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Florida DOGE to audit Orange County



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Mayor Jerry L. Demings speaks at a June Board of County Commissioners meeting.

State cites county’s \$330M increase of ad valorem tax

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Florida Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) is auditing Orange County over its yearly \$330 million increase of the ad valorem tax, but county officials are defending themselves cit-

ing population growth. The Florida DOGE sent a letter dated July 24 to Orange County Mayor Jerry L. Demings, outlining the reason the county is being audited, and DOGE is requesting access to the county’s physical premises, data system and relevant personnel. “Over the last five years, the taxpayers of Orange County have watched as your county government has increased burdens on proper-

ty owners to the annual tune of \$330 million dollars in additional ad valorem tax collections — an increase of over 50%,” the July 24 state DOGE letter reads. “This has been part of a growth in annual total expenditures of over \$1.6 billion over the past five years, which represents a 57% increase in spending.” “Having entrusted their governments with the power to tax, the citizens of Florida have a right to expect that

their elected officials will spend the collected funds responsibly, not recklessly, and on truly necessary programs,” the letter continues. Orange County should give such items to the DOGE team on Aug. 5 and Aug. 6 at the Orange County Administration Building and other locations the county identifies as necessary to abide by the state’s request, the letter

DOGE, 5A

Apopka becomes equestrian vaulting hub

Heath Farms tripled students over last two years

By Marshall Tempest Reporter

At a quiet farm on the edge of town, a 10-year-old girl stands tall — literally — atop a walking horse. Arms outstretched like wings, she balances with poise. It’s not a circus act. It’s equestrian vaulting, a centuries-old sport that combines gymnastics and horseback riding, which has slowly gained popularity over the past few years.

The city of Apopka has a rich history in equine breeding, care, and riding, but a local equestrian center is pushing the boundaries with its newest addition — equestrian vaulting. Claudia Heath Farm, home of the Central Florida Equestrian Center, is Apopka’s hometown hub for everything horses. From training to boarding, Claudia Heath Farm is dedicated to providing specialized education for horses and riders, working together to achieve winning results for almost two decades.

Equestrian vaulting combines gymnastics and dance on a moving horse with routines that are scored for points. In vaulting, the rider is not alone with the horse, but instead a ‘lunger’ is responsible for controlling the horse during the vaulting routine. That lunger also controls the horse’s speed and direction, while ensuring the horse maintains a steady rhythm and calm demeanor, so vaulters can safely perform their



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Laura Heath practices her routine while balancing on Wesley.

moves. Claudia Heath, the owner and operator of the farm and center, is a fourth-generation equestrian. Heath has been around horses her entire life after spending her childhood on a horse ranch. Heath began training horses and competing in shows in 1983 before starting to teach lessons

to students in 1988. Heath attended Virginia Intermont College and earned a degree in equine studies to enhance her understanding of horses and the equine industry. After collecting a slew of awards and commendations for her riding in college, she decided to jump into the business.

In 1996, Heath became a professional trainer and never looked back. It was in 2008 that Heath and her husband, Timothy, started their own equestrian center in Apopka, located at 425 Faye St. Since then, Heath has been providing riding, hunter and jumping training that range from beginner classes for youth and adults to advanced classes for youth and adults.

But it was just a few years ago when Heath’s daughter, Laura Heath, came to her wanting to try a new equine discipline she had never heard of — equestrian vaulting.

A new discipline

Heath said her daughter was at a competition when she first saw vaulting. As soon as she saw the mix of riding and gymnastics, she was hooked.

“She was amazed, and when she got home, she started doing it right away on her pony,” Heath said.

Heath said shortly after her daughter became enthralled with vaulting, she collected some equipment, which they call a barrel, so her daughter could work on vaulting safely. However, as her daughter became increasingly interested in vaulting, she wanted to pursue more technical training.

“Look, I don’t even know how to teach you to stand,” Heath said to her daughter. “Let’s find you a coach.”

That’s when Heath found Dusti Hausman, now Claudia Heath Farm’s dedicated and award-winning equestrian

EQUESTRIAN VAULTING, 6A

LLC tied to billionaire buys Errol Estate former golf course

Family struggled to sell, revitalize property over years

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

A limited liability company (LLC) associated with a billionaire entrepreneur finalized the acquisition of the defunct Errol Estate golf course last week, finally taking the property off the hands of the late golf course owner’s family.

Driven Apopka LLC closed on the land sale on July 24 and finalized it on July 25, confirmed Andrew Klein, the grandson of late golf course proprietor Julian (Larry) Klein, who died in 2018.

The Errol Estate golf course includes almost 380 acres and 170 net usable acres and is located west of Wekiwa Springs State Park

and north of U.S. 441 in Apopka.

“No comment about my personal feelings, although those involved on the seller’s side are pleased that they can put this behind them — especially having involved an estate and heirs,” Andrew Klein said in a July 30 email to The Apopka Chief.

When asked how much the property was sold for, he said, “I can’t directly answer that, but it has apparently been publicized as \$4.25 million.”

Michael Repole, co-founder of the beverage companies Glaceau and BodyArmor who sold both companies to Coca-Cola, didn’t purchase the property under his individual name. Rather, he is listed as the signing authority of Driven Apopka LLC, which is located on South Apopka Vineland Road

ERROL ESTATE, 4A



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The Errol Estate gold course has sold after years on the market.

Best of Apopka voting gets started

Online voting taking place through Aug. 27

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Voting for the Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards kicked off Monday, allowing readers to recognize the achievements of individuals, businesses, and entrepre-

neurs in the Apopka area.

Sponsored by The Apopka Chief, the contest recognizes community favorites and achievements in business, service, products and more.

“We are thrilled to bring back this Apopka tradition and launch it into a new era,” said Apopka Chief publisher J.C. Derrick. “It was great to see locals engaging with the ballot right away to vote for their favorite establishments

in the community.”

The contest received more than 120 votes on the first day of voting.

Introduced in this year’s voting process is the online platform Second Street by Upland Software, making contest voting all take place online.

“Now that The Apopka Chief is part of a larger media company, we have the advantage of using digital services already proven by our sister

media teams,” Apopka Chief media advisor Gigi Cohen said, referring to the Chief’s acquisition by Mainstreet Daily News in February.

Using Second Street in Best of Apopka will help how votes will be collected and tallied, a departure from how the contest was managed in the past.

“The core functionality

BEST OF APOPKA, 3A



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A past Best of Apopka award on display at McLeod Law Firm.

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AFD achieves top ISO rating—again

As mayor and a lifelong resident, I am proud to announce that the Apopka Fire Department has achieved an ISO score of One, also known as a Public Protection Classification (PPC) score.

This prestigious rating reflects our department's exceptional ability to deliver high-quality fire protection to the Apopka community. The property insurance industry relies on the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to assess how effectively fire departments protect their communities. We are excited to demonstrate our commitment to excellence in this area, a standard we have upheld for the past 21 years.

The ISO issues a classification scale from one to ten based on various criteria. This analysis utilizes its proprietary Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS) to evaluate our department's ability to protect the community. A Class One score indicates exceptional service from a fire department, while a Class Ten score suggests that the department fails to meet minimum standards.

The most significant factor in an ISO fire rating is the overall health of our department and our preparedness to respond to fire incidents. Several aspects contribute to this part of our score, including department size, staffing levels, staff training, equipment maintenance, and more.

Fire departments that have access to a reliable water supply system can often extinguish residential fires quickly. With this in mind, part of our ISO score is based on an evaluation of our water system and the number of fire hydrants available.

The effectiveness of our emergency communication system af-

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

fects how quickly residents can reach us during a fire. It also affects how quickly we respond.

The final aspect of our ISO score focuses on our department's efforts to prevent fires through community-based fire safety education and additional

initiatives. Providing proper education helps residents understand how to reduce the risk of fire. Improved prevention strategies, mitigation techniques, and fire response can lead to less property damage.

Achieving a low ISO score is a marker of distinction for our fire department and our community. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of our fire professionals, but it's also a reflection of my commitment to fire safety.

When a third party can recognize the collective effort we've put into keeping the community safe, we should all feel proud. It should also make residents feel safer knowing how much their fire professionals genuinely care about their safety and are fully equipped to protect them.

Our community enjoys significant financial benefits thanks to our high ISO scores. Insurance companies recognize these scores when determining home and commercial insurance rates, rewarding us with better rates as our scores improve. A lower score translates to more favorable rates for home and business owners.

In many instances, businesses share their insurance savings with customers, empowering our Apopka community to save even more. This not only enhances financial security but also reflects our commitment to providing exceptional fire protection.

Apopka can use assets to build wealth

I have been writing about the Strong Towns Approach to community building. I will be in a cohort this fall with the organization's president Chuck Marohn. In the chapter on place making in his seminal book, Marohn discusses how a city's priorities must shift towards building wealth.

Counties and cities are constantly looking to find efficiencies, particularly with the state DOGE knocking at our doors. However, Marohn talks about making cities more profitable through revised strategy. Of course, cities don't make profits for shareholders, however, we must have adequate funding for the needs of our citizens — better infrastructure, parks, pools, downtowns, etc.

In the 9.1 chart — Marohn discusses how to leverage park efforts to build wealth. He suggests that, instead of building new park facilities, cities and counties could leverage existing parks to improve the value of surrounding properties.

I can tell you about what happened in Lockhart. I had Orange County Parks and Recreation add pavilions, barbecue spits, and trees at Riverside Park. We

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Christine Moore

cleaned up the park, and, guess what? All the properties located in the surrounding neighborhood went up in desirability and price. Instead of low-end rentals, now young families are buying and renovating starter homes.

Still regarding parks, Strong Towns recommends instead of relying on federal funds, by redirecting CRA dollars, leaders could create opportunities for the locals to financially support or improve parks.

I did that with my team. We planted trees near the new pump track. I even took time in the evenings to water them. Guess what this costs? Nothing other than water. Thank you, Lord, for all the rain during July.

On the topic of affordable housing, I must confess the coun-

ty has been mostly focused on donating funding from the Housing For All Trust Fund to private companies to build affordable units. I have been part of three complexes in the Pine Hills area and one on Plymouth Sorrento Road.

Marohn of Strong Towns suggests we should do two things to encourage affordable options. First, we must make housing easier to build. Let me tell you, permitting can be a challenge. Right now, I'm learning about permitting for a new sidewalk and replacement fencing.

Secondly, Marohn suggests we should help property owners each build one accessory apartment. I guess I have been listening to the approach for a few years now, because my new property has an accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

The largest growing class of homeless are in the elderly population. It is always better to prevent homelessness.

Marohn's idea about increasing housing right on our own properties is creative, and it sure beats additional subdivisions taking away precious farmland.

Love to hear your thoughts... District2@ocfl.net.

Area schools make gains, improve grades

It's hard to believe it, but it's almost time to start another school year!

The 2025–26 school year is right around the corner, with teachers starting back today and students' first day coming Aug. 11.

A lot has taken place over the summer as the district and school staff have prepared for the upcoming year. Part of that preparation involves reviewing the results from the previous year.

As you probably saw, school grades were released in early July from the Florida Department of Education. The district again saw great results, including earning an "A" grade for the second consecutive year. Of the more than 200 schools we operate, 96 traditional (non-charter, non-alternative) schools earned an "A" rating, up from 88 last year.

Other highlights included that 76% of traditional schools received an "A" or "B," an increase from 69% the previous year and no traditional schools in OCPS received a grade of "D" or "F."

Despite all of the positive grades, there is so much more to celebrate besides the final grade, and I want to share some positive outcomes of our local Apopka

Orange County School
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schools.

Starting with our high schools, Apopka High School received a "B" rating for the third consecutive year, increasing its overall performance score by 15 points! Apopka High not only saw great academic gains, but it saw its highest enrollment in the arts and offered 47 different clubs for students to get involved in.

Wekiva High saw tremendous growth under the leadership of new principal Anthony Russell. The school saw an astonishing 81-point gain, and while that again left them in the "C" grade range, it put them just one point shy of claiming a "B." The school also graduated 96% of its students. Wekiva is poised to have a stellar year this year!

Apopka area middle and K-8 schools saw notable increases in English language arts and social studies achievement. Apopka Memorial Middle and Piedmont Lakes Middle both increased their overall school grades to a "B" — an accomplishment 10 years in the making! Both of these middle schools are seeing tremendous growth and accomplishment. Kelly Park School maintained its "A" grade it has held since its opening year.

Our elementary schools were also hard at work this year. Clay Springs saw a 53-point increase, putting them only 4 points from a "B" rating. Lovell Elementary increased 43 points and Rock Springs increased 18 points.

Wheatley Elementary saw some of the highest gains in our area in English language arts. They increased reading proficiency in grades 3–5 as well as the learning gains of the lowest 25% in both English language arts and math. Wolf Lake Elementary maintained its "A" grade as well.

We are thrilled with the gains and increases but are ready to replicate what worked and enhance programs that improve learning outcomes this upcoming school year. It's going to be a great year!

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APD conducts crosswalk safety operation

Two-week program
Jason Dwelley
Pkwy/Bush Drive
in Apopka

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Apopka Police Department (APD) participated in a two-week campaign to promote crosswalk safety, conducting an operation in northwest Apopka near the Northwest Recreation Complex.

Starting July 29, Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety and law enforcement agencies began collaborating on the campaign, which focused on crosswalk safety in school zones in nine Central Florida counties.

The effort runs through Aug. 8 at various crosswalks throughout the region and included a July 29 operation at the Jason Dwelley Parkway/Brush Drive intersection in



Courtesy of APD

Officers pose with the officer/pedestrian during Operation Best Foot Forward.



Courtesy of APD

A truck runs through the occupied crosswalk at Jason Dwelley Parkway and Brush Drive.

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During that time, a plainclothes officer crossed the street at a marked crosswalk and gave motorists enough time to slow down and stop. According to Best Foot Forward, only 42% of drivers did so. Officers made 11 traffic stops and issued nine warnings and citations for failure to yield.

“As kids head back to school, it’s more important than ever for drivers to be alert

and follow the law at crosswalks,” Vince Dyer, program manager of Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety, said in a news release. “Operation Best Foot Forward helps remind everyone that stopping for people isn’t optional. With more students walking, biking, and rolling to class, we need to make sure everyone who uses our streets are following the law and being safe and attentive to each other.”

Operation Best Foot Forward is taking place across Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Marion, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia counties.

According to a news release, Operation Best Foot Forward is aligned with the Florida Department of Transportation’s Target Zero and local Vision Zero Action Plans and focuses on whittling the number of traffic-related serious inju-

ries and fatalities to zero.

The release cited studies that indicate a combination of education, engineering and enforcement over a sustained length of time boosts driver compliance with pedestrian right-of-way laws and builds a culture of respect and accountability among drivers.

“Child pedestrian mortality rates have shown an increase of 11% since 2013, driven by increases among 10- to 14-year-olds and 15- to 19-year-olds,” states a 2023 report from the American Academy of Pediatrics. “This operation reinforces an important message: Florida law says drivers must stop for people in crosswalks. It’s a simple action that protects lives, especially as children return to school and streets get busier.”

The following are some of the intersections chosen for Operation Best Foot Forward: Orange County Sheriff’s Office will enforce North Dean Road/Timber Oaks Court,

which has a 15% 2025 driver yield rate; Seminole County Sheriff’s Office will enforce Bear Lake Road/McNeil Road, with a 26% driver yield rate; and the Orlando Police Department will enforce East Michigan Street/Cayman Way, with a 24% driver yield rate.

Since 2010, Bike/Walk Central Florida has been advocating for safer travel conditions where everyone can safely walk, bike and roll for transportation and recreation in Central Florida. Bike/Walk Central Florida administers the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety program, a pedestrian-focused grassroots coalition focused on improving safety at crosswalks through education, high-visibility crosswalk enforcements and low-cost engineering countermeasures at such sites.

For a full schedule of the intersection locations including time and date and an interactive map, go online to iyield4peds.org/operationbff/

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is similar to what The Apopka Chief used in 2021, but the presentation will look a bit different,” Cohen said. “There are back-end advantages like being able to see vote counts at a glance and filters to weed out any inappropriate voting be-

haviors like automated bots.”

This year marks the revitalization of the Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards after the contest was dormant for the last four years due to staffing and technical challenges.

The Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Award is an all-around win for everyone who participates, contestants and voters alike. Voters who cast their ballots for their favorites show gratitude and appreciation for their favorite

businesses. Businesses that place highly in the contest will have their profiles raised because of their win, which provides them with positive feedback and affirmation.

Contest ballots and marketing tools for businesses are

available online at theapopkachief.com.

Voting for favorite store, restaurant, individual, or business will continue in The Best of Apopka Readers’ Choice Awards until noon on Aug. 27. After voting closes, re-

sults will be added up, and The Apopka Chief will contact the top three businesses in each category.

Placements in each category will be announced and scheduled for publishing in the Oct. 3 issue of The Apopka Chief.

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Goodwill welcomes shoppers to ‘round up’ for YMCA

Organization
to match funds
donated to YMCA

Staff Reports

Throughout August, Goodwill Industries of Central Florida is encouraging customers to participate in the “round up” initiative to raise funds for YMCA of Central Florida youth programs, according to a July 28

news release. From Aug. 1 to Aug. 31, Goodwill shoppers can round up their purchase total to the nearest dollar, with Goodwill to match raised funds up to \$10,000. Funds will go toward YMCA programs that give middle and high schoolers the resources, mentorship opportunities and nurturing they need. Goodwill has stores in Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Brevard, Volusia and

Lake counties. The Apopka location’s address is 1312 E. Semoran Blvd. “For more than 65 years, our shoppers have helped us invest in community programs that enrich lives,” Dr. Bahíyyah Maroon, Goodwill’s vice president of mission impact, said in a statement. “Through this initiative, Goodwill is proud to collaborate with the Y to create a bright future for Central Florida children.”

Right now, the YMCA of Central Florida is expanding its various programs, such as college preparation services and swim classes, to communities that need them the most. “As a community non-profit, the YMCA of Central Florida relies on the support of our community advocates and donors,” said Kevin Bolding, President & CEO of the YMCA of Central Florida, said in the news release. “We are grateful to Goodwill

Industries of Central Florida for the opportunity to be the recipients of their Round Up Initiative which will provide greater access and much-needed services that improve the lives of our neighbors in need.” Goodwill Industries of Central Florida offers vocational and job placement services to tens of thousands of Central Floridians. Goodwill has 31 retail/outlet stores and 21 Donations Xpress locations in Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Brevard, Lake and Volusia counties. To learn more about Goodwill of Central Florida, go to Goodwill-CFL.org. The YMCA of Central Florida is a 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to connecting people with resources, relationships and opportunities for everyone to learn and grow. For more information about the YMCA of Central Florida, visit ymcaof.org.

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in Orlando. Driven Apopka filed paperwork to form as an LLC on July 7, according to the LLC’s listing on Bizpedia.com. Andrew Klein said he doesn’t know what the new owner’s intentions are for the former golf course. He also said that he, his family and 5th Hole Investments are expected to have no further involvement with the land under new ownership.

Errol Estate homeowners are starting to find out about the real estate deal, but Andrew Klein said to his knowledge there has been no formal communication about the news. For several years, the Klein family struggled to maintain the golf course’s viability, to the point where the city of Apopka became involved with the land’s maintenance.

Before his death, Julian (Larry) Klein spent between \$50,000 to \$60,000 a month for the golf course’s operational costs. Developers such as Celebration-based Signature H presented the owner with proposals to save the golf course. In 2018, Signature H unveiled its concept for New Errol comprised of many amenities including the revitalized golf course, boutique

hotel-lodge and a community water park. The Apopka City Council approved the plan, but it came to a standstill because 5th Hole Investments and Signature H dissolved their working relationship for undisclosed reasons. Since then, the golf course, clubhouse and tennis courts shuttered, and the clubhouse was demolished. In 2020, the Errol Estate Recreation District Advisory

Committee convened to explore turning the former golf course into Errol Recreational District. However, that plan didn’t materialize. In summer 2024, 5th Hole Investments put the former golf course on the market for \$7.5 million through the Orlando commercial real estate firm Foundry Commercial. In May, 5th Hole Investments offered to sell the

golf course as is to the city of Apopka for \$6.3 million in cash, a number based on 5th Hole Investment’s 2020 appraisal that was made public. City leaders immediately dismissed the proposal. The \$6.3 million cash offer included a proposal to pay two Errol Country Club utility liens with an outstanding balance of about \$295,000 in the amount of \$150,000 at the time of acquisition.



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Hohman Rehab Physical Therapy, targets the root cause of your condition without relying on surgery or drugs. For more information call the Apopka office at 407-410-3200. Pictured above is the Apopka team. Jackeline, Savannah, Justin, Katie, Dena. Not pictured is Jaymie.

free. Stories like this are common at **Hohman Rehab**.

Dr. Hohman reminds the community that **Florida is a direct-access state**, meaning you don’t need a doctor’s referral to start physical therapy. Plus, **Hohman Rehab** accepts most major insurances.

“Physical therapy is a conservative, safe way to treat pain without jumping straight to injections or surgery,” she said. “And it often helps people avoid more expensive treatments.”

Even if you aren’t currently injured, physical therapy can still help. Pre-surgery therapy builds strength and flexibility, making recovery easier. Routine check-ins with a physical therapist can also help prevent future problems before they start.

And for those who are hesitant or nervous, Dr. Hohman offers reassurance: “It’s not torture. Our patients are motivated, and we make it a positive experience.”

The Apopka clinic is already seeing returning patients and becoming part of the local healthcare community. “People here care about staying active and healthy,” Hohman said. “We’re excited to support that.”

To learn more or schedule your first appointment, visit **hohmanrehab.com** or call the Apopka office directly at **407-410-3200**.

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Local artist adding new mural to downtown collection

The Downtown Mural to go up on Domino’s Pizza Building

Staff Reports

Local artist Ridge Bonnick is bringing a new mural installation to Domino’s Pizza in downtown Apopka.

The work started last Thursday, July 24, and is expected to finish on Aug. 23, according to a Main Street Apopka news release.

Called “The Downtown Mural,” the latest addition is going up at the franchise’s building on 2 E. Main St. Main Street Apopka commissioned and planned the mural. Apopka Murals, a local art program that aims to beautify downtown with public art, helped Main Street Apopka select the site and installation timeframe.

“We believe public art is a powerful tool to energize our



Courtesy of Main Street Apopka
Artist Ridge Bonnick

downtown,” President Caitlin Kasheta of Main Street Apopka said in the news release. “Ridge’s unique style and personal story make him the perfect artist to help tell Apopka’s story in a bold, beautiful way — while reinforcing our goals of visual transformation and community engagement.”

The murals exemplify Main Street Apopka’s focus on breathing new life into historic downtown using Main Street America’s four-point approach: design, promotion, economic vitality and organization.

The Downtown Mural reflects the design and promotion approaches in action, the press



Courtesy of Main Street Apopka
Ridge Bonnick in front of the Domino’s Pizza building, where his mural is now in process.

release said. Through design, this project is enhancing downtown’s physical and visual assets to create a more inclusive, inviting and visually engaging environment.

Commissioning local artists like Bonnick and recognizing their work in a public setting helps foster interest, build civic pride and drum up attention to local businesses, according to the news release.

For the past two years,

Bonnick has been creating professional murals and art across the state. A self-taught artist, he discovered art at an early age, molding clay in school and sketching during church. Since then, his love of art bloomed into a full-time passion, viewing his gift of creativity as a means of therapy and freedom.

“Art has always been my outlet,” Bonnick said in the news release. “Every piece I create is about connecting what’s inside



Courtesy of Main Street Apopka
Murals populate downtown Apopka.

us to the world around us.”

Bonnick has painted murals all over Central Florida from Orlando and Daytona/New Smyrna to Windermere and Longwood. For two straight years, he has been featured in the Black History Month exhibit at Orlando City Hall.

The Main Street Apopka news release encouraged locals to meet Bonnick and watch his process of creating The Downtown Mural. Visitors may post

about the process on their social media pages, tagging Main Street Apopka and using the hashtags #theresmoretoexplore and #downtownapopka.

Downtown Apopka features many murals that visitors can explore using a self-guided art tour, which spotlighted historic landmarks, storied architecture and popular hot spots in the area. For a full list of mural sites, visit [MainStreetApopka.com/art](#).

DOGE

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states.

The letter says DOGE is exercising the governor’s authority under the Florida Constitution, the chief financial officer’s authority under Florida Statutes and the Office of Policy and Budget’s (OPB) authority under the Laws of Florida.

The letter asks Orange County to contact the Florida DOGE team and OPB by July 30 to give them an on-site contact for the Aug. 5–6 visits.

The audit has specific requests for the following top-

ics: procurement and contracting, property management, utilities, DEI, Green New Deal, grants and other spending, transportation and homeless services.

Depending on the topic, the letter lists specific requests for information and documents, access to data systems, and access to individuals with appropriate expertise to detail the county’s activities and decisions.

Orange County officials acknowledged receiving the state DOGE letter and said they intend to fully cooperate

with it. However, the county says the state should consider Orange County’s population boom within the last five years, which has weighed heavily on public services across the county.

“Since 2020, Orange County has grown by approximately 81,000 residents — a number greater than the population of 29 out of Florida’s 67 counties,” Demings said in a statement responding to the DOGE letter. “This substantial growth has placed increasing demands on public services across the county. For ex-

ample, the Orange County Sheriff’s Office has experienced a five-year increase of over 7% in calls for service. Likewise, Orange County Fire Rescue has seen call volumes rise by as much as 15% comparatively over the past five years. These trends highlight the mounting pressure on essential services as our community continues to expand.”

Orange County District 2 Commissioner Christine Moore said she learned about the upcoming audit in a July 28 email from Orange County administrator Byron Brooks,

then saw Demings’ response to the audit.

“Clearly when they talk about the increase, they did not accommodate for growth,” she told The Apopka Chief in a July 29 interview. “So, I hope when they come down and investigate, that that will come up. And of course, if they could find ways for us to do things more efficiently, I’d always be for that.”

Moore acknowledged the county’s increased needs, noting insufficient funding for public works, acquisition of natural lands for conservation

and affordable housing, and county employees generally receiving 4% raises.

“I could tell you that the budget doesn’t take care of all the needs, so it’ll be interesting to see where they find that we can save money, and [I’d] be happy to see if they’ve got some ideas,” she said.

Moore said she doesn’t know what DOGE would want because, by statute, the Board of County Commissioners sets the budget. Therefore, she doesn’t know if the state would make suggestions or make demands, she said.

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- 11. One of the Bridges
- 12. Have the blues
- 13. Op-ed piece
- 15. Blondie’s hit “____ Me”
- 16. Certain something
- 17. *Granny Smith
- 18. *Broth-making container
- 20. Big name in mapmaking
- 21. Inexperienced
- 22. *Group of dishes or pots
- 23. Deprived of ovaries
- 26. Medusae
- 30. Got an Oscar, e.g.
- 31. Kind of license
- 34. Crescent
- 35. Description for twins
- 37. “____ the season!”
- 38. Orthodox Judaism adherent
- 39. Class roster item

- 40. Between lights and action
- 42. Source of pork
- 43. *Shredding devices
- 45. Bear-like
- 47. Florida key
- 48. French farewell
- 50. Physicist Niels ____
- 52. *Kitchen hand protector (2 words)
- 55. Holey confection
- 56. Track event
- 57. ____ of the trade, sing.
- 59. 1st letter of Hebrew alphabet
- 60. Charlie Parker’s nickname
- 61. Shrek or Fiona, e.g.
- 62. Word of compliance
- 63. Actor Stallone
- 64. *Spice ____ or pot ____

DOWN

- 1. Beginning of the alphabet
- 2. *Often go with carrots
- 3. *NaCl
- 4. Speech at a funeral

- 5. *Flute alternative
- 6. *Cook’s garb
- 7. *Veal or venison, e.g.
- 8. Sport spectator’s TV acronym
- 9. Like white-headed eagle
- 10. “Farewell” to Birdie
- 12. Manage (2 words)
- 13. Like cornstalks
- 14. *Flat-edged utensil
- 19. *Flapjack alternative
- 22. Blink of an eye, abbr.
- 23. Swing, ____, swung
- 24. Like Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station location
- 25. Carl Jung’s inner self
- 26. *____ en place
- 27. *Seaweed-wrapped dish
- 28. Opposite of cation
- 29. Swamp plant
- 32. Estimated arrival times, acr.
- 33. Timothy, to friends
- 36. *Popular condiment
- 38. Sheik’s bevy
- 40. Alan Paton’s novel “____, The Beloved Country”
- 41. Broken, e.g.
- 44. Third planet from the sun
- 46. Bachelor on “The Bachelorette,” e.g.
- 48. Be of use
- 49. Condemn
- 50. Bantu language
- 51. Change for a five
- 52. Globes and eyeballs, e.g.
- 53. “Animal House” garb
- 54. Rigid necklace
- 55. Calendar square
- 58. Albanian money

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Equestrian vaulting

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vaulting instructor. Hausman has been involved in equestrian vaulting for 25 years and recently retired from competitive vaulting in 2022. That year, she made the national team, which she called the height of her competitive career.

After that, she moved to Florida with her husband, where she realized equestrian vaulting didn't have a home.

"When I came here, I thought, 'Am I going to start a club?' Hausman said. "There was no vaulting employer. There was no one here at all who did vaulting. So, I thought, 'If someone's going to do it, I have to do it.'"

After putting out some feelers in equestrian groups online, she connected with Heath.

"Claudia responded to one of my feelers, and said, 'Oh my gosh, my daughter's been wanting to do this. She's been standing up on her pony, we have a vaulting barrel, please come out,'" Hausman said. "It's taken off from there."

What started as private lessons for Heath's daughter has turned into one of the most prominent pieces of the farm's training program. Hausman said that in the first year of training, they had a core group of just six vaulters. After a few years of introducing vaulting clinics and expanding, they now have more than 25 students.

"In just two years, we've tripled our student base," Hausman said. "There's real momentum behind vaulting here."

How does it work?

A typical vaulting class is around 90 minutes. Classes begin with mat warm-ups, progress to vaulting barrels, and end with mounted exercises on horses like Oliver and Wesley.

Beginners will learn the basic vaulting elements on a vaulting barrel before trying those basics on the horse. Basic vaulting maneuvers consist of sitting with no hands, standing on the horse, and sitting backward — all of which can be attempted on the first day, Hausman said.

"Most people are amazed by what they can do on Day 1," Hausman said. "It's incredible to see kids stand on a horse their first time out."



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Laura Heath practices facing backwards while doing her routine.

Some people assume vaulting is a dangerous sport, but Hausman said it's safer than many think.

"Interestingly enough, vaulting is statistically the safest of all of the equestrian sports," she said.

Hausman attributed vaulting's superior safety record to multiple factors, but most importantly, the level of training she requires her students to undergo.

"We train safety every single practice," Hausman said. "When the girls warm up, they have a specific warm-up that helps them to land safely, and we have an emergency dismount on hand at all times."

The training ground at Heath Farm is also composed of a special blend of sand and fiber, providing a softer landing surface.

"We teach every vaulter how to land and roll safely. The footing is specially designed, and the routines are always controlled," Hausman said.

Heath Farm's vaulting program is a more accessible and less strict category of equestrian sports. Heath and Hausman agreed that while they are excited to enter the competitive side of vaulting after a few years of training, they also promote vaulting as a leisure hobby or recreational activity.



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Three of Dusti Hausman's students practice a group move that requires all three of them.

Hausman is adamant about wanting to grow the sport and the love for it and thinks many people just need exposure to it.

Classes are open for kids, teens, and even adults, with plans for toddler classes in the future. She holds regular beginner clinics quarterly and

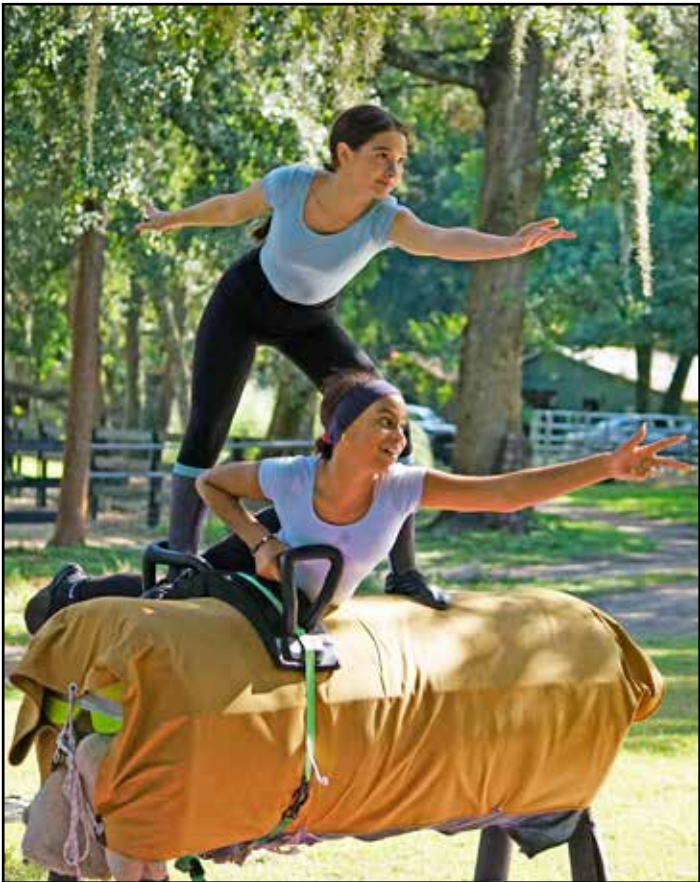


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Two of Dusti Hausman's students practice a part of their routine featuring both of them.



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A student practices a split during barrel training this week at Heath Farm.

said visitors are welcome to watch a class or attend showcases. Hausman encouraged those who are curious to come check it out.

"If you're on the fence, come watch a practice," she said. "Or better yet — try it. You never know until you get on the horse."

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Juveniles were charged with burglary-dwelling/structure/conveyance armed; damage property-criminal mischief, damage property less than \$200; weapon offense-under 18 years of age, unlawful possession of firearm; larceny grand theft-property value \$10,000 — \$20,000; probation violation-child in violation of imposed con-

ditions; battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

The following adults were arrested and charged: Lauren Elyse Albaugh, 39, 839 Orange Blossom Dr., Melbourne, out-of-county warrant.

Brianna Shanice Bryant, 18, 1068 Summer Stone Loop, Apopka, damage property-criminal mischief damage property \$1,000 +.

Jaheim Keshawn Demps, 22, 1060 Maxey Dr., Winter Garden, burglary dwelling/structure/conveyance armed; damage property-criminal mischief damage property less than \$200; larceny grand theft-property value \$10,000-\$20,000; contributing to delinquent minor-cause child to commit act of delinquent depend need.

Felicia Louise Diehl, 33, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Luis Alfredo Hernandez-Zamora, 30, 904 Tilden Ave., Apopka, mov-

ing traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license 1st conviction.

Alfonso Lopez Gabriel, 19, 1538 Powder Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Julio Cesar Martinez Diaz, 73, Pine Hills, resist officer-obstruct without violence; battery on person 65 years of age or older; battery-touch or strike.

Jillian Suzanne McMurry, 42, 3000 Clarcona Rd. Lot 530, Apopka, other agency warrant.

Gina Marie Mullins, 37, general delivery, Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

James Louis Pandolfe, 37, 169 Plumosos Dr., Altamonte Springs, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended/revocation, equivalent status.

Felipe Pasa Sosa, 39, 912 Little Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Javaris Jamel Scott, 151 E. Washington St. Unit 304, Orlando, bur-


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Anthony Benjamin Solorzano, 19, 3000 Clarcona Rd., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Jesse Carl Townsend, 31, Apopka, battery-touch or strike; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Melinda Murdies Weaver, 52, transient, Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

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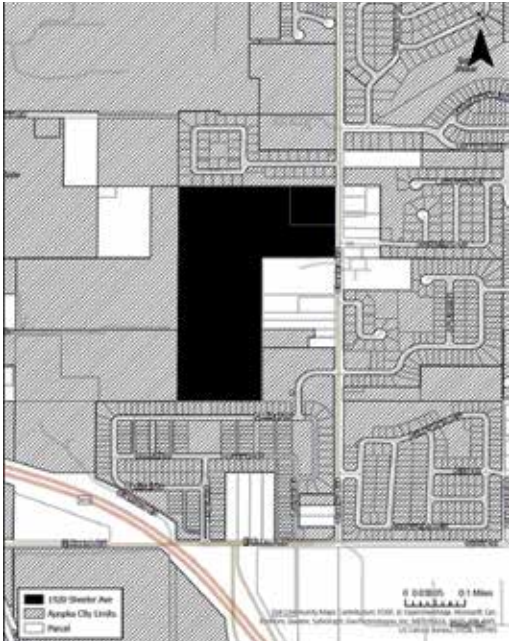
Notice is given that a public hearing for **Ordinance Number 3121** will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 17, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department
August 1, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Jonathan Huels** has made application relating to the following described property.
ORDINANCE NO. 3122
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM "COUNTY" RURAL TO RLS (RESIDENTIAL LOW SUBURBAN), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 1920 SELLER AVENUE; OWNED BY MARVIN WAYNE AND SUSAN THOMAS REID, COMPRISING 40.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
and
ORDINANCE NO. 3123
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITION) TO RTF (Residential Two-Family DISTRICT), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 1920 SELLER AVENUE; OWNED BY MARVIN WAYNE AND SUSAN THOMAS REID, COMPRISING 40.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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Swimmers to represent Apopka at Southern Zone Championships

Keira Druck, Grace Goodman, Cooper Jankun make mark for Apopka

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

Keira Druck, Grace Goodman, and Matthew “Cooper” Jankun have all been invited to represent Florida at the 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships, again demonstrating

Apopka’s across-the-board athletic talent.

The three Apopka swimmers are part of Longwood’s Patriot Aquatics swim team and have been making a name for themselves as of late. The 2025 Southern Zone Age Group Championships are taking place this week, from Wednesday through Saturday, Aug. 2.

Druck, Goodman, and Jankun earned the honor of competing against some of the nation’s best swimmers through their hard work over

the long course season. The three swimmers did this by achieving a sanctioned long-course meter (LCM) qualifying time and completing two LCM meets from April to July of this year.

All three swimmers also achieved great success at the 2025 Florida Age Group Championships, held last month in Ocala.

Keira Druck

Druck competed in the 13–14-year-old category at the 2025 Florida Age Group

Championships, placing 4th in the 1500 freestyle, 5th in the 400 freestyle and 800 freestyle, 6th in the 200 freestyle, 8th in the 200 fly, and 10th in the 100 fly.

Druck has been on a roll this year and just recently broke the record for the 13–14-year-old division of Doc Lucky’s Golden Mile in Orlando. Druck finished 1st overall for women and swam an impressive time of 18:53.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP, 3B



Courtesy of Erica Goodman

(L-R) Grace Goodman, Keira Druck, and Matthew “Cooper” Jankun stand together at the Florida Age Groups Championships in early July.

Apopka football has good showing at FCA scrimmages

Neeson happy with offensive, defensive performance

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

Last week, the new Apopka football team and its new head coach, Marcus Neeson, got to experience game speed for the first time since the spring game and the departure of former head coach Jeff Rolson and 20 players.

The Blue Darters attended the annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp, where some of the top Central Florida programs lined up across from each other. Attendees of the camp included Apopka, East Ridge, Ocoee, Tavares, Osceola, and Lake Nona.

Although this is Neeson’s first year wearing the head coaching hat at the FCA camp, he said the feeling is the same.

“I’m just another guy out there,” Neeson said in an interview. “It’s no different now. I’m going to coach the guys and coach them to the best of my ability. Whether I’m the head coach, defense coordinator, or position coach, I’m just trying to get better with those guys and better myself.”

Neeson quickly said he was very happy with his defensive line, stating they looked like the best group on the field for the Blue Darters. He said he attributes that to what every Apopka coach has attributed it to for the past 25 years — Matt Anderson, Apopka’s defensive line coach.

On film, the run defense



Photo by Melvin Bolden

The Apopka Blue Darters’ defensive line crouches across from the Ocoee Knights’ offensive line in last week’s scrimmage.

looked great. Neeson said that just having a sound defensive scheme and not overcomplicating things is the key for him and his guys. His only problem is that he has a lot of younger defensive backs who lack experience. He said once the kids understand their key reads and where they’re supposed to fit, it’s going to be a good defense.

“If we can play sound, standard, basic football and understand our assignments, then we’re in position nine times out of 10,” Neeson said. Neeson said his defensive approach this season will include a mix of man and zone defenses. More importantly, he said his focus is to adapt his defense to what the offense is trying to attack.

“It’s a little bit of both, it depends on what you’re giving us,” Neeson said. “We’ve got guys that we can play



Photo by Melvin Bolden

The Blue Darter football team stands together in a line after a scrimmage.

FCA SCRIMMAGE, 2B

Apopka administrators interview 4 baseball head coach candidates

School hopes to have decision made by early September

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

After a few tumultuous months, Blue Darter athletics seem to be getting back under control. With the official hiring of Marcus Neeson as the new head football coach, there is just one more head coaching position to fill. Apopka High School’s athletic department confirmed on Monday that it is moving forward in the search for a new head baseball coach.

Athletic Director Aaron Crawford said that he and Principal Lyle Heinz had four interviews set with head coaches for Monday. He said that he had in- and

out-of-county coaches interviewing for the position.

Crawford went on to say that he and Heinz will soon be making their decision. However, like the head coach search for Apopka football, he said the decision will take careful consideration.

“It’s a process,” Heinz said about the football coach search last month. “We collect resumes, the athletic director and myself, we review the resumes, and then we decide, out of the resumes, who to interview. We put together a small panel, and from the interviews, there are conversations that take place after that, and then we make our decision.”

In late June, Crawford said he was aiming to have a new head coach by the Tuesday after Labor Day, which would be September 2.

“We feel that the position is an attractive one, especially with the unique history of the program, combined with what we feel is one of the best communities in Central Florida to support it,” Crawford said at the time.

In early June, Apopka’s coach, Bobby Brewer, stepped down after six seasons at the helm of the program. After compiling a 91–48 record, a 2022 regional semifinal appearance, and three district championship game appearances, Brewer cited a loss of joy as his reasoning for resigning. The news came days after Jeff Rolson, Apopka’s foot-

BASEBALL COACH, 2B



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Former Apopka baseball head coach Bobby Brewer talks with Aiden Rieli before he goes up to bat during the 2025 season.

Pop Warner’s new flag football teams set sights on national title

10U head coach is a former Blue Darter, state champion

By Marshall Tempest
Reporter

The Apopka Pop Warner organization has tripled its numbers in a year and has grown in every aspect. This year is all about expansion, and one of Pop Warner’s notable expansions is its flag football program.

Apopka Pop Warner has four flag football teams, three all-girl teams and one co-ed team. The co-ed team is for boys and girls aged 5–6, while

the all-girls flag teams are for ages 8–10, 11–12, and 13–14.

Ken Bryant, president of Apopka Pop Warner, said there is no reason they shouldn’t be offering flag football, and he hopes it will become a big part of Apopka Pop Warner. He said flag football is one of the fastest-growing sports in America, especially for young girls, giving them more options than they’ve had in the past.

“A lot of our girls who don’t want to cheer don’t get an opportunity to participate in anything else,” he said.

The 14U team’s head coach, Dasha Prince, said that one of the biggest draws for



Photo by Marshall Tempest

The Apopka Pop Warner 14U flag football team works on throwing and route running at practice on Monday this week.

her young girls to play flag football is the environment.

She said that many girls grow up in a football household,

where they have brothers who play or even just a dad who is

really passionate about football. Being surrounded by it drives them to be a part of it.

Now, Apopka Pop Warner offers the ability for them to jump in headfirst in a safe and nurturing environment that is also focused on success through hard work.

Prince is a former player who played linebacker and running back. But she isn’t the only member of the coaching staff with experience. Coach of the 10U team, Ophelia McMath, better known as Coach Fe, is a former player and state champion.

As a Blue Darter in 2004,

FLAG FOOTBALL, 2B

FCA scrimmage
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zone. We’ve got guys that we can play man. It’s just being able to put 11 guys on the field that understand their assignment and that are all on the same page.”

Neeson’s approach to offense is very similar. On defense, he wants to take away what his opponent is good at or likes to do. On offense, Neeson likes to attack weaknesses or find out what makes a defense uncomfortable.

Neeson’s approach means having his players be just as well-versed in the opponent and their tendencies as he is. That way, anyone on the field can make a read or notice a weakness and attack it. Even if that means just trying to draw a penalty.

“We’re going to line up, see what the defense is going to give us, and then we’re going to make our play call, and go from there,” Neeson said. “Like when we scrimmaged Ocoee, we’d line up, and I just gave them a bunch of formations and gave them a hard count, and they jumped offsides four or five times. On

film, you could see us moving the ball against Ocoee, and we’re just walking the ball up the field with probably five formations, and they just jumped offsides every time.”

Overall, Neeson said the camp was an excellent opportunity for him, the coaching staff, and the players to see what they still need to work on.

“With FCA camps, you get to scrimmage other teams where it doesn’t count, and you can see, hey, we’re really good at this. Let’s do more of this. And if we’re really bad at it, let’s put that on the back burner.

He said he saw lots of great things, especially on the offensive end. Many of the offensive players met with him after practice to review film and discuss how to better understand the game at the line.

“They wanted to come up and watch film with me,” Neeson said. “I got on the board with the quarterbacks and some of the receivers, and they began to under-



Photo by Melvin Bolden

An Apopka defensive back stands in an athletic stance waiting for the snap.

stand sometimes we might give a play call as the coaching staff, and you might look out there, and if we have the numbers, take advantage of our numbers. And they were starting to understand that later in the day.”

Neeson said as the day went on, his offense became more and more comfortable and aware of the defense they were lined up against

and where the weak points were. He said his quarterbacks began to pick up on the numbers game of bubble screens and when to throw them.

On offense, Neeson’s goal is to get the ball into his young playmaker’s hands in open space.

“We got young guys that have the speed and have the talent that when you get the

ball in their hands, they’re capable of taking it for said.”

Neeson said he has a very young and talented receiving and running back corps. He said the majority of his guys are sophomores and that he has one senior running back. But with the depth in the backfield and out wide, he says he will always have fresh legs.

“There are still a few

things that they’re confused about, but we’ll clean that up this week,” Neeson said. “But being able to have that depth at back and receiver and the number of guys with talent, is great, because you get to keep your guys fresh. And if we can rotate guys through, then we will be more durable in the game. Then we will last longer in the game, and our season hopefully will be extended.”

Neeson said the scrimmages brought a lot of good to the team and great insight into what they need to work on in the final weeks before fall ball. He said the key to being competitive come August and beyond will be communication and dedication.

“We’ve got to clean up a few things, clean up a little bit of the terminology, and make sure that everyone’s on the same page. The kids and the coaches being able to communicate with each other at all levels, that’s what’s going to get us where we need Neeson said.”

Flag football
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McMath was not only a part of the Apopka High School state championship flag football team but also served as the star quarterback and safety. McMath, along with a championship ring, brought in 78 total touchdowns her senior season, contributing on both sides of the ball. She collected 59 passing, 15 rushing, and two receiving touchdowns on offense while also tallying two interception returns for touchdowns on the defensive end.

McMath said that she will be bringing everything she knows to the table this season. She knows what it takes to make it happen and believes her team can go 10-0 in its first year.

“It starts at practice, and it starts at home,” McMath said. “You’ve got to want to come



Photo by Marshall Tempest

A member of the 14U flag football team keeps her eye on the ball as she attempts to catch a pass.

to practice, to listen, and to work hard. It’s all about staying focused and being consistent.”

McMath and Prince said the goal this season is a championship — or bust. Whatever

it takes is the mantra for the flag football side of the Apopka Pop Warner Organization.

Bryant said that it’s all about offering the opportunity to the younger girls, or anyone, in the Apopka communi-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Members of the 10U flag football team wait for coach Ophelia McMath to set up a drill.

ty. Apopka Pop Warner wants to be able to provide anything that the youths need or are interested in. If they have an opportunity, they will jump at it.

“You were here with us last year when they thought we were dying or dead...and we had that successful season last year, and we tripled

our numbers this year, and our goal is to keep growing,” said Bryant. “We want to continue growing and being the best we can be at every phase of the organization, bringing back the enthusiasm and love from the community for Apopka Pop Warner.”

McMath and Prince see flag football becoming one of the top sports for female athletes in the future. They also both agreed that Apopka Pop Warner flag football will not only have a great debut season but will have twice as many teams next year.

Apopka Pop Warner now has three sports with aspirations for a national title, as the flag football chapter joins the tackle football and cheer and dance chapters in an effort to create a new dynasty for Apopka youth sports.

Baseball coach
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ball head coach, had stepped down.

The new baseball coach will take over a program that finished the 2025 season with a 14-10 record and ranked 219th in the state. The Blue Darters had great moments last year, despite their youth and inexperience, as many of the players were competing in their first varsity season.

If the team doesn’t experience a mass exodus of players, as happen with the football team, then there should still be a lot of hope for the upcoming 2026 season, despite all the obstacles of the offseason.

Another thing the new head coach will be walking into is ongoing problems

with the construction of the new baseball complex. As of late June, Crawford said that the school and the athletic department still needed to establish a new timeframe for completing the new baseball and softball complexes, as they were still unfinished.

Problems with design and construction consistency, a lack of safety features such as foul netting, and the removal of a viewing window in the concession stand left those in the Apopka baseball community dissatisfied.

By the start of the 2025 season, the new Apopka baseball and softball complexes were supposed to be ready for use. Half-



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Bobby Brewer has since taken over the head coaching position for Ocoee High School’s baseball team since stepping down.

way through the season, neither the fields nor the complexes were complete, leading to Apopka’s baseball and softball teams playing on the

road for the first half of their seasons. The softball team played its first 10 games of the season on the road, while the baseball team played



Photo by Marshall Tempest

Questions have been raised by those in the Apopka community and the baseball team about design onconsitancies between the two Apopka baseball team dugouts.

14 straight road games to start the season.

When asked about an update on the construction’s timeline, Crawford told the

Chief this week he was still waiting on the county. He said the county has a bid that needs to be submitted before anything can proceed.

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Panzironi and Bak win ABA Bass Series Tournament



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Hello Folks,
I hope you're enjoyin' your summer and stayin' cool. It must be because I'm gettin' older, but this year it's really been hot, and fall weather can't get here soon enough for me.
The folks that are gettin' on the water are still catchin' fish. Down on Lake Kissimmee, folks're catchin' plenty of shellcrackers in the pads.

They're reportin' that they're gettin' on the water at 6:30 a. m., and they have to quit at 8:30 because they have their limit. Folks, that's a good problem to have!
I'm also gettin' reports of folks fishin' for summertime specks. These folks're fishin' in the northern part of the St. Johns River, and they're catchin' some good size specks.
The bass fishin' on the Harris Chain is still producin' some nice bass. The ABA Bass Series held a tournament on the chain over the weekend.
Congrats to Eric Panzironi and Rick Bak on winnin' that tournament this past weekend. They brought

in a five-fish limit that hit the scales at 27.05 pounds. The Big Bass of the tournament was caught by the team of Travis Wolf and Tanner Wolf and weighed in at 7.39 pounds. Folks, that's a heck of a job fishin' in this heat and catchin' a stringer of bass like that, don't ya think? Congrats, guys, on your win.
The bass are bitin' in West Lake Toho at first light. The guides down there are doin' two-hour and four-hour trips, and their clients are catchin' some nice bass on shiners and a few on artificials, as well.
The Wednesday night Shootout on Johns Lake is slowin' down a little. You're allowed to bring in three bass

to the scales, and it's only takin' about 10 to 12 pounds to win.
The bass fishin' in the Maitland Chain is best at night. It's definitely a lot cooler, and the bass seem to bite better at night. So, give it a try if you're wantin' to go fishin'. Just watch out for the storms.
I wanted to give a shout-out to Shaw Grigsby who's retirin' this year. I've known Shaw for a lotta years. I've been friends with him since he started bass fishin' over 40 years ago. He fished his last professional tournament on the St. Lawrence River in Massena, New York. There were 90 guys fishin' last week, and Shaw finished in

16th place.
Shaw has had a storied career in bass fishin' tournaments. He has 9 career wins, 64 top tens, and 102 top 20's. He has won \$2,378,915 in his career winnings. He's a native Floridian from Gainesville. I'm sure Shaw will show up at a few tournaments in his future, but right now, he and his son are removin' nuisance gators from lakes in Florida.
Shaw also hosted his own fishin' show called "One More Cast" which aired on TNN for over 21 years. He's a master at sight fishin'. He's also skilled in other techniques of fishin', but catchin' bass on the beds is what got him on the path-

way to professional fishin'. He is known by his signature mustache and his infectious laugh. He's gonna be missed on tour, but at 68 years of age and 350 tournaments later, he says it's time to go gator huntin'!
One of his greatest accomplishments was bein' inducted into the Bass Fishing Hall of Fame in 2017. You can read more about Shaw in an article that Bernie Schultz wrote about him in Bass-Master.
Well, that's it for this week. I hope you stay cool, and I'll see ya next week.
Tip of the week: Night Fishin'!
SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK

Championship

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Druck said she was thrilled to make it into zones because she had been working so hard for months to earn that privilege. She is most excited to swim the 800-meter freestyle, as it's the most enjoyable for her and where she thinks she can drop the most time.
She said that being able to represent Florida and Apopka at this level means a lot to her.
"Representing Florida at this level means a lot because every time I achieve something bigger than the last, it just makes me happy because I know that I'm getting better," Druck said. "It feels great to represent Apopka because I feel like there aren't many people in Apopka who get the chance to do this."
Druck said the people around her are very important to her swimming journey. She said that everyone, from her teammates to her coaches, friends, and family, made

the tough practices and meets bearable. She hopes that this competition will give her more opportunities to make friends as well.
"I hope that during this experience it will help me with making new friends and learning to just go out and have fun," Druck said.
Grace Goodman
Goodman competed in the 13-14-year-old category at the 2025 Florida Age Group Championships alongside Druck. She finished the day with a 7th-place finish in the 400 free, 8th in the 100 free, 100 backstroke, and 50 backstroke, 13th in the 50 free, and 14th in the 200 free.
"It feels amazing to get this far in my hometown," Goodman said. "All the credit goes to my coaches for believing in me even when I didn't."
In 2023, Goodman was named IMX (Individual Med-

ley Xtreme) swimmer of the year for girls 10 and under. That award was her foot in the door to the Florida swimming community, as it proved she was one of Florida's top young swimmers.
In 2024, Goodman was also invited to represent Florida at the Age Group Championships. She finished 8th in the nation for freestyle in the 200-yard short course for the 11-year-old age group. This year, she is excited for another opportunity to represent Florida. She will use the meet as an opportunity to make new friends.
Goodman said she was thrilled to have been selected to represent the team at the meet for the second year in a row. It means a lot to her to represent Florida, and it validates all the work she puts in year-round. Goodman said she had the best time last year and hopes to have even more fun



Courtesy of Erica Goodman

Keira Druck performs the butterfly stroke during one of her races at the Florida Age Group Championships last month.

this year, especially competing with and against other Apopka swimmers.
Goodman said experiences like this help her grow as a swimmer. She said racing outside of her local level helps push herself during training. Goodman says she still can't decide which race she is most excited for.
"That's a hard one because my lineup is really awesome," Goodman said. "I'm excited to swim it all! 50, 100, 200, 400 freestyle, 50, 100 backstroke and 100 fly."
"Cooper" Jankun
Jankun has only been swimming for five years, as he started in 2020 when COVID-19 suspended most other sports and activities. That's when he decided to jump head-first into swimming.
In those five years, Jankun has become one of the top swimmers in the state. At the 2025 Florida Age Group Championships, he competed

in the 12U category, earning 1st place in the 200 backstroke (setting a club record), 2nd in the 100 backstroke (setting another club record), and 4th in both the 50 backstroke and 200 individual medley. He also placed 9th in the 200 freestyle and 12th in the 50 fly.
Jankun said he was happy to learn he was selected for the Florida Southern Zone team, as it was a goal he had set for himself at the start of the season. He is most excited for his two backstroke races.
Jankun went on to explain that he has been working non-stop all season with no days off.
"While everyone else got to relax after the state championship, we had to continue to keep our heads down and train," Jankun said.
Jankun said what motivates him more than anything is a sibling rivalry. He wants to beat his brother's team records. His goal is to have a chance to swim the finals every night of

the meet at the Florida Southern Zone Championships.
Making the cut for the Zones Championship proved to Jankun that his hard work and relentless approach are paying off. He said it makes him happy that he gets to represent his hometown on a big stage and thinks it's pretty cool that there are three Apopka swimmers on the team.
Druck, Goodman, and Jankun all agree that Apopka has plenty of swimming talent, even though it lacks a dedicated pool or club for training. The three hope their success at the Southern Zone Age Group Championships will help put Apopka on the map and maybe inspire others in the community to pursue competitive swimming.
"I do wish that there was a local swim team in Apopka because it would give everyone in Apopka the opportunity to be on a competitive team and see how much fun it is," Druck said.

CELEBRATING A STRONG SEASON FINISH



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The Apopka Marlins Swim Team celebrates as they find out they took third place in the team competition in the Patriots Aquatics Annual Summer Swim League at Lake Brantley High School Aquatics Center on Saturday, July 26.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

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—Isaiah 41:10

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Friday, August 1

Watercolor for Beginners: Origami Cranes – 1 p.m. at Harry P. Leu Gardens – 1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando. Learn watercolor basics inspired by the Origami exhibit. Includes step-by-step instructions, all materials, and garden admission. No experience needed. \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers.

Mirjana Cesar’s Art Studio Open House – 5 p.m. at FAVO Studio #238 – 221 E Colonial Dr, Orlando. Enjoy a solo exhibition and open house featuring new works by Mirjana Cesar. Free.

First Friday Baldwin Park: Jazzy Night – 5:30 p.m. at 4932 New Broad St, Orlando. Shop local vendors, enjoy live music, and explore food and dining options during this community evening market. Free.

Circus Soirée – 6:30 p.m. at Ax-Caliber – 524 West Ave, Clermont. Enjoy a circus-themed cocktail class with food, dessert, a virtual gun range session, and optional axe throwing. \$75.

Comedy Show: Craig Robinson – 7 p.m. at Funny Bone Comedy Club – 9101 International Dr, Suite 2310, Orlando. Star of The Office and Hot Tub Time Machine, Craig Robinson brings his stand-up and musical comedy to the stage. \$54–\$84.

Savannah Bananas Watch Party – 7 p.m. at West End Trading Co. – 202 S Sanford Ave, Sanford. Watch the Savannah Bananas game on the big screen with drink specials, themed attire, and food from Westy Collective. Free.

Grease – 8 p.m. at Sonnentag Theatre at the Ice House – 1100 N Unser St, Mount Dora. Relive the iconic ‘50s musical with classic hits like “Summer Nights” and “You’re the One That I Want.” \$27.

Joe Eckert Quartet – 8 p.m. at Blue Bamboo Center for the Arts – 460 E New England Ave, Winter Park. An evening of jazz standards featuring acclaimed saxophonist Joe Eckert and ensemble. \$20–\$35.

Saturday, August 2

Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit – 9 a.m. at Winter Park Library –



Courtesy of Billionaire Learning Academy

Families will gather at the Eustis Community Center on Sunday, August 3, for the Future Billionaire Back to School Giveaway with free supplies, activities, and more.

1052 Morse Blvd, Winter Park. A traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum exploring the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s.

Kiwi Market Sale – 10 a.m. at Kiwi Camera Service – 542 Virginia Drive, Orlando. A yard sale featuring vintage cameras, furniture, books, clothes, and rare photography-related items. Explore the collection and check out the retail shop. Free

Unity Fest / Back to School Pep Rally – 11 a.m. at 4777 Silver Star Road, Orlando. Kick off the new school year with bounce houses,

games, food, music, and school spirit. Free.

Monster Jam – noon at Kia Center – 400 W Church St, Orlando. Massive trucks compete in Freestyle, Skills, Donut, and Racing competitions. Pit Party access available with event ticket and Pit Pass. Tickets start at \$41.95.

5th Street Gone Toppless – 2 p.m. at Just Like Momma’s – 121 W 5th St, Sanford. A family-friendly anniversary celebration featuring a car show and street closure for Just Like Momma’s one-year milestone. Free.

Standup Comedy Showcase – 9 p.m. at Bull and Bush Pub – 2408 E Robinson St, Orlando. Catch some of Orlando’s funniest comics at this indie

comedy night hosted by Matt Gersting. No cover charge. Just great comedy, cold drinks, and good vibes.

Sunday, August 3

Horizon West Cars & Coffee – 8 a.m. at Cinépolis Luxury Cinemas Parking Garage – 14111 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden. A monthly meet-up for all car and truck enthusiasts. Enjoy coffee, check out a wide range of vehicles, and connect with the community. Homegrown in Horizon West Market follows from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Men’s Closet 2025 Back 2 School Backpack Giveaway – 11 a.m. at Men’s Closet – 5510 W Colonial Dr, Orlando. Free backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, face painting, food, music, games, and more. Backpacks are first-come, first-served; children must be present. Free.

4th Annual Future Billionaire Back to School Fundraiser & Giveaway – 1 p.m. at Eustis Community Center – 601 Northshore Drive, Eustis. Backpacks, books, bikes, kids’ activities, snacks, music, vendors, and a family prize raffle—all supporting local youth programs. Free.

Faire of the Dog: Night Market – 6 p.m. at Will’s Pub – 1042 N Mills Ave, Orlando. A vintage and makers market benefiting local animal shelters. 25+ vendors, food, handmade goods, and a raffle for donated pet supplies. Free.

Back to School Family Night – 6 p.m. at David’s Cuts Barbershop – 2050 State Road 436, Suite 120, Winter Park. Celebrate with free student haircuts, karaoke, guest appearances, raffles, giveaways, and a drive-in style movie. \$5.

Wednesday, August 6

Shake, Rattle & Roll Dueling Pianos – noon at Pillars Loft – 146 W Plant St, Winter Garden. Sing along, shout along, and drink along with this high-energy musical comedy experience. The all-request show is part rock concert, part comedy, and all fun. \$15.

Comedy Show: Ben Bankas – 7 p.m. at Funny Bone Comedy Club – 9101 International Dr, Suite 2310, Orlando. Canadian-born and Austin-based comedian Ben Bankas brings his bold, uncensored stand-up to the stage. \$32–\$62.

Squash the hunger with roasted chicken, dirty rice, waffles, and orange pie

Marvin Woods says, “Roasted Chicken is simple to make and is one of my favorite multi-purpose recipes. For basics, I’ll pair it up, with or without a sauce, with vegetables and a starch. Then, I’ll let the leftovers cool, slice up the chicken, and make sandwiches with it. I’ll even dice the leftovers to make chicken salad.”



From Bob Warden’s *Great Food Fast*, subtitled Bob Warden’s *Ultimate Pressure Cooker Recipes*, we have Dirty Rice with Spicy Pork Sausage. Bob says, “While true Cajun Dirty Rice is made with chicken giblets and livers to get its brown color, I make mine with spicy pork sausage (to most people’s relief). But just because I don’t follow ALL the rules, doesn’t mean this doesn’t pack a ton of Cajun flavor!” He adds in a note, “To cut the fat: As this is great with pretty much any kind of sausage, ground turkey sausage can be used to cut the fat. You can even use sliced low-fat kielbasa or chicken sausages.”

From Joyce LaFray Young’s book “*Country Cookin’*,” we are going to try a very simple dish, Fried Squash. This recipe comes from Hopkins Boarding House in Pensacola. You can use either yellow squash or zucchini. They describe it as, “A nice change for an old favorite!”

We have a special treat for you: Emily Meggett’s Waffles from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*. She says, “Just like with pancakes, lots of people see waffles as one of the most important breakfast foods. It’s one I made in my house all the time. These waffles cook until they get a nice crisp on the edges, while the center of the waffle maintains a light fluffy texture and preserves a nutty crunch from the chopped pecans. Serve waffles with just a bit of butter and syrup.”

Florida Orange Meringue Pie is a recipe that Byron McCoy shared with *Pot-Pourri of Zellwood*, the book that

was later shared with us by Claire Ellington. You will notice and possibly wonder about the direction, “Add a little hot mixture to beaten egg yolks.” This is meant to “temper” the eggs; to gradually moderate the temperature so they don’t actually cook when exposed to a large amount of extremely hot mixture.

ROASTED CHICKEN

The New Low-Country Cooking
by Marvin Woods

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- One 3-pound fryer chicken
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme, or 3 tablespoons dried
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary, or 3 tablespoons dried
- 2 cloves garlic

1) Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. 2) Mix the salt, pepper, paprika, and celery salt together. Rub the oil all over the chicken, and then sprinkle the spice mixture over the chicken. Rub the mixture in a little. Take a sprig of rosemary, a sprig of thyme, and a clove of garlic, and insert them between the skin and the meat on one side of the breast. Repeat this procedure on the other side. 3) Place a rack in the bottom of a roasting pan. Set the chicken on its side on the rack, and place in the oven. Bake for 20 minutes. Then turn chicken to its other side and bake for 20 minutes more. Turn it breast side up, and roast another 10 minutes. Then check the breast meat with an instant-read thermometer. Once the breast reaches 155 degrees Fahrenheit, measure the thigh temperature, which must be a least 165 to 170 degrees Fahrenheit. When the chicken is done, remove it from the oven and let it sit for 15 to 20 minutes on a cutting board before carving. This resting period will make it easier to carve the chicken.

DIRTY RICE WITH SPICY PORK SAUSAGE

Recipe from *Great Food Fast, Bob Warden’s Ultimate Pressure Cooker Recipes*

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces spicy ground pork sausage
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced
- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 cups long-grain white rice (uncooked)
- 1 teaspoon dry oregano
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2-1/4 cups chicken stock or broth

1) With the cooker’s lid off, heat oil on HIGH or “brown,” until sizzling. 2) Place the sausage, onion, bell pepper, and celery in the cooker, and sauté until sausage has browned, about 5-7 minutes. 3) Stir in garlic, rice, oregano, chili powder, paprika, and papper, and sauté 1 additional minute. 4) Add the chicken stock and securely lock the pressure cooker’s lid. Set for 4 minutes on HIGH. 5) Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes before performing a quick release to release any remaining pressure. Depending on the salt content of the sausage and chicken stock, you may need to salt to taste before serving.

FRIED SQUASH

from Hopkins Boarding House in Pensacola

Country Cookin’ by Joyce L. Young

- 2 pounds yellow squash (may substitute zucchini)
- Salt
- Self-rising flour
- Fat for deep fat frying

1) Wash and slice squash into 1” pieces. 2) Sprinkle salt over squash so that all pieces are lightly salted. (The salt draws out the extra liquid.) 3) Let sit 1 hour. Pour off liquid. 4) Dip and completely cover each piece in self-rising flour. 5) Fry in deep fat at 350 degrees Fahrenheit until brown and crisp. Serves 6.

EMILY MEGGETT’S WAFFLES

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1-1/3 cups milk, whole or 2 percent, plus more if needed
- 1/2 cup Crisco shortening, melted
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup pecans, chopped

1) Plug in your waffle iron, allowing it to get hot. 2) In a medium mixing bowl, use a wooden spoon to beat together the egg and sugar. Add the flour and 1 cup of the milk and gently stir the mixture until combined. 3) Fold in the sour cream and pecans. Add the remaining 1/3 cup milk and stir gently. If the mixture is too thick, add more milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, until it becomes a batter. 4) Spoon three heaping spoonfuls of waffle batter into the hot waffle iron. Cook until the waffle iron light goes on, or until golden brown. The edges should be slightly crispy. Cook the remaining waffles, and serve immediately.

BYRON MCCOY’S FLORIDA ORANGE MERINGUE PIE

Recipe from *Pot-Pourri of Zellwood*

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup orange sections, cut into pieces
- 2 tablespoons grated orange rind
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Meringue from the egg whites

Combine orange juice, sections, grated rind, sugar and cornstarch. Cook on low heat until clear. Add a little hot mixture to beaten egg yolks. Cook about 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat. Blend in lemon juice, butter or margarine. Pour into BAKED pie shell. (Be sure filling and shell are both hot or both cold.) Cover filling with meringue. Bake in 350-degree oven until lightly browned.

NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II
TO: MARIA JOSE ALCALA IZGUERRA
MOZAMBIQUE # 6 FRACC.
BOSQUES DE ARAGON
NEZAHUALCOYOTL,
EM 57170
MEXICO
SELENE GUADALUPE
ALCALA IZGUERRA
MOZAMBIQUE # 6 FRACC.
BOSQUES DE ARAGON
NEZAHUALCOYOTL,
EM 57170
MEXICO
HECTOR ARTURO
UZCANGA IZGUERRA
MOZAMBIQUE # 6 FRACC.
BOSQUES DE ARAGON
NEZAHUALCOYOTL,
EM 57170
MEXICO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on July 26th, 2025 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-017683-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
Unit Week 05 in Unit 3303 & Unit Week 18 in Unit 3303, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 4th day September, 2025, online at www.myorange-clerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on July 28th, 2025.
DATED this 28th day of July, 2025.
/s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.
FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 N. 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.
OUR FILE #121350.0259
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August 1, 8, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: LENA SAUNDERS
75 LAROCQUE STREET
ALFRED, ON KOB 1A0
CANADA

The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive 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 a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT II
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: EG1112 & EG1113 & EG1114 & EG1115 & EG8040 & EG8041) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2023 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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

DATED on this 16th day of July, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Nancy Garcia
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 the 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.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0115/MP24
MRT #11607744
July 25, August 1, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:

TO: EMILIO MARTINEZ-ACEVEDO
44 CALLE
AGUAS BUENAS
CAGUAS, PR 00725
AND
EVELYN M. COTTO-PADRO
44 CALLE
AGUAS BUENAS
CAGUAS, PR 00725
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive 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 a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT III
Unit Week 49 in Unit 2529, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 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 July, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Nancy Garcia
Deputy Clerk
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 the 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.
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HK#1105231999/GV239
MRT #4286214
July 25, August 1, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT IX TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: GENE VERGULES
81 NELSON DR
CHURCHVILLE, PA
18966-1542
AND
IRENE VERGULES
81 NELSON DR
CHURCHVILLE, PA
18966-1542
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive 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 a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT IX
4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: P38332 & P38333 & P38334 & P38335) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 16th day of July, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Nancy Garcia
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 the 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.
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MRT #2725842
July 25, August 1, 2025

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2024-CC-016316-O
Florida Bar No.: 650854
CONSTRUEMAX CORP., Plaintiff, vs.
SEEKEE LEE, Defendant.
NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: SEEKEE LEE
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a suit was instituted in the above-captioned action to foreclose a construction lien in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Orange County by Construemax Corp., against the above-named Defendant.
The property involved is that certain parcel of land situated, lying, and being in Orange County, Florida, more particular described as follows:
Parcel ID: 16-23-29-5783-01-915
Legal Description: MOSAIC AT MILENA A CONDOMINIUM 8282/3777 UNIT 1915 BLDG 19
Street address: 3713 Conroy Rd Unit 1915, Orlando, FL 32839
Suit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Friedman, Friedman Legal, whose address is 1001 Yamato Road, Suite 311, Boca Raton, FL 33431, on or before 60 days after the publication date of this notice of action, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; Otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on July 23, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell, Clerk of Courts
/s/ Nalaine Bahadur
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004346-O
DIV NO.: 40
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff, vs.
JOHN S. TOMASELLO, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: JUNJI MURAOKA
2-19-9-101 SUIDO
BUNKYO-KU,
TOKYO-TO 112-0005
JAPAN
AND
MARI MURAOKA
2-19-9-101 SUIDO
BUNKYO-KU,
TOKYO-TO 112-0005
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive 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 a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT III
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: EO9647 & EO9648 & EP3404 & EP3405 & EP3406 & EP3407 & EP7930 & EP7931) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2024 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 16th day of July, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Nancy Garcia
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 the 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.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0116/MP24
MRT #11978670
July 25, August 1, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-006692-O
DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs.
ALFORD M. PETTIS, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: TRACY ROWLEDGE,
DECEASED
7222 OSAGE ST
ALLEN PARK, MI 48101
The above named Defendant is believed to be dead and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC., upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT III
Unit Week 12 in Unit 3214, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
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 19th day of July, 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 ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, 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#121350.0262/LR87
#100155813
July 25, August 1, 2025

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the **20th Day of August, 2025 at 10:00 AM** Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.
Kathy Morales-Unit 4027--
Personal Property
Henry Forde-Unit 1101--
Personal Property
August 1, 8, 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 StorageTreasures.com on 8/19/25 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. Unit # -- Name -- Description: **#107--** Tonya Wells --, **#115 --** Evelyn Lowe --, **#178 --** Latoya Andrew --**#1246 --** Reachback Foundation Inc ...
August 1, 8, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.:2025-CA-005437-O
DIV NO.: 33
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff, vs.
PAUL SEWELL, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT I TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: PAUL SEWELL
4715 WAINWRIGHT CIR
OWINGS MILLS,
MD 21117
PAUL SEWELL
504 CENTRAL AVE
REISTERSTOWN,
MD 21136-1857
AND
SHARON SEWELL
4715 WAINWRIGHT CIR
OWINGS MILLS,
MD 21117
SHARON SEWELL
504 CENTRAL AVE
REISTERSTOWN,
MD 21136-1857
The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive 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 a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:

COUNT I
Unit Week 41"X in Unit 3065, in HAO CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 6017 at Page 0143 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 16th day of July, 2025.
Tiffany Moore Russell
Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Nancy Garcia
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 the 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.
THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
HK#129710.0116/MP24
MRT #11978670
July 25, August 1, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-005114-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 34
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,593.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: David J. Williams Jr.
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: seized on or about the 21st day of April 2025, at or near Pine Hills rd/Silver Star rd., Orlando, 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 July 10, 2025
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
BY: /s/Rasheda Thomas
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 25-DR-5239-O
Division: 30
ALCIMAR CUNHA NEVES
Petitioner
and
JESSICA RIVERA NEVES,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: JESSICA RIVERA NEVES
120 ALCOTT PL
Apt # 18 B, BRONX,
NY 10475
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 the ALCIMAR CUNHA NEVES, whose address is 14050 OCEAN PINE CIR ORLANDO, FL 32828 on or before 9-11-25, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave Orlando, FL, 32801, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
[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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-005114-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 34
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$2,593.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: David J. Williams Jr.
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: seized on or about the 21st day of April 2025, at or near Pine Hills rd/Silver Star rd., Orlando, 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 July 10, 2025
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
BY: /s/Rasheda Thomas
Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 2025

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 7/15/25
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
/s/ Charlotte Appline
Deputy Clerk
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, FL 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025

IN THE CIVIL COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2016-CA-009305-O
Mathura Investments, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff, vs.
Felipez M. Leyva (a/k/a Miguel Felipez Leyva) and Maria Tamez De Leyva, Defendants
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff of Orange County, Florida, under and by virtue of a Judgment and Writ of Execution, therein issued out of the above entitled Court in the above styled cause, dated the 21st day of April, 2025, and have levied upon the following described real property, situated, lying and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit: Any and all of the right, title and interest of FELIPEZ M. LEYVA a/k/a MIGUEL FELIPEZ LEYVA, in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
BEG 986.7 FT S & N 86 DEG E 111753 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 02-22-32 TH RUN N 1254.13 FT E 270.3 FT S 732.18 FT W 230.34 FT S 513.72 FT S 85 DEG W 40 FT TO POB & (LESS S 33.08 FT FOR RD R/W); with a physical address of 19235 Lake Pickett Rd., Orlando, Florida 32820. **SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR DEED.**

as the property of the above named defendant, of FELIPEZ M. LEYVA a/k/a MIGUEL FELIPEZ LEYVA, and that on the 27 Th day of August 2025, beginning at ten thirty o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801**, in Orange County, Florida. I will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder at hand for cash on demand the above described property of said defendant, to satisfy said Judgment and Writ of Execution. Prospective bidders may register the day of the sale between the hours 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Civil Process Unit, 425 North Orange Avenue, Room 240, Orlando, Florida 32801.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service.
JOHN W. MINA, as Sheriff
Orange County, Florida
BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez
As Deputy Sheriff
July 25, August 1, 8, 15, 2025

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2025-CA-000664-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 40
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$25,000.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY
NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Edwin Hernandez
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: seized on or about the 15th day of January 2025, at or near 6065 S. Goldenrod Rd., Orlando, 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 July 10, 2025
TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL
Clerk of the Court
Tiffany Moore Russell,
Clerk of Courts
Civil Division
425 N Orange Ave
Room 350
Orlando, Florida 32801
BY: /s/Rasheda Thomas
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1. street closed off; people get together to grill, share potluck dinner, fun

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3. relives medieval times; dress in costumes; watch knights joust

4. celebrates Native American history and culture; enjoy music, stories, dance

5. shows movies made by students or small creative companies

6. hot air _____ festival, picnic; people take to the sky using wicker basket

7. _____ sports festival; engines rev; shiny chrome; speedy races

8. cowboys show off their riding and roping skills; skilled clowns protect riders

9. _____ and BBQ festivals bring together food and music from Mississippi Delta, TX, NC and TN (Memphis) style

10. teaches us about animals, plants in our environment

11. celebrates the smoky music played with trumpets, pianos, saxophones and guitars

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13. this fair covers larger area of towns and cities; rides, games, concerts, treats, fireworks, contests, crafts

14. hundreds of custom canvases fly on strings; turns sky into sea of colors

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