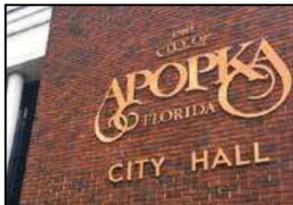


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## Nelson dismisses city administrator after 9 months

Communication breakdown led to termination

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson told the Apopka Chief that he fired the city administrator because of a pattern of poor communication culminating with an unreported letter from the state Department

of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Nelson terminated Apopka city administrator Jacob Smith on Friday, nine months after he started the job.

"I'm his boss, and you'd think he would communicate with me, but yeah, so in four weeks since his daughter got married, he'd been to see me in my office once," Nelson said in a Monday phone interview.

A Tuesday, March 18,

letter from Gov. Ron DeSantis's office — reviewed by the Chief — explained that the Executive Office of the Governor (EOG) has set up an EOG DOGE Team "which will use advanced technology to identify, review, and report on unnecessary spending within county and municipal governments and recommend legislative reforms to promote efficiency, maximize productivity, and eliminate waste in state and local

government."

To that effect, the EOG DOGE Team is requesting municipalities to submit financial solvency reviews to the office no later than April 8, which was three weeks after the letter was sent. The letter requested confirmation about whether the municipality has any financial emergency or distress such as inability to pay loans or



Courtesy city of Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson



Courtesy of Jacob Smith Jacob Smith

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## Raptors center of attention at ARC Renaissance festival

Nonprofit rehabs dozens of birds at Lester Road site

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Avian Reconditioning Center (ARC) highlighted its efforts in rehabilitating injured birds of prey and educating the community about such animals at its Springs Affaire Renaissance Day event on Saturday, March 22.

The Spring Affaire Renaissance Day took place at ARC's West Lester Road site and featured educational activities such as falconry experiences and bird demonstrations, as well as food vendors and artisans, sword fighting, live music and more.

Falconry experiences allow guests to learn more about the raptors by holding and flying them.

ARC held the festival for almost 12 years, reviving it after COVID-19 disrupted ARC's previous events including the Fall Out Fest,

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Nicole Jones, Avian Reconditioning Center administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator, gives a bird demonstration featuring Max, a 5-year-old bald eagle that is being rehabilitated at the center, at the Saturday, March 22, Spring Affaire Renaissance Day.

## County commissioners vote to cooperate with ICE

Immigrant rights organizations decry 5-2 vote

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners voted 5-2, on Tuesday, March 25, to ratify a memorandum of agreement for Orange County to cooperate with federal immigration officers in upholding immigration laws.

District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore, who represents Apopka, voted with the majority. District 5 Commissioner Kelly Martinez Semrad and District 1 Commissioner Nicole Wilson voted against the measure.

Orange County has set up a memorandum of agreement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to participate in the Warrant Service Officer Program (WSO).

"The WSO facilitates the custodial transfer of specific aliens in Orange County Corrections Department (OCCD) facilities to ICE for removal purposes at the time of the alien's scheduled release from crimi-



Courtesy of Orange County

The county's Booking and Release Center.

nal custody," the March 25 county commissioner board agenda packet states. "Selected OCCD personnel will be trained, certified, and approved by ICE to perform certain immigration enforcement functions within OCCD facilities."

At the board meeting, Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings said the Florida Association of Counties called him on Feb. 19. The association informed him that his county was the only one out of the state's 67 that didn't sign the agreement. To not do so will result in Orange County losing federal funding.

Demings said that as "the CEO for Orange County, I can't let that happen," especially after speaking

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## Community cuts ribbon on new Apopka Action Sports Park



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Elected officials, city staff and community members cut the ribbon on the Apopka Action Sports Park next to the Fran Carlton Recreation Center.

Skaters, bikers try out new park on first day

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The grand opening of the new Apopka Action Sports Park drew skateboarders and BMX bikers from the area, including the Schwindler family.

Beata Schwindler was with her husband Jesse Schwindler and their 3-year-old daughter Gia, who took her pink scooter for a ride

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## Council approves revised athletic summer camp

Some residents question camp's affordability

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka City Council voted 5-0 at its Wednesday, March 19, meeting to approve the newly revised athletic summer camp program, which will have 100 camper slots per session for youth ages 6 to 13.

The camp will run from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday at the Fran Carlton Recreation Center. The location is a walkable distance to Edwards Field for

outdoor athletics, the Apopka Action Sports Park and the splash pad at Kit Land Nelson Park for water days.

Camp participants will get transported to Phillis Wheatley Elementary school gym for indoor athletics, the Northwest Recreation Complex for outdoor athletics, and go on a one-off field trip per week.

The initial plan was to approach schools in the area to run the program there during the summer. City staff did work on that program model and met with the schools. However, because

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# Opinion

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## State weighs local priorities

This week I got a chance to go to Tallahassee for the League of Cities Legislative Days and work with over 350 of Florida's City Mayors and Commissioners in support of local home rule. I also had time to lobby for some funding projects that would benefit Apopka and its residents.

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

a letter from the school board recommending this project for funding.

The second funding request is to replace asbestos cement drinking water pipes with PVC. We have asked our friends in Tallahassee for \$1,057,500 to replace 2,500 linear feet of 6"

and 8" asbestos pipes within the City of Apopka's potable/drinking water asbestos cement distribution and service pipelines. The goal is to improve the drinking water quality and protect the public health in the predominantly low and moderate-income (LMI) areas within the established City's potable/drinking water service area.

We have just completed phase one of this project, which includes asbestos pipes in front of Apopka High School and east into the residential neighborhood. Once we complete the asbestos pipe removal, we need to replace more than 5 miles of galvanized pipe that is over 50 years old.

We appreciate Representative Doug Bankson and Senator Keith Truenow for helping shepherd these two projects through the legislative process.

The first appropriation request is for upgrades to the Gilliam Training Center that would make us compliant with Florida Administrative Code in an effort to become certified as an approved Firefighter Recruit Training Facility. Money will be used to purchase the required tools, equipment, apparatus and props for a certified firefighter recruit training facility.

We could draw high school students from Apopka, Ocoee and Wekiwa High Schools and even farther to give them firefighter training. This training facility would offer fire and EMS training and provide a direct pathway to certification and career readiness in the fire and emergency services field. We have asked the Legislature for \$1.25 million to accomplish this goal. We have also received

## Letter to the Editor

Two words that mean so much are so easy to say – and they are “thank you.” But they convey the thanksgiving that I feel for the honor bestowed on my behalf during the Women in Leadership Luncheon held by the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, March 19. That honor had not ever entered my mind as something that would be granted to me.

Thank you again and again for the privilege of being able to share with co-workers and customers during all of the time spent here. I again thank God for the privilege of being

married to John (March 20 would have been our 61st anniversary) and for having the added blessing of our three sons.

To have the privilege of transferring ownership of The Apopka Chief to its current faith-based owners Mainstreet Daily News and MARC Media with its Publisher J.C. Derrick is a continuing reason to be thankful for knowing God. This publication being in its 103rd year shows the value of the legacy of the citizens of this growing community.

**Eileen Ricketson  
Apopka**

## Infrastructure projects in works for northwest Orange County

It is Orange County's budget season, when all department heads brief commissioners on planning for Fiscal 2026. My very first briefing was from Orange County Public Works. There is nothing more important to me than working on maintaining quality public infrastructure and planning for future infrastructure needs.

With revenues flat, maintenance delays are likely. I hesitate to share these large budget numbers, but it is my style to be transparent. Resurfacing increased from \$110k per linear mile to \$225k. Our level of resurfacing services went from 15- to 39-year cycles. Mowing and landscaping contract costs are also increasing by roughly 60 percent.

The Public Works Department has 574 positions with an operating budget of \$182 million, and the capital improvement budget is \$268 million.

In our District 2, improvement plans are encouraging. The county spends \$3.3 million per year from the gasoline tax on

County Commissioner  
District 2



Christine Moore

building new sidewalks. An additional \$6 million for the bonded Accelerated Transportation Safety Program (ATSP) sidewalk program results in \$2.1 million to add sidewalks along Welch Road from Ustler Road east, to west of Crown Point Isle. Several county streets abutting Lakeville Road will also receive sidewalks.

Another \$3.3 million is planned for intersection improvements at Powers Drive and North Lane in Pine Hills and Sadler Avenue at Dora Drive in Tangerine.

The county-wide roadway lighting program includes up-

grading streetlights on portions of Ocoee Apopka Road, Old Dixie Highway from Boy Scout Blvd. to W. Highland Avenue, Round Lake Road from the county line to West Ponkan Road, and W. Highland Avenue from River Rock Blvd. to Plymouth Sorrento Road.

Large scale construction projects include improvements or widening to Kennedy Blvd. and All American. Rock Springs Road from Lester Road to the Publix will be in design.

Unfunded construction projects still include Edgewater Drive, Pine Hills Road Extension, Lake Destiny Drive and the NOWOCATS study on transportation for all of northwest Orange County. There will be plenty of future advocacy in store for me to secure funding for increased capacity improvements.

While budgets are flat and many transportation needs are unmet, District 2 still has many projects for which to look forward. I hope you find this information helpful.

## Black Bears receive hands-on math training at Publix

Recently, some of our youngest learners from Clay Springs Elementary had a very exciting night out. It was Family Math Night for the little Black Bears and it wasn't your typical math night at the school.

This time, the school partnered with Publix on Rock Springs Road and created an event that these little scholars will not forget.

Many families showed up at the local Publix store to find the school principal, Jessica Smith, and staff at a Clay Springs table in the front of the store to greet them. From there, the families headed inside the store to get busy.

With their clipboards in hand, these smart kiddos headed around the store with their families and solved real-world math problems throughout the store based on their grade level.

Activities ranged from kindergarten students answering questions such as, “In the produce section, find a fruit that starts with the letter ‘c’ and weigh it,” to

Orange County School  
Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

third-graders answering questions such as, “Find two different bags of muffin mix. How many grams are in each bag? What is the total amount of grams all together?”

Hands-on, real-world learning at its best!

When learners see the practical value of what they are learning, their motivation and engagement increase significantly. There is actual neuroscience to back this up.

The brain is wired to learn and remember information that is relevant and meaningful to our lives. By connecting learning to

real-world scenarios, we activate the brain's reward centers and reinforce learning pathways.

In other words, this is how real learning happens. When these kiddos are asked to do similar math problems or when they are in the store in the future and need to solve a quick math problem, they will remember what they learned here.

This is a great motivator for parents of young children as well. As you are out in the community with your children, don't hesitate to connect what you are doing to a math or science concept.

Helping our children see the connection between what they learn in school and the world around them is certainly the goal and will make your child's learning deeper.

Thank you to our great community partner Publix for being willing to host our Black Bears! If you want to see some of the great pictures from this event, check out the Clay Springs Elementary Facebook page @ClaySpringSOCP.

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# Parks and rec to host Breakfast with Bunny at Camp Wewa

Bunny to make special appearance

### Staff Reports

A special appearance by the Easter Bunny, an Easter egg hunt and a buffet-style breakfast are all part of this year's Breakfast with the Bunny.

The family-friendly Breakfast with the Bunny will take place 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 19, at Camp Wewa, 221 S. Binion Road, Apopka. The Apopka Parks and Recreation Department is arranging the event.

Eggs Up Grill Apopka is providing the buffet-style breakfast including potatoes, eggs, fruits, bacon and more. The buffet will be served in the

Camp Wewa dining hall.

Attendees may bring their own cameras and Easter egg baskets for photo opportunities and the egg hunt.

Tickets cost \$15 per person. Registration is required and can be done online at [Apopka.gov/Easter](http://Apopka.gov/Easter). Sponsorship options are also available by visiting the same website.

# People of Southern Apopka to host first Easter Egg Hunt

### Staff Reports

The People of Southern Apopka is hosting its first Easter Egg Hunt with the expectation that over 500 families will turn out.

The Easter Egg Hunt will take place 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 5, at New Covenant Perfecting Ministries, 1190

Apopka Blvd., Apopka.

The Easter Bunny, free candy and crafts, and vendors and sponsors will all be a part of the event.

The hunt schedule is as follows: 10:15-10:30 a.m. for 1- to 4-year-olds; 10:45-11 a.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds; and

11:15-11:30 a.m. for 9- to 12-year-olds.

Orange County government, Benge Development, Sprouts Farmers Market and Mullinax Ford are sponsoring the hunt.

Visit [shorturl.at/3Wz9w](http://shorturl.at/3Wz9w) to register for the event.

## Skate park

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Photo by Teresa Sargeant



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Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Young people try out Apopka's new skate park.

at the Saturday, March 22, grand opening of the park, which was built next to the Fran Carlton Center.

Beata Schwindler didn't learn about the skate park until she noticed its construction during her daily commute. She told her husband about the park, then they learned more about the facility on Facebook.

"This is great, because I heard my husband saying when he was little, he grew up in New York, and they didn't have too much opportunities to use, like, actually a professional or a good quality skateboarding place. "They built their own things," Schwindler said. "So, for us to have it two minutes from our house is a great thing, and especially that there's a playground here, so the little ones can play too. I love that for the kids, mainly the

ones who can't really go to Disney or Universal all the time or the beach."

At the Apopka Action Sports Park grand opening, Mayor Bryan Nelson called the fruition of the Apopka Action Sports Park a "pretty long process" stretching back to when John Land was still mayor.

Over the next year, old sheds near the Fran Carlton Center will get torn down and replaced by a 30-plus-space parking lot for the skate park and pump track, and for the bigger events at Fran Carlton, Nelson said. A double-to-triple-sized larger shed with a small office will then be constructed next to the Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery and Doctors' Dog Park.

Following the Jan. 24 groundbreaking, it took just six weeks to build the \$500,000 Apopka Action Sports Park,



Photo by Teresa Sargeant



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which is an Apopka Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) project.

Funded by the tax increment fund revenue from city and Orange County governments, the Apopka

CRA focuses on improving the city's downtown area, which includes historical landmarks, homes and commerce.

The park directly links with the West Orange Trail

and includes a street-style skate park area with rails, gaps and banks and a bordering pump track for BMX bikers.

The American Ramp Company assisted in designing and building the Apop-

ka Action Sports Park. For over two decades, the Joplin, Mo. — based company has constructed skate and bike parks across the United States and in 44 other countries.

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# Habitat Seminole-Apopka receives HUD certification

Nonprofit continues to help families with financial wellness

**Staff Reports**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had certified Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka, which emphasizes the organization's ded-

ication to giving financial counseling services and thus aiming to build residents' financial wellness and stability.

Private, one-on-one HUD counseling sessions could help people with different aspects of financial management as well as prepare them for buying a home.

"We know from experience, that when families are equipped with essential financial literacy skills, their entire lives are transformed

and the American Dream of homeownership becomes more attainable," Kelly Pisciotta, chief operating officer of Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka, said in a Monday, March 24, press release. "We are honored to receive the esteemed HUD certification, which further validates our dedication to empowering people to make informed decisions and take proactive steps towards financial independence."

Besides the HUD-certified financial counseling, Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka also gives a complimentary, six-week Financial Academy available to the public. Each week of the program covers the following financial matters: budgeting, savings, credit, debt management, home-buying basics and identity/cyber security.

"Our longstanding support for Habitat for Human-

ity Seminole-Apopka highlights our shared commitment to empowering individuals and families through financial wellness and homebuyer readiness," Elisha González, Fairwinds Foundation executive director, said in the press release. "By partnering with Habitat, we are helping to create pathways in our shared mission of assisting families reach financial freedom. The expanded HUD-certified coun-

seling services equip more people with the knowledge and tools they need to enhance their financial health, secure a stable future, and build generational wealth."

Habitat for Humanity Seminole-Apopka welcomes Central Florida community members to use its free HUD counseling services. To learn more or to book an appointment, send a message to counseling@habitat-sa.org.

## Summer camp

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summer months were the time for schools to get a lot of facility maintenance and upgrades done, there was a lack of space for the athletic camp.

"The staff went back to the drawing board a little bit and adjusted the model, and the current plan is to operate the camp out of the Fran Carlton Center," Radley Williams, city parks and recreation director, said.

The cost of the camp is \$125 for residents and \$150 for non-residents. There is intent to add registration capacity if demand grows, Williams said.

While Mayor Bryan Nelson and Williams discussed the athletic camp's budget, Williams pointed out that the aim is to break even and that resident discounts are traditionally offered to taxpayers.

"One of the reasons the resident discount is traditionally in place for the program, especially recreation programming, is because for the consideration that taxpay-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Radley Williams speaks to the City Council last month.

ers of the city are contributing taxes to the budget that is paying for the program," Williams said.

AdventHealth offers \$15,000 worth of scholarships annually to help city residents afford the camp, but some residents questioned the program's affordability.

Leroy Bell brought up the camp's affordability in light of the city's most recent water rate increases.

"You have people over in South Apopka that would like to probably use this also, and they get some pretty hefty water bills over there," Bell said. "They had nothing to do with what happened with the city, with raising it. So, would that pertain to the residents over there also? I just see you said there's opportunities for the residents of Apopka. What about those that are not residents?"



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The city's new athletic summer camp program will take place at the Fran Carlton Center this summer.

In response, Williams said that the scholarships are available only for city residents with reductions of 25% or 50% off the tuition.

Virginia Street compared the camp's cost to other local programs and the inclusion of field trips in the price. Williams clarified that the program includes transportation and materials, and field trips will be announced once reg-

istration opens.

"Just like Mr. Bell said, the people on the other side of the tracks are not going to be able to have any access to any of the scholarships, right?" Street said to Williams. "I'm not going to let it go because the people on the other side of the tracks paying the high water bill, as he said, we really need to be a little more fair about that exception there."

Sylvester Hall asked about the scholarships' true cost and also emphasized the importance of seeing that the camp gets a good turnout. To echo Bell's point about the other side of the tracks, Hall recommended that the city thinks about the needs of residents in South Apopka as well as Apopka. He called for annexing South Apopka to unify the community.

"When we do these things, let's try to have a little more concept that we try to embrace everybody. You hear some people say that, 'Well, I don't like being called South Apopka. It's just Apopka.' Well, if that's the case, let's make it Apopka, and let's try to uplift and back to what my gentleman said here earlier, the annexation. That's long overdue."

After the Council vote, Commissioner Nick Nesta offered to meet with Williams separately to review some of the funding and how Nesta could add to the scholarship.

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# City Council appoints new public works director

Public works director has over 30 years of engineering experience

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

The Apopka City Council approved the appointment of Momtaz Barq as city public works director at the Wednesday, March 19, meeting with a start date of April 28.

During the discussion, Barq's full-time starting salary

was disclosed as \$180,000. However, in order for him to transition from his consulting business to his new position, there was discussion about Barq working part-time first before moving on to full time.

As the CEO/Director of engineering for Terra-Max Engineering, Inc., Barq has over 30 years' engineering experience and holds a professional engineer license in Florida and Texas.

Joe Patton, city human resources director, presented Momtaz Barq at the Council meeting as requesting appoint-

ment as public works director. Patton listed Barq's career credentials and educational background.

"Montez has an extensive career in expertise in engineering and technical initiatives like project management, hydraulic hydrology and groundwater modeling, hydraulic system design, planning and development, construction plans, personnel management, organizational behavior and financial and budgeting," Patton said. "I know that you've all read his resume. He has a master of arts degree in environmental engineering. He has a master's in business administration, and he has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering."

Barq was selected out of the three applicants that were reviewed and interviewed for the public works director.

Initially, human resources advertised the position as public services director on Jan. 22 until Feb. 10. However, the position was renamed public works director because of operational needs, according to the city staff report in the March 19 meeting agenda packet.

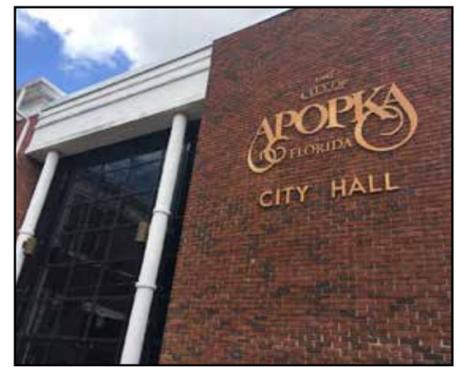


Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Apopka's new public works director is set to start April 28.

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debts, uncontested outstanding claims from creditors over 90 days old and more.

"If we do not receive a response from you within 45 days, it will be presumed that your municipality is in possible statutory violation and in need of assistance," states the letter, which was signed by "the EOG DOGE Team."

According to the mayor, Smith received that correspondence and never told him about it.

"He got two emails, one from the governor's office and one from the League of Cities about this DOGE requirement, that was it. I was done," Nelson said.

Nelson said he himself

didn't really try reaching out to Smith during the four weeks of limited communication. He cited an open-door policy and said all the other department heads communicate with him about their departments.

"I've had numerous conversations with every department head other than him," Nelson said. "Every couple days, I'm having conversations with department heads. So why is he different?"

As for submitting the DOGE financial solvency review, Nelson said either himself or city finance director Blanche Sherman will take care of the DOGE fi-

ancial solvency review.

Smith began employment with the city of Apopka in June 2024. Had he stayed under contract with the city for an entire year, the city would have to pay the employment headhunter 40 percent of Smith's yearly \$170,000 base salary plus benefits, or about \$68,000. Nelson said avoiding paying the headhunter was not the reason for terminating Smith's contract.

Smith said in an interview with The Apopka Chief that Nelson never gave a reason for the termination, but only walked into Smith's office last Friday, told him that he "was done"

and Smith saw all of his city devices were deactivated.

Smith said that communication with the mayor was good until the winter, when he said the mayor began giving him "the cold shoulder." Smith said he had visited the mayor's office two to three times a day, but "a lot of times he wasn't there." He said Nelson did not respond to messages left with his secretary.

Smith said he hasn't been in touch with Nelson for the past four weeks because he was out of town for his daughter's wedding and then came down with an illness.

Smith said he never re-

ceived any communication from DOGE or about DOGE.

"It was just great working for Apopka," Smith said. "I have no ill feelings towards anybody. And I was shocked. But everybody kind of expects that this is what would happen."

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez said she was surprised to hear about the termination because she was not aware of Smith doing anything inappropriate.

Upon hearing Nelson's rationale, Velazquez said it was interesting he gave the Chief that information but nobody else. She said she

was in constant communication with the city administrator no matter who was in that position. Velazquez said she always emailed Smith or copied him on the emails she would send.

"I had a good relationship with him, so if the mayor is saying that he hasn't had any communication with the administrator, that was something that I was unaware of," Velazquez said.

When asked if Smith informed Velazquez about the March 18 letter about DOGE, she said Smith never told her.

"He did not," she said. "I don't recall him discussing that letter."

## Immigration

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with Orange County Corrections Chief Louis A. Quiñones, Jr. and attorneys.

Demings clarified what Orange County's role is in the enforcement of immigration laws.

"We are not in the business of going out into the community and doing the immigration enforcement for the federal government," Demings said. "That's not the role we play. Our role is to house individuals that law enforcement brings into our custody. We do not support the inhumane treatment of anyone, whether they are here legally or illegally — unlawfully, I should say. We're here to essentially follow a process, a mandate of the law that we do not have the discretion."

Any local official found

to be derelict in their duties by refusing to obey immigration laws could be removed from office, according to Demings.

In a Tuesday, March 25, statement, Hope Community Center and the Immigrants Are Welcome Here Coalition, representing 30 local and state immigration and human rights organizations, said they "strongly condemn the Orange County Board of County Commissioners' approval of an agreement that essentially turns the county's correction officers into ICE agents."

"This is a devastating decision for our immigrant neighbors and a shameful moment for Orange County," Felipe Sousa-Lazaballet, Hope Community Center executive director, said in the state-



Courtesy of Orange County

Commissioner Christine Moore

ment. "Instead of engaging in democratic governance, our commissioners were forced into compliance by a governor who rules through intimidation. However, the fact that two commissioners voted against this agreement shows that our voices are being heard, and our fight is far from over."

The March 25 statement claimed that "several commissioners privately acknowl-



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An aerial view of the Orange County Corrections Department.

edged that they felt compelled to vote in favor of the agreement for fear of retaliation" from Gov. Ron DeSantis, which would include removal from office.

"Democracy perishes when elected officials are too afraid to vote their conscience," Tessa Petit, co-executive director of the Florida Immigrant Coalition, said in the statement. "This vote was made under duress, not through fair debate. Orange County residents deserve better from their representa-

tives."

On Wednesday, March 26, Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore told The Apopka Chief that the county commissioners had no choice but to vote for the agreement.

"We didn't really have a choice," she said, adding that Orange County must keep immigrants in jail for two days, and the Sheriff's Office will take care of matters. "I mean, it's federal law and state law, and our attorney said that we needed to cooperate with the

legal authorities. The governor said if we didn't, we would all be removed from office."

Moore disagreed with Hope Community Center's statement about the commissioners fearing retaliation from DeSantis.

"I don't fear him, but I'm required, when I take an oath of office, I have to follow state and federal law, and that's what they said," Moore said. "We really didn't have a choice to do it. Really, it was in a consent agenda."

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# Wekiva High School Culinary Arts performs well in statewide hospitality competitions

ProStart competitions took place March 8 and 9 in Orlando

**Staff Reports**

Wekiva High School Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts placed highly in statewide high school hospitality competitions early this month.

Four hundred students from over 40 Florida high schools vied in several events at the 24th annual Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association Educational Foundation (FRLAEF) ProStart Culinary Team Competitions on March 8 and 9 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. The competition events were culinary, management,

edible centerpiece and waiter's relay.

"We are incredibly proud of the talent and dedication shown by these students during the 24th annual ProStart and HTM events," said Laura Rumer, director of the FRLA Educational Foundation. "These competitions highlight their skills and passion for the industry. It's inspiring to see so many receive scholarships and recognition for their hard work. Congratulations to all the winners, and we look forward to seeing them represent Florida at the national ProStart Invitational in Washington, D.C. this May."

WHS culinary arts instructor Christopher Bates ranked third as overall winner at the 24th annual Florida ProStart Competition.

Wekiva High School

won second place in the Keiser University Culinary Competition, which included students Erika Giraldo, Nowah James, Diego German-Quen, Jasmine Thomas, David Maldonado and Bates.

Wekiva High School also won first place in the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Competition. This competition included students Onyx Castillo, Zariah Edwards, Isaac Aristud, Aubrey Pugh and Bates.

At the salute to excellence award ceremony, winners received scholarships from the Culinary Institute of America, Culinary Institute of Virginia, Florida International University, Keiser University, Nicholls State University, and the University of Central Flor-

ida's (UCF) Rosen College of Hospitality.

Culinary competition winners also earned full scholarships to Hillsborough Culinary Academies at Erwin Technical College.

First place teams in culinary and management will represent Florida at the national ProStart Invitational in Washington, D.C. this May.

"As the state's top industry, hospitality is at the heart of Florida's economy, and these high school students are its future," Carol Dover, FRLA president/CEO, said in a press release. "We are thrilled to support their growth through programs like ProStart and HTM [Hospitality and tourism Management Competition], which provide them with the skills and opportunities needed to succeed in this dynamic



2024 file photo courtesy of WHS Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts. Wekiva Culinary students decorate cookies for the Great Christmas Cookie Gift Box Sale.

field. With the largest ProStart program nationwide and the unique distinction of being the only state to host a statewide HTM contest, we remain committed to nurturing the next generation of industry leaders."

## ARC

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which was once ARC's largest event.

The group chose the Renaissance era theme because of falcons' huge link to that historical time, according to Nicole Jones, ARC administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator. In those days, kings and queens owned, flew and used falcons. Falcons were also valued as currency to some extent, as they were traded in the Middle East and then brought back to kings.

ARC volunteers and staff create and use tradi-

tional falconry equipment such as rope knots.

ARC shelters almost 30 educational ambassador birds and administers a revolving number of raptors in rehabilitation of falcons, owls and hawks. A bird could stay with the center ranging from a few days to several months, depending on the seriousness of the bird's injuries.

For support, ARC relies on non-governmental monetary donations and 25 to 30 regular volunteers who come from different backgrounds, from high



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Wendy McEldowney holds Sienna, a red-tailed hawk that is being rehabilitated at the Avian Reconditioning Center.

school students to professionals, including a rocket scientist, Jones said.

Operations include a monthly food bill of

\$5,000 to \$6,000, according to Jones.

For more information about ARC, visit arc4raptors.org

## Annual Spring Carnival on tap this weekend

**Staff Reports**

The annual community favorite Spring Carnival will pack the day with non-stop fun and community spirit this weekend.

The Phillis Wheatley Elementary School PTA is organizing the Spring Carnival from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Saturday, March 29, at the Phillis Wheatley Elementary School, 1475 Marvin C. Zanders Ave., Apopka.

Attractions include face painting, rock climbing, dunk tank, food trucks, pie in the face, bounce house, laser tag, prizes

and more.

Prices are as follows: free admission for Wheatley School scholars, free for children ages 3 and under, \$5 for children ages 4 through \$12, and \$10 for 13 years and over.

There will be \$20 wristbands for endless access to all rides and games and \$5 customized snack packs.

For anyone who prefers to pay separately, it's \$1 per ticket for individual tickets. Free games will be available to everyone.

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# Marv Woods' Pulled Pork Shoulder recipe can be spicy or not

From *Cooking with Foliage La Sertoma of Apopka*, we have Mary Demetree's Chicken Cacciatore, which (according to Wikipedia) refers to a meal prepared "hunter-style" with onions, herbs, usually tomatoes, often bell peppers, and sometimes wine.



Marvin Woods shares his recipe for Spicy Pulled Pork Shoulder in his book titled *The New Low-Country Cooking*. He adds in a note, "Ask the butcher to bone the shoulder. Basically, you want to tie the pork several (five to seven) rings around to ensure that it doesn't fall apart during the cooking process. Leave 1 to 2 inches between the rings."

Marv adds, "I created this all-purpose flavoring mixture (Marv's Chili Paste, below) using three different types of chiles. The ancho is a smoked chile that registers around 6 or 7 on a heat scale of 1 to 10. Jalapenos rank about 5 or 6, and habaneros (or Scotch bonnets) are at 10. This paste has two purposes. One, of course, is to provide heat. The other is to add complexity to whatever you use it in because of the smoky flavor of the ancho chiles. I strongly suggest that you use this paste a little at a time and then taste the dish. Remember, you can always add more, but can't take it away!"

We found in this *Southern Living's 1997 Annual Recipes*, Potato Latkes from Julie Benson of Louisville, Kentucky.

Mark Sohn says, "I can't guarantee that this recipe for Country Biscuits will yield a biscuit like those you grew up with, but I hope it will get you started down the right path – the path of *homemade* biscuits. Use this master recipe for your special biscuits and modify it with variations. He rates this recipe as *Easy*, with only six ingredients. And he adds, "You may be surprised how *fast* you can make these biscuits."

## MARY DEMETREE'S CHICKEN CACCIATORA

Recipe from

*Cooking with Foliage La Sertoma of Apopka*  
3-1/2 pound broiler/fryer cut into serving pieces

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 1 carrot, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 bay leaf, crushed
- 3 cans canned Italian tomatoes
- Pepper
- 3 anchovies, mashed
- 1 cup Chianti wine

Dredge chicken in flour and brown in olive oil in a skillet. Remove the chicken and, in the remaining oil, sauté onion, garlic, carrot, parsley, and bay leaf until the onion is golden. Strain the tomatoes and add the tomato pulp to the skillet. Add pepper and anchovies. Bring the sauce to a boil. Add the chicken and Chianti and simmer for 45 minutes, or until the chicken is tender. Serves 4.

## SPICY PULLED PORK SHOULDER

*The New Low-Country Cooking*  
by Marvin Woods

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary leaves, or 1 tablespoon dried
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage leaves, or 1 tablespoon dried
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves, or 1 tablespoon dried
- 1 tablespoon Chili Paste (see recipe below), or 1 tablespoon Tabasco sauce plus 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon freshly ground black pepper
- One 6- to 8-pound boneless pork shoulder
- 1/2 celery rib, coarsely chopped
- 2 onions, coarsely chopped
- 3 carrots, coarsely chopped
- 2 cups water

1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. 2) In a small bowl, stir together the garlic, herbs, Chili Paste, salt, and both (cayenne and black) peppers. Rub the pork all over with the mixture. Tie the pork before cooking (see note). 3) Place the vegetables in the bottom of a roasting pan, and cover with the water. Place the pork on top of the vegetables and cook for 40 minutes. Turn the pork. Continue cooking for about 40 minutes per pound, or until the pork is tender enough to be shredded with a fork. 4) When the pork is done, remove it from the pan. Let the meat cool down to the point where you can work with it without burning yourself. Using a fork, pull pieces off until you have shredded all the meat. (There may be some big pieces that you have to cut with a knife.) 5) Transfer the vegetables and juices in the bottom of the pan to a blender or a food

processor fitted with the metal chopping blade. Process until almost smooth. Strain through a medium sieve. Serve this as a sauce, a spread, or add chicken or vegetable stock and use to reheat the pork in.

## MARV'S CHILI PASTE

*The New Low-Country Cooking*  
by Marvin Woods

- 1 cup dried ancho chiles
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 4 to 5 fresh jalapeno peppers, stemmed
- 1-1/2 to 2 cups fresh habanero or Scotch bonnet peppers, stemmed
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup vegetable oil

First and most important, use gloves when you are working with the chiles.

Place the ancho chiles in the warm water and let stand for 15 minutes. Remove the chiles and drain off the excess water. Place the ancho chiles, jalapenos, and habaneros in the container of a blender. While adding the oil in a slow steady stream, process the peppers until a puree is formed. Store in a covered glass container in the refrigerator for up to one week.

## JULIE BENSON'S POTATO LATKES

Recipe from

*Southern Living's 1997 All-Time Favorites*

- 4 medium baking potatoes, peeled
- 1 small onion
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil

Shred potatoes and onion in a food processor; transfer to a bowl. Stir in flour and next 3 ingredients until blended.

Drop mixture by 2 tablespoonfuls into hot oil in a large skillet; fry over medium-high heat, turning once, until browned. Drain on paper towels.

Yield: 12 servings.

## MASTER RECIPE: BISCUITS

From: Mark F. Sohn's

*Hearty Country Cooking*

Ingredients:

- 1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 tablespoons butter or lard, softened
- 1-1/2 tablespoons butter or lard, chilled
- 1/2 cup milk

Steps:

1) Place the oven rack in its lowest po-

sition, and preheat the oven to 450 degrees Fahrenheit. In a large bowl, combine 1-1/2 cups of the flour, baking powder, and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut the chilled butter and the softened butter into the flour until the mixture forms crumbles the side of rice grains. Make a well in the center of the mixture and add the milk. Stir lightly until mixed. Turn out onto a cold, floured surface, and knead five times. *Do not over-knead.* 2) Sprinkle some of the remaining 1/4-cup flour over the dough and pat out the dough to a 1/2-inch thickness, using the extra flour to keep the dough from sticking to your hands. Fold the dough in half and pat it out to a 3/4-inch thick thickness. 3) Using a 2- to 3-inch biscuit cutter, cut out the biscuits and place them 1 inch apart on a baking sheet. Press the scraps of dough together, pat out the dough, and cut until all the dough is used. 4) Bake for 10 minutes. When the biscuits are cooked and the bottoms are brown and crusty, broil the tops to brown them.

Yield: 8 biscuits or 6 servings

Alternatives:

**Buttermilk Biscuits:** Replace the milk with 1/2-cup plus 2 tablespoons fat-free cultured buttermilk.

**Ham Biscuits:** Also called Filled Biscuits. Cut 8 slices of country ham or Canadian bacon and put 1 slice inside each biscuit after baking.

**Sausage Biscuits:** Fry 8 patties of pork sausage; fill each baked biscuit with 1 sausage patty. Serve with Fried Apples, or add several slices of Fried Apples to make a fried apple-and-sausage biscuit sandwich.

**Ginger Sorghum Biscuits:** To the Master Recipe, add 1/2-teaspoon ground ginger and 1/4-cup 100-percent pure sweet sorghum syrup. Reduce the milk by 3 tablespoons. Baste the biscuits with melted butter. This biscuit does not rise very high, and the top breaks like a sugar cookie. Serve with Sorghum Butter or Hot Sorghum.

**Cheese Biscuits:** In one variation of this biscuit, we roll the dough out as if we were making a cinnamon roll or jelly roll, spread cheese over the dough, roll, cut, and bake. In another variation, we cream butter and cheese, use an equal volume of flour and cheese, and add *no* liquid. No liquid! This dough melts together, and it comes from the oven rich and cheesy. More often we add cheese to the biscuit dough. To the Master Recipe, as you stir in the milk, add 1 cup (4 ounces) coarsely shredded or diced sharp Cheddar cheese or a mixture of Cheddar and Swiss cheese.

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### Monday, March 31 – The Race to the Moon: A Close Call?

Starting at 10 a.m., University Club of Winter Park History Group Club member William Collieran, retired Systems Engineer with NASA, will tell us about "The Race to the Moon: A Close Call?" The space race began as a competition between the world's two superpowers to launch an artificial satellite during the International Geophysical Year (1957-1958). It quickly became a battle to prove which system – communism or liberal democracy – would prevail. In May 1961, President John F. Kennedy set the ambitious goal of sending a man to the moon by decade's end. Achieving this would require significant advancements in technology, management, and funding. The race was on! Presented by the University Club of Winter Park History Group. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Tuesday, April 1 – Philosophical Discussion Group

Starting at 10 a.m. Join our open discussion of various topics. Respect for all views. Bring topics and friends. All are welcome to attend. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park History Group. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Tuesday, April 1 – Matinee Movie

Starting at 2 p.m., we will show "Shadow of a Doubt," (1943), directed by Alfred Hitchcock. A teenage girl, overjoyed when her uncle comes to visit the family in their quiet California town, slowly begins to suspect that he is the "Merry Widow" killer sought by the

authorities. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park History Group. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Thursday, April 3 – Foreign Affairs: US – China Relations

Beginning at 1:30 p.m., we will show a video addressing Washington's relations with Beijing as they have reached an ominous low ebb. Both American political parties have identified China as the country's preeminent geopolitical challenger and, in the eyes of many, a systemic threat. What is driving this deterioration of Sino-American relations, and what are America's strategic options in the face of Chinese power and ambition? Presented by the University Club of Winter Park History Group. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Monday, April 7 – A Hope for a New Beginning -

Join us at 10 a.m. as Gale Sussman, the daughter of Holocaust survivors, shares with you, "A Hope for a New Beginning." Born in a displaced persons camp in West Berlin after World War II, she will share her personal journey through significant chapters of history. Her presentation will cover topics such as life before the war, the actions of the Einsatzgruppen mobile killing units, life in a displaced persons camp, and her eventual arrival in the United States where she adjusted to a new culture. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park History Group. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Tuesday, April 8 - Matinee Movie -

At 2 p.m., we will show "The Power and the Prize (1956), with Robert Tay-

lor. An American business executive plans to marry and Austrian refugee in London but he encounters disapproval and opposition from his American social and business circles. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Wednesday, April 9 - Armchair Travel – On and Off the Beaten Path -

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., club member and author Myrna Ossin will feature Orlando and Central Florida, on and off the Beaten Path. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park. Free. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Thursday, April 10 - Mental Health Fitness –

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., Laura Bowman, Licensed Mental Health Counselor or will present, along with Molly Losey, Licensed Mental Health Counselor as the group facilitator. Who among us experiences good mental health? Does the term "mentally healthy" have any meaning other than a simple lack of symptoms? Good mental health is a constellation of qualities and skills that we can become aware of and foster in our lives. We will have a format of 20-30 minute presentation followed by one hour of discussion that hopefully ignites resonance and connection among us. Presented by the University Club of Winter Park. Location: 841 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park. Free.

### Month of April -

City of Apopka Meetings at the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers, 120 East Main Street, Apopka. Development Review Committee Meetings – every Monday

April 2, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon  
April 9, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon  
April 16, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon  
April 23, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon  
April 30, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon

City Council Meetings – at 1:30 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of each month and at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month

April 2, at 1:30 p.m.  
April 16 at 7 p.m.

At the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers, 120 East Main Street, Apopka.

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### Tuesdays, every week -

**Plant Clinic - From 9 a.m. to 12 noon,** you can get answers for your problem plants and yard from experts at the UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteers program at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka, 32703. Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County residents can bring your questions and samples from your plants or lawn. More info at 407-254-9200 or email your questions and photos to [orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu) to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for Commercial Growers is also open Tuesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. at the same location. Free.

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FLORIDA FINDS

# Barberville Pioneer Settlement offers history lessons

By **Ronnie Lovler**  
Correspondent

The motto at the Barberville Pioneer Settlement is “Discover Yesterday Today.” And that’s precisely what you will get at the 30-acre campus of this living history destination in Central Florida.

When it opened in 1976, there were only two buildings on the grounds: the Joseph Underhill House, currently under renovation, and the Barberville Central High School, built in 1919. Today, there are 20 historic structures on the grounds, although that isn’t all.

“We are not just about preserving buildings,” said Erick Nielsen, associate director of Barberville Pioneer Settlement. “We are also about preserving the arts, crafts, tools and technologies of the pioneer lifestyle in Florida.”

The high school building, a National Register of Histor-



Photo by Ronnie Lovler

Erick Nielsen in front of an old railroad car on the property.

ic Places site, is center-stage and one of the first things you see when you walk on the grounds. It was first built to accommodate elementary, middle and high school students and was the only school in the area to offer college preparatory classes.

But county officials abandoned the school after a time. Nielsen said the building was saved thanks to the efforts of a group of art teachers who founded the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Inc., as a not-for-profit organization.

“They petitioned the school board to use the high school building to teach lost arts such as spinning, weaving, blacksmithing and woodworking,” Nielsen said.

The high school is the settlement’s prize building and the reason Pioneer Settle-

ment opened where it is.

“It is one of the jewels of the settlement and the whole reason the settlement came about,” Nielsen said.

At first, the teachers leased the school building from the Volusia County School Board, but in 2001, the school board ceded ownership to the Pioneer Settlement Board of Directors.

Over time, other buildings were moved to the location, giving birth to the Settlement.

“Most buildings are regional, and a lot came from just 10 miles away,” Nielsen said. “The furthest building is the Lewis Log Cabin, which comes from South Georgia.”

The train depot on the property was built in 1885. If connected to a railroad path, it could be used as a functional depot. It also contains a history lesson: the depot had two waiting rooms, one for African Americans and one for whites because it was

built during segregated times.

The fire station, Model A Ford shop, clubhouse, and blacksmith shop are standouts, especially the blacksmith shop.

“It’s been our most successful workshop and partnership,” Nielsen said. “They petitioned the school board to use the high school building to teach lost arts such as spinning, weaving, blacksmithing and woodworking.”

The settlement also promotes the art and entertainment that dominated during pioneer times, with two major folk festivals during the year: the Spring Frolic on the first weekend in April and the Fall Country Jamboree on the first weekend in November.

The festivals include contra dancing, musical workshops and historical demonstrators who show off different tools and trades, such as wheelwrighting, chair caning and pottery.

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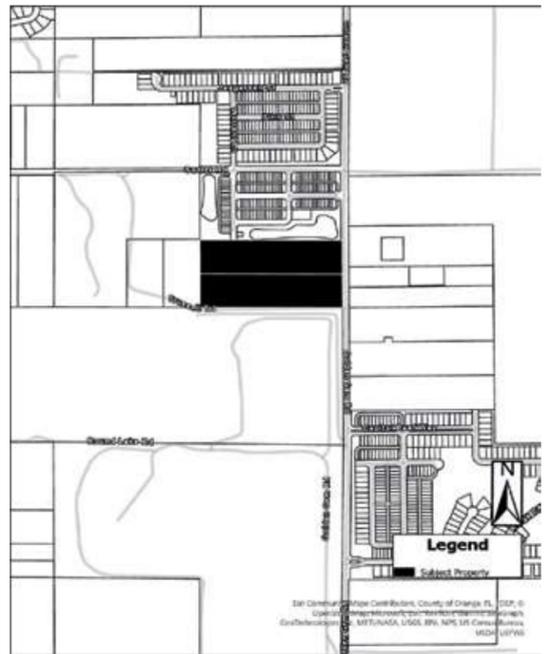
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## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **G L Summitt Engineering, Inc. c/o Geoffrey L. Summitt, P.E.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3102

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE – MIXED-USE, ASSIGNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, SOUTH OF NIGHTSHADE GROVE LANE AND SADLER ROAD; COMPRISING 19.76 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; OWNED BY TIMOTHY BURCHFIELD, ROBERT AND STACYMOSS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 14-20-27-0000-00-025 and 14-20-27-0000-00-083  
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NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3102 will be held by the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3102 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703.

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March 28, 2025

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# Sports

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## Apopka baseball, softball fields limp into action

JV baseball game canceled due to lighting failure

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) confirmed Monday that Apopka's baseball and softball complexes were ready for the scheduled home games starting Tuesday, March 25, but problems would arise throughout the

week with each complex.

Apopka had to cancel its junior varsity baseball game on Tuesday when the lighting at J. Barnes Field failed to function properly. OCPS and Apopka High School personnel were working all day Tuesday to get the lights to work, but to no avail. The varsity game was moved up to 5 p. m. in order to play the game before sundown.

The baseball scoreboard also was not working, because the antenna is bro-

ken and can't receive signals from the game scorers.

The softball field's scoreboard was also not working as of Wednesday, March 26, although the lights are functional. Head softball coach Mike MacWithey said that JV will be the first team to play at home on Thursday, while varsity is set to play home Friday against Windermere.

The softball team played its first 10 games of the season on the road, posting a stellar 8-2 record. The base-

ball team played 14 straight road games to start the season and compiled an 8-6 record.

Apopka's first home game came a week after Rory Salimbene, the school district's acting chief facilities officer, told The Apopka Chief he was hopeful the fields would be ready after spring break, pending final inspections and approvals. Those were ultimately secured, and Salimbene advised Apopka High School staff on Friday, March 21, that all fu-

ture home contests for the baseball and softball teams could proceed as scheduled.

As of spring break, several items needed to be finished before both complexes were deemed safe and ready for use, including final electrical inspection and occupancy certification at the baseball complex. The softball complex also needed to pass its final building and site inspection.

Even though the complexes are ready for use,

some outstanding questions and problems with the baseball complex remain unaddressed. One of the more significant issues with the Apopka baseball complex is its lack of foul ball netting. Salimbene said the district will have to install the net after the season ends.

Another issue among baseball parents was the design inconsistencies between the home and away dugouts.

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## Apopka baseball tees off after spring break

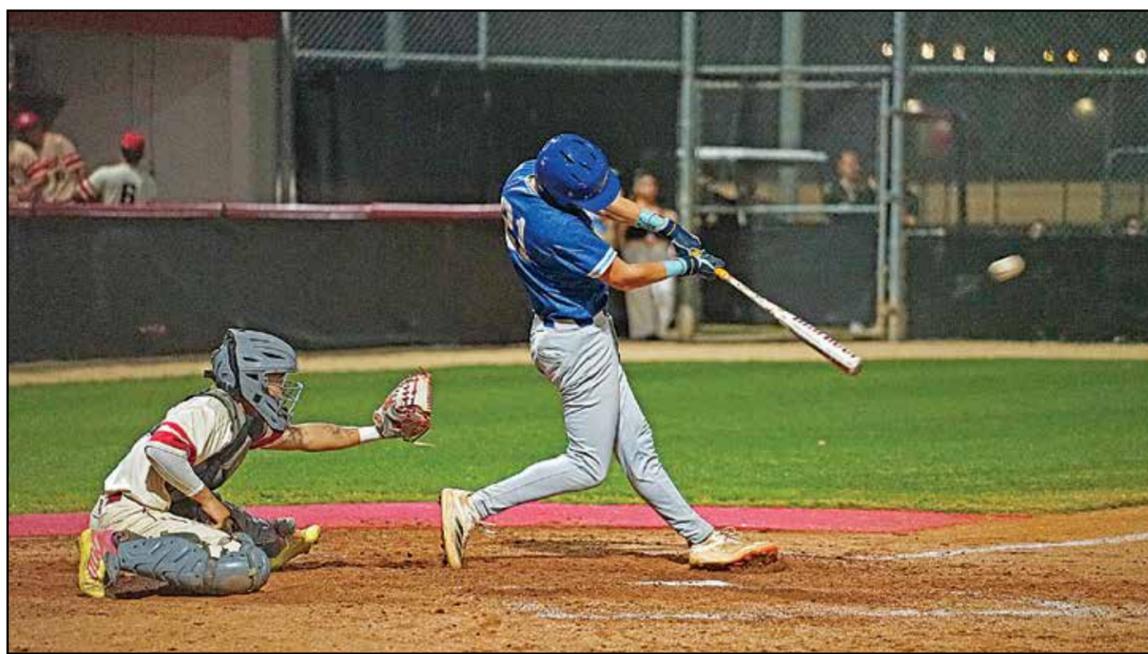


Photo by Marshall Tempest

Jez Hamrick connects on a three-run double to break open the game against East River.

Spaid, Hamrick lead Blue Darters to blowout win

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

The Apopka baseball team returned from spring break in a big way Tuesday night, rolling to a 14-0 win over the East River Falcons, followed by a 6-3 win over St. Cloud a day later.

**Apopka vs. East River (14-0) Win**

Tyler Spaid led the way on the mound, tossing a two-hit, complete-game shut-out. He struck out nine and walked one while throwing

66 of 99 pitches for strikes over seven innings of work.

At the plate, Jez Hamrick led the offensive outburst, collecting a pair of hits and driving in four runs.

The game started slowly, as Apopka wasted a lead-off double from Aiden Rieli in the first inning and the teams entered the fourth in a scoreless tie.

After two walks started the inning, Collin VanFleet walked to the plate with two outs and runners on second and third. VanFleet delivered a two-run single to put the Blue Darters on top 2-0. A strikeout ended the top of the fourth, but Spaid made quick work of East River to get the Darters back up to

the plate to start the fifth.

East River sent in a new pitcher, and Apopka promptly broke the game open. A single and two walks loaded the bases with one out for Wyatt Jagers. He drew a walk to push across an insurance run, leading to another East River pitching change. Hamrick greeted him by smashing a line drive double to left that cleared the bases and stretched the lead to 6-0.

"When he hit the double to knock the runs in, that didn't surprise me," Brewer said. "He'll usually give you a good at-bat almost every time, especially when guys are in scoring position."

After a quiet sixth in-

ning, Apopka poured on eight more runs in the seventh. The Blue Darters collected four walks, three singles and one double to send in those eight runs in the top of the seventh, with several runs scoring on wild pitches.

Brewer told me Spaid's pitching performance in this win was the best he had seen all year. He said Spaid hadn't looked his usual self on the mound recently and spent some time over spring break with the Blue Darters' pitching coach Steve Stowell.

"He was very good," Brewer said. "He battles anytime he's on the mound."

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## Apopka softball drops two games after break

Lake Brantley ranked No. 16 team in nation

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

The Apopka softball team had a tough outing in the first two games since returning from spring break, falling to the Lake Brantley Patriots 5-1 and the Deltona Wolves 5-4.

Coming into the game against Lake Brantley, Apopka was 8-1 and ranked 82nd in the state, but Lake Brantley was 11-0 and ranked 22nd in the state and 16th in the nation, according to MaxPreps.

The Patriots got right to it and retired three straight Apopka hitters to start the game. Lake Brantley then scored two runs in the bot-

tom of the first on three singles and an error — quickly amassing all the offense it would need against the unusually quiet bats for Apopka.

The Blue Darters cut the lead in half in the third when Shylah Pino hit a ground-er to third that was mishandled, allowing a run to score. She was thrown out trying to reach third on the play. It was only the second out of the inning, but it proved costly as the next hitter, Taylor Smith, crushed a pitch off the wall for a double. A ground-out ended the inning, leaving Smith stranded and the Blue Darters trailing 2-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Patriots exploded for three more runs to break the game open. Lake Brantley

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Photo by Marshall Tempest

Apopka's Alicia Lopez went 3-for-3 at the plate, accounting for half of the Blue Darters' hits in their 5-1 loss to Lake Brantley on Tuesday, March 25.

## Apopka boys, girls water polo teams break losing streaks

Both teams have two games remaining after this week

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

This week, the Apopka girls and boys water polo teams bounced back from losing streaks, posting huge wins over Colonial on their senior night. The boys team broke a three-game losing streak and defeated Colonial 19-5. The girls team broke a six-game losing streak and defeated Colonial 13-6.

**Girls water polo**

This season, the girls are 4-10, 1-2 in district match-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Jordyn McMaster brought in three goals, one assist, and one steal with a shooting percentage of 50.

ups, and ranked 48th in the state according to MaxPreps on Wednesday, March 26. The team sits fourth in Class 1A District 1 under Seminole, Lake Mary, and Lyman

but above Winter Springs.

The girls defeated Colonial 13-6 and broke a six-game losing streak. The girls

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## Wekiva water polo teams rank among state's top 40

Holden Pedrick is ranked 18th nationally in goals scored

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

The Wekiva water polo teams are having great seasons and have a few players ranked nationally. The season is in the home stretch, with both teams having just eight games left.

**Boys water polo**

Wekiva's boys water polo team has had a solid season at 7-6 but is 0-2 in district matchups. According to

MaxPreps this week, Wekiva is ranked 34th in the state and 40th in the nation.

The Mustangs have scored 204 goals and allowed 164 for a 40-goal positive scoring differential. They are 3-3 in their last six matches. Wekiva, like its rival Apopka, also has players ranked nationally.

The Mustangs have a few players leading the charge, including Holden Pedrick, John Foster and Nicholas Woodward. Pedrick is ranked 18th in the nation in goals (59) and points (88) and has also collected 29 assists, 42 steals and a shot percentage of 59 percent in 13 games.

Foster has collected 32

goals, 18 assists, 18 steals, 50 points and a shooting percentage of 52.5 percent in 13 games. Woodward has collected 46 goals, 15 assists, 11 steals, 61 points and a 54.8 shooting percentage.

Wekiva's goalie, Hayden Scalise, is also having a great season. Scalise is ranked 18th in the nation in saves with 93. Opponents have taken 306 shots at Scalise, with just 232 of those being on goal. Of the 232 shots on goal, Scalise was able to save 93 and allow 139 to achieve a 40.08 save percentage.

The team will have five matches the week they return from spring break. The first

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# Rain needed, but fish still biting on area waterways



**GOIN' FISHIN'**

**Jim Keck**  
Correspondent

Hello Folks,  
We need some rain, so hopefully, we will get some this week. The water at the ramps is gettin' kinda low, and some rain will help out that situation.  
The fishin' is still doin' pretty good. I'm gettin' some good reports from The Kissim-

mee Chain. Folks are catchin' limits of bluegills and shell-crackers in the pads. Most of those panfish are bein' caught on red worms, crickets, and grass shrimp.  
The bass fishin' has been good as well. My buddy Rick and his brother-in-law Greg from Kentucky are fishin' their annual week of bass fishin'. They have been catchin' some nice bass on The Harris Chain. They caught three six-pounders fishin' around the offshore grass. Most of those bass were caught on plastic worms and Senko's.  
They fished The Butler Chain and caught 15 bass on

plastic worms this week. Most of the bass that they caught were keeper-sized bass. They didn't catch any biggins. They are back on The Harris Chain and then on to John's Lake later in the week.  
Folks, I hope you had a chance to watch The Bassmaster Classic that was held last week and over the weekend at Lake Ray Roberts in Texas. Congratulations to Easton Fothergill, who is just 22 years old, who won the Classic. Easton weighed in 15 bass over three days, hitting the scales at 76 lbs.—15 ounces. Easton also took home 300,000.00 dollars for his win. He also

took home another 8,000.00 dollars in bonus money.  
Easton came up through the college ranks and qualified himself for the Classic. Also, weeks after Easton had brain surgery in August of 2023, he won the 2023 Bassmaster college bracket. Easton has had a great career in Bassmaster, in just a few years, and he is lookin' forward to goin' to Knoxville, TN. next year to defend his title.  
I also want to congratulate John Cox from Debary, FL. on his 6th place finish in the Classic. John weighed in 56 lbs.—5 ounces and won 22,500.00 dollars. Also, a shout-out to Bob-

by Bakewell from Orlando, FL. Bobby fished his very first Classic and finished in 32nd place and took home 10,000.00 dollars. Bobby's finish out of 56 anglers was a great showin' for his very first Classic. I'm sure he is ready to get back on that stage again real soon.  
The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission offers 10 full summer scholarships for kids (ages 8–16). The Florida Airboat Association and The Kissimmee River Valley Sportsman Association are allowing Florida youth to experience an unforgettable outdoor adventure through these scholar-

ships, five girls will be selected to attend the Everglades Youth Conservation Center in West Palm Beach, while another five girls or boys will be able to attend The Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp in Ocala, FL. You can go to the Application for the EYCC Scholarship to apply for these scholarships. The deadline to apply for the Scholarships is April 30, 2025.  
Well, that's it for this week. I hope ya'll have a great week, and I hope to see you soon on the water.  
Tip of the week: Pray for rain  
SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK

## Water polo

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are now 1–6 in their last seven games, falling to Windermere (10–4), West Orange (19–3), Lake Minneola (11–8), Lyman (10–8), Gainesville (8–4), and Lake Howell (12–6). In those six losses, Apopka was outscored 70–33.

In the win over Colonial, Apopka was dominant from the first whistle. After the game head coach Robert Edstrom told me that this win was huge for the team, especially for breaking their losing streak and even more being on senior night.

“It always feels good to get a win on senior night,” Edstrom said. “We’ve been on a bit of a loss streak, so it’s good to get back after the long break and fix some issues that have been giving us problems, like our shooting. We just want to keep improving and get some good momentum going into the postseason, and I feel like this was a good step towards that.”

The Blue Darters outscored Colonial in the first three quarters of play: 4–1 in the first quarter, 1–0 in the second, 4–1 in the third, and 4–4 in the fourth. Apopka collected 13 goals, 11 assists and six steals.

Edstrom said he was pleased with the shooting in the win. He said the girls needed some confidence in their shooting, and he saw much of that in the win. He saw so much confidence that he had to remind the girls that taking good and smart shots was still the best option. Some of Edstrom’s players were beginning to shoot from anywhere now that they were getting a hot hand.

“It goes back to the fundamentals,” he said. “Just focusing on good decision-making and looking for open passes. You know she’s (Jordyn McMaster) a senior, so she got a little caught up in senior night. She got a couple



Photo by Marshall Tempest

The Apopka defense smothered a Colonial player trying to get a shot off, looking to disrupt her shot or block it.

more goals than she normally does, so she said, ‘Okay, I can shoot from anywhere.’ Honestly, I told them to do that before the game, so that’s kind of my fault. But that’s because we’ve had some confidence issues shooting. So, I am not mad that we now have confidence when shooting.”

Alexis McReynolds, Jordyn McMaster and Brooke Bemiss led Apopka in the win. McReynolds had five goals, two assists and two steals, with a 71.4 shooting percentage. McMaster had three goals, one assist and one steal, with a 50.0 shooting percentage. Bemiss had one goal and two assists with a 50.0 shooting percentage. Apopka’s Taylor Sellers had two goals, including the game-winner.

Goalkeeper Katherine Berens had a fantastic night to go with her outstanding season. Berens is ranked 13th

in the nation in saves with 126. She had 12 more saves and allowed six goals in the win over Colonial. She had a 66.66 save percentage after blocking 12 of 18 shots on goal.

“She is super important,” Edstrom said. “She is phenomenal. This is actually her first year playing goalie. Last year, she was a field player, and we made the switch. She has such a good arm; it helps us out so much on offense and helps us be more dynamic. Then she’s getting blocks left and right, as you saw. Without her, we wouldn’t be as successful as we have been this year.”

After this week’s matches and this weekend’s tournament at Lyman High School, the team has just two games left in the regular season. On Friday, March 28, the team will travel to Lyman High School for a game set to start at 4:30

p. m. On Saturday, March 29, Apopka will return to Lyman for three tournament matchups against Gainesville, Wekiva and Venice. The Gainesville game is set to start at 9:45 a. m., the Wekiva game is set to begin at 2:15 p. m., and the Venice game will start at 5:15 p. m.

### Boys water polo

The boys are 7–8, 2–1 in district, and ranked 41st in the state according to MaxPreps on Wednesday, March 26. The team sits third in Class 1A District 1 under Seminole and Lake Brantley but above Lake Mary, Winter Springs and Lyman.

The boys defeated Colonial 19–5 and broke a three-game losing streak. The boys are now 3–4 in their last seven games, falling to West Orange (20–5), Lyman (15–10), Gainesville (15–9) and Lake

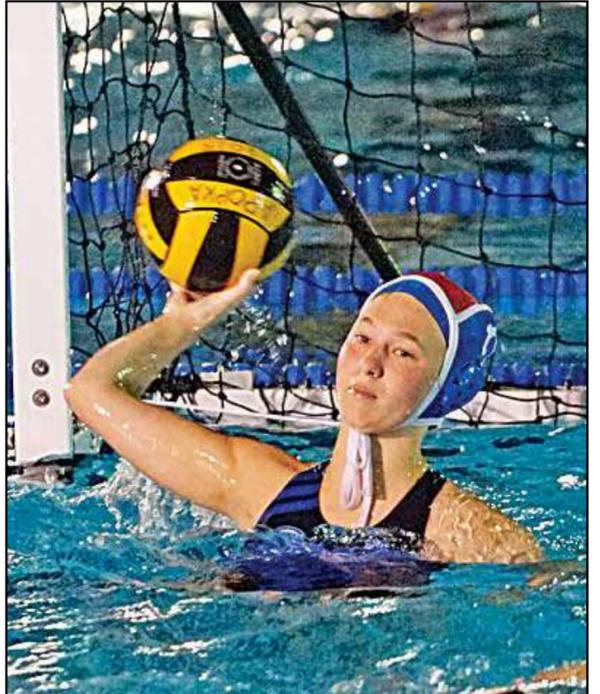


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The Apopka goalie, Katherine Berens, had 12 saves on 18 shots on goal in Apopka’s win Over Colonial.

Howell (12–9) but defeating Lake Minneola (19–9), Gateway (16–6) and Colonial (19–5). In those four losses, Apopka was outscored 62–33.

Like the girls team, the boys were dominant from the first whistle of this contest, commanding the first quarter and outscoring Colonial 7–1. Apopka was outscored 4–3 in the second quarter, but that would be the only time. For the rest of the game, Apopka kept Colonial scoreless, with the Darters scoring five goals in the third quarter and four in the fourth quarter.

Steven Novak, Harry Pennell, Travis Novak and Wyatt Licari led Apopka in the win. Steven Novak, who is ranked 22nd in points and 24th in goals scored in the nation with 86 points and 54 goals, collected two goals, six assists and two steals. Pennell collected six goals. Travis Novak, Ste-

ven’s brother, had six assists. Licari collected three goals, two assists and one steal.

In the goal for Apopka in the win was Travis Novak, who is ranked second in the nation in saves with 185, and his brother Steven. Travis had seven saves and allowed five goals for a 58.34 save percentage for shots on goal. His brother Steven had a great game in the cage, making five saves and allowing zero to achieve a 100 percent save percentage.

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# Tempers flare as Apopka flag football tops Wekiva

By Marshall Tempest  
Reporter

The Apopka High School flag football team improved to 8-1 on the season after defeating the Wekiva Mustangs 19-0 on senior night. The team has 14 seniors who not only celebrated the night with their families and teammates but had a great performance on the field.

Head coach Tanisha Wilson told me after the game that she is so proud of her team's performance this season.

"I'm so proud of my girls," she said. "They have been working hard all season."

Apopka quarterback Jhenelle Francis had a fantastic night through the air and on the ground, collecting all three of the Blue Darter touchdowns. Francis is a dynamic quarterback with



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Apopka quarterback Jhenelle Francis had two rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown in the Blue Darters' 19-0 win over the Mustangs on Wednesday, March 27.

her ability to be elusive on the ground and levelheaded enough to make the right plays under pressure.

The Blue Darters dominated this game from the start, forcing a quick three-and-out for the Wekiva of-

fense, which started with possession. Following Wekiva's punt, Francis quickly made her way into the end zone for the first time. It took the Apopka offense just three plays to score as Francis used her speed to get around the

edge and into the end zone. The extra point attempt was no good.

Wekiva began moving down the field on its next drive, but things went bad quickly. After a first down conversion, Apopka's Mack-

enzie Meyerer snagged a ball out of the air for the Blue Darters' first interception of the night.

While the Blue Darters were consistent on offense, their defense is where they really shined in the shutout win. Apopka had a pair of interceptions and a handful of deflections as the defense refused to let the Mustangs passing game gain momentum.

After the first interception, Apopka slowly but surely made their way down the field using a balanced offensive attack. Francis capped off the drive with a touchdown pass to Meyerer to extend Apopka's lead to 12-0. The extra point attempt was again no good.

Apopka led 12-0 at the end of the first quarter, when turmoil erupted on the Wekiva sideline. The Wekiva head coach, William Everett, was displeased with the way the

officials were speaking to his players. His complaint turned into a heated verbal altercation with one of the officials that resulted in his ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct.

After a short delay, Wekiva resumed its drive with a first down play. But a sack on the Wekiva quarterback a clutch deflection on third down forced the Mustangs to punt again.

Apopka was able to score one more touchdown before the half. Francis used her feet again to scamper into the end zone on a short run to extend the Apopka lead to 18-0. This time the time converted its extra point attempt to cap off the scoring, as neither team scored in the second half.

"It feels pretty awesome to get a win," Wilson said. "I always like the competitiveness of the rivalry and it's great to see the girls enjoy their victories."

## Baseball

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But last night, you saw a fastball with a little bit more on it than he had been having, he was in total command of his breaking ball, and his change-up was good. So, he had all this stuff working last night."

Brewer attributed the power surge at the plate to taking a break and focusing on their game during spring break.

"Before the break, they were just — they were thinking too much," he said. "I think they were trying too hard. I think the break brought everybody back down to where we needed to be, which is just relax, have fun with it, and do the things that you know you can do."

Leading the Darters at the plate in this win were Hamrick, Rieli, Nico Polslusny and VanFleet. Hamrick went 2-for-4 with the three-run double and an RBI single. Rieli went 3-for-5 at the plate, collecting two runs and two doubles. Polslusny went 1-for-2 at the plate with an RBI single and three runs scored. VanFleet went 2-for-4 at the plate and collected a two-RBI single. Apopka also stole three bases and drew nine walks.

In the field, Apopka was perfect once again with a 1.000 fielding percentage with 21 putouts on 21 total chances while also collecting two double plays, one coming from Hamrick and one from Spaid.

"We're a good team," Brewer said. "We're a really good team, and we're tough to beat. When the pitching

is good, the defense is good, and we're putting the balls in play and making them make difficult plays, we are a great team. The strikeouts and the pop-ups — if we eliminate those things and play our game, we'll be fine."

### Apopka vs. St. Cloud (6-3) Win

Apopka enjoyed their very first home game of the season at J. Barnes Field on Tuesday. The Blue Darters defeated the St. Cloud Bulldogs 6-3, using a four-run second inning to break open the game.

The four-run rally all came with two outs. Reef VanKuren stepped to the plate with runners on first and second and singled on a line drive to send in Apopka's first run. Rieli then slapped a grounder through the infield to send in the second run. Apopka's next two runs came in courtesy of Ty Livingston, who doubled to left field to score two more runs and put the Blue Darters up 4-0 going to the third.

"We have actually done that two or three times this year," Brewer said. "I'm not saying that we've got .300 hitters all up and down our lineup, but I will say that we have guys up and down our lineup that give you good at-bats. So even with two outs, the next guy up, even if we get to the bottom of our order, there's still guys that will give you a quality at-bat."

St. Cloud scored three runs in the fourth to pull within a run, but Apopka tacked on single runs in the

fourth and sixth innings to seal the 6-3 win.

Livingston, Rieli and Andy Diaz paced the Apopka offense. Livingston went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs and a double. Rieli went 3-for-4 with one run and one RBI. Diaz went 1-for-2 and scored twice.

Jagers pitched a complete game for the Blue Darters on the mound. He allowed seven hits and three runs (one earned) while striking out five. Jagers ended the game with a 1.00 ERA after throwing 88 pitches.

### What's next

After the win over East River and St. Cloud, Apopka had two more games this week. On Thursday, they traveled to East Ridge to face off against the Knights. On Friday, March 28, Apopka will host the Wekiva Mustangs for a game beginning at 6 p. m. After this week, the team has just six games until the end of the regular season.

The two wins improve the Blue Darters to 10-6 on the season, including 1-1 in district play, and ranked 181st in the state according to MaxPreps on Wednesday, March 26.

The Blue Darters are 4-2 in their last six games, overcoming East River (8-1), The Villages (6-2), East River again (14-0) and St. Cloud (6-3), while falling to Dr. Phillips (5-4) and Lake Nona (11-9). Apopka has scored 88 runs and allowed 51 for a positive 37-run scoring differential.



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Ty Livingston drops a near-perfect sacrifice bunt that advanced a runner on base. Livingston almost beat the throw to first but was called out.

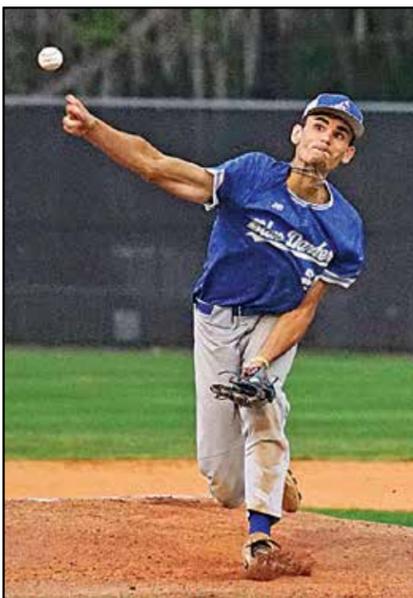


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Tyler Spaid throws a pitch during his complete-game shutout against East River.



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Wyatt Jagers winds up to pitch during Apopka's 6-3 win over the St. Cloud Bulldogs.

## Complex

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The two dugouts bear little resemblance, and Salimbene said last week that he would need to look into the issue.

The viewing window in

the old concession stand of the baseball complex that allowed volunteers to watch the game while working was removed during the construc-

tion of the new complex. Parents asked if OCPS would be reinstalling the viewing window. Salimbene said he and OCPS have assessed that,

and he needs to update the baseball families.

When I asked Salimbene for updates on those outstanding issues this week,

he said they have not been fixed.

"I don't have any updates on those items at this time," he said. "We have been fo-

cused on getting occupancy permits for the facilities. We plan some improvements, but scope and timeline are to be determined."

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# Healthy living can help delay dementia onset, progression

Newly available drugs also help slow Alzheimer's, treat symptoms

By **Ronnie Lovler**  
Correspondent

At 82, Gainesville resident Julie Gray Burns remains mentally sharp, but she can't stop wondering occasionally whether she might be susceptible to dementia.

Her mother had dementia, and a sister and a brother have both died of Alzheimer's disease. A brother, who is three years younger than her, got tested to see if he had the Alzheimer's gene, but he got an all-clear.

Burns says she's not going to do any testing. She says she has concerns but tries not to dwell on it.

"It crosses my mind, but I still play mahjong and a French card game," she said. "I used to play bridge and backgammon. I was always a game person."

During the pandemic, Burns went a step further and studied French online. She also reads incessantly.

Burns sometimes forgets a name but says she doesn't worry about it too much.

"If I can't think of a name, I know it will come to me in two or three hours," she said. "I don't let (worry about dementia) affect my life. I still drive. I still go out. I still see people."

Dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and other aging and memory disorders are front and center these days as reflections of concerns about the cognitive capabilities of aging political candidates. However, it is also getting attention because of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recent approval of pharmaceutical advances that may reverse the course of the disease.

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1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood or personality.

Source: Alzheimer's Association

Last July, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the use of Donanemab, an intravenous infusion therapy to be taken monthly. When taken in the early stages of Alzheimer's, it can slow the progression of the disease, giving people more time to participate in daily life and live independently.

"This is real progress. Today's approval allows people more options and greater opportunity to have more time," said Alzheimer's Association President and CEO Joanne Pike in a prepared statement. "Having multiple treatment options is the kind of advancement we've all been waiting for — all of us who have been touched, even blindsided, by this difficult and devastating disease," she said.

Lecanemab is another intravenous infusion therapy approved by the FDA in 2023 that helps slow disease progression.

A third drug which slows cognitive decline, Aducanumab, received FDA approval in 2021, but its manufacturer, Biogen, discontinued production last year to refocus resources elsewhere.

Other drugs, like donepezil, rivastigmine, and memantine, treat symptoms. While they do not stop the damage Alzheimer's causes to brain cells, they may help lessen or stabilize symptoms for a limited time by affecting certain chemicals involved in carrying messages among and between the brain's nerve cells, according to the association's webpage.

"Because multiple FDA-approved Alzheimer's treatments are now available, early detection and diagnosis are even more critical to ensure individuals receive the most benefit," said Dr. Shellie-Anne Levy, a clinical neuropsychologist and assistant professor in the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Florida. "Access to these treatments should not be delayed at any stage or by any entity — not the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) coverage with evidence development policy, private insurers, health systems or doctors."

Pike also said clinical trials for Alzheimer's drugs need to improve the representation of all affected populations, given that the rate of dementia and Alzheimer's is twice as high for African Americans and one-and-a-half times as much for Hispanics when compared to aging white individuals. Experts are still trying to figure out why.

"These groups are severely underrepresented in treatment studies," Pike said. "It is critical that clinical trial study populations reflect the communities these treatments intend to serve."



Photo by Ronnie Lovler

Julie Gray Burns.

However, not all memory or cognitive issues are a result of Alzheimer's disease.

"Sometimes people are deficient in certain vitamins, and because of that metabolic disruption, it can cause thinking and memory changes in your day-to-day activities," Pike said. "But those things are modifiable. And with treatment, dementia symptoms can reverse."

Florida is second in the nation for the number of people living with Alzheimer's, with more than 580,000 Floridians aged 65 and older living with the disease. Overall, in 2023, the association reported 7 million people with Alzheimer's in the United States, with 1-in-3 seniors reported as dying of Alzheimer's or another type of dementia.

Here in Orange County, some 164,000 people have

some form of dementia or mild cognitive impairment, according to Alzheimer's Orange County. It's the No. 3 cause of death in the county.

Experts say keeping your mind active, healthy eating, physical exercise, a good night's sleep, and social interaction are all things that can help delay dementia. In other words, whatever is good for your health is also a tool to help prevent dementia.

"In truth, dementia prevention begins in the womb," says Glenn Smith, principal investigator for the Florida Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, a consortium of institutions working to promote prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's and related dementias.

"Higher educational attainment is strongly associated with reduced dementia risk because higher education builds cognitive reserve," Smith said. "The better we do at educating people and helping them obtain advanced education, the more we reduce their risk."

While higher levels of education are associated with a decreased risk for dementia, other health-related conditions and behaviors can increase risks.

"Head injury has an association with dementia," Smith said. "Smoking is associated with dementia. So is high blood pressure. Being socially and cognitively active protects against dementia."

Julie Roca, host of the podcast Aging Gracefully, says something often not considered is the impact of hearing loss on dementia.

"Hearing loss doesn't cause dementia, but hearing loss can make dementia progress faster," Roca said. "People with hearing loss feel isolated. They don't understand what is being said, so they don't participate as much in the conversation."

Now that a few drugs have become approved to treat early Alzheimer's disease or mild cognitive impairment, there's even more of an imperative to stay healthy longer.

However, treatment access also depends on an individual's willingness to see their doctor about their concerns, as no one can be put on a course of drug treatment without a prescription, said Roca, who is also a healthcare relations representative for Community Hospice & Palliative Care and a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association.

"You must have a diagnosis, and that's where a lot of people miss getting help because they are trying to avoid what they are seeing," Roca said. "They say 'No, it's OK. This is just a part of aging.' ... They are not going and asking doctors to check it out and investigate it. Maybe they don't want to know, but we need to know now that there are things out there that can help."

Experts caution every forgotten name doesn't necessarily mean dementia is lurking in your brain.

"When you have your senior moments, that's typical aging. Everyone, as they get older, has changes in their thinking ability," said clinical neuropsychologist Levy. "They may slow down a little bit. They may not remember the name of the person. That's typical."

"You guys will have your senior moments all the time, but it doesn't necessarily mean something wrong is happening," she said.

So, while not every forgotten name is a roadmap to dementia, staying aware of the signs of potential problems helps people to get an early diagnosis and, if needed, early medical help, experts say.



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PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION  
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CASE NO.: 2024-CC-009206-O  
RANDAL PARK RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not-for-profit Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. ANTONIO E. RODRIGUEZ, et al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Uniform Final Summary Judgement of Foreclosure dated March 19, 2025 and entered in Case No.: 2024-CC-009206-O, of the County Court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit and for Orange County, Florida, wherein Plaintiff, RANDAL PARK RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants, ANTONIO E. RODRIGUEZ, et al., the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at [myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com](http://myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com) at 11:00 a.m. on June 11, 2025, the following described property as set forth in said Uniform Final Judgment of Foreclosure, to-wit:  
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177927

**A-AAA KEY MINI STORAGE**

1001 S Semoran Blvd  
Orlando FL 32807  
407-401-9422  
M30@trustedstoragepros.com  
**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 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash only at [www.storageeuctions.com](http://www.storageeuctions.com) on April 24th, 2025 at 11:30AM.  
**LUIS ROLANDO VARGAS CARRASCO:** Boxes, bags, furniture, chairs, nightstands, mattresses, kid's toys, kitchen items, microwave, car seat, pillows, electric scooter/bike, luggage  
**A-AAA KEY MINI STORAGE/ABANDONED GOODS:** Speakers, furniture, bags, boxes, electronics, lamps, tables, stools, kid's toys, stroller, couch, kid's motorized ride on toy, headboard, sound bars, chairs  
**JUAN ALEMAN:** Totes, tools, luggage, toolbox, file cabinet, fan, construction materials, power tools  
**JUAN RAMON ALEMAN VASQUEZ:** Totes, tools, luggage, toolbox, file cabinet, fan, construction materials, power tools  
**CARMEN SANTANA:** Totes, boxes, luggage, electronics, speaker, tires, bags, bedframe, vacuum  
**CARMEN DELIA SANTANA:** Totes, boxes, luggage, electronics, speaker, tires, bags, bedframe, vacuum

**ROSMERI BANOS GOMEZ:** Mattress, lamp  
**DALIXA YANID CINTRON ROSA:** Tools, tool bag, construction materials, power washer, totes  
**DALIXA CINTRON:** Tools, tool bag, construction materials, power washer, totes  
Publish: The Apopka Chief March 28 and April 4, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC**

gives notice that on 04/22/2025 at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 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.  
**2015 Toyota 2T1BURHE9FC237666**  
March 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE**

Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, Mid-Florida Lien And Title Service, LLC. will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) located at lienor's place to satisfy a claim of lien.2017 KIA VIN: KNDJN2A24H7456359. Lien Amt: \$949.95. 2022 KIA VIN: 3KPA24AD6NE441170. 2018 KIA VIN: 5XXGT4L32JG258216. Lien Amt: \$2212.82. 2013 KIA VIN: 5XXGM4A79DG137478 Lien Amt: \$1151.90. 2016 KIA VIN: KND-JN2A20G7328103. Lien Amt: \$835.00. 2012 KIA VIN: 5XXGR4A67CG083265. Lien Amt: \$944.58. 2016 KIA VIN: KND-JN2A26G7367682. Lien.Amt: \$969.95. 2015 KIA VIN: KNAGM4A71F5579434. Lien Amt: \$969.95. 2015 KIA VIN: 5XYK-T4A 63FG597223. Lien Amt:\$785.89. 2014 KIA VIN: KNAFX4A87E5086092. Lien Amt: \$4919.89. 2017 FORD VIN: 1FADP3F21HL312397. Lien Amt: \$1046.77. 2017 KIA VIN: KND-JP3A50H7451248. Lien Amt: \$959.34. 2020 KIA VIN: KNDJ23AU7L7007184. Lien Amt: \$969.95.Lienor/CITY KIA OF GREATER ORLANDO. 9550 S ORANGE BLOSSOM TRL ORLANDO, FL 407-839-1000. Sale Date: April 21, 2025, 10:00AM AM. At Mid Florida Lien & Title Service LLC. 3001 Aloma Ave. Winter Park FL 32792. Said vehicle(s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held.  
March 28, 2025

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

Case No.: 2025-DR-001266-O  
Division: Orange, County Florida  
IN RE: Tania Horton Dale, Petitioner and Trent Lamar Dale, Respondent.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (Divorce)**

**TO: Trent Lamar Dale 1335 Lescot Lane Orlando, Fla. 32811**  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Marital Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Tania Horton Dale, whose address is 443 Gilman Circle Orlando, Fla, 32811, on or before 04/24/2025, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 NORTH ORANGE AVENUE, ORLANDO, FL 32802, 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.**  
{If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located}  
n/a

**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: 3/4/2025  
Tiffany M. Russell  
Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ Deputy Clerk  
Circuit Court Seal

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of Love-andnaturemoment, with a mailing address of 2875 S Orange Ave, Orlando, Florida, 32806 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Acelia T R Diaz

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

**SEVEN SISTERS FABLES**

located at 401 N Mills Ave STE B, in the County of Orange in the City of Orlando Florida 32803, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 19 day of March, 2025.  
**Maiden & Crone LLC**  
March 28, 2025

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of **Traveluxe** located at 1031 W. Morse Boulevard, Suite 260, in the County of ORANGE, in the City of Winter Park, Florida 32789, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 24th day of March 2025.  
**HOLIDAYS LOUNGE, LLC**  
#1151.90. 2016 KIA VIN: KND-JN2A20G7328103. Lien Amt: \$835.00. 2012 KIA VIN: 5XXGR4A67CG083265. Lien Amt: \$944.58. 2016 KIA VIN: KND-JN2A26G7367682. Lien.Amt: \$969.95. 2015 KIA VIN: KNAGM4A71F5579434. Lien Amt: \$969.95. 2015 KIA VIN: 5XYK-T4A 63FG597223. Lien Amt:\$785.89. 2014 KIA VIN: KNAFX4A87E5086092. Lien Amt: \$4919.89. 2017 FORD VIN: 1FADP3F21HL312397. Lien Amt: \$1046.77. 2017 KIA VIN: KND-JP3A50H7451248. Lien Amt: \$959.34. 2020 KIA VIN: KNDJ23AU7L7007184. Lien Amt: \$969.95.Lienor/CITY KIA OF GREATER ORLANDO. 9550 S ORANGE BLOSSOM TRL ORLANDO, FL 407-839-1000. Sale Date: April 21, 2025, 10:00AM AM. At Mid Florida Lien & Title Service LLC. 3001 Aloma Ave. Winter Park FL 32792. Said vehicle(s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held.  
March 28, 2025

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

CASE NO. 2025-CA-002252-O  
DIV NO.: 39  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of SABAL PALMS OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs. Plaintiff, WILLIAM FORSHEY, DECEASED, et. al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: ERNEST A. JOHNSON, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF ERNEST A. JOHNSON, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 2167 HELMSFORD DR WOLVERINE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48390-2426  
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 RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:  
COUNT II  
Unit Week 36 in Unit 4124, in SABAL PALMS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3851 at Page 4528 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.  
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 18th day of MARCH 2025.  
Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court  
BY: /S/Nancy Garcia  
As Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**HK #110521.0248 #10523 DD**  
March 28 and April 4, 2025

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

CASE NO. 2025-CA-002252-O  
DIV NO.: 39  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of SABAL PALMS OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs. Plaintiff, WILLIAM FORSHEY, DECEASED, et. al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT I**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: WILLIAM FORSHEY, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM FORSHEY, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 1430 CORDOVA RD APT 24A FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33316-2186  
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 RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:  
COUNT I  
Unit Week 31 in Unit 4411, in SABAL PALMS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3851 at Page 4528 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.  
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 18th day of MARCH 2025.  
Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court  
BY: /S/ Nancy Garcia  
As Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
CONFORMED COPY TO: EDWARD M. FITZGERALD HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600 Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**HK#110521.0247 # 9701 DD**  
March 28, April 4, 2025

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

CASE NO. 2025-CA-002252-O  
DIV NO.: 39  
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of SABAL PALMS OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, vs. Plaintiff, WILLIAM FORSHEY, DECEASED, et. al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III**  
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN: TO: HAROLD J. JONES, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF HAROLD J. JONES, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 231 BLUE RD MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457 AND LORRAINE JONES, DECEASED 231 BLUE RD MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457  
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 RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:  
COUNT III  
Unit Week 35 in Unit 4418, in SABAL PALMS CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3851 at Page 4528 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.  
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 petition.  
DATED on this 18th day of MARCH 2025.  
Tiffany Moore Russell Clerk of the Court  
BY: /S/ Nancy Garcia  
As Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL

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  
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 Court Administration at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 2130, Orlando, Florida 32801, telephone (407) 836-2303 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this document. If hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
**HK#110521.0249 #10182**  
March 28 and April 4, 2025

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

CASE NO.: 2025-DR-2076-O  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF ANA S. MACHADO RODRIGUEZ Plaintiff/Wife, and LUIS LORENZO ALFONSO Respondent/Husband.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**  
TO: Luis Lorenzo Alfonso 11790 SW 18th Street, Apt. 329 Miami, Florida 33175  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANA S. MACHADO RODRIGUEZ, whose address is c/o Shane T. Herbert Law, 9100 Conroy Windermere Rd., Suite 200, Windermere, Florida 34786 on or before June 11, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: Orange County Clerk of Court, 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.  
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE  
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 address(es) 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: MARCH 13TH, 2025  
Tiffany M. Russell, Clerk of the County Court  
By: /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
425 North Orange Ave. Suite 320 Orlando, Florida 32801  
March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2025

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

CASE NO. 2025-CA-000020-O  
SHANE A. PARKER, Plaintiff, v. ADRIANO F. OLIVERA; DUSTIN C. LOWE; BRITTANY S. LOWE, Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: DUSTIN C. LOWE 9329 7th Avenue Orlando, FL 32824  
BRITTANY S. LOWE 9329 7th Avenue Orlando, FL 32824  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED of an action to quiet title on the following real property in Orange County, Florida: LOT 9, BLOCK G, TIER 10, TAFT PROSPER COLONY, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK E, PAGE 4, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME: 1991 MERI VIN # HML-CP28222006889A, TITLE # 62581484, RP # 12031080 AND 1191 MERI VIN # HMLCP28222006889B, TITLE # 62581485, RP # 12031079.  
Property Address: 9906 7th Avenue, Orlando, FL 32824 (the "Property")  
A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on OLIVIA GARCIA, Esq., Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is NARDELLA & NARDELLA, PLLC, 135 W. Central Blvd., Suite 300, Orlando, FL 32801, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this 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 Lien Foreclosure Complaint.  
Dated 03/07/2025  
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts  
/s/ Joji Jacob  
Deputy Clerk  
Civil Division  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
425 N Orange Ave  
Room 350  
Orlando, FL 32801

CASE NO.: 2025-DR-2076-O  
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF ANA S. MACHADO RODRIGUEZ Plaintiff/Wife, and LUIS LORENZO ALFONSO Respondent/Husband.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)**  
TO: Luis Lorenzo Alfonso 11790 SW 18th Street, Apt. 329 Miami, Florida 33175  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ANA S. MACHADO RODRIGUEZ, whose address is c/o Shane T. Herbert Law, 9100 Conroy Windermere Rd., Suite 200, Windermere, Florida 34786 on or before June 11, 2025, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at: Orange County Clerk of Court, 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.  
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE  
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 address(es) 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: MARCH 13TH, 2025  
Tiffany M. Russell, Clerk of the County Court  
By: /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
425 North Orange Ave. Suite 320 Orlando, Florida 32801  
March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2025

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

CASE NUMBER: 2024-CA-010503-O  
 DIVISION NUMBER: 40  
 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A 2015 DODGE CHARGER RT, VIN 2C3CDXCT0FH785175  
**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
 TO:  
 JERAMY O. GARCIA  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action pursuant to the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act has been filed by the Orange County Sheriff's Office on the following property in Orange County, FL: 2015 Dodge Charger RT, VIN 2C3CDXCT-0FH785175, seized on or about the 15th day of October, 2024, at or near 849 Driver Avenue, Orange County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the Assistant General Counsel for the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Legal Services, P.O. Box 1440, Orlando, Florida 32802, within 30 days of this publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Final Judgment of Forfeiture.  
**REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**  
 If you are a person with 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, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (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.  
 DATED this 2/24/2025  
 Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts  
 /s/ Scrolan Bradac  
 Deputy Clerk  
 Circuit Court Seal  
 Civil Division  
 425 N Orange Ave  
 Room 350  
 Orlando, FL 32801

**IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF TIMOTHY R. GEIS, also known as TIMOTHY ROWLAND GEIS, Deceased.  
 FILE NO.: 2025-CP-000594-O  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of TIMOTHY R. GEIS, also known as TIMOTHY ROWLAND GEIS, deceased, whose date of death was December 20, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the ancillary personal representative and the ancillary 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. 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 personal representative or curator 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 Sections 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under Section 732.2211, Florida Statutes.  
 The date of first publication of this notice is: March 21, 2025.  
 Signed on this 11th day of March, 2025 .  
 /s/ Alan Geis  
 ALAN GEIS, Ancillary Personal Representative  
 2714 Prim Drive  
 Orlando, Florida 32803  
 /s/ Charles Ian Nash  
 CHARLES IAN NASH, ESQUIRE  
 Florida Bar No.: 0296619  
 NASH & KROMASH, LLP  
 Attorneys for Ancillary Personal Representative  
 440 South Babcock Street  
 Melbourne, Florida 32901  
 (321) 984-2440  
 Primary Email: Charlie@n-klaw.com  
 Secondary Email: CINEFile@n-klaw.com  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

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

PROBATE DIVISION  
 FILE NUMBER: 2025 CP 000708  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JAMES PATRICK DOUGHERTY, Deceased  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the estate of JAMES PATRICK DOUGHERTY, deceased, date of death June 8, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida Probate Division; the address is 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801. The personal representative's attorney name and addresses are set forth below. The Personal Representative is JULIE DOUGHERTY.  
 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 WITHIN 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. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.  
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this Notice is March 21, 2025  
 Marie F. Benjamin  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 Florida Bar. No. 0082960  
 PO Box 901  
 Sanford, FL 32772  
 Telephone: 407-492-8056  
 www.mfbenjamin@earthlink.net  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**

PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2025 CP 000668 O  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWIN HOBBS ALLAN Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:  
 The administration of the estate of EDWIN HOBBS ALLAN, deceased, whose date of death was November 16, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The name(s) and address(es) of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below. An Order of Formal Administration may be entered in the estate of EDWIN HOBBS ALLAN, deceased. The names and addresses of those who were to receive the assets are:  
 Name Address Interest  
 MARY ELIZABETH ALLAN  
 299 Tinder Place  
 Casselberry, FL 32707  
 50% share of all assets  
 RICHARD KENNETH ALLAN  
 P.O. Box 293  
 Gouverneur, NY 13642  
 50% share of all assets  
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.  
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO 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 DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.  
 The date of first publication of this Notice is March 21, 2025.  
 MARY ELIZABETH ALLAN  
 299 Tinder Place  
 Casselberry, FL 32707  
 Petitioner  
**Mestdagh, Wall & Hamilton, P.A.**  
 Dominic Sieber, Esq.  
 Dominic@m-wlawfirm.com  
 notices@m-wlawfirm.com  
 Florida Bar No. 1031733  
 280 W. Canton Ave.,  
 Suite 110  
 Winter Park, Florida 32789  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2025-CP-0371  
 Division Probate  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF JERRY LYLE DETOMMASO Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of Jerry Lyle Detommaso, deceased, whose date of death was January 29, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., 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 March 28, 2025  
 Personal Representative:  
 Laticia Landon

12405 CR 721  
 Webster, Florida 33597  
 Attorney for Personal Representative:  
 /s/Michelle A. Berglund-Harper, Esq.  
 Michelle A. Berglund-Harper, Esq.  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 Florida Bar Number: 0084028  
 MURPHY & BERGLUND PLLC  
 1101 Douglas Avenue,  
 Suite 1006  
 Altamonte Springs,  
 FL 32714  
 Telephone: (407) 865-9553 Fax: 407-865-5742  
 E-Mail: michelle@murphyberglund.com  
 Secondary E-Mail: debra@murphyberglund.com  
 March 28 and April 4, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
 File No. 2025-CP-0861  
 Division  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF GILDA A. HART Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of GILDA A. HART, deceased, whose date of death was November 27, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 North Orange Avenue, 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, 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 THREE (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 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: March 28, 2025.  
 Signed on this 11th day of March, 2025.  
 Denise Palmerini  
 DENISE PALMERINI  
 G. Charles Wohlust  
 G. Charles Wohlust,  
 Esquire  
 Attorney for Petitioner  
 Florida Bar No. 0121660  
**G. Charles Wohlust, P.L.C.**  
 P.O. Box 1570  
 Winter Park, Florida  
 32790-1570  
 Telephone: (321) 972-8738  
 Email: gcw@wohlustlaw.com  
 Secondary Email: linda@wohlustlaw.com  
 March 28 and April 4, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

PROBATE DIVISION  
 Division 1  
 File No. 2025-CP-000639-O  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF MARK EUGENE SERVICE, Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of MARK EUGENE SERVICE, deceased, File Number 2025-CP-000639-O, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., 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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED 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 the first publication of this Notice is: March 21, 2025  
 JOAN SERVICE  
 Personal Representative  
 Young B. Kim  
 Attorney  
 Florida Bar Number: 125417  
 Young's Law Firm, P.A.  
 60 East 5th St.,  
 Apopka, FL 33702  
 Telephone: (407) 278-7177  
 Fax: (407) 603-0122  
 E-Mail: info@youngslawfirm.com  
 Secondary E-Mail: youngbkimlaw@gmail.com  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

File No. 2025-CP-000215-O  
 Probate Division  
 IN RE: ESTATE OF LILLIAN POE MAFFETT Deceased.  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The administration of the Estate of LILLIAN POE MAFFETT, who was deceased on March 21, 2024, is pending

in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N Orange Ave, 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. 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 March 28, 2025.  
 Hallie L. Zobel  
 Hallie L. Zobel  
 Personal Representative  
 122 W. Pine Street,  
 Suite 300  
 Orlando, FL 32801  
 Hallie L. Zobel  
 Hallie L. Zobel Attorney  
 Florida Bar Number: 0748218  
 StuderZobel Law, P.L.L.C.  
 122 W. Pine St., Suite 300  
 Orlando, FL 32801  
 Phone: 321-800-2948  
 E-Mail: hzobel@studerzobellaw.com  
 bsingh@studerzobellaw.com  
 March 28 and April 4, 2025

**A-AAA KEY MINI STORAGE**

5285 S Orange Blossom Trail  
 Orlando, FL 32839  
**M29**  
 m29@trustedstoragepros.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.storageauctions.com on April 24th 2025 at 11:00AM  
**Erik Rivera**  
 Bassinet Christmas Tree Box  
**Erik Gabriel Rivera Campos**  
 Bassinet Christmas Tree Box  
**Erik G Rivera**  
 Bassinet Christmas Tree Box  
 Publish: The Apopka Chief  
 March 28 and April 4, 2025

**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 5301 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: 4/9/2025  
 8:00 am  
**2000 WABASH**  
**1JUV532WXYL462447**  
 March 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC**

gives notice that on 04/21/2025 at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 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.  
**2007 Mazda**  
**JM1CR293670147168**  
 March 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: BARTLETT TOWING, INC**

gives notice that on 05/12/2025 at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 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.  
**2024 Toyota**  
**4T3E6RFV7RU144746**  
 March 28, 2025

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

CASE NO.: 2024-CC-017099-O  
 ARBOR RIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OF APOPKA, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff, VS.  
 MADELINE A. AGUILERA, et al., Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 10, 2025 and entered in Case No.: 2024-CC-017099-O, of the County Court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein Arbor Ridge Homeowners' Association of Apopka, Inc., is Plaintiff, and Madeline A. Aguilera, is the Defendant(s), the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com at 11:00 a.m. ET on April 22, 2025, the following described property as set forth in

said Final Judgment, to-wit: "Lot 336 of Arbor Ridge Phase 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 67, Page(s) 105 through 107, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida."  
 The Property is located at the street address of:  
 2514 Sugarsand Ct., Apopka, FL 32712  
 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE FORECLOSURE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
 GARFINKEL LAW  
 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 300 N. Maitland Avenue  
 Maitland, Florida 32751  
 Tel: (407) 539-3900  
 Fax: (407) 386-8486  
 BY: /s/ Karen M. Marcell  
 Karen M. Marcell, Esq.  
 Florida Bar No.: 51640  
 Primary email address: karen@garfinkel.law  
 Secondary email address: rachel@garfinkel.law  
 The Ninth Judicial Circuit is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations are provided for qualified court participants with disabilities, in accordance with the law. As required by the ADA, the determination of an individual's disability and the option for a reasonable accommodation for a disability is made on a case-by-case basis. 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 us as follows at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately if you receive less than a 7-day notice to appear:  
 Orange County ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, fax: 407-836-2204  
 If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.  
 20002-059  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**

Notice is hereby given that on 03/31/2025 at 09:00 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold at public sale at 10 DRENNEN RD ORLANDO FL 32806 for the amount owed on each vehicle to satisfy the lien for repairs, services and storage charges and any administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585.  
 WBAAA1303H2324835 1987 BMW 8439.00  
 The name, address and telephone number and public sale location of the repair shop claiming the lien for unpaid charges is:  
 Lienor Name: LB AUTO TRADING LLC  
 Lienor Address: 3570 S ORANGE AVE, ORLANDO, FL 32806-6141  
 Lienor Telephone #: 407-440-8118  
 MV License #: MV105343  
 Location of Vehicles: [VEHICLE\_LOCATION]  
 The customer or person claiming an interest, or a lien may redeem the vehicle by satisfying the amount due in cash on or before the sale date and time. The customer or person claiming an interest in or lien on a vehicle may file a demand for a hearing with the Clerk of Court in the [COMPANY\_COUNTY] County where the vehicle is held to determine whether the vehicle has been wrongfully taken or withheld from him or her. At any time before the date of sale a customer or person of record claiming a lien on the vehicle may post a cash or surety bond in the amount stated on the invoice with the Clerk of Circuit Court where the disputed transaction occurred.  
 March 21, 2025

**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 StorageTreasuries.com on 04/14/25 at approx. 9:00 am. 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.  
 #B010 Ronald Drummer  
 #B029 Ja'leel Jackson  
 #C001 April Horne  
 #C011-013 Jerald Stringfield #D001 Dyshow Duhart-Boxes #D023 Joshua Johnson #D041 Larry Lee #1055 Rodney Alford #1082 Tyler Bonwit/ Thrive off trauma LLC/ Tyler Michael  
 #1172 Tori Alexander  
 #1185 Ernesteen Taylor ...  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

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

CASE NO.: 2020-CA-003549-O  
 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, vs.  
 JUAN AROCHA A/K/A JUAN JOSE AROCHA; FRANCIS M. AROCHA; TIDEWATER CREDIT SERVICES LLC; HUNTER'S CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 18, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 2020-CA-003549-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1, Plaintiff, and JUAN AROCHA A/K/A JUAN JOSE AROCHA; FRANCIS M. AROCHA; TIDEWATER CREDIT SERVICES LLC; HUNTER'S CREEK COMMUNITY 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

21st day of April, 2025, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 88, HUNTER'S CREEK - TRACT 250, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 78, 79, AND 80, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 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: March 19, 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  
 20-48650  
 March 28 and April 4, 2025

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

CASE NO.: 2022-CA-011322-O  
 ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK, Plaintiff, vs.  
 ARAMIS R. COPELAND; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARAMIS R. COPELAND; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al., Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 16, 2025, entered in Civil Case No.: 2022-CA-011322-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein ALLIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK, Plaintiff, and ARAMIS R. COPELAND; THE INDEPENDENT SAVINGS PLAN COMPANY; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 N/K/A SHANE BATTLE, 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 28th day of April, 2025, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:  
 LOT 8, BLOCK C, ELDORADO HILLS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 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: March 17, 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  
 22-50107  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

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

CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-002084-O  
 DIVISION NUMBER: 36  
 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$4,416.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY  
**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT**  
 TO: MICHAEL J. RIVERA  
 MERCADO  
 P.O. BOX 4970  
 ORLANDO, FL 32802  
 and all others who claim an interest in \$4,416.00 in U.S. Currency, which was seized on or about the 24th day of January, 2025, at or near 2070 Dunsford Drive, Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court. I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 11th day of March, 2025.  
 /s/ Dezieree T. Elliott  
 Dezieree T. Elliott  
 Assistant General Counsel  
 Florida Bar No. 92739  
 Orange County Sheriff's Office  
 Legal Services  
 P.O. Box 1440  
 Orlando, FL 32802  
 (407) 254-7170  
 Dezieree.Elliott@ocsoff.com  
 March 21 and 28, 2025

# CLASSIFIED

CLASSIFIED DEADLINE: MONDAY 5 P.M.  
classifieds@theapokkachief.com

Call 407-886-2777  
Fax 407-889-4121

### 15. LOST AND FOUND

LOST, STRAYED, or rescued. Near the intersection of North Park Avenue & Votaw Road. Jasper Sinclair is a large fuzzy grey cat. Tracking collar reported from Publix, Walgreen's, Domino's and Marden Ridge apartments. Call or text 407-920-1072 REWARD.

CC 0307-0328 SAV 15

### 21. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

HEALTH CARE FOR entire family: Pediatrics, Family, Internal, OB/GYN, Dental and Pharmacy. www.chcfl.org. Centers throughout Central Florida. 225 E 7th Street, Apopka. 407-905-8827.

JT 0307-0328 TFN COM 21

### 32. HELP WANTED

CALL 407-886-2777 and place your information here if you are in need of a position. Use the 3/4 special.

CC 0321-0411 CHI 31

LEARN HOW TO REPAIR appliances. Must have valid driver license and able to use tools. 407-886-2255, 407-497-7458.

CC 0328-0418 APO 32

### 32. HELP WANTED

LAWN MAINTENANCE help needed. Must have experience. Must be ready to work.

CC 0328-0418 TAY 32

### 52. PETS

PET NEEDS NEW HOME. Call 407-886-2777 to let readers know.

0321-0411 OFC 52

### 61. APPLIANCES, LARGE

IN HOME SERVICE on washer, dryers, stoves, refrigerators installed. \$50 off service calls with installation. All help vaccinated for virus. Be safe! Free haul away (No matter where you bought new one.) Used appliances available. Service call \$39.99 with repairs. 407-886-2255, 407-497-7458.

CC 0328-0418 APO 61

### 69. SPORTING GOODS

Golf cart repairs all makes & models. I come to you. 321-356-5669

CC 0328-0418 HON 69

### 70. MERCHANDISE-MISC.

TRAILER PARTS for sale. Largest stocking dealer in NW Orange County (Apopka). 407-293-5788. www.surplus-steel.com.

B 0221-0328 SUR 70

### 81. AUTOS FOR SALE

USED CARS. NEW cars. Low upfront pricing. No dealer fees. 407-972-1678. Mullinaxfordfl.com

JT 0321-0411 MUL 81

1983 BMW 320i 1978 Datsun Z 917-561-8308

0308-0328 BER 81

### 89. TRAILERS FOR

TRAILER NO LONGER NEEDED? Call 407-886-2777 to place the advertisement here. Ask about our 3/4 special.

0 0228-0321 OFC 89

### 113. LANDSCAPING

#### 121. PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

NEED STUDENTS in your professional class? Call 407-886-2777 to place your ad here.

ADV 0131-0228 CHI 121

### 130. REAL ESTATE

### 133. HOMES FOR SALE

BUYING, SELLING, rentals or property management. We're your friend in the business. Rogers & Rogers Realty. 407-880-8888.

CC 0321-0411 ROG, 133

### Local Advertising

That Works As Hard As You Do!

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