starts, and it's 60 days of nonstop work. I'm continuing to advocate up there, but also back in the district, I want to hear from our citizens. I'll get communication, but I like to sit down and talk together and find out, what can we do to work together.

A lot of times, there's a lot of emotion, but if we can press beyond those things and find out what are the issues we need to solve. Let's work together to solve them. And I look forward to doing that.

I'm going to be running bills again, prime co-sponsoring bills across the aisle with different ones as well as on the same side of the aisle. The bottom line is, what is best for our people? If it's a good thing, we need to do it because it's good, because it's right, and so I look forward to serving again, and serve with my heart.

Police

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Nine new police officers, six of whom APD sponsored, took their oath during a Tuesday, Feb. 25, ceremony at Apopka City Hall.

High School and holds a bachelor's degree. Braverman completed the Police Academy at Lake Technical College. His hobbies include book reading, going to the gym, firearms and the outdoors. His aspirations in career are to be assigned to the Strategic Investigations or Criminal Investigation Department (CID) units.

Noah Fenton

Officer Noah Fenton was born in Grapevine, TX. Graduated from Mount Dora HS. He completed the Police Academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. Hobbies include spending time with family, firearms and sports. Aspirations in career are to be assigned to the traffic unit or CID.

Caleb Miller

Officer Caleb Miller was born in Apopka and graduated from Wekiva High School. He completed the Police Academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. His hobbies include Church and going to the gym. His aspirations in career are to become a canine officer and work in narcotics.

Timothy Weaver

Officer Timothy Weaver was born in Orlando and graduated from Apopka High School. He completed the Police Academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. Hobbies are reading and going to the gym. Aspirations in career are to join the SWAT Team. Weaver is a prior Apopka police dispatcher and Police Explorer.

Taylin Duignan

Officer Taylin Duignan was born in Winter Park. He graduated from Apopka High School and has an associate's degree. He completed the Police

Academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. Duignan likes to work out and partake in water sports. His aspirations in career are to master patrol then be assigned to an undercover unit like the Strategic Investigations unit.

Joel Sanchez

Officer Joel Sanchez was born in Orlando and graduated from University High School. He completed the police academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. His hobbies are playing video games, spending time with family, fishing and shooting sports. His aspirations in career are to help the public, make Apopka a better place to live and to learn as many different fields as possible.

Mitchel McKown

Officer Mitchel McKown was born in Decatur, Ill., graduated from Hagerty High School in Oviedo and has an associate's degree. He completed the police academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. His hobbies include fishing and working out. His aspirations in career are to be assigned to the CID.

Shamil Diaz

Officer Shamil Diaz was born in Lawrence, Mass. He graduated from Greater Lawrence Technical High School in Massachusetts and has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in business. He completed the police academy at Valencia College School of Public Safety. His hobbies are playing football, going to the gym, dancing, listening to music and traveling. His aspirations in career are to make Apopka a better place to live, join the SWAT team and/or be a canine handler and to retire.

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The Crossword Puzzle is found on page B4

SUDOKU PUZZLE

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE B4

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Choose your flavor of cheese, then enjoy serving baked spaghetti

A m a n d a Thomas-Henke, sent this recipe for baked spaghetti. It is very good, especially if you have leftover sauce and noodles.



You have the option of using cottage cheese instead of the more expensive ricotta. Amanda is a reader originally from Apopka but she has moved to North Georgia!

Here are two recipes titled Fried Raw Potatoes and Allegheny Home Fries (Country-Fried Potatoes). These recipes come from *Hearty Country Cooking* by Mark Sohn. He says, "To make Fried Raw Potatoes, we use peeled, diced potatoes. I like to fry them in a little oil over low heat. You can make fried raw potatoes with finely diced (1/4-inch cubes), medium-diced (1/2-inch cubes, or coarsely diced (3/4-inch cubes) potatoes. With larger cubes, more potatoes will fit in a single layer in the skillet, but they will need to cook longer. Allow 1/3-teaspoon salt and 1/3-cup diced onions for each cup of diced potatoes, but do not crowd the pan – these are not hashed browns.

Chickpea Salad from thepioneerwoman.com website appears to be beautiful, delicious, AND nutritious! Chickpeas and garbanzo beans are the same vegetable. The names are interchangeable in English and Spanish. They have been around for thousands of years, however, you can find them in the canned foods section next to all the other beans in your grocery store! This recipe makes six servings.

Mrs. Marilyn Guest contributed this recipe for Lemon Meringue Pie to a favorite source of ours, Plains Pot-Pourri that was published in 1977 by the Plains Jr. Woman's Club of Plains, Georgia.

AMANDA THOMAS-HENKE'S "MAMA'S SAUCE, MY CHEESE FILLING" BAKED SPAGHETTI

Submitted by Reader of *The Apopka Chief Newspaper*

Sauce:
2 cans diced tomatoes
1 can tomato sauce
1 can tomato paste

1 cup red wine
1 regular onion, diced
Celery, chopped
Mushrooms, sliced
Salt
Pepper
Fresh rosemary, chopped
Good sized tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 tablespoon minced garlic
Sprinkle (not a lot) of red pepper flakes
2 lbs lean ground beef

Directions for Spaghetti Sauce:
1) Sauté in olive oil chopped onion, celery, mushrooms. Add garlic at end of sauté (do not burn the garlic, which is easy to burn but nasty to eat!). Set aside in separate bowl. 2) Brown the ground beef. If there is excess fat, pour it off. The left-over "stuff" on the bottom of the pan is called "fond." Don't discard it; it is very good for flavoring your food. Deglaze the pan with the red wine, loosening the brown bits with a wooden spoon, and let the mixture reduce by about half. 3) Add your sautéed vegetables, sauces and tomatoes. 4) Let the sauce cook for a while until it thickens. 5) Add seasonings, including any fresh herbs, about 15 minutes before the sauce is done. 6) Then cook your pasta according to package directions.

Cheese Filling:
1 cup ricotta
1 cup cottage cheese (or 2 cups cottage cheese and leave out the ricotta)
1 tablespoon minced garlic
Salt
Pepper
Basil or oregano (maybe 1-1.5 teaspoon) *I used basil, but I prefer oregano
Cayenne (a few shakes)
1 egg
1/2 or 1 bag (8oz) shredded Mozzarella

Directions for Cheese Filling:
1) Mix the ricotta or cottage cheese, garlic, seasonings, and egg together. Add the Mozzarella to the mix, and blend together. 2) To make the baked spaghetti: Mix cooked pasta, spaghetti sauce together. 3) Spread half the mixture in a baking dish. 4) Spoon the cheese filling over the top and spread. 5) Layer on the other half of the spaghetti mix. 6) Sprinkle with more moz-

zarella (I used an 8 oz bag). 7) Bake 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes.

MARK SOHN'S FRIED RAW POTATOES
Hearty Country Cooking
1 tablespoon butter, olive oil, or bacon grease (just enough to barely cover the bottom of the pan)
3 cups medium-diced firm new potatoes
1 teaspoon seasoned salt
1 cup diced onions (optional)

1) Wash the potatoes and remove any brown spots. If you dice the potatoes ahead, store them in the refrigerator in a bowl of water. 2) In a heavy-bottomed frying pan over low-medium heat, melt the butter and add the potatoes. Cover and fry 10 to 15 minutes. 3) Turn the potatoes, and if they are cooked through to the center, remove the lid, add the onions, and increase the heat to medium. 4) Cook another 10 to 15 minutes, turning them every 5 minutes, or until they have browned on all sides. Serve. Yield: 3 servings.

Note: Healthy choice alternative: You can fry potatoes in little or even no oil. In this recipe, I have already reduced the butter to one quarter tablespoon per serving, but you can further reduce it by using nonstick cooking spray. Omit the salt and offer it at the table. Serve these potatoes with green beans, corn bread, and pork chops, or for breakfast with fresh fruit, Buttermilk Biscuits, Country Ham and Red-Eye Gravy, White Sausage Gravy, or Potato Gravy.

MARK SOHN'S ALLEGHENY HOME FRIES (COUNTRY-FRIED POTATOES)

Hearty Country Cooking
Home Fries are NOT fried potatoes. To make home fries, double the above recipe. The onions are NOT optional. Cut the potatoes in half and then slice them. Slice the onions. Layer the sliced potatoes and onions in a frying pan. Cook, covered, over low heat for 30 minutes, turning after 15 minutes. Cook uncovered an additional 15 minutes. With low heat and so many potatoes in the pan, these fries will be steamed and soft, but tasty. Yield 6 servings.

CHICKPEA SALAD

Recipe from THEPIONEERWOMAN.COM

Salad:
1 15-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
7 ounces feta, cubed
1 English cucumber, cut into half moons
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
1 orange bell pepper, diced
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
2 avocados, cubed
1 cup chopped Italian parsley
1/2 cup torn basil

Dressing:
1/3 cup olive oil
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 grated garlic clove
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1) For the salad: In a large bowl, fold together the chickpeas, feta, cucumber, tomatoes, bell pepper, red onion, avocado, parsley, and basil. 2) For the dressing: In a medium bowl, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, garlic, salt, black pepper, and pepper flakes until combined. Pour over the salad and gently fold to combine. Serve immediately.

Tip 1: Play around with your herbs by substituting dill, mint, or cilantro for the basil. Tip 2: If you are making the salad ahead of time, hold back on the avocado and parsley and basil. Stir these goodies in right before serving to ensure they are bright green and beautiful!

MRS. MARILYN GUEST'S LEMON MERINGUE PIE

Recipe from *Plains Pot-Pourri*
Plains, Georgia
1 cup condensed milk
4 eggs, separated
1/2 cup lemon juice
6 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
Vanilla wafers

Mix condensed milk, four egg yolks and lemon juice. Beat one egg white until stiff. Fold egg white into the condensed milk mixture. Pour into a 9-inch pie pan that has been lined with vanilla wafers. Make meringue by beating remaining egg whites until stiff, gradually adding combined sugar and cream of tartar. Bake at 350 degrees until brown.

FEB. / MAR. 2025 ★ ★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ ★

SCHOOL BEGAN AUGUST 12 – Traffic patterns will change. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those school children ... and ducks. DONT TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

UNLESS CHANGED: School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8:45 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:20 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellley Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs. Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, **Walking Trail**, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands. 11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online.

The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.

WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiwa River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information,

call 407-884-4311
FRAN CARLTON CENTER for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, FRIDAYS at 9:00 a.m. at 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Call 407-703-1642 for information.

CENTRAL FL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings. For complete details of all chamber events, visit [cfcchristianchamber.com](http://cfcchristianchamber.com/events-chamber). Contact: latrondra@cfcchristianchamber.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday each month**. Next one is Feb. 15, 2025 from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$7.

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER, for birds of prey, 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, hours: 9:30-1:30 p.m., The center is open on Saturdays to the public, weather permitting. Call 407-461-1056 for information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
MONDAY, MARCH 3

FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

CRAFTS & CHATTER: 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks not required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

TOASTMASTERS: Apopka Foliage Toastmasters #840, meets Wednesdays promptly at 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in person and zoom at the Museum of Apopkans, 122 E. 5th St., Apopka, 32703. Call 407-765-2629 for information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.**, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food – overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information,

visit OA.org or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested community members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

ART CLASS, 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
The Altamonte Springs / Apopka VFW POST 10147. is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast. Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info..

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks are no longer required/ Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

CITY OF APOPKA DRC (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.

BRIDGE CLASS, 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m. (approximately) at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks are no longer required. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, education, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in begins at 9:00 a.m. – meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come

to its NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more information.

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St. 407-703-1642 for info.

EARLY BIRD BINGO at Bahia Shrine Center, 3101 E. Semoran Blvd.. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the early bird game starts at 6 p.m. For more information, call 407-660-8811.

TOASTMASTERS: still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatoastmasters.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings and location.

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. 120 E Fifth St. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rotary Club of Apopka is working on their 24th annual fair at Kit Land Nelson Park, STARTED February 27 and ENDS on March 2.

Saturday Sounds, Saturday, April 27, 2024. HAPCO Apopka International Jazz Day with LeNard Rutledge & Friends at Sounds Concert Series. So far, nothing is scheduled for March.

ONGOING EVENTS

Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/2ABRmsb>, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. Subject to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting

FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 9:45 a.m. at the Alonza William Park / Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apopkafca@gmail.com. NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

FREE PLANT CLINIC in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County residents can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka, 32703; 9 a.m.-12 Tuesdays; 407-254-9200. Questions and photos can be emailed to orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu. to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.

KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTERS CLUB, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

NWOC FFA Alumni – Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesday to Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m... Admission is free. Contains displays

and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to www.theapopka-museum.com.

THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422 meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly.

GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB, meets at First Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call 407-880-2111 for more information.

CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.

BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES: Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit lakeduplicate.com.

NORTH ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED. COMPUTER CLASSES in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch* for more details.

HABITAT VOLUNTEERS: Go to www.habitatseminoleapopka.org, click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.

(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info.

*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 2755 Border Ln., Suite #102-7, Apopka. 32703. For more info, call 407-886-1441

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR INFORMATION

Events, fund raisers, and non-profit organizations Info: fax 407-889-4121, or email ads@theapopkachief.com

17 sentenced to prison for multi-state drug trafficking, money laundering conspiracy

Four that were convicted are Apopkans, including ringleader

Staff Reports

Senior U.S. District Judge John Antoon II has sentenced Duzinski Edwinn Poole of Apopka and 16 co-conspirators – including three from Apopka – to federal prison terms ranging from six years up to life imprisonment in a multi-state drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracy.

Poole was the leader of a drug trafficking organization (DTO) that was responsible for distributing thousands of kilograms of methamphetamine and fentanyl with sources of supply or distributors in Cal-

ifornia, multiple other states and China. The organization also laundered millions of dollars in drug money.

Poole, 50, was charged with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine (two counts), drug trafficking conspiracy and money laundering conspiracy. He was sentenced to 21 years and 10 months.

Two of Poole's co-conspirators, Michael Andre Chester, 50, of Apopka and George Nelvin King, Jr., 47, of Altamonte Springs, were convicted after a 10-day jury trial in July 2024. The rest of the defendants entered guilty pleas.

Of the 17 sentenced, only Chester was sentenced to life in prison.

Other Apopkans convicted of drug trafficking and money laundering conspiracy were Felisha Denise Williams, 35, and Rodrieka Lashay Man-

ning, 27. Williams was sentenced to 12 years and seven months; Manning, 11 years and three months.

"This multi-state drug trafficking organization used a vast network to move methamphetamine and fentanyl to poison our communities," Deanne L. Reuter, the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) Miami field division special agent in charge, said in a news release. "I'm proud of the way our agents and numerous law enforcement partners worked together to bring this criminal element to justice."

According to court records and the evidence presented at trial, between 2017 and 2023, the DTO operated largely out of Lake County, where Poole received hundreds of shipments of methamphetamine and fentanyl from sources of supply in California. The drugs were transported or shipped

via commercial planes and through the mail. DEA seized more than 250 pounds of drugs (mostly methamphetamine and fentanyl) during the course of the investigation.

The defendants played various roles in the DTO, such as suppliers, distributors, couriers and courier coordinators. Flight records during a two-year period show more than 400 flights between California and Orlando among the various conspirators. The DTO also used couriers to transport large amounts of methamphetamine from Orlando to Virginia via train.

In addition to transporting drugs on commercial flights and trains, Poole and his associates had multiple stash houses and received hundreds of mailed packages of methamphetamine and fentanyl from California and other drugs, including fentanyl, from Chi-

na. Investigators identified almost 400 packages that were shipped from California as part of this conspiracy from 2019 to 2023.

The members of this DTO also conspired with one another to engage in money laundering. To do this, Poole developed an entertainment business that he used to promote concerts with famous rap artists.

This case was investigated by the DEA and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the United States Secret Service; and multiple state and local agencies. Assistant United States Attorneys Tyrie K. Boyer and Belkis H. Callaas prosecuted the case.

This case was part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OC-DETF) investigation. OC-

DETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach.

"Greed is the biggest motivation these criminal organizations know," said Ron Loecker, Special Agent in Charge of IRS – Criminal Investigation's Tampa Field Office in a news release. "Motivated by money, they will try to place themselves above the law to the detriment of our communities. Fortunately, our agents and staff are extremely skilled at following the money to ensure these perpetrators face justice. We are proud to work alongside our partner agencies to put a stop to these dangerous drug trafficking organizations and ensure they are held accountable."

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Seminole bounces Apopka boys from playoffs

After early Apopka lead, Seminole pulls away in second half

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The 2024-2025 season of the Apopka basketball team ended on Thursday, Feb. 21, when the Blue Darters lost 54-32 to Seminole (Sanford) in the 2025 FHSAA Class 7A Boys Basketball State Tournament Region 1 Final.

The Apopka Blue Darters ended their season with a record of 21-8, a district championship, and memorable playoff run.

"I'm incredibly proud of our guys and the journey," Scott

Williams, head coach of the Apopka boys basketball team, said in a Friday interview. "You know, we will grieve together. We'll heal together. As I told them last night, 'Right now, all we feel and see is the eighth loss of the season. With each passing day, we'll start to recognize the 21 and 8. We'll begin to see the full path we took, the effort it took to get there, and the brotherhood formed among these young men, along with the joy of going through that process.'"

Apopka's most significant weakness this season had been turnovers. When the Blue Darters' turnovers get out of hand, the game runs away from them. This was a tough matchup for Apopka, paired against Seminole's brand of pressure and

full and half-court traps. Apopka gave up 25 turnovers and allowed Seminole to turn those turnovers into 25 points, which more than covered the 22-point difference in the game.

Seminole's game plan of attacking the paint and constantly looking for high-percentage shots inside worked well. They collected 36 points inside the paint and shot 53.5 percent from the field inside the three-point arc.

The first half

Like most of the state tournament for Apopka, the first half was a defensive battle, but the second half cracked the game open. Unfortunately for the Blue Darters this time

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

Apopka's Jarquavion McClain drives to the basket to draw defenders before passing out to an open Blue Darter on the perimeter on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Williams: Boys basketball program made key strides in 2024-25 season

Coach hopes success will keep more talent in Apopka

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

Last Thursday night, Feb. 20, the Apopka Blue Darters' state title hopes ended in the regional finals, but it was still a memorable season for the boys basketball team.

With a 21-8 record, a Class 7A District 3 Championship, and a final FHSAA state ranking of 39, the Blue Darters had a historic year in more than one way.

Scott Williams, the head coach of the Apopka boys basketball team, told me that the Blue Darters used to be playoff and state championship bluebloods. But then came a drought.

Williams says that Apopka is currently a perennial playoff team, having made six appearances in 11 years, and this year marked a key step forward. Apopka earned

the right to host home state tournament games for the first time since the 1960s, winning its first district title since 2018 and advancing to its first regional final round of the state championship game since the 1960s.

"People say, 'Hey, name the top seven or eight basketball programs in the Orlando metro area.' I think we merit being one of those names, and that didn't take place for 40 years. And so now the job is to keep doing it," Williams said. "I think we've got the right kids, I know we've got the right coaches, and we've got the right support by our administration in our school. So we're very blessed to be where we are and very blessed to be coaching the kids we get to coach."

After the 1960s and 1970s, Apopka was not considered a perennial playoff team in central Florida. Since then, it has been a struggle to regain that standing, but Williams is doing everything he can to restore it to that level

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Blue Darter baseball wins 3 straight

West Orange ends streak with shutout

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darter baseball team moved to 4-2 with a three-game win streak that culminated with a victory over the Olympia Titans, 4-2, on the road on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

The game was a defensive battle through the first four innings. After Apopka scratched out a run in the first, Olympia answered with a run in the second and the game entered the fifth tied 1-1.

Apopka's Wyatt Jagers was having a great day on the mound, but Blue Darter batters also struggled against the tricky pitching of Olympia's Kingston Ebanks.

Olympia took the lead in the bottom of the fifth, grabbing its second run of the night with a sacrifice fly. This was when Apopka's Cameron Pennock replaced Jagers to end the inning and the game. Pennock made quick work of the one batter he saw in the fifth to send Apopka back to the plate.

Apopka was quick to get right back in the game, scoring a run at the top of the sixth inning to bring the game back

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the bottom of the seventh inning, Camron Pennock celebrates after striking out Olympia's final batter to secure their 4-2 win.

Wekiva wrestling prepares for regionals after district success

Six Mustangs advance to Class 3A Region 1 Championship

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Wekiva High School wrestling team prepared for the Class 3A Region 1 Championships after six wrestlers advanced to regionals following district play.

The Region 1 champion-

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

Two Apopka wrestlers go through drills at half speed, working on double-leg takedowns.

Apopka softball dominates season-opening games

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Apopka Blue Darters softball team opened their season with a massive 11-1 win over the Lake Mary Rams on the road last Friday, Feb. 21. Apopka put on a clinic and didn't allow the Rams a second to get comfortable at the plate or in the field. The girls did the same thing this week at Mount Dora, routing the Hurricanes 14-2 on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

"We have been working very hard to reach certain goals and milestones. Team chemistry has also been a focus for us. I love the way they appear to be gelling, and we have high expectations for this season," said head coach Mike MacWithey.

Apopka at Lake Mary (11-1) Win

Apopka ended the game in the sixth inning, run-ruling Lake Mary after scoring

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

Ava Millsbaugh collected six strikeouts against Mount Dora on Feb. 25.

Anglers reel in huge paydays at tournaments



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Hello Folks,
I'm sure everyone is stayin' up with the fishin' in our area. The specks are bitin' and so are the bass.
Kyle at Bitter's B&T reports that the specks are doin' good in both Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup.
Folks are also catchin'

plenty of specks in the Kissimmee Chain and the Harris Chain. So, get you a bucket of minners and some poles and go catch some specks.
The bass fishin' has been good, too. We had a couple of tournaments close to home this past week. MLF was in the Kissimmee Chain, and BassMaster was up on the St. Johns River.
Congrats to Bill Lowen from Indiana who won the BassMaster tournament on the St. John's River. Bill is one of the OG's (old guys) on the tour. Bill is fishin' his 20th year on the tournament trail. Over the course of four days of fishin', Bill was able to bring to the

scales 73 pounds-14 ounces of bass for his win.
You are allowed to weigh in five bass per day, and on the final day, Bill brought four bass to the scales. Those four bass got Bill first place by just 4 ounces and a \$100,000.00 payday!
This week, BassMaster Elite Series is fishin' at Lake Okeechobee in Okeechobee, out of the C. Scott Driver Park. The weigh-ins start at 3 pm. each day.
Also, over the weekend MLF held their Tackle Warehouse Invitational down in Kissimmee. Congrats to Illinois angler Ryan Armstrong for his

first place win. Ryan was able to weigh in 68 pounds-6 ounces of bass over the course of three days. He led the tournament all three days and was able to go wire to wire. Ryan started the tournament on the first day with a five bass bag that hit the scales at just short of 30 pounds. He held the lead after each day of competition. His win got him a check for \$80,000.00. This was Ryan's first tour-level win in MLF.
There were a lot of big sticks in this tournament, but he was able to hold them all off with his solid performance over three days. He was fishin' on the South end of Lake Kis-

simmee and in the mouth of a canal that runs from Tiger Lake to Lake Kissimmee.
Durin' practice Ryan went into the creek, and when he got to the mouth of the creek, the water was flowin' just a little bit from Tiger Lake to Lake Kissimmee. He started flippin' the pads in that area and he was gettin' his baits annihilated by bass. They were jarrin' his rod like crazy, but he never set the hook on any of his bites. He caught all of his bass on Beaver-style baits in several colors. Congrats again to Ryan on his win in the Kissimmee Chain.
In our area, the bass have

been bitin' pretty good in the Butler Chain and the Harris Chain. A lot of bass that are bein' caught have pre-spawn on the beds, and post-spawn.
We have a new moon this week on the 27th. I'm sure the fishin' is gonna continue to pretty dog-gone good. So, if you have been waitin' on some good days to go fishin', this just could be the week to go catch some fish!
Well, that's it for this week.
I hope to see you real soon on the water.
Tip of the week: New Moon.
Save a few and good luck.

Basketball

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

On Thursday, Feb. 20, Apopka's Jarquavion McClain puts up a three-point shot with a Seminole defender closing in with a packed-out Apopka gymnasium behind him.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

The Blue Darters' Jermichael Johnson finds himself open and tries for a three-point shot in the 2025 FHSAA Class 7A Boys Basketball Region One Final on Thursday, Feb. 20

around, they weren't the ones gaining momentum in the second half.
In the first quarter, Apopka and Seminole tried to determine how to attack each other. It was evident that Seminole aimed to penetrate the paint, while Apopka successfully shot the ball but did not finish at the rim efficiently. This marked a role reversal for Apopka, as the Blue Darters typically excel in attacking the paint and thrive near the basket.
The Blue Darters missed layups and gave away turnovers early to the Seminole's pressure and physical style of defense, but they still found open looks. At the end of the first quarter, Apopka's Zacarick Davis hit a big three-pointer to push Apopka ahead 12-10.
The lead in the first half changed nearly every scoring possession, with the Blue Darters and Seminole very stout defensively. But, the second quarter started very slow, with Sanford leading 15-14 with 4:10 left in the first half. Near the end of the second quarter, Apopka was beginning to give up a lot of turnovers to Sanford's double team and zone defense. The Blue Darters were getting great looks but couldn't finish at the rim. Apopka scored just four points to Sanford's nine in the second quarter.
Apopka went into the locker room at halftime trailing 19-

16, and the talks at halftime were about not rising to the moment, Williams said.
"I feel like the game was decided in the first half, believe it or not. We were getting everything we wanted, doing everything we wanted, but we were tight and didn't execute well. A three-point deficit should have been a double-digit lead for us. Nothing was happening in the game that wasn't firmly in our control and grasp, but it felt like the moment was too big. We just didn't take our time to finish the little things, whether it was layups or handling the basketball."
Williams said they were still in good shape at halftime but felt like the game could get out of hand for the Darters if Seminole got going and Apopka's game stayed the same. But they couldn't have foreseen what would happen in the third quarter.
The Second Half
The third was a nightmare for Apopka immediately as the Blue Darters' Jude Angervil suffered an injury only a minute into the second half. Losing Angervil took an immediate toll on the Blue Darters, who would miss his dynamic ability to be a threat on both ends of the ball with his 6-foot-5-inch frame.
Apopka was trailing 25-20 after Seminole went on a 6-1 run in the first 2:44 of the third



Photo by Marshall Tempest

On Thursday, Feb. 20, Apopka's Larson Taylor extends to guard a driving Sanford attacker in the Blue Darters' 54-32 loss.

quarter. Shortly after, another key piece in Apopka's lineup, Jahi Bowden, also suffered an injury.
"So then you had a seminal team that played much better in the second half, and then we lost Jude, and then we lost Jahi, and Jermichael (Johnson) really wasn't right all night because he had a knee problem he'd been dealing with all week, some tendonitis that really flared up on him after Monday night's game," Williams said. "We weren't so deep that we

could overcome it, but we just weren't very good in the second half. But there obviously were some mitigating factors."
With just 1:37 to go in the third quarter, Apopka trailed 33-26. Apopka was struggling defensively to stop Seminole's speed and strength inside with Angervil and Bowden out.
Williams went on to praise Seminole and said that they are not a five seed, as advertised. He said the only reason Seminole was the fifth seed coming into the tournament was

that they spent the first eight or nine games without some key players who were also on the school's football team. Williams said Seminole is as good as anyone in the district, and they have been for quite a while.
To end the third quarter and suck the energy out of the Apopka fans that packed in the Joe A. Sterling Gymnasium, Seminole went on an 8-0 run in the final minute and a half. Apopka was trailing 41-26 going into the final quarter after being outscored 22-10 in the

third quarter.
The Blue Darters faced a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter and continued to succumb to Sanford's pressure and double teams. Sanford finished the game by outscoring Apopka 13-6 in the fourth quarter to secure the blowout win, 54-32.
Williams commended Seminole on its success this season and as a program but said his team did not take advantage of its opportunities.
"When we found ourselves in the right positions, we managed to create excellent shots, even throughout the entire second half," he said. "Even as the game slipped away from us, our issue was that, far too often, we just didn't get in good spots, and then we just kind of fell apart defensively in the second half. Once again, this was primarily because we lacked physicality, and there are no excuses for that. Seminole deserved to win; they outplayed us and executed their game plan more effectively."
Williams expressed high hopes for next season but acknowledged the challenges the program will face replacing five seniors who were a big part of the team's success. Williams also said he is excited to see who will step up and take the leadership mantle on the team in the coming months during off-season work.

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Baseball

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even at 2-2 and set up the decisive seventh inning.

Maddox Stinson raced home on a wild pitch to give Apopka a 3-2 lead in the top of the seventh. After Olympia brought in its fourth pitcher of the day with the bases loaded, another wild pitch allowed Aiden Rieli to score a critical insurance run for the Blue Darters.

In the bottom of the seventh, Pennock slammed the door on Olympia and secured the Blue Darters' third straight win.

"Do your thing, man. Just do your thing," head coach of the Apopka Blue Darters Bobby Brewer told me he said to Pennock before he took the mound in the bottom of the seventh. "You got good stuff; all you've got to do is trust it, throw it, and we'll catch it behind you, so it's all good."

The team had a batting average of .259 and an on-base percentage of .412 and collected seven hits, four runs, one RBI, and one double. The Darters were nearly perfect in the field again, with just one error and 21 putouts with a .955 fielding percentage. Olympia had two errors and a fielding



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Apopka's Jez Hamrick gets a hit in the first inning of the Blue Darter's game against Olympia on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

percentage of .939.

On the mound for Apopka, Jagers had a great game, allowing six hits, two runs, five strikeouts, a 1.50 ERA, a .333 batting average against, and a .333 on-base percentage after throwing 64 pitches to 18 batters. Pennock also had a fantastic game, earning the win and collecting five strikeouts, walking one batter, and allowing no hits or runs.

"This is a big win for us,"

Brewer said after the game. "That's always a good ball club (Olympia), and their first guy out on the mound really had us. We just couldn't seem to find that curveball he was throwing with our bats. We missed some pitches that we should have hit, and we didn't run the bases well in one inning — but these guys don't quit. They just keep coming."

Brewer praised his two pitchers in the win, Jagers and

Pennock. He then said that the team has a lot of fight and heart in them. Brewer said his team is not the type just to lay down and accept defeat. When they aren't in a good situation, they come up with ways to win.

"They got a light of fight in them, a lot of heart, and they aren't just going to quit when it gets tough," Brewer said. "You know, we just keep coming even when we screw it up. And I give the guys a lot of

credit for that."

Previous to the win at Olympia, Apopka defeated Freedom (5-1) and Ocoee (10-2). In the game against Freedom, Tyler Spaid, Reef VanKuren, Collin VanFleet and Rieli all logged multiple hits, while senior Connor McAfee picked up the win on the mound.

Against Ocoee, Nicolas Posluszny, VanKuren, VanFleet and Rieli all put up two-

hit performances. Junior Logan Page tossed a gem on the mound, striking out 13 and allowing no hits across six shut-out innings.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, Apopka's win streak came to an end with a 3-0 shutout at the hands of West Orange. The Blue Darter offense managed just three hits, and McAfee took the loss after allowing three runs (one earned) in three innings.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Aiden Rieli of Apopka makes contact, sends the ball right back at the pitcher, and splits the field down the middle to grab a single.

Wrestling

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ships were set to start Friday, Feb. 28, when the Mustangs traveled to Lake Mary, which hosts the Class 3A Region 1 Championship. They will finish on Saturday, Mar. 1.

The six wrestlers who advanced because of their district championship results were Demarcus Stokes, Nevin Thomas, Joseph Saint Melus, Elijah Jean, Jeremiah Demonsithe, and Joniel Deleon. Stokes and Thomas finished as runners-up in their respective weight classes. Saint Melus and Jean finished third place in their respective weight classes. And Demonsithe and Deleon finished fourth in their respective weight classes.

Wekiva's head coach, Lenin Vazquez, was proud of his team's performance in district.

"Well, they're peaking at the right time, the guys that are moving on," he said. "All of our hard work and our challenging schedule this season is paying off."

Vazquez said two of the biggest district highlights were watching his wrestlers, Stokes and Thomas, compete in the district championship finals. He says now it's all about the next match, and that's the team's mindset — taking it one day and one match at a time. They're focusing on what's right in front of them and not getting distracted by what-ifs.

"They're confident in their ability, and they're not afraid of anyone," said Vazquez.

Vazquez said he and the wrestlers know the jobs are not finished. They aim to be state championship contenders, win it all, and become all-state wrestlers. But Vazquez said it is not always about training as hard as possible going into these important meets.

Vazquez said he and the team would focus on cleaning up their



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Wekiva's head coach, Lenin Vazquez, goes through drills with his team during a practice before the district championship.

finishing on takedowns. He said that's where most of the team lost many points they shouldn't have because of takedowns. But he said rest is the most important thing for his team right now.

"Our other main focus is making sure they're fully recovered from just the long season," Vazquez said. "We want them to be peaking right now, so we're decreasing our workload at practice and just keeping them fresh. So once that first whistle blows at regions, they still want to want to keep wrestling and want to compete."

Vazquez told me that he thinks the reason behind Wekiva's success this season is the balance in their approach. Their mindset, strength, technique, and dedication to their craft are all on the same wavelength and, in a way, feeding off each other. Just how these kids feed off each other and train even harder because of the brotherhood born among teammates.

Vazquez said that Melus and Stokes are the team's de fac-

to leaders and role models to the rest of the team. The two partners push each other daily to the limit, so there are never plateaus in their training, he said.

"They lead by example by leaving it all on the map every single day," Vazquez said. "Whether it's at practice or at a competition, you can never tell because these two are always at 100 percent."

Vazquez said that attitude and energy trickle down to his team. He said another big part of their success this year is how they handled the losses. He said that winning is always easier, and it's the losses that test mental strength.

The team is mentally prepared for regionals, Vazquez said: "We've been to tournaments bigger than regionals."

He said the team was well prepared for the size of the tournament and was confident in their ability to succeed.

"The moment is not too big for them," Vazquez said. "They have been tested. They are battle-tested, and they are ready. They are ready to take this challenge on."

RECAP

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of respect.

One of Williams's most significant pieces of the puzzle in keeping Apopka in the conversation is keeping local talent in Apopka. He said this year might have been crucial in that aspect of enticing basketball players in the city of Apopka to stay and become Blue Darters instead of going off somewhere else to play. Williams said the problem isn't that there are no elite players or talent in the city of Apopka or that it all disappeared — it's that many of the elite Apopka payers don't play for Apopka.

"I hope our success keeps Apopka kids in Apopka," Williams said. "Why were we more successful this year? For the first time in five years, we didn't have players being poached. This also coincides with the last time we won a district championship."

Williams said the group of guys he has now and the group he has had for the last four or five years have actively decided to stay with Apopka. Williams said the team he has now said to him, "Coach, we are where we want to be. We are Apopka through and through, and we want to be special here."

Williams said that if the team and the school can retain community talent, then a year like this and its success would be typical and expected. He said a huge part of that equation is families who decide to send their kids to other places for what they think are better opportunities. He hopes that this year's results speak for themselves.

"If we can keep the Apopka guys here year in and year out, we're going to maintain this level of success versus us fighting to be a wild card team. Our mentality then becomes, 'We're going to get in and see if we can win a game,' versus, 'If we retain all of our homegrown talent and everyone is willing to work hard now, we should be district champions every year and host playoff games.'"

He said the difference is subtle yet distinct.

"I hope this motivates families to ignore outside influences and avoid distractions from those who say, 'Come over here. Do it here. You don't want to be there,'"

Williams said. "We believe this is a special place and a special program, and we had a remarkable group of young men who showed that this year. I hope that's a part of their legacy."

Looking ahead

Coach Williams understands that the team will not perform at the same level next year as it did this year after losing five seniors and four starters. However, he has faith in the program's ability to develop players, just as they did with the five seniors departing. He noted that the younger players on the team received plenty of playing time, many repetitions, and, most importantly, gained experience in an elite program competing against other top-tier programs. They also learned what it takes to compete at a state championship level.

Williams praised the younger varsity players and even the junior varsity players who were brought up in the playoffs for their tenacity and dedication during practice and while reviewing film. Their roles as rotation players and as the scout team, where they defend against the starters, have prepared them for the road ahead.

"We have some wonderfully talented young men who I believe are very, very driven to improve and are deeply passionate about the team and our culture. I have no doubt that in the process of maximizing who we were on this journey, they will be fully invested when we get started soon."

Williams mentioned that the team will take some time off for now but will return to work in a few weeks. He also noted that most of the players have their own off-season routines, participating in their respective AAU leagues, which helps them improve by facing more elite competition.

"I'm excited about who they'll become," Williams said. "I can't wait to see a new face of leadership, and I believe we have some guys who are ready to take on that mantle and make it their own. With each new season comes new challenges, which is part of the uniqueness of this job I'm blessed to do. You get to start fresh, and every road is completely unpaved, allowing you to create a new path with a new group of guys each year."



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Softball

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10 more runs than the Rams. There were only two quiet innings in the game, the first and the second, where Apopka or Lake Mary didn't score a run.

Apopka then reeled off eight unanswered runs, putting up three runs in the second inning, three in the third, and two in the fourth to build an 8-0 lead.

In the fourth, Lake Mary brought in one run, but that was it. Apopka piled on three more runs in the top of the fifth and shut down Lake Mary to carry an 11-1 lead into the sixth, which was scoreless.

Apopka dominated at the plate and on the mound. Ava Millspaugh took the mound for Apopka and delivered an outstanding performance. She finished the game with a 0.00 earned run average (ERA), a .167 opposing batting average (OBA), a .211 on-base percentage allowed (OBP), six strikeouts, and allowed just three hits, one run, and one walk after throwing 61 pitches to 19 batters. She faced only one batter over the minimum in her six-inning gem.

In comparison, the Rams' pitchers faced 33 Apopka batters, while Millspaugh faced only 19 Lake Mary batters. The Rams allowed 14 more plate appearances, a 73.68 percent increase from Apopka—almost double.

A handful of Apopka payers had a great night at the plate, including Hagan Mcgatlin, Alezia Hatcher, Reese Kerns, and Shylah Pino. Mcgatlin, Hatcher, Kerns, and Pino combined for 10 hits, six runs, and five RBIs in the win over Lake Mary.

Mcgatlin had a perfect 1.000 batting average and on-base percentage, with three hits, two runs, four RBIs, and left no Blue Darters on base in her appearances at the plate. Hatcher achieved a .750 batting average and on-base percentage, totaling three hits, two runs, no RBIs, and left two Blue Darters on base in her plate appearances.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, Apopka's Alicia Lopez gets a hit and an RBI during an at-bat in the Blue Darters' 14-2 win over Mount Dora.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Ava Millspaugh threw 75 pitches over five innings.

Kerns recorded a .667 batting average and on-base percentage, with two hits, no runs, one RBI, and left one Blue Darter on base in her plate appearances. Pino posted a .500 batting average and on-base percentage, with two hits, two runs, and one RBI.

Other Blue Darters had a fantastic day at the plate, including Taylor Smith, who recorded one hit, two runs and one RBI.

As a team, Apopka was really tearing the cover off the ball, boasting a team batting average of .500 and a team on-base percentage of .576. Apopka also stole five bases, with two by Pino and the other three stolen by Smith, Kernz, and Mcgatlin, each contributing one steal.

The Blue Darters showcased a nearly flawless performance on the field, boasting a team fielding percentage of .952 with only one error. Apopka recorded 15 putouts and five assists. Lake Mary also performed admirably in the field, considering the score, with a team fielding average of .944 and just one error. The Rams recorded 15 putouts and two assists.

Apopka at Mount Dora (14-2) Win

Absolute domination.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

The Blue Darters' Taylor Smith hits a home run facing two outs with Apopka runners on second and third base on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Those are the only words to describe the Apopka softball team's performance in their two opening games this season. The Blue Darters have outscored their opponents 25-3 in just two games after defeating Mount Dora 14-2.

This game was all about Apopka's trips to the plate, as each one could be an electric momentum shifting at bat. Apopka scored five runs in the second inning, one run in the third, four runs in the fourth, and four final runs in the sixth to run-rule Mount Dora, which scored its only two runs in the

fifth.

The second inning was where it all started as Shylah Pino came to the plate with bases loaded and two outs. Pino made great contact with a ball that sent in one run as she was about to get tagged at first. Still, a wild throw secured her single, allowed her to run for second, and allowed another Apopka runner to get home. The Blue Darters were now up 2-0 with runners on second and third.

After Pino was Smith, who is a menace at the plate for any pitcher. Smith unleashed a huge home run over the center field

wall to put Apopka on top 5-0.

Mount Dora secured the third out before Apopka could put up any more runs in the second but could not return the favor. Apopka, on the other hand, went right back to work in the third inning with another run, then four more in the fourth inning, upping the score 10-0 going into the fifth inning.

Mount Dora managed to get on the board with two runs in the fifth, but Apopka answered with four more runs in the sixth before the game was called.

The Blue Darters posted a team batting average of .343 on

the game. The team also had a .410 on-base percentage while totaling 12 hits, eight RBIs, three doubles, and the homer from Smith.

Smith, Skyla Durand, and Ava Gonzalez led the Darters at the plate. Smith had a .600 batting average and on-base percentage, three hits, two runs, four RBIs, one double, one home run, and left no Blue Darters on base in her plate appearances. Durand had a .500 batting average and on-base percentage, two hits, three runs, and left two Blue Darters on base in her plate appearances. Gonzalez had a .333 batting average and on-base percentage, one hit, one run, one RBI, and left two Blue Darters on base in her plate appearances.

But it wasn't a game where just a few Darters shined; it truly was a team win with everybody contributing something somewhere. Seven Blue Darters stole bases, with Smith, Gonzalez, Kernz, Riley Ford, Mcgatlin, Pino, and Bartkin all grabbing one apiece.

In the field, Apopka was perfect, with a 1.000 fielding percentage, 18 putouts, seven assists, and one double play. The double play was executed by Alicia Lopez, Mcgatlin, and Callie Sowers. Mount Dora's fielders had 18 putouts, two assists, and four errors. Blue Darters were able to reach a base on a Mount Dora error five times.

Millspaugh had another huge night on the mound for the Blue Darters, throwing 75 pitches in five innings. Millspaugh had a 2.80 ERA, gave up two hits, two runs, walked two batters, and collected six strikeouts. She had a batting average against of .125 and an on-base percentage against of .263 and hit one Mount Dora batter with a pitch.

Bartkin came in to relieve Millspaugh in the sixth and final inning of the night. Bartkin threw 14 pitches to four batters, gave up one hit and collected one strikeout in one shutout inning of work.

SUDOKU ANSWERS

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Mustangs drop to 2-7 after falling 12-1 at home to Edgewater Eagles

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs baseball team has had a rough start to the season. This week, they fell to 2-7 after a 12-1 home loss as the Edgewater Eagles no hit the Mustangs on Wednesday, Feb. 26.

In Wekiva's seven losses this year, the Mustangs have been outscored 90-20. But Wekiva has outscored their opponents 35-9 in their two wins.

The first inning against Edgewater foreshadowed the game to come as the Eagles quickly scored five runs on just two hits, aided by wild

pitching and Mustang fielding issues. Wekiva pitcher Jaden Graham had trouble finding the strike zone, leading to two first-inning walks.

After Edgewater scored one more run in the second inning, Wekiva's Emil Flaquer came on in relief to start the third. He limited Edgewater to just a single run in the third and fourth innings.

Wekiva got on the board in the bottom of the third without a hit. Nowah James brought in the run for Wekiva, but it was the only run the Mustangs would get all night.

Wekiva sent in a new pitcher in the fifth and sixth innings, and the Eagles be-

gan just teeing off at the plate. Three runs in the fifth and three runs in the sixth were unanswered by Wekiva as the Eagles were up 12-1 going into the final inning.

In the field, the Mustangs made seven errors and just two assists. The team's fielding percentage was .741, and they had 27 chances and just 18 putouts.

Wekiva's three pitchers on the mound in the loss were Graham, Flaquer, and Brady Reinert. These three pitchers allowed 12 runs but also collected 10 strikeouts.

Graham had an ERA of 7.00, a batting average against of .222, an on-base percent-

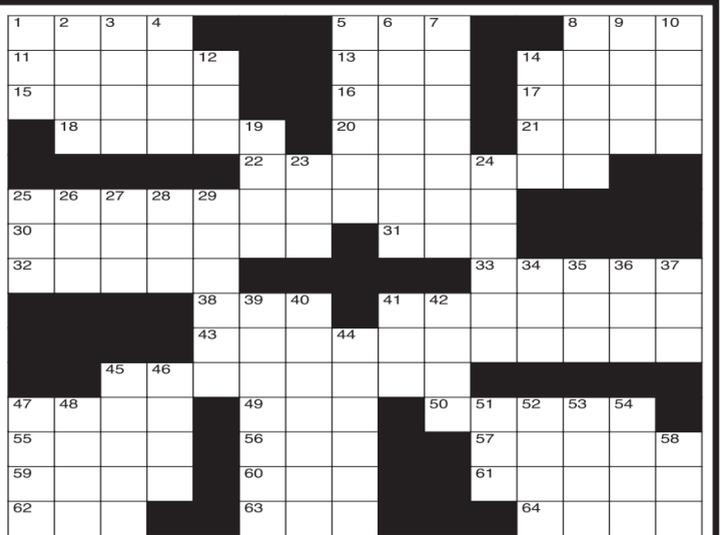
age against of .462, one wild pitch, allowed two hits, six runs, walked four batters, and collected four strikeouts after throwing 56 pitches in two innings. Flaquer had an ERA of 3.50, a batting average against of .000, an on-base percentage against of .222, allowed zero hits, one run, walked two batters, and collected four strikeouts after throwing 45 pitches in two innings. Reinert had an ERA of 7.00, a batting average against of .333, an on-base percentage against of .455, one wild pitch, allowed three hits, five runs, walked two batters, and collected two strikeouts after throwing 33 pitches in two innings.

CLUES ACROSS

- Greek mythological figure
- Small amount
- Play a role
- River in Georgia and Alabama
- Water in the solid state
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Having a strong sharp smell or taste
- Fleece
- Writer/actress Dunham
- Behave in a way that belittles
- Comedienne Gaster
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Conceits
- Slowed down
- Nourishment
- Midway between east and southeast
- Fights
- Comedienne Tyler
- Standing operating procedure
- Locks
- Old
- Song sung to one's lover
- Whale ship captain
- Moved quickly on foot
- Volcanic craters
- Large musical instrument
- Liquefied natural gas
- Ethiopian town
- Not closed
- A team's best pitcher
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Disfigure
- Prefix denoting "in a"
- Sleep

CLUES DOWN

- S. American plant
- Soul and calypso song
- Fruit of the service tree
- Continent
- Albania's capital
- Poisonous plant
- Argues
- Assists
- Town in Galilee
- Russian leader
- Promotional materials
- Wings
- Expression of creativity
- Conceptualize
- A digital tape recording of sound
- Peyton's little brother
- Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- Difference in potential
- Owner
- I (German)
- Chinese conception of poetry
- The world of the dead
- Sign language
- Coincide
- Religious observance
- Confined condition (abbr.)
- Polite interruption sound
- Texas ballplayer
- Type of sword
- Abba __, Israeli politician
- Basic unit of a chemical element
- Native American people in California
- Swiss river
- Hebrew calendar month
- Easily swindled person
- One point south of southwest
- Small island (British)



Solutions can be found on page A8 of this newspaper.

Animals live in parts of cold...      ...snowy areas like the Arctic. Kids: color stuff in! 

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In Lands of Cold and Snow!

Seals, hares, oxen, foxes and squirrels are some animals that can live in cold, snowy climates. Do you know other animals that live in lands of cold and snow? Many live where land and water meet.

Will you read the clues below and fill in the crossword? I can "bearly" wait to see the answers.

- walk in single file; lead animal breaks trail in snow; known to travel great distances
- large sea animal hunted for its hide, ivory tusks, oil; moves in herds; sunbathes in groups
- Dall _____ - horned animal; hooves have rough pads to help traverse mountains
- polar _____ has black skin, but "white" fur; hunts seals from sea ice
- large, beaked bird; dives up to 60 meters to catch fish
- collared _____ - burrows under snow; eats stored seed, bark
- snowshoe _____ - lives above ground unlike many long-eared cousins; grows white coat of fur for camouflage
- timber _____; moves up to 12 miles a day in a pack to hunt
- largest of northern deer; wide hooves help it walk in snow
- Alaskan _____; oldest known sled dog; does not normally live in wild, cared for by people; has strength and endurance
- snowy _____; stays awake during day, unlike others; white feathers; travels to slightly warmer places in winter
- fluffy white animal; can hear prey as it moves under snow
- short legs, long nose and hair; finds things under snow using smell
- flightless bird glides on stomach along snow, ice; huddles with others for warmth; oil on feathers protects from cold water
- bird; migrates to slightly warmer climates for cold winter months; moves in large groups to protect young from predators like arctic fox

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Who Am I?

I live on the edge of snowy lands and in the icy waters. I am a wonderful swimmer and diver! Who am I?

Follow the dots to see me!

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How Do Penguins Keep Warm?

There are many animals and birds living in the lands of cold, snow and ice. My cousin, Pearly the Polar Bear, lives up north in the Arctic. Penguins do not live with the polar bears in the area near the North Pole. They live in areas farther south. Some live in deep cold, such as on the continent of Antarctica, near the South Pole.

Some live in warmer areas around the world. Layers of fat and feathers keep penguins warm. Penguins are one of my favorite animals. They are such fun to watch. They seem to know they're putting on a show! Speaking of penguins and shows...can you fill in the blanks to answer my new joke below?

What did the penguins sing after putting on their best hats and "tails"?

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Hey! That sounds a lot like that hit song by the famous composer, Irving Berlin.

DoubleTake

Study these penguins. Can you find and circle the 2 that are exactly alike?

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION CASE NUMBER: 2015-CP-000886-O DIVISION: Guardianship IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF BARBARA A ENGLISH

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-000643-O DIVISION: Guardianship IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF MICHAEL PINTO

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000015-O MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JOHN M. GARBY, DECEASED, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF AS TO COUNT X D SCOTT CUMMINS 1831 WASHINGTON BLVD KANSAS CITY, KS 66102 TYSHIA N CUMMINS 1831 WASHINGTON BLVD KANSAS CITY, KS 66102

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COUNT X 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: V50932 & V50933 & V50934 & V50935 & V50936 & V50937) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 am, on the 28th day of March, 2025, online at www.myorangeloclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 6, 2025.

DATED this 6th day of February, 2025. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald Edward M. Fitzgerald Florida Bar No 0010391 Holland & Knight LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-015669-O DIV NO.:35 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs. JEFFREY M. CHARLES, et al., Defendants.

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NOELIA SANCHEZ RODRIGUEZ: Bags, totes, mattresses, couch, furniture, shoes, hampers, boxes, ladders, fans, electronics, speaker, kitchen items, lamps, dressers, headboard/footboard, TV JOSE MANUEL COLINA PALMA: Bike, mini fridge, car battery, mirror, boxes, bags Publish: The Apopka Chief February 28th and March 7th

A-AAA Key Mini Storage

5285 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32839 m29@trusedstoragepros.com 689-800-7333 NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 5285 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32839, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash only at www.storageeuctions.com on March 27th 2025 at 11:00AM.

ACE Transportation Systems DBA ACE WRECKER - Boxes Tires/Wheels Compressor Air Dryer Tools Totes Justin Gabriel Pacheco - Boxes Tires/Wheels Compressor Air Dryer Tools Totes Sharaketa McCray - Vending Machines Sharaketa Latrice McCray - Vending Machines Cynthavia Gray - Furniture Desk Tote Bag Cynthavia Lavon Gray - Furniture Desk Tote Bag

Guermie Zetrenne - Mattress Boxes Clothes Weights Luggage Totes Publish: The Apopka Chief February 28th 2025 and March 7th 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ABATEMENT AND DEMAND FOR DISMISSAL

Published for Legal Notice & Constructive Record IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 48-2024-CF-006765-O THE STATE OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff, v. JEREMY HICKMAN A Living Man, Pari Passu, In Propria Persona, Sui Juris, Appearing Specially and Not Generally.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ABATEMENT AND DEMAND FOR DISMISSAL TO ALL PARTIES OF INTEREST, THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT: Take notice that on February 17, 2025 I, Jeremy Hickman, appearing specially and not generally, have filed a NOTICE AND DEMAND FOR ABATEMENT AND DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION, DEFECTIVE PROCESS, AND VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS in the above-referenced matter, demanding the immediate cessation of all proceedings for the following reasons:

1. Lack of Subject Matter and Personal Jurisdiction • The State has failed to prove jurisdiction on the record, violating established legal procedure. (Hagens v. Lavine, 415 U.S. 528). • A court must prove jurisdiction before proceeding, and failure to do so renders all actions void ab initio (Ex Parte Young, 209 U.S. 123). 2. No Sworn Affidavit from an Injured Party • No lawful complaint has been filed under penalty of perjury, violating Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.140(g) and Federal Rule of Evidence 602 & 602.

• A sworn affidavit must be filed before a case can proceed (Ex parte Bain, 121 U.S. 1). • Hearsay affidavits and unsigned statements are inadmissible and do not create jurisdiction (Crawford v. Washington, 541 U.S. 36). 3. Violation of the Grand Jury Requirement The Fifth Amendment mandates that no felony prosecution shall proceed without a grand jury indictment, unless waived. • I have never waived my right to a grand jury, making the case fraudulent and unlawful (Hale v. Henkel, 201 U.S. 43).

4. Unlawful Assignment of Judges • Judge Barbara Leach and Judge Jordan both recused themselves, and yet the case was unlawfully reassigned without jurisdiction. • A judge must have a valid commission and oath on record before presiding over any case (Tumey v. Ohio, 273 U.S. 510). 5. State's Procedural Default—No Opportunity to Correct Due Process Violations • Due process violations cannot be retroactively corrected (Patterson v. Alabama, 294 U.S. 600).

• Once a court violates fundamental rights, the case must be dismissed, as no later action can cure the error (Gideon v. Wainwright, 372 U.S. 335). NOTICE OF STATE'S FAILURE TO RESPOND The State of Florida, having failed to lawfully respond, is now in procedural default. The lack of response to the abatement constitutes tacit acquiescence that:

• The State lacks jurisdiction over this matter. • No injured party has come forth under oath. • All proceedings from this point forward are unlawful. Failure of the court to immediately dismiss this matter will result in the following:

1. A Writ of Prohibition to the Fifth District Court of Appeal. 2. A Federal Civil Rights Lawsuit under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against all involved parties. 3. A Judicial Complaint against Judge Tynan for misconduct. CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES By this publication, this Notice and Demand for Abatement and Dismissal is publicly recorded and establishes a binding legal notice. All parties who continue in this unlawful prosecution will be acting in fraud, conspiracy, and deprivation of rights under color of law (18 U.S.C. §§ 241, 242).

"The first one to plead his cause seems right, his neighbor comes and examines him." - Proverbs 18:17 "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." - James 4:17 This public record serves as formal notice that I do not consent to any further proceedings in this matter. Any attempt to continue prosecution without proving jurisdiction and lawful cause will be deemed a willful trespass on my rights. Respectfully published and submitted, Jeremy/Hickman Royal Minister Executed outside the United States under 28 U.S.C. § 1746(1) B/By: /s/ Jeremy-Tynan: of The Hickman Tribe

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE AND DEMAND FOR ABATEMENT AND DISMISSAL FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION, DEFECTIVE PROCESS, AND VIOLATION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS, has been served upon the State Attorney's Office, Judge Greg A. Tynan and all relevant parties on this 17th day of February, 2025.

Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court Orange County Circuit Court 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32801 Office of the State Courts Administrator Florida Supreme Court Building 400 South Duval Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900 Governor's Appointments Office The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001 Honorable Judge Greg A. Tynan Ninth Judicial Circuit Court Orange County Courthouse 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32801 State Attorney Deja Monet Gordon Office of the State Attorney, Ninth Judicial Circuit 415 N. Orange Ave Orlando, FL 32801 /s/Royal Minister Jeremy-Tynan of the Hickman Tribe

Appearing Sui Juris, Pari Passu, In Propria Persona, All Rights Reserved. NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DBA ACE WRECKER gives notice that the following vehicle(s) may be sold for cash by public sale at 301 S ORANGE BLOSSOM TRL ORLANDO FL 32839 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. Sale Date: 3/19/2025 8:00 am 2017 FVCH 4X4TCK2L1HK040286

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DBA ACE WRECKER gives notice that the following vehicle(s) may be sold for cash by public sale at 101 BAY ST OCOEE FL 34761 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78. Sale Date: 3/19/2025 8:00 am 2017 Kia 3KPFK4A74HE075116

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ory Dessert GDessert@Annunciation Orlando, org. All Email requests should have a title of "Annunciation Catholic Preschool Internal Security Communications Systems Project Bid Document Request." Pre-bid site visits to review the project will be available to all bidders until Friday, March 7, 2025. Bids will be due by 5:00 pm, Monday, March 10, 2025.

Annunciation Catholic Pre-School

Reception Area Security Renovations Project Advertisement Annunciation Catholic Pre-School is seeking bids from qualified General / Building Contractors to perform Security Renovations of the Reception Area at Annunciation Catholic Pre-School located at 970 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714. The General / Building Contractor will be responsible for the Design and Construction / Renovation of the Pre-Construction to purchase and install the installation of a new Laminated Security Glass Enclosure, Cabinetry and Access Control System (S). This proposed project is funded through the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Bids will be considered from General / Building Contractors that have been successful in completing similar type projects. General / Building Contractors must also adhere to Federal Wage rates and any Special Provisions as stipulated by the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Procurement is by sealed bid. Bids are publicly solicited, and a fixed price (Lump Sum) contract will be awarded to the responsive bidder whose bid conforms to all material terms and conditions of the invitation to bid and is the best value to Annunciation Catholic Pre-School. A mandatory pre-bid conference to discuss this project will be held on Friday, December 6, 2024 at 10:00 AM, at Annunciation Catholic Pre-School, 970 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714. Bids will not be accepted after 5 PM on Friday, January 10, 2025.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is available electronically via email request to: Gregory Dessert GDessert@Annunciation Orlando, org. All Email requests should have a title of "Annunciation Catholic Preschool Reception Area Renovation Project - Bid Document Request."

Annunciation Catholic Church Security Video Surveillance Camera Advertisement Annunciation Catholic Church is seeking bids from qualified Security Surveillance Camera Contractors to purchase and install Security Video Surveillance Cameras at Annunciation Catholic Church located at 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714. The Security Surveillance Camera Contractor will be responsible for the installation of Hanwha Cameras & Equipment (or alternate brand equal) at several locations on Annunciation Catholic Church campus. All new Security Cameras will be integrated into a new Hanwha Network Video Recording equipment / system.

This proposed project is funded through the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Bids will be considered from Security Surveillance Camera Contractors that have been successful in completing similar type projects. Providers must also adhere to Federal Wage rates and any Special Provisions as stipulated by the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Procurement is by sealed bid. Bids are publicly solicited, and a fixed price (Lump Sum) contract will be awarded to the responsive bidder whose bid conforms to all material terms and conditions of the invitation to bid and is the best value to Annunciation Catholic Church. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is available electronically via EMAIL request to: Gregory Dessert GDessert@Annunciation Orlando, org. All Email requests should have a title of "Annunciation Catholic Church Security Video Surveillance Camera Project - Bid Document Request."

Pre-bid site visits to review the project will be available to all bidders until Friday, March 7, 2025. Bids will be due by 5:00 pm Monday, March 10, 2025.

Annunciation Catholic Academy

Additional Security Video Surveillance Camera Advertisement Annunciation Catholic Academy is seeking bids from qualified Security Surveillance Camera Contractors to purchase and install additional Security Video Surveillance Cameras at Annunciation Catholic Academy located at 593 Jamestown Blvd, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714. The Security Surveillance Camera Contractor will be responsible for the installation of additional Avigilon Camera Equipment in several areas of Annunciation Catholic Academy campus which are currently not surveilled. All new cameras are to be tied into and expand the existing Avigilon Security Surveillance Camera system.

This proposed project is funded through the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Bids will be considered from Security Surveillance Camera Contractors that have been successful in completing similar type projects. Providers must also adhere to Federal Wage rates and any Special Provisions as stipulated by the FL-NSGP Security Grant. Procurement is by sealed bid. Bids are publicly solicited, and a fixed price (Lump Sum) contract will be awarded to the responsive bidder whose bid conforms to all material terms and conditions of the invitation to bid and is the best value to Annunciation Catholic Academy. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is available electronically via EMAIL request to: Gregory Dessert GDessert@Annunciation Orlando, org. All Email requests should have a title of "Annunciation Catholic Academy Security Video Surveillance Camera Project Bid Document Request."

Pre-bid site visits to review the project will be available to all bidders until Friday, March 7, 2025. Bids will be due by 5:00 pm, Monday, March 10, 2025.

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY ANN FISHER PRICE a/k/a MARY ANN F. PRICE Deceased. PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2025-CP-000266-O Division Probate NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Mary Ann Fisher Price a/k/a Mary Ann F. Price, deceased, whose date of death was October 25, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IS FEBRUARY 21, 2025. Personal Representative: Bonnie Perry 6063 Hardrock Circle Orlando, Florida 32819 Attorney for Personal Representative: Jennifer Beaman Clark 7200 E. Colonial Drive, Suite 200, P.A. 501 S. New York Avenue, Suite 220 Winter Park, Florida 32789 Telephone: (407) 628-4200 E-mail: jclark@beamanclark.com BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 03/25/2025 at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32708 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.

KL4CJCS-B70DB090732 February 28, 2025 BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on 03/24/2025 at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32708 to satisfy the lien

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-000766-O DIV NO.:

33 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.

Plaintiff, vs. ROLAND H. MOORE, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT XIV

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:

TO: TERESA FLOYD, DECEASED 227 E VANDERBILT DRIVE OAKRIDGE, TN 37830

The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE INSTITUTION OF THE ABOVE-STYLED FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS BY THE PLAINTIFF, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT XIV

10 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P50037 & P50038 & P50039 & P50040 & P50041 & P50042 & P50043 & P50044 & P50045 & P50046) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

HK#126435.8667 # 10026655 DD REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Court- house, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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.

OUR FILE #129710.0050

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2023-CA-016969-O DIV NO.:

34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V

TO: MICHAEL R. PETERSEN 354 CANAAN CIR SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA 23435-3536 TAMMY C. PETERSEN 354 CANAAN CIR SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA 23435-3536

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT V

A timeshare estate as defined by section 721.05, Florida Statutes, more fully described as:

6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 752639 & 752640 & 752641 & 752642 & 759606 & 759607) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII

TO: WILLIAM VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956 MARIA DIAZ-VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

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6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 707832 & 707833 & 707834 & 707835 & 707836 & 707837) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of August 1, 2012 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

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HK#126435.8614 # 10035535 DD REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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OUR FILE #129710.0049

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2023-CA-016969-O DIV NO.:

34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII

TO: CHARLES W. PEABODY 12 SCHOOL HOUSE RD. HENRY, CT 06435 CYNTHIA PEABODY 12 SCHOOL HOUSE RD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII

14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B68551 & B68552 & B68701 & B68702 & B68703 & B68704 & B68705 & B68706 & B68707 & B68708 & B68709 & B68710 & B68711 & B68712) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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HK#126435.8667 # 10026655 DD REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2023-CA-016969-O DIV NO.:

34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX

TO: CHARLES W. PEABODY 12 SCHOOL HOUSE RD. HENRY, CT 06435 CYNTHIA PEABODY 12 SCHOOL HOUSE RD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IX

14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B68551 & B68552 & B68701 & B68702 & B68703 & B68704 & B68705 & B68706 & B68707 & B68708 & B68709 & B68710 & B68711 & B68712) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801 Ph. (407) 244-5198 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

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OUR FILE #129710.0049

AS TO COUNT VI

TO: CRISTINA M.G.P.B. PUGLIESE RE EDUARDO PRADO COELHO 20 B AMORA 2845-623

PURGATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VI

A timeshare estate as defined by Section 721.05, Florida Statutes, more fully described as:

14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: B68551 & B68552 & B68701 & B68702 & B68703 & B68704 & B68705 & B68706 & B68707 & B68708 & B68709 & B68710 & B68711 & B68712) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

CIRCUIT COURT SEAL CIVIL DIVISION 425 N. Orange Avenue Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP

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OUR FILE #129710.0050

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2023-CA-016969-O DIV NO.:

34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII

TO: WILLIAM VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956 MARIA DIAZ-VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VII

6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 707832 & 707833 & 707834 & 707835 & 707836 & 707837) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00 (a.k.a. MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of August 1, 2012 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on this 28 day of MAY, 2024. Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court BY: /s/Rosa Aviles As Deputy Clerk

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OUR FILE #129710.0050

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2023-CA-016969-O DIV NO.:

34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. HELEN SCHMIDT-SUTTON, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII

TO: WILLIAM VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956 MARIA DIAZ-VELAZQUEZ 3 GERMONDS ROAD NEW CITY, NEW YORK 10956

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-016969-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2021-CA-002717-O DIV NO.: 34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION

1 BRAMPTON LANE HENDON, NW4 4AB UNITED KINGDOM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2021-CA-002717-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II Unit Week 42 in Unit 2211, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 19th day of March, 2025 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 20, 2025.

DATED February 20, 2025 /s/Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2021-CA-002717-O DIV NO.: 34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION

1 BRAMPTON LANE HENDON, NW4 4AB UNITED KINGDOM NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 12, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2021-CA-002717-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III Unit Week 43 in Unit 2211, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

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DATED February 20, 2025. /s/Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2021-CA-002717-O DIV NO.: 34 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,

Plaintiff, vs. PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: PHILIP PHILLIPS & COMPANY, LTD, A LONDON CORPORATION, CORPORATION

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COUNT IV Unit Week 44B in Unit 2211, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

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the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 20, 2025.

DATED February 20, 2025 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: ESTATE OF CARLA ANN BROWN, Deceased. PROBATE DIVISION File No.

2025-CP-000072-O

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of CARLA ANN BROWN, deceased, whose date of death was October 7, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: February 28, 2025.

CIARA O. BROWN Personal Representative 700 Hancock Street, Apt. 1L Brooklyn, NY 11233

Mary Merrell Bailey Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 541265 Your Caring Law Firm, P.L.C 2323 Lee Road Winter Park, FL 32789 Telephone: (407) 622-1900 Email: Merrell@yourcaringlawfirm.com Secondary Email: Paralegals@yourcaringlawfirm.com

NOTICE OF SALE

OF VESSEL

Pursuant to Fl. Stat. 328.17(7) the following described vessel(s) will be sold in a public sale: 2023 YDV HIN#:YDV4790L223. Lienor/ WEST ORLANDO POWERSPORTS 16333 W COLONIAL DR OAKLAND, FL 407-877-6051. Sale Date: March 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Lienors place.

NOTICE OF SALE MOTOR VEHICLE

PURSUANT TO F.S. 83.805-83.806 TO: MILLER TRANSPORT INC / former tenant. You are hereby informed the following described vehicle(s) will be sold in Public Auction for cash to the highest bidder. a.m. 2000 BOYD VIN: 1B9CS452XPY275989. Sale and vehicle location: 800 W LANDSTREET RD ORLANDO, FL on March 11, 2025 at 10:00

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROBATE DIVISION

FILE NUMBER: 2024-CP-000437 IN RE: ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY CARL HURST, Deceased.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: NELLIE KATE WARDEN MILLER and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described herein and all parties claiming interests by, through, under, or against any of the above-named defendants.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the estate of TIMOTHY CARL HURST has been initiated in ORANGE COUNTY, Florida, file number 2024-CP-000437, in which you may have some interest as an heir of the estate.

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Burke L. Randa, P.A. At 100 East Pine Street, Suite 110, Orlando, Florida 32801 on or before March 24th, 2025, first publication of this notice being on February 21st, 2025, and to file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter otherwise the court may grant the request of set forth in the petitions in this case without further notice to you.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 19th day of February, 2025.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL As Clerk of the Court By A Deputy Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

FLORIDA

Case No.: 48-2022-DR-005694-O Division: 38 BRANDON JOSSE CRESPO, Petitioner, and FRANCIS PAOLA MELENDEZ, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION

FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, VISITATION, OR PARENTING PLAN/TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE AND OTHER RELIEF

TO: Francis Paola Melendez /s/ Naline Bahadur Leeburg, FL 32748 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Supplemental Petition To Modify Parental Responsibility, Visitation,

Or Parenting Plan/Time-Sharing Schedule And Other Relief has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Brandon Crespo, whose address is 3432 Tranquil Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34747, on or before 3/27/2025 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N Orange Ave, Orlando, FL 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents

and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. Dated: FEBRUARY 5TH, 2025.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON By: /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON (Deputy Clerk) CIRCUIT COURT SEAL 425 North Orange Ave. Suite 320 Orlando, Florida 32801

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2024-CC-020739-O

ARBORS AT MEADOW WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, vs. EDWARD LAMA, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Abigail Checo, 1507 Astoria Arbor Lane, Orlando, FL 32824 Unknown Spouse of Abigail Checo, 1507 Astoria Arbor Lane, Orlando, FL 32824

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Lot 27, Arbors at Meadow Woods, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 95, Page(s) 19 through 23, of Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

This property is located at the street address of: 1507 Astoria Arbor Lane, Orlando, FL 32824

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Shipwash Law Firm, P.A., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is: 225 S. Swoope Avenue, Suite 110, Maitland, FL 32751, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication or 30 days after the first publication of this notice, whichever comes first, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this 17th day of February 2025.

Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, Florida 32801 By: /s/ Lauren Scheidt As Deputy Clerk

SHIPWASH LAW FIRM, PA 225 S. Swoope Avenue, Suite 110 Maitland, FL 32751 Tel: (407) 274-9913 Fax: (407) 386-7074 Tennille Shipwash, Esq. Florida Bar No.: 617431 Primary email address: tshipwash@shipwashlegal.com Secondary email address: tsantiago@shipwashlegal.com

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, FL 32801, (407) 836-2303, Fax: (407) 836-2204, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately if you receive less than a seven (7) day notice to appear. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.

This law firm is a "debt collector" under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. We are attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA

Case No: 2025CA01128-O Division 37 S.S.B. ASSETS LLC, Florida Limited Liability Company Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES VITO, and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JEANETTE VITO Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Unknown Heirs of Charles Vito, 6357 S Oak Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60638 Unknown Heirs of Jeanette Vito, 6357 S Oak Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60638

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to the following property in Orange County, Florida:

The East 75 feet of the West 225 feet of Tract 122, Cape Orlando Estates, Unit 3-A, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book Z, Page 102, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

has been filed against you in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, Orange County, Florida and is styled: S.S.B. ASSETS LLC vs UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHARLES VITO and UNKNOWN HEIRS JEANETTE VITO. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the Plaintiff's Attorney Gell S. Bilu, Esq, 7822 NW 44th St, Sunrise, FL 33351 within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in the Apopka Chief and file the original with Clerk of this Court either before service on Gell S. Bilu or immediately after service, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. The Court has authority to enter a judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: Unknown Heirs of Charles Vito, 6357 S Oak Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60638 Unknown Heirs of Jeanette Vito, 6357 S Oak Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60638

interest which will be binding upon you. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act 1990 (ADA), if you are a person with a disability who needs accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Orange Circuit Court ADA coordinator at (407) 836-2204 or ctadm2@ocnjcc.org

DATED on 02/19/2025. Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts /s/ Naline Bahadur Deputy Clerk Civil Division 425 N Orange Ave Room 350 Orlando, FL 32801

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File No: 2025-CP-00176-O Division Probate IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN D. TERWILLIGER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOHN D. TERWILLIGER, deceased, whose date of death was December 21, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE COUNTY, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is February 28, 2025.

Personal Representative: /s/Christopher Gardner CHRISTOPHER B. GARDNER 250 Stirling Ave. Winter Park, Florida 32789 Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/Aimee Hitchner Aimee Collins Hitchner Florida Bar No. 879169 Alexandra Fox Florida Bar No. 1040188 Attorneys for Petitioner Email:ahitchner@maynardnexsen.com, alox@maynardnexsen.com, hyates@maynardnexsen.com, maynard Nexsen PC 200 East New England Avenue, Suite 300 Winter Park, FL 32789 Telephone: 407-647-2777

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2024-CA-008760-O DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006- WMC2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff, vs.

LILYA STEPANIK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LILYA STEPANIK; CREEKSIDE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure (In Rem) dated February 24, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 2024-CA-008760-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2006-WMC2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006- WMC2, Plaintiff, and LILYA STEPANIK; CREEKSIDE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 20th day of March, 2025, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 59, CREEKSIDE VILLAS AT MEADOW WOODS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGES 103 AND 104, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLUS THE NORTHEASTERLY 2.50 FEET OF LOT 60 AS MEASURED ALONG THE COMMON LOT LINE OF LOTS 59 AND 60.

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.

If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Ninth Circuit Court Administration ADA Coordinator Orange County Courthouse 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, 32801 (407) 836-2303 Dated: February 25, 2025 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler By: Brian L. Rosaler Florida Bar No.: 0174882. Attorney for Plaintiff: Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire Popkin & Rosaler, P.A. 1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard Suite 400 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 Telephone: (954) 360-9030 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187 Published in: THE APOPKA CHIEF 24-51524

Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that Northwest Orlando Storage at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 03/17/2025 at approx. 9:00 a.m. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The

property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. Unit # - Name - Description: #1033 - Melissa Rodriguez -, #1016-1017 - Antoinette Miller/Antoinette Cherise Miller -, #E037 - Delaney Davis -, #E008- Mariceli Carrera -, #D005 -Ellaume Guillaume-, #C056 -Ascania Dumitru -, #C036-Frisnel Mauvais-, #B041-Mitchell Hendricks-, #Rv9-Antoinette Miller/Antoinette Cherise Miller-1996 Chev UT vin/hull #3GNFK16R8XG171768...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA

CIRCUIT CIVIL

Case No. 2024-CA-005753 -O Division, 38 FLORIDA REGIONAL CENTER, LP I, a Delaware limited partnership, Plaintiff vs.

LAKE BENNETT VILLAGE - OCOEE, LLC, a Wyoming limited liability company, and MAINE BOULEVARD II, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 10, 2025, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2024-CA-005753-O, wherein Florida Regional Center, LP I, is the Plaintiff and Lake Bennett Village - Ocoee, LLC, and Maine Boulevard II, LLC, are the Defendants, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court, will sell the property situated in said County described as:

PARCEL NO. 1A; 1B; and 1C: (Parcel ID# 17-22-28-6144-06-250 & 17-22-28-6144-06- 260 & 17-22-28-6144-06-261)

All of Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28 and a portion of Lots 22, 23 and 24, Block 6, Map of Ocoee, Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 28 East, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book A, Pages 100 and 101, Public Records of Orange County, Florida. Together with that portion of vacated Maine Street as recorded in Official Records Book 4926, Page 3959, Public Records of Orange County, Florida.

Being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the Southwest corner of said Lot 26; thence North 00°06'25" East, 617.49 feet; thence South 88°39'20" East 1268. 75 feet; thence South 00°19'08" West, 640.61 feet; thence North 88°57'53" West, 434.74 feet; thence North 01°02'07" East, 30.00 feet; thence North 88°57'53" West, 832.00 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Together with: Begin at the Southwest corner of said Lot 25; thence North 00°16'25" East, 617.48 feet; thence South 88°20'50" East, 317.85 feet; thence South 00°09'34" West, 360.00 feet; thence South 62°11

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-015228-O
 DIV NO.: 48
 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARTIN C. MCCABE, et al., Defendants.
 NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V TO: CONSTANCE WASHINGTON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF CONSTANCE WASHINGTON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT

7411 BRECKINRIDGE STREET LAUREL, MD 20707
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 19, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-015228-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT V
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: M60945 & M60946 & M60947 & M60948 & M60949 & M60950 & M60951 & M60952) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 9, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 24, 2025.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2025.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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.
 OUR FILE #126435.5013
 MORI #10025075

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-015228-O
 DIV NO.: 48
 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARTIN C. MCCABE, et al., Defendants.
 NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: ANNE M. VONBRECHT, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ANNE M. VONBRECHT, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT

213 COUNTRY CLUB LANE BELLEVILLE, IL 62223
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 19, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-015228-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VI
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: Q46642 & Q46643 & Q46644 & Q46645 & Q46646 & Q46647 & Q46648 & Q46649) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of June 1, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 9, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 24, 2025.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2025.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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.
 OUR FILE #126435.5029
 MORI #100268993

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-015228-O
 DIV NO.: 48
 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MARTIN C. MCCABE, et al., Defendants.
 NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII TO: ROBERT MORGAN, DECEASED PO BOX 851 GATLINBURG, TN 37738 PAMELA MORGAN PO BOX 851 GATLINBURG, TN 37738

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 20, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-015228-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT VIII
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: W39633 & W39634 & W39635 & W39636) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 9, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 24, 2025.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2025.
 /s/Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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.
 OUR FILE #126435.5081
 MORI #100300010

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2023-CA-015228-O
 DIV NO.: 48
 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.

Plaintiff, vs. MARTIN C. MCCABE, et al., Defendants.
 NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: SALOME R. ZAPANTA, DECEASED 27 HART STREET FARMINGDALE, NY 11735 ZOILO A. ZAPANTA 27 HART STREET FARMINGDALE, NY 11735

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 19, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2023-CA-015228-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT X
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: T91725 & T91726 & T91727 & T91728 & T91729 & T91730 & T91731 & T91732) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of November 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

at Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. on April 9, 2025, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. 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 within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on February 24, 2025.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2025.
 /s/Edward M. Fitzgerald EDWARD M. FITZGERALD FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, 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.
 OUR FILE #126435.5052
 MORI #100286610

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION
 IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY MEGAN PONSKY Deceased Division 02
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of MARY MEGAN PONSKY, deceased, File Number 2024-CP-003775-0, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The Estate is Testate and the date of the decedent's Last Will and Testament is June 27, 2019. The name and

address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and all other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with the court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICES OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is February 14, 2025.

Personal Representative: Barbara Joan Lubich, Petitioner, 390 Buckingham Drive, Aurora, OH 44202

Attorney for the Personal Representative: Samantha M. Agnini, Esq., Florida Bar Number 0099111, Attorney for Petitioner, 4440 PGA Blvd, Suite 600, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410, Telephone Number: (561) 231-0106, E-mail: agnini-law@gmail.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA DIVISION

PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELENA GALVAN Deceased.
 File No. 25CP-000122
 Division Probate

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: THE ESTATE OF CARLOS GALVAN, the unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors of THE ESTATE OF CARLOS GALVAN, and all other parties claiming by, through, under, or against THE ESTATE OF CARLOS GALVAN, and all unknown natural persons if alive, and if dead or not known to be dead or alive, their several and respective unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, and creditors, or other parties claiming interests by, through or under those unknown natural persons, and all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above names or described defendants or all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the estate.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that the administration for the Estate of ELENA GALVAN, deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: Savannah Young Cerullo, Esquire, the Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 245 South Central Avenue, Post Office Drawer 30, Bartow, Florida 33831.

The date of the first publication is February 21, 2025.

On or before the 24 day of March 2025, and to file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Petitioner's attorney, or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment of order for the relief demanded, without further notice.

ALL OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

DATED on this 14 day of February, 2025.
 (COURT SEAL)
 TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL AS CLERK OF COURT
 BY: /s/ Kevin Drumm AS DEPUTY CLERK
 /s/ Savannah Young Cerullo SAVANNAH YOUNG CERULLO Attorney for Petitioner
 Florida Bar Number: 791707
 Boswell & Dunlap, LLP
 Post Office Drawer 30
 Bartow, FL 33831
 Telephone: (863) 533-7117
 E-Mail: Savannah@bosdun.com

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the 19th Day of March, 2025 at 10:00 AM Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.

Carolyn Rodgers - Unit 1027 - Personal Property
 Jatera Robinson - Unit 1051 - Personal Property
 Cameron Quesada - Unit 2111- Personal Property

02/28/2025 and 03/07/2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10906 Moss Park Rd, Orlando, FL, 32832, 407-725-5277 intends to sell the personal property described below in order to satisfy Owner's lien. Everything sold is purchased AS-IS for CASH ONLY. See and bid on all units 24/7 ending on March 19th, 2025, at 11:00 am at www.lockerfox.com. Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the winning bidder takes possession of the property. TERMS listed on auction website Aaron Adamick-436-Household Goods; Ali Warthen-524-Household Goods; Jorge Leal-540-Household Goods; Ali Warthen-830-Household Goods

Cellco Partnership and its Controlled Affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes the installation of a new 40-ft communications pole, at the approx. vicinity of: 1166 Vick Road, Apopka, Orange County, Florida 32712. Coordinates: [Latitude: 28° 41' 55.62" N, Longitude: 81° 31' 33.06" W]. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Jessica Cilentio, j.cilentio@trileaf.com; 407-660-7840; 1051 Winderley Place, Suite 201, Maitland, Florida 32751.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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