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Nelson leads fourth quarter fundraising

All three candidates donate to their own campaigns

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Bryan Nelson

Christine Moore

Nick Nesta

Incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson led fourth-quarter fundraising among the three candidates running for mayor in the March election.

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, Nelson, and City Commissioner Nick Nesta each reported activity during the final reporting period of 2025, according to campaign finance reports filed with the city. The fourth quarter covered contributions and expenditures from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025.

Nelson, who is running for his third term, reported raising $20,700 in cash and checks for Q4, plus $1,002.49 from in-kind contributions. The total monetary contributions to date were $50,924.98, with contributions coming from a mix of individual and business donors.

Among the individual donors were Robyn Benge — wife of local developer Tony Benge — with an in-kind donation of $700.37. Nelson, who did not respond to a request for comment, gave an in-kind donation of $251 to his campaign for Meta advertising.

Nelson's Q4 monetary expenditures were $9,248, much of which went to printing and reproduction, palm cards, computer software management and the qualifying fee. His campaign's monetary expenditures to date total $15,426.16.

Moore came in second in the fundraising race, reporting $13,175 in cash and checks and a $5,000 loan during the fourth quarter, with contributions coming from individuals and businesses. Her monetary contributions to date total $63,266. Individual donors include Moore with a $5,000 check to her own campaign.

Her Q4 expenditures totaled $16,116.91, with total monetary expenditures to date being $27,383.19. Expenditures went to postage, campaign, signs and qualifying.

"I'm grateful to my donors for expressing their support in such a tangible way," Moore said in a statement to The Apopka Chief. "Fundraising is about garnering the resources necessary to share my future vision for the city. We are well on our way towards fully communicating my love and hope for a brighter path for all residents."

Nesta, who announced his campaign in November, reported cash and check contributions of $6,125. He

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FDOT to close downtown Apopka intersection nightly

Closure to be Jan. 18–22 for signalization improvements

Staff Reports

Next week, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will close U.S. 441/Main Street (Orange Blossom Trail) at Park Avenue in downtown Apopka to complete signalization improvements at the intersection.

From Sunday, Jan. 18, to Thursday, Jan. 22, the roadway will close every night from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning. Between these hours, detours will be in place.

Eastbound motorists on U.S. 441/Main Street wanting to continue east will be directed to turn left onto Central Avenue, right onto Third Street, and right onto Forest Avenue to rejoin U.S. 441. An alternate eastbound detour will take drivers right onto Central Avenue, left onto Fifth Street, and left onto Forest Avenue.

Westbound motorists will be guided right onto Forest Avenue, left onto Third Street, and left onto Central Avenue to continue west on U.S. 441. Another westbound route would take drivers left onto Forest Avenue, right onto Fifth Street, and right on Central Avenue.

Detour signage will be set up in the area.

FDOT advises drivers to be careful and stay alert while traveling through the construction zone, according to a press release.

Courtesy of FDOT

This FDOT map shows U.S. 441-Main Street closure and detour routes.

FREEMASON 170TH ANNIVERSARY

Photo by Sarah Merly

The Masons of Orange Lodge No. 36 celebrated the Lodge's 170th anniversary with special guests at Hall's on 5th Wednesday night. Erected in 1859, the group's building on U.S. 441 is the oldest lodge in continuous use in the state of Florida.

Council approves Paulucci Acres rezoning

Ordinance drops allowance of up to 1,892 homes to 1,034 homes

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Photo by Marshall Tempest

The Apopka City Council listens during a meeting.

On Jan. 7, the Apopka City Council approved the first reading of the proposed 618-acre Paulucci Acres development's rezoning, which would transform property from a mix of residential and mixed-use zoning districts to a planned development.

The rezoning means that Paulucci Acres is poised to go from the 1990s-era entitlements that could allow up to 1,829 homes and 6.3 million square feet of commercial/mixed-use to a total of 1,034 residential units — 876 single-family detached homes and 158 townhomes — with about 95% fewer commercial properties, city planning manager Bobby Howell told the City Council.

In addition, the ordinance proposes a minimum of 50% open space including 200 acres of conservation land, about 145 acres of passive city park, road and infrastructure commitments, including 30 feet of right of way dedications on both sides of Ponkan Road within the project and along Vick Road, Howell said.

The proposal would cover property east of Vick Road, east of Jason Dwelley Parkway, north and south of Ponkan Road, south and east of Pittman Road and east of Ponkan Summit Drive.

Improvements including a roundabout, streetlights and right-of-way dedication would be completed at the developer's expense without asking for impact fee credits, said Elesa Sowell of Shutts & Bowen, representing the developer. The total amount of impact fees that would be generated from Paulucci Acres including sewer, transportation and water would be about 36 million, with an anticipated decade-long buildout.

"Because we've heard so many comments and concerns about this roadway from day one, we felt that it was important enough to include it in there," Sowell said. "This project is big enough to be able to absorb the millions of dollars that are going to be required to construct these

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Business Expo connects entrepreneurs with free support services

Resources ranged from access to capital to contracting

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The city held its first-ever Opportunity Apopka Business Expo, bringing together dozens of nonprofit and government organizations aimed at helping local businesses start, grow and sustain operations.

The expo took place Jan. 9 at the Apopka Community Center on South Central Avenue. It featured 33 resource providers, all publicly funded organizations offering services at no cost to businesses.

"It's a way to connect our businesses with all of Central Florida's resource providers," Antranette Forbes, city economic development director, said. "I think a lot of our businesses are unaware that there's all these free resources that are available

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Courtesy of city of Apopka

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Apopka Chief team expands

Publisher

J.C. Derrick

This week marks an incredible milestone for Jim Keck: the 42nd anniversary of his first fishing report in The Apopka Chief. We are grateful for his faithful service over all these years.

Led by longtime editor John Peery and longtime publisher John Ricketson, the Chief has been blessed with remarkable stability over the years. Current staffers Jackie Trefcer, Nancy Thomas and Lesbia Toruño have all been with us for more than 20 years.

Gigi Cohen has only been with us for eight months, but she quickly made her mark — engaging new clients, helping bring back the Best of Apopka contest, and launching the Light the Way Holiday Drive. Gigi's success has catapulted her to a new opportunity serving not just Apopka, but all clients of MARC Media, our parent company.

You will still see Gigi around town at some events, but this move gave us the opportunity to grow. To ensure our Apopka clients are served well, we have recruited Patsy Whitely-Beckett, a third-generation Apopkan and active member of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, to join our team as a media advisor.

Patsy is coming to the Chief from Insight Credit Union, where she served as the business development executive for Apopka, Eustis and Orlando. She is a native Blue Darter who is a member of the Community Police Association.

Patsy also attends Renewal church and is a member of New Hope Baptist Church, where her late father was an assistant pastor for many years under the leadership of H.L. Dericho.

We are very excited to welcome someone of Patsy's skill and experience level as we grow our engagement with local businesses and organizations.

Photo by Sarah Merly

Patsy Whitely-Beckett

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The next episode of "Political Survivor" will take place at the courthouse because on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, a lawsuit was filed to invalidate Christine Moore as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Apopka.

But why? The answer is simple. Counting cars!

I don't mean the strategy of "counting cards" when playing blackjack to determine whether the player or the dealer has an advantage.

In this case, Bryan Nelson is the dealer and instead of cards this legal move is based on the number of overnights her car was parked at the address of residence listed on Moore's filing paperwork.

I don't know if watching the driveway was a nightly event, but the claim is that her vehicle was parked overnight just once.

What proof was presented to prove this accusation? Pictures of her car parked at an address outside of city limits more than 70 times.

Why wait to question if she lived in Apopka for a year before filing to run in 2025?

The legal strategy is confusing considering a similar question has clouded Nadia Anderson and whether she was fraudulently elected to the Apopka City Council, but I guess that is okay because she tends to vote in concert with Nelson.

Either way, it wreaks of desperation.

While standing in line during the 2016 presidential election I told someone that "voting should not make you cry."

As a resident of unincorporated Orange County, I send my apologies and a handkerchief to registered voters in Apopka.

Tamiko Kirt
Apopka

You'll know a good decision when you make one that isn't

Columnist

Jake Vest

It is reasonable for us older people to offer advice — it is the "been there, done that, got burnt" principle.

One such catch-all piece of wisdom that has been around at least since my high-school graduation is "Make Good Decisions." It was, of course, wasted on high school graduates then, just as it would be now and for the same reason.

The only way to recognize a good decision is to make a bad one and find out what happens. Much of what causes regret, looked like a good idea at the time.

The Nehru jacket comes to mind. Adorned with an amulet, it was a hot fashion item in the late 1960s — for about 15 minutes. It was ridiculous looking. Plus, it had the added advantage of making a lot of people want to kick your butt.

Guess how I know? I bought the less-expensive Nehru shirt and a cheap amulet. I didn't even have to wear it out in public to find people who wanted to kick my butt. My older brother, two uncles, a cousin and one of my sisters were all ready to take a swing.

That was far from the only tragic mistake made in the interests of making myself look interesting and appealing.

Before it was gray-white, my hair was brown-black, so dark it was hard to be sure of the color. When the Beach Boy surfing thing was groovy, I tried to dye it blonde, resulting in a surreal shade of red-orange, leading to my first skinhead haircut. Another time, after spending haircut money on cigarettes — talk about good decisions — I tried to cut my own. To be honest, it looked a lot like styles of today that people pay a lot of money for, so I guess I could have been considered ahead of my time.

I had a perm at the same time I had a bushy beard. My driver's license photo looked like a nose and two eyes peering out of a Brillo pad. Had a Mohawk in the Army, a flat-top that I tended with Butch Wax, and once just let the hair do whatever it wanted to for a year or so. So far, I have not had a ponytail. If you see me in one, shoot me.

I bought possibly the ugliest garment ever made, a polyester Paisley shirt with a collar the size of a hang-glider. There was a pair of wool checkered elephant-bell bottom pants that came up to my armpits and a pair of low-rider embroidered jeans as tight as a leotard, tinted teardrop wire-framed Easy Rider eyeglasses, a white linen leisure suit, a polyester 3-piece pastel suit so shiny it glowed, and the worst of the worst, a pair of pale blue platform clogs that left me hobbling about six inches off the ground.

I have been writing a memoir, which has caused me to look through a lot of old photos. And, boy, there are some doozies in there, but thankfully not as many as there could be.

It has made me realize how lucky I was to have lived back when there weren't so many cameras around, and also before another fashion statement became so popular. I shudder to think of what kind of damage I might have done to myself if getting tattoos had been a thing in my youth. Those aren't as easy to dispose of as a Nehru shirt.

Meanwhile, I will pass along some modified sage advice that might have come from my old Commander in Chief, Richard Nixon.

Make good decisions. Failing that, get rid of the evidence.

OCPS weighing school closures

Orange County School Board, District 7

Melissa Byrd

This past September, I shared with you how difficult discussions were beginning to occur in the district, addressing the impacts of declining enrollment on our schools.

As you have probably seen on the news, those discussions have continued and moved quickly.

We saw a drop of about 6,600 students this year alone. Looking at enrollment over the last three years, district enrollment declined by approximately 8,667 students, representing a 4.6% decline.

These underenrolled schools don't produce the funding from students, yet still require spending money to keep them running, so the district has to compensate for the shortfall. This trend affects the district's ability to staff and operate schools, offer a variety of courses and programs, and maintain existing facilities.

Currently, there are seven schools that OCPS is looking at closing and consolidating with other schools. None of these schools are in our area.

The schools being considered for consolidation have experienced declining enrollment for several years, and until now, the district has been able to cover the costs of keeping them open. However, the current financial outlook no longer allows the district to continue to supplement the schools.

The district is faced with having to reduce programs, personnel and support services at these schools or consolidate the schools and continue to provide access to all of the supports and resources they currently have, and in some cases, access to more services.

I'm often asked why we are not seeing the same issues in our schools in this area and if you take a drive throughout Apopka, you see why: development.

There is plenty of it, and plenty of new families moving into our area to make up for the ones aging out or leaving.

Don't get me wrong, we have seen a drop in enrollment in most of our schools.

In fact, of all of the schools in my district, which includes Apopka, Ocoee and parts of Winter Garden, only four are over capacity — and not by much. That was not the case many years ago.

The four schools are all in the Apopka area: Apopka Elementary, Zellwood Elementary, Wolf Lake Middle and Apopka High School. All have gained a few more students since September, except for Apopka High, which has seen enrollment decline and is only over capacity by 162 students, down from 218.

While we do have a couple of lower-enrollment schools, they are not part of the current consolidation talks because 10-year projections show sufficient growth to fill enrollment gaps.

Until development slows down, our area will need to continue adding capacity for our students, not decrease capacity.

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God Bless America

Planning Commission recommends grocery store approval

Board's first meeting of 2026 saw election of chair, vice chair

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

The Planning Commission recommended approval of a zoning change for a West Lester Road property to make way for a development of single-family homes, as well as plans for Freshfields Farm, which would feature a 17,550 sq. ft. specialty food market with 142 parking spaces.

The Jan. 13 meeting kicked off the new year for the commission, which elected William Gusler as chair and Commissioner Eric Mock as vice chair.

Agenda items involving two ordinances for the 215-acre mixed-use development Wyld Oaks and a special exemption on Chandler Road were removed from the agenda.

West Lester Road rezoning

The commission unanimously recommended approval of the rezoning for an estimated three acres at 550 W. Lester Road to allow up to 10 single-family homes.

The zoning request is from Transitional (T) to Residential Single Family, Large Lot (RSF-1B), but the future land use designation — residential low suburban — would stay the same.

Property owners Christopher Williams and Katrina Bennett brought the rezoning request to the Planning Commission with Thomas Faber of Faber Engineering listed as applicant.

Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Freshfields Farm wants to build its third location at 1819 Armando Borjas Way Jr. in Apopka.

Transitional zoning is typically applied when properties are annexed into the city and do not receive a permanent residential zoning designation, city planner Amer Hamza told the Planning Commission.

Commissioners asked about access and density, to which Hamza said access to the proposed development would only be from West Lester Road, with no secondary outlet.

The development could allow up to 10 units but would likely result in seven or eight homes once stormwater retention and other constraints are considered, Faber said. Plans call for a single entrance with an internal street and a cul-de-sac.

A resident who lives near the subject property, Fred Cruz, asked whether fencing or buffers would be installed between the new development and existing backyards.

In response to Cruz, Gusler said the commission was only considering zoning and that detailed site design issues, such as fencing, would be addressed in later stages of the development process.

Freshfields Farm Apopka

Freshfields Farm Apopka is proposed for a 5.6-acre site at 1819 Armando Borjas Jr. Way, near South Apopka Boulevard and Hiawassee Road, with parking and stormwater facilities arranged around it.

Freshfields Farm already has two locations in existence, one in Orlando and another in Jacksonville. It opened in 1973 in Orlando as a small meat market, expanding to eventually include fresh produce.

In 2008, the store changed its name from "Momm's Meats Popp's Produce" to "Freshfields Farm" to reflect the business's dedication to offering the freshest produce and meat.

Apopka Woman's Club opens scholarship application

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The GFWC Apopka Woman's Club opened its annual scholarship application period Monday, offering $1,500 scholarships to five Apopka ladies.

"Our enduring scholarship program has awarded scholarships since the late 1960s enhancing the lives of hundreds of women," scholarship chair Saudi Ellis wrote in a statement to The Apopka Chief.

Four of the five scholarships will go to local high school seniors, according to a club press release. The club will award the final scholarship, provided by the Eileen Langley Scholarship Fund, to an adult applicant. Each applicant must currently reside in either zip code 32703, 32704 or 32712 and have lived in a qualifying zip code for at least the past two years.

"In addition to being a serious academic student, the ideal candidate reflects the values of the Apopka Woman's Club, a woman who is a service and community minded individual dedicated to improving the lives of others through volunteer service," Ellis wrote.

The club receives its scholarship funds from the proceeds of the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, which the club organizes every year alongside the City of Apopka. This year's festival will take place April 25-26 at Kit Land Nelson Park. Remaining funds are donated to community organizations, with Loaves & Fishes and Harbor House of Central Florida as two of many previous recipients.

Courtesy of GFWC Apopka Woman's Club

Last year's scholarship committee included (L-R) chairman Christy Faircloth, Laurie Jordan, Joan Mathews, Sandy Bove, Nancy Boyer and Marty Harrison.

City Council turns down Golden Gem Road agreement

Road needs reconstruction to bring up to standard

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Photo by Teresa Sargeant

The interlocal agreement concerns a one-mile stretch on Golden Gem Road from Kelly Park Road to Capital Reef Way.

The Apopka City Council unanimously voted on Jan. 7 to reject an interlocal agreement with Orange County that would have transferred jurisdiction of a portion of Golden Gem Road to the city.

The proposed agreement would have shifted control from the county to the city of about a one-mile stretch on Golden Gem Road from Kelly Park Road to Capital Reef Way.

Under the proposed agreement, Orange County would have contributed $585,000 toward resurfacing and retained responsibility for the segment south of Capital Reef Way. Those limits matched what the City Council had approved in June 2024 and again in August 2025, after rejecting a county proposal to extend the transfer farther south without county funding participation.

"I want to start by emphasizing one thing up front: that the approval of this [interlocal agreement] does not authorize construction, nor does it commit funding, and it also doesn't set any kind of construction timeline for the city," city planner Jean Sanchez told the City Council. "This action establishes jurisdiction so the city retains control over it."

Golden Gem Road is a key corridor for development in the Kelly Park Interchange area, where traffic volumes have increased since the S.R. 429 interchange opened, Sanchez told the City Council.

The Golden Gem roadway is substandard and would require full reconstruction, not just resurfacing, to meet city standards and accommodate planned growth, Sanchez added.

Council members raised concerns about assuming control of only part of the roadway. They questioned the logic of improving one segment while the remainder stayed under county control and remained unimproved.

"My concern is that we're going to be improving potentially part of the road, so we're not really fixing the problem because you still have to travel down the road," Commissioner Nadia Anderson said. "I feel the city and county [should] come together and come up with a plan for this road. Because right now, this is not a real plan."

According to Mike Woodward, consultant from Kimley-Horn, it would have cost an estimated $9.5 million or a "rule of thumb" $10 million per mile to rebuild Golden Gem Road to form-based code standards.

Bringing Golden Gem Road up to city standards would mean widening the road, adding bike lanes, sidewalks, stormwater facilities, and acquiring additional right-of-way from nearby properties, Woodward said.

Woodward said most property owners were willing to dedicate right-of-way for the Golden Gem Road upgrade.

Albert McKimmie, a Golden Gem Road resident, opposed the city taking over Golden Gem Road. This could result in the city spending "multiple millions of dollars more" than projected to improve the road, he said.

He pointed out several things the road needs to be brought up to standard, including the road expansion from 18 feet wide to 26 feet wide.

If Golden Gem Road were to fall under city jurisdiction without immediate improvements, "you are putting our lives at risk," he said.

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improvements."

During public comment, people like Joshua McMillan spoke against the rezoning, saying that Paulucci Acres would further strain infrastructure and schools, worsen traffic, and harm nearby habitats.

"This will not slow down growth but rather speed it up," McMillan said. "I want to clarify that I am not anti-growth, but for sustainable and smart growth in the right place and at the right time. Does Apopka really need more housing at this point in time?"

Resident Albert McKimmie supports the Paulucci Acres development but called upon the council to accelerate the city's utility and infrastructure improvements to keep up with the growth.

"When you guys move forward today — and I sincerely hope that you'll move forward with this project — but what I need to hear from you is a commitment that you're going to push the Golden Gem Road retention ponds to be able to deal with that," he said.

Commissioner Diane Velazquez said she met with McMillan to discuss Paulucci Acres. She said she supported the Paulucci Acres rezoning not because she preferred the project, but because 1990s development rights and new state laws have "tied our hands," meaning that if the council turned down the planned development, the owner could still pursue an even larger project under the original entitlements.

"I'm sorry that you don't agree with this, which is fine. That's your prerogative," Velazquez said. "[However] with SB [Senate Bill] 180 and with Tallahassee tying our hands, if the developer decides the council doesn't want to go with this, they're going to go with what was originally there and we can't fight it."

Four community meetings took place throughout 2025 for residents to meet with the developer about Paulucci Acres. Last summer, the City Council greenlighted the annexation of 39 acres for the project.

In December, the Planning Commission recommended approval of Paulucci Acres' rezoning and planned development master plan.

The first reading of the Paulucci Acres rezoning was previously scheduled for the Dec. 17 meeting, but the council voted to postpone this discussion until January so the project's legal details can be resolved.

A second reading of the rezoning will be held at a future date.

Photo by Marshall Tempest

Diane Velazquez

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6. Brownie
9. Lady, in Madrid
13. Proprietor
14. Romanian money
15. Iraqi money
16. Coffee shop order
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18. Spring to mind" or "Spring into action," e.g.
19. *Most decorated country in Winter Olympics
21. *____ of Hamill Camel fame
23. *How Olympic Athletes from Russia were designated in 2018, acr.
24. Assistant
25. ____ of war
28. Sushi wrapped in nori
30. Oblong cream puff
35. Singles
37. Manure, e.g.
39. Soil for cultivation
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41. "Encore!"
43. Don't go
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47. Rodeo Drive tree
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71. Rocky ridge
72. Singer Tori
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74. *1964 and 1976 mountainous Olympic location

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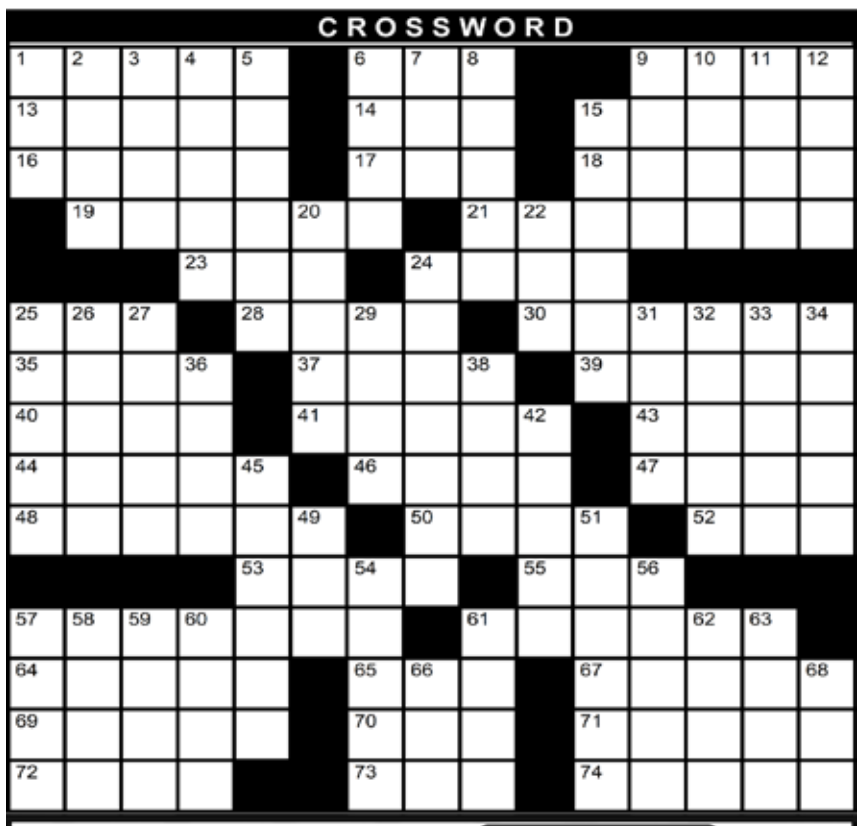

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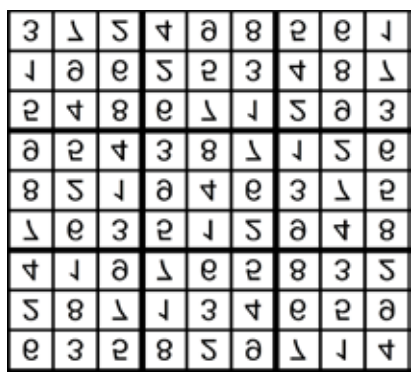

Samara Primary Care Clinic opens in Apopka

Courtesy of Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce

Samara Primary Care Clinic welcomed Dr. Judith Gabriel's family members and friends at the ribbon cutting.

Clinic began as home health-care service in 2018

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Samara Primary Care Clinic held its ribbon-cutting ceremony Jan. 9 at 2513 E Semoran Boulevard, marking Samara's first brick-and-mortar location.

"My vision is to create this beautiful medical center where we have providers from different backgrounds, different specialties," founder and physician Judith Gabriel said.

Dr. Judith Gabriel originally opened her health-care business as Samara Home Doctor Services in 2018, assisting patients across central Florida. After patients and their family members requested that Gabriel open a primary care center, she decided to open a clinic in her hometown of Apopka.

Samara offers a variety of standard primary care services, including screenings, physical exams and injections. To Gabriel, however, the clinic's emphasis on holistic wellness sets Samara apart.

"I have patients — their blood sugar is 500 just because they are going through something," Gabriel said. "So I can't just put them on medication. I have to do counseling with them."

Gabriel witnessed the importance of holistic medicine firsthand two years ago, when a fall left a few of her intervertebral disks bulging out.

"When I went to the hospital, they wanted to do surgery right away," Gabriel said. "As a doctor, going into my spine — it is [a] very scary thought."

Gabriel instead opted to visit a wellness center that offered hydrotherapy and IV treatments. After she completed her treatments, she found she no longer needed the surgery.

"In the primary care [arena], we are monitoring the illness," Gabriel said. "We don't want it to go any further. In the wellness center, we don't want you to have diabetes."

Gabriel chose the name "Samara" from a group of seven to 10 names in a basket. When she saw it meant "God protects," she knew she did not want to choose again.

"And then I was doubtful," Gabriel said. "I did again. Guess what? Samara!"

Gabriel said her name choice reflects her dedication to treating each person as a "beautiful individual" instead of a "number."

"I want you to be healthy, to remain healthy, so you can be there for your family members, so you can be there for your loved ones, and so you can be the greatest that you are created to be," Gabriel said.

CONTRIBUTIONS

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also received in-kind contributions of $3,254.20 for a total of $9,379.20. Much of the donations were from Nesta himself in cash, check and in-kind contributions.

Nesta's Q4 expenditures and overall expenditures to date totaled $8,804.35, much of which went toward the filing fee at the city of Apopka and campaign signs.

"The Nesta for Mayor of Apopka campaign is powered by local residents, while a large share of my opponents' funding comes from out-of-town donors who do not live with the impact of higher utility bills, rising property taxes, or local infrastructure issues," Nesta said in a statement texted to the Chief.

"Apoka families have faced a 40% increase in utility rates, something I was proud to vote against along with an 8.1% property tax increase during a challenging economy.

"My focus remains on transparency, accountability, and putting Apopka residents first."

Per Florida law, candidates must file quarterly campaign finance reports detailing all contributions and expenditures.

The Apopka mayor's seat will be on the ballot March 10, along with races for Seat 1 and Seat 2, a special election for Seat 4 and eight proposed City Charter amendments. If necessary, a run-off election would take place April 14.

To find a full list of all donors to each mayoral candidate, visit www.theapopkachief.com.

2025 LIGHT THE WAY HOLIDAY DRIVE

Photo by Sarah Merly

Representatives from Matthew's Hope pose with two of many bags of cold-weather clothes for the homeless.

Photo by Sarah Merly

A representative from Loaves & Fishes picks up the last round of food and toy donations for the nonprofit from The Apopka Chief office.

Photo by Gigi Cohen

Mullinax Ford of Central Florida received so many donations that our media advisor didn't have enough space in her car.

BUSINESS EXPO

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to either help them start a business or scale their business or even exit."

Resources ranged from access to capital and credit assistance to business planning, exporting and contracting. Among the organizations represented at the expo were the Manufacturers Association of Central Florida, the Inventors Council of Central Florida, the Black Business Investment Fund, the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, utilities such as Duke Energy and the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, and the Veterans Entrepreneurship Initiative.

"They are all nonprofits or government organizations, so they have already been funded by taxpayers," Forbes said. "Businesses have already paid for this service, so why not take advantage of it?"

In speaking with different businesses, Forbes learned that the issues they might struggle with — no matter what stage they may be in — go beyond access to capital.

"A lot of times, businesses think they need access to capital," Forbes said. "That may or may not be the case. What they actually may need is some help with their operations or learning different cost-saving measures. It's much more comprehensive than just funding."

Forbes said the expo plays a key role in Apopka's economic development, particularly because nearly half of the city's businesses operate from home.

"Approximately 48% of our businesses are registered as home-based, which is substantial," she said. "We want to see them grow … producing more income, higher sales, and hiring more staff. This is kind of that first entry point for our businesses to learn how to do that."

The rise in home-based businesses has accelerated since the pandemic, Forbes added, driven by remote work, technology, artificial intelligence and people's desire for more work-life balance.

"Folks are realizing that they can work from practically anywhere," she said.

Nonprofit leaders and business owners attended to seek partnerships and opportunities. Danyiel Yarbrough, founder of New Journey Youth Center, said she came to explore collaborations.

"I'm just here to see what other type of business opportunities or potential partnerships that we can get going forward," Yarbrough said.

Founded in 2011, New Journey Youth Center serves middle and high school students and operates out of First Baptist Church of Apopka. Yarbrough said her long-term vision includes a youth innovation center.

"Apopka is growing; we'll be at 70,000 people soon, and when you have nowhere to go — like we go to the bowling alley and we go to the movie theaters — that's all we have in 2025," she said. "That's really sad, because as huge as we are, why don't they have a youth center?"

Local businesses also saw immediate value. Sam Peele of Yellowstone Landscape attended to make connections and said he already spoke with a few companies in the market for a possible landscaper.

"We have potential," Peele said. "I've only been here for about an hour, and it's already looking up."

McKenzie Steuerer, a customer relationship manager with Informulate and the Orlando Innovation League, said the event created meaningful engagement.

Informulate is a software development and consulting company that customizes digital products for businesses. Orlando Innovation League is a separate company that focuses on events like Startup Weekend Orlando, a 54-hour program that feeds into business accelerators.

"We're not just looking to sell something to them; we're looking to partner with them," she said. "The best part of partnership is that face-to-face connection and really talking to them one on one. That's kind of what we're doing today."

Forbes said the city plans to host events similar to the expo quarterly.

"What's most important is listening to what our businesses' needs are," Forbes said. "There's no point of having an event that doesn't meet the need of our business community."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To submit an event, you can email them to news@theapopkachief.com.

Friday, January 16

The Life of Benjamin Franklin Whitmer II
5 p.m. at 21 E. Plant St., Winter Garden
Historian Rick Cronin explores the life of one of Orange County's founding figures.

Friday Night Funk & Blades
5:30 p.m. at 3701 Gatlin Ave., Orlando
Live funk music and roller skating. Free.

Sculpture on the Lawn
5:30 p.m. at 201 S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando
Reception for the 11th annual outdoor sculpture exhibition.

Ladies Wine & Charcuterie Social
6 p.m. at 4745 S. Orange Ave., Orlando
An hour of wine pairings and charcuterie.

The Jazz Room: Tribute to Soul
6:30 p.m. at The Abbey, 100 S. Eola Dr., Orlando
Live soul classics performed by musicians and vocalists.

The Wizard of Oz
7 p.m. at Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
Classic musical performed by local student actors.

ISMO: Perseverance Tour
7 p.m. at Orlando Funny Bone, 9101 International Dr., Orlando
Internationally acclaimed comedian ISMO performs live. 21+.

Podcasting Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
7 p.m. at 6677 Sea Harbor Dr., Orlando
Honoring leaders in the podcasting industry.

Bon Jovi Tribute
7 p.m. at 1490 E. Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista
Music at House of Blues.

Rocking on the River: Variety Night
7:30 p.m. aboard the Barbara-Lee, 433 N. Palmetto Ave. Sanford
Games, music, and dancing on a river cruise. 18+.

That Arena Rock Show
7:30 p.m. at 520 Baker St., Mount Dora
Live tribute to classic '70s and '80s arena rock hits.

Saturday, January 17

Central Florida Scottish Highland Games
8 a.m. at 1000 Central Winds Dr., Winter Springs
Two-day celebration of Scottish culture, athletics, music, and dance.

Mid-Florida Milers Walk
8:45 a.m. at 12175 Clapp Sims Duda Rd., Orlando
Public nature walk through Split Oak Forest.

ReptiCon Orlando
9 a.m. at 4603 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando
Reptile expo featuring 50+ vendors and live animal displays.

MLK Jr. Parade
10 a.m. at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando
Annual holiday parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Courtesy of Barber Park

Enjoy a free Friday night of live funk music, roller skating, and food trucks at Funk Band & Blades on Jan. 16. Bring your own skates.

Camellia Show & Plant Sale
1 p.m. at Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Dr., Winter Park
Hundreds of camellia blooms and plants for sale.

Cardboard Canoe Regatta
1 p.m. at Kelly Park, 400 Kelly Park Rd. E, Apopka
Teams race homemade cardboard canoes in Rock Springs.

Gardening for Native Pollinators
1:30 p.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Learn how to garden for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.

Mannequin Head Planter Workshop
4 p.m. at 2322 Edgewater Dr., Orlando
Paint and plant a creative mannequin head planter.

The Secret Illegal Comedy Show
4:30 p.m. at Lil Indies, 1036 N. Mills Ave., Orlando
Improvised, satirical comedy show with canned goods donation entry.

Line Dancing
6:30 p.m. at Propagate Social House, 36 E. 5th St., Apopka
Beginner-friendly line dancing with live instruction.

The Story Behind the Photograph
7 p.m. at 600 St. Andrews Blvd., Winter Park
Photographer Peter Schreyer discusses his latest exhibition.

Linkin Park Experience
7:30 p.m. at House of Blues, 1490 E. Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista
High-energy tribute to Linkin Park. All ages.

Pink Floyd Tribute: Rex Floyd
8 p.m. at 280 FL-436, Casselberry
Live tribute concert celebrating Pink Floyd classics.

Hall's on 5th Comedy Night
8:30 p.m. at 15 E. 5th St., Apopka
Stand-up comedy showcase featuring touring headliners.

Sunday, January 18

Songs of Broadway
4 p.m. at 222 W. Sixth Ave., Mount Dora
Five vocalists and a pianist perform classic and contemporary Broadway favorites.

Poetry Open Mic
7:30 p.m. at Timucua, 2000 S. Summerlin Ave., Orlando
Monthly poetry and open mic night featuring multilingual performances. Pay-what-you-like admission.

Monday, January 19

Apopka MLK Parade
2 p.m. 519 S. Central Ave, Apopka
Annual parade honoring MLK.

Tuesday, January 20

Gel Plate Prints
10 a.m. at 847 E. Fifth Ave., Mount Dora
Four-hour mixed media collage workshop using gel plate prints.

Carolyn Wonderland
7 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
Guitarist and vocalist performing original songs blending blues, country, and Tex-Mex.

Old-fashioned comfort with pot roast, quiche, and apple crisp

Mark Sohn, in his book, *Hearty Country Cooking,* says: "To 'pot-roast' is to braise. Using several cups of liquid and a covered pot, I steam a poor cut of beef slowly until it is tender. The moist heat inside the closed pot will draw out every drop of natural juice. I solve the problem of a dry roast by slicing the roast thinly and across the grain and then moistening it with gravy. In addition to the potatoes, carrots, and onions that I use in this recipe, consider adding cabbage, tomatoes, turnips, sweet potatoes, and celery. For flavor, add whole cloves of garlic, ground cinnamon, leftover coffee, green peppers, and hot banana peppers." Mark calls the recipe "lazy day" pot roast because you may do half of the work the first day. But he adds, when rating the recipe as easy, moderate, or difficult, "No doubt, however, I also think this recipe is rather difficult."

Adeline Bronson's recipe for Chicken and Yellow Rice comes from the publication *"What's Cookin' in Apopka?"* compiled by The Apopka Woman's Club and copyrighted 1964. With maybe a salad or vegetable on the side, this recipe looks like a main-dish meal!

From FoodNetwork.com, we have Roasted Potato Wedges from Eddie Jackson. They received a 5-star rating! For potato lovers (such as yours truly), this looks like a wonderful treat for any meal!

How about a Crustless Spinach Quiche? It looks pretty good. You can freeze it and reheat it without thawing! We thank Mary Akerman Barnes for this recipe that we found in *Treasures and Pleasures* cookbook.

We have a recipe for Apple Crisp that looks simple and delicious from Bettyann (Morris) Vakauza from a compilation of memories titled, *THE JONES-MORRIS FAMILY TREASURY.* Bettyann was the sister of our dear friend Susan who retired several years ago after many years of being an employee of *The Apopka Chief* newspaper. Susan tells me,"I love being retired and all that goes with it." I think of Susan fondly though, and I miss her.

POT ROAST
(LAZY DAY POT ROAST)
From: Mark F. Sohn's
Hearty Country Cooking

One 5-pound rolled and tied bottom round or chuck roast
2-1/2 cups beef broth
10 large carrots, peeled
10 medium potatoes, peeled
4 medium onions, peeled
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup sour cream
Yield: 10 servings

1) Preheat the oven to 275 degrees Fahrenheit. Place the roast in a very large roasting pot. Add the broth, cover, and bake for 4 to 7 hours. Add the carrots, potatoes, and onions, cover, and bake another 1-1/2 hours. 2) Separate the vegetables, roast, and stock. Cool and refrigerate. 3) The next day, or when the roast is cold, make the brown gravy. Remove and discard the fat from the stock. Pour the broth into a measuring cup, and, if needed, add water to make 3 cups. 4) In a small bowl, make a cold roux by moistening the flour with broth, adding 1 tablespoon of broth at a time. Do not add more broth until the flour is smooth. Continue adding cold broth to the flour until it is as thin as tomato juice. 5) Add this back into the broth, and pour into a saucepan. Boil for 1 minute, and remove from the heat. 6) Stir in the sour cream. 7) Lay the chilled roast on a cutting board, and slice it across the grain, about 1/4-inch thick. 8) Cut the potatoes in half and the carrots into thirds. 9) Arrange on a platter, top with half of the gravy, and reheat, covered in the microwave or a warm oven. Reheat the remaining gravy, and serve. **Healthy choice alternative**: Omit the sour cream. **Note**: This is a meal in one pot. Serve on a platter and offer rolls, real butter, and a green salad. For a big group, add green beans and corn bread.

ADELINE BRONSON'S
CHICKEN AND YELLOW RICE
WHAT'S COOKIN'?
IN APOPKA, FLORIDA
THE APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB

2 chicken fryers, halved
1/2 cup olive oil
2 cups chopped onion
1 green pepper, cut up
2 cloves garlic
2-1/2 cups rice
2 cups canned tomatoes
5 cups hot water
2 bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon saffron
1 cup green peas
2 teaspoons salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Brown chicken in olive oil. Remove to casserole. Brown onions, green pepper and garlic for about 5 minutes. Add to chicken in casserole along with all remaining ingredients. Cover and bake in 400-degree oven for 1 hour.

EDDIE JACKSON'S
ROASTED POTATO WEDGES
RECIPE COURTESY OF
FOODNETWORK.COM

2 large russet potatoes
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley
1 clove garlic, finely minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

1) Preheat the oven to 450 degrees F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or use a nonstick baking sheet). 2) Cut the potatoes into 8 wedges and arrange on the prepared baking sheet. 3) Melt the butter over low heat, add the parsley and garlic and give the mixture a quick whisk. 4) Brush the butter mixture over all sides of the potato wedges. Reserve the remaining butter mixture for serving time. 5) Season all sides of the potato wedges with salt and pepper. 6) Bake until the potatoes are golden brown and easily pricked with a fork, 40 to 50 minutes. 7) About halfway through the cooking time, be sure to flip the potatoes over. 8) Drizzle the remaining butter mixture over the cooked potatoes and serve.

MARY AKERMAN BARNES'
CRUSTLESS SPINACH QUICHE
Treasures and Pleasures,
1990 Presbyterian Women,
First Presbyterian Church, Apopka

10-ounce pkg frozen chopped spinach
1 pound shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
1/4 cup melted butter

Cook spinach and drain well, squeezing out excess water. Combine with the cheese and onion. Set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, salt and baking powder. Add eggs, milk, and butter. Mix well. Add spinach and cheese mixture. Pour into lightly greased 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Let cool slightly; then cut into 1-inch squares. Can be frozen and reheated (without thawing) at 300 degrees for 15 minutes. Yield: 12 squares.

BETTYANN MORRIS
VAKAUZA'S APPLE CRISP
Recipe from
THE JONES-MORRIS
FAMILY TREASURY

4 cups apples, peeled and sliced
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2/3 cup flour
2 cups oats
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup melted butter

Sprinkle lemon juice over the sliced apples. MIx the next five ingredients together and spread over apples. Bake at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes. This apple crisp can be served as breakfast.

POLICE BEAT

APD issues 144 citations Jan. 4-10

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this news outlet reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is dropped or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to dhayden@theapopkachief.com.

In the period from January 4-10, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,745 calls for service, responded to 28 crashes, issued 144 citations, and made 32 arrests. Burglaries: 0 vehicles, 5 residences, 0 business. Juveniles were charged with probation violation.

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Miki Lenna Bell, 50, 15164 W. Colonial Dr. #104, Winter Garden, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Carlos David Borralles, 32, 717 Mason Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Shaun Michael Bowman, 36, 2543 Haas Rd., Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Quintary Drelle Bridges, 50, 1375 Golf Course Dr., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence; other agency warrant.

Brian Garrett Bruning, 56, 522 E. Grandview Way, Casselberry, vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle; other agency warrant.

William Lewis Clark, 62, 1710 Daffodil Ave., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Kaylee Angel Cordova, 18, 4510 Lake Martin Ln Apt. D, Orlando, larceny-other theft; fraud-swindle/defraud to obtain property value of less than $20,000.

Lee Enrique Garcia-Santiago, 34, 558 Sparrow Ct., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended revocation, equivalent status.

Timothy Kerry Garrison, 59, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm; robbery-sudden snatch without firearm/weapon.

Rashaad Lakim Guilford, 21, Hialeah, battery on person 65+ years of age.

Autumn Destiney Jackson, 28, 4372 N. Apopka Vineland Rd., Orlando, burglary-unoccupied structure, unarmed; larceny-theft of utility services $100-$300.

Agnel Jean Louis, 60, 2818 Sheila Dr., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Bobby Ray Jones, 35, general delivery, Orlando, burglary-unoccupied structure, unarmed; damage property-criminal mischief, damage property less than $200.

Gilmar A Juarez Vasquez, 30, 1646 Schopke Rd., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI and serious bodily injury to another; DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-alcohol or drugs 3rd violation within 10 years; moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended, death serious injury.

Mateus Lopes Ferreira, 24, 6232 Castelven Dr., Orlando, other agency warrant.

Alexander Jake Lopez, 35, 618 E. Magnolia St., Apopka, obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding; drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine); other agency warrant.

Rolanda Yvette McWhorte, 58, 1991 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding; drug equipment-possession and/or use; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Dorothea Simmone Moore, 34, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Willie Antonio Neal, 47, 4618 Meadowbrook Ave., Orlando, other agency warrant.

Felix Ortiz Maldonado, 52, 564 Ryan Ave., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, 1st conviction.

Charles Keith Reed, 51, general delivery, Orlando, out-of-county warrant.

Kevin Scott Revier, 48, 1806 Deanna Dr., Apopka, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Jerry Miguel Rivera, 31, 38 W. 7th St., Apopka, simple assault-assault on specified personnel.

Luis Alberto Rivera Ortiz, 69, 619 E. 12th St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine).

Jeffery Shawn Robinson, 58, 54 W. 10th St., Apopka, larceny other theft.

Jonathan Lugene Rolle, 45, 595 Lake McCoy Dr., Apopka, drugs-sell controlled substance schedule II.

Manuel Saucedo, 41, 547 Ryan Ave., Apopka, damage property-criminal mischief, damage property $1,000+.

Kane Molina Lane Shockley, 27, 1676 Chatham Cir., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Joseph Tyler Smith, 26, 1200 Oakwood Ln., Ocoee, crash racing on highway-driving a motor vehicle; moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended, revocation equivalent status; crash-reckless driving; crash-attaching tag (license plate) not assigned.

Daniel Charles Sookdeo, 27, 774 Welch Hill Cir., Apopka, moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended, revocation equivalent status.

Ricky Stubbs, 57, 277 M. A. Board St., Apopka, drugs-traffic fentanyl/fentanyl analogues 4 grams+; drugs-possession intent to sell/manufacture/delivery of controlled substance schedule II.

Melinda Murdies Weaver, 53, general delivery, Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Church honors police with community event

Courtesy of World Mission Society Church of God

The World Mission Society Church of God thanks Apopka police officers with snacks and words of gratitude for their service.

Police Appreciation Day was Jan. 9

Staff Reports

An organization recognized Apopka and Longwood police for Police Appreciation Day, Friday, Jan. 9, with a community social welfare event to thank law enforcement officers for their dedication, sacrifice, and public service.

The event took place in two sessions — one in the morning at the Longwood Police Department and the other in the afternoon at the Apopka Police Department. Twenty Church of God volunteers delivered individually wrapped snack packages for officers in both departments. Each package also included a thank-you card expressing appreciation for the officers.

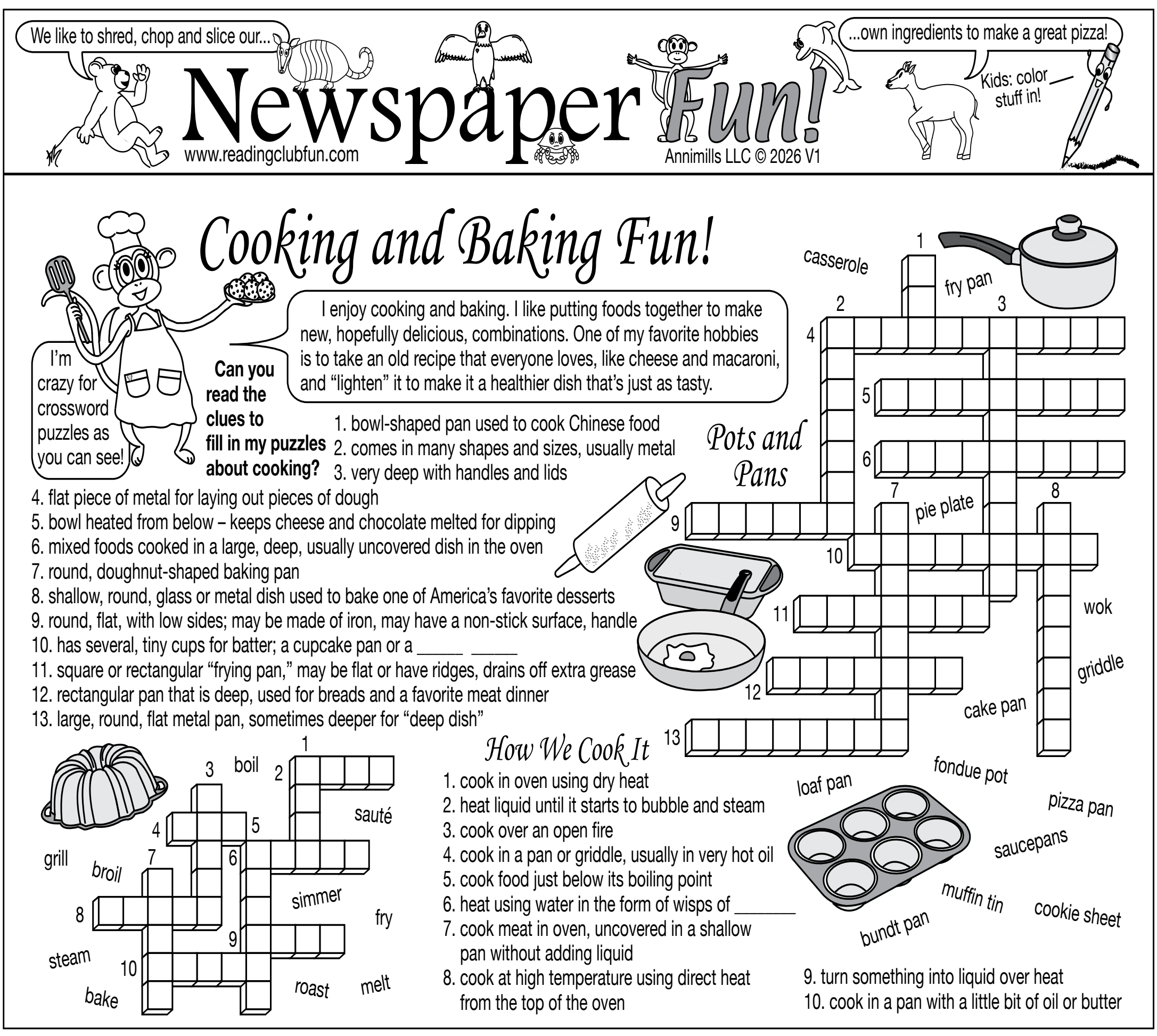
Officers shared their gratitude for the thoughtful gesture. Volunteers and officers later gathered for a commemorative photo.

In 2015, Concerns of Police Survivors created National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, the official name for Pollice Appreciation Day. Celebrated annually, the day gives communities opportunities to express gratitude to law enforcement officers for their service by writing letters, wearing blue and posting on social media.

Established in 1964, the World Mission Society Church of God has more than 8,000 locations in 175 countries with 3.92 million members. The Church of God conducts volunteer service in disaster relief, environmental protection, blood drives and social welfare.

APOPKA ELECTION 2026:

Voter registration deadline: Monday, Feb. 9
Early voting dates: Monday, Feb. 23 through Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Election Day: March 10, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
What's on the ballot: Mayor; City Council seats 1, 2 and 4; eight city charter amendments



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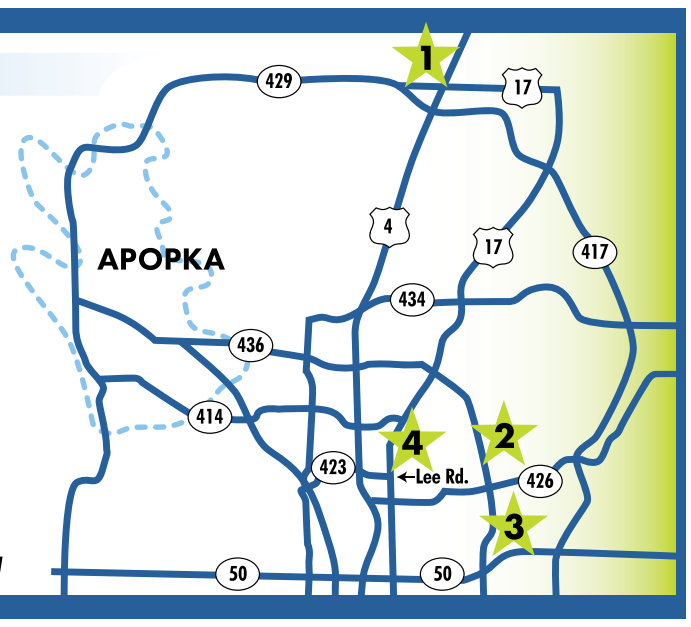

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Wekiva boys come back to beat Apopka

Mustang defense shuts down Blue Darters in second half

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Apopka (11-8) and Wekiva (14-6) boys basketball teams met for the second time this season Jan. 8 in a tale of two halves. After being outplayed for much of the first half, the Mustangs flipped the game with defensive intensity. They held Apopka to just seven second-half points in a 45–35 win in the Metro West Tournament consolation game.

Even before tipoff, Wekiva coach Gersino Lubin knew the night would be demanding.

"I'm nervous. I got butterflies flying around in my stomach," Lubin said before the game.

The team came out shaky also, with Apopka jumping out first. Jarquavion McClain found Noah Ferrer down low for an open layup. After two empty Wekiva possessions, Zee Davis drilled a wing 3, setting up a strong opening quarter.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mustangs fired up over their second win against archrival.

Eric Nichols got the Mustangs on the board with a catch-and-shoot jumper just inside the arc off a Darion "DJ" Thomas assist, but Davis responded with another triple.

The quarter became a back-and-forth between Davis and Nichols. Nichols countered from the baseline, then Davis found space again in the corner and buried a 3 in the face of the defense. When Wekiva pressured Davis at the top, Nichols found Khai Orr slipping inside for an easy finish, but Davis drew a foul and hit a free throw to extend Apopka's lead to 15–6.

Jasen Francillon closed the quarter with four straight points as Wekiva trimmed the deficit to five.

Apopka's traveling crowd arrived in waves but made its presence felt, roaring with every steal and basket as the Blue Darters continued to apply pressure in the second quarter. Apopka opened the frame with a defensive stop and a Ferrer layup in transition. After an Evariste pull-up jumper, Markel Anderson answered with a wing 3 for Wekiva.

Physical defense slowed the pace midway through the quarter. Apopka broke through Wekiva's trapping zone with crisp ball movement, working an inside-out look that led to Davis' fourth 3 of the half,

BOYS BASKETBALL, B3

Apopka boys soccer spoils senior night for Wekiva

Blue Darters dominate after first half

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Behind a dominant second half, the Blue Darters pulled away from Wekiva for a 4–0 win on Wednesday in a rivalry matchup that followed a scoreless opening half.

Both teams entered the match with no rest. Wekiva was coming off a 3–2 loss to Jones on Tuesday, while Apopka played to a 0–0 draw with Forest Lake Academy.

The teams traded possession through the first eight minutes, neither able to settle in or maintain control for long as both sides looked for quick, aggressive plays forward. The physical contest was highlighted when Wekiva senior goalkeeper Sebastian Galves collided with Apopka's Estevao Amarai while challenging for a loose ball. Play stopped briefly as Galves was checked before quickly returning to action on senior night.

Apopka earned a free kick with seven minutes remaining before the first-half water break, but the attempt sailed over the crossbar. The match remained scoreless as both back lines stood firm.

Five minutes later, Wekiva nearly struck first. William Lucas lined up a long free kick and unleashed a powerful shot that ripped through the air and crashed off the crossbar.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Apopka's Estevao Amarai steals the ball from Omar Roman.

Moments later, Apopka generated its best chance of the half when David Campana was fouled in the box on a counterattack. Campana stepped to the spot and sent his penalty kick to the left, but Galves read correctly, diving to make the save and preserve the scoreless deadlock.

The final minutes of the half stayed even, with both teams battling for every ball and neither side willing to concede ground.

At halftime, Wekiva's message was direct.

"The time is now," Wekiva head coach Carlos Sosa told the team. "Score first, in the next five minutes."

Instead, it was Apopka that seized control out of the break.

The Blue Darters applied immediate pressure, forcing a deflection that led to a corner kick five minutes into the second half. Estevao Amarai flew in off the set piece and delivered a dangerous ball near the post, where Adrian Veloquio finished cleanly to give Apopka the first goal of the night.

With 12 minutes remaining, Amarai attacked again, this time receiving a return ball from Veloquio in the middle of the box. Amarai scorched one past the goalkeeper to double the lead.

As the clock ticked down, the Mustangs pushed numbers forward in search of a response, but that aggression opened the door for Apopka's counterattack. Amarai forced a turnover near midfield, sprinted into space and slipped a pass to Veloquio, who calmly juked the goalkeeper and finished, making it 3–0.

SOCCER, B3

Colonial girls halt Wekiva's 3-game winning streak

Mustangs rough second half leads to 19-point loss

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Wekiva Lady Mustangs basketball team (10–7) started the new year with back-to-back wins but struggled without two starters against Colonial Grenadiers (15–4), losing 66–47 on Tuesday night.

Ja'Niya Poole injured her arm against Lake Nona and does not yet have a return timetable, while Jakayla Johnson is expected back on the court Saturday. Despite the short-handed lineup, Wekiva showed early resilience against one of the area's top teams.

Colonial scored first, but Makayla Bell answered from the baseline to get Wekiva on the board. After Colonial knocked down an open 3, Alexis Hill went to work inside, converting two free throws after an offensive rebound.

Bell later stepped into a confident 3-pointer to give Wekiva its first lead at 7–6.

Colonial briefly pulled ahead, but Wekiva countered with back-to-back finishes from Tiana Washington in the paint. The Lady Mustangs held an 11–10 lead after one.

Momentum shifted in the second quarter. Colonial opened with a 3-pointer, and both teams locked in defensively, forcing turnovers and rushed possessions. Bell recorded a steal and a block, Hill added a block, and Jasmine Pooler picked off a pass, but there were no points to show for it.

Midway through the quarter, Colonial made two straight buckets to take a 19–11 lead. Wekiva briefly responded with a Hill corner 3, a Washington layup, and a Pooler assist to Paris Blackwood inside, trimming the deficit to three.

Colonial closed the half with its best stretch of the night. The Grenadiers capitalized on late turnovers and knocked down consecutive perimeter shots, scoring 10 points in a minute and 15 seconds to take a 31–18 lead into halftime.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Tiana Washington makes a contested layup.

Wekiva opened the third quarter with renewed energy. Pooler finished a second-chance layup, and Hill and Washington added baskets inside to keep the Lady Mustangs within striking distance early. But Colonial quickly answered again behind Yaneyla Pedraza, who consistently found space on the perimeter.

As the quarter wore on, Colonial's offensive pressure forced multiple Wekiva timeouts. Hill continued to battle for her team, scoring inside and from beyond the arc, but the deficit grew. Bell capped the third quarter with a steal and layup at the buzzer, but Colonial had a commanding 51–37 lead.

Wekiva made one last push early in the fourth, beating the press for consecutive baskets to cut the deficit to 10. Colonial responded with a three-point play and reasserted control. With the Lady Mustangs showing signs of fatigue, the Grenadiers closed the game by forcing turnovers and finishing inside to secure the 66–47 win.

Hill led Wekiva with 15 points, five rebounds and a block. Bell finished with 9 points, three steals and a block, while Washington added 12 points and six rebounds. For Colonial, Pedraza and Cherish Risbrook combined for 34 points.

After the game, Wekiva coach Jerry Middleton

GIRLS BASKETBALL, B2

Wekiva wrestling captains dominate

Mustangs enter Duel undermanned, focus on individual success

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs entered Saturday's FHSAA Wrestling District Duels in Oviedo knowing the odds were stacked against them.

Short-handed by injuries and illness over the holiday break, Wekiva brought just 13 wrestlers to the bracketed team tournament and was without 150-pound co-captain Samuel Pierre. That meant forfeits were inevitable.

Wekiva opened the day against the Timber Creek Wolves in the first round. After a couple of tough losses, the Mustangs were forced to give up three forfeits.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Elijah Jean muscling down his first opponent.

Captain Elijah Jean provided a momentum jolt, dominating his matchup and securing a pin in 51 seconds.

One of the most emotional moments of the duel came from Landonn Schultz. He showed out in the first period, 8–3, with two takedowns and controlled the majority of the period. Schultz showed resilience in the second. After a mistake sent him to his back, he survived a pin attempt for the final 28 seconds of the period. In the third, he sprawled on a shot, flipped his opponent with crisp technique and finished a statement pin.

His father coached from the stands, his brother watched via FaceTime, and his mother later called it the best match of his career.

"We're very excited for him," his father, Trey, said, "He didn't win a single match last season, and now he's got three wins. It's been a big confidence booster… we're very proud, blessed and happy to see him beginning to excel and grow as a young man."

Jeremiah Demosthene added a controlled pin at the end of the first period, and sophomore Terell Davis pulled off one of the day's

WRESTLING, B2

Cold weather will keep bass deeper

GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

Hello Folks,

We are in our second full week of 2026, and the fishin' is still doin' pretty good. We have a cold snap later this week, so that will slow things down just a little bit. The speck fishin' should stay about the same but the bass fishin' will slow down a little. It will take the bass a few days to get comfortable with the cooler water temps.

We have a new moon this comin' Sunday the 18th. It's gonna be cold… like down in the *30's* cold.

The specks are still bitin' in Lake Woodruff and the St. Johns River. Folks goin' out of Highland Park Fish Camp are catchin' limits of specks most days.

The speck fishin' is pickin up in the Harris Chain, too. I got a good report that some anglers were fishin' the chain, and they caught some nice slaps right at dark thirty and early evening.

The specks are starting to bite really good in Lake Monroe and Lake Jesup. Most of the specks are bein' caught on jigs tipped with a minner. The bass fishin' down in Palm Bay at the Headwaters is still goin' strong. Lots of folks are goin' out with guides and shiners and catchin' 20 to 30 bass per trip.

If you go to West Lake Toho, folks are catchin' some nice bass on shiners down there, as well. So, hopefully, you'll get a chance to do some fishin' before this cold front comes to town. Just a reminder that this Saturday the 17th is the Get Hook'd bass and specks tournament on Lake Monroe. There's a mandatory Captain's meeting, and registration meeting on Friday night from 6 to 8 pm. This is a free event, so go on out there and catch some fish.

Also, Trophy Catch Season 14 is under way. You can go to the TrophyCatch website and register for your chance to win some great prizes and get some recognition about your big bass. The current leader for this season is John Shores who caught and released a 14-pound 11-ounce bass he caught in Lake Rousseau on November 19th of 2025. Season 14 started October 1, 2025.

If you folks don't mind, I'm goin' to take a little liberty here and let you know that I have an anniversary comin' up this Saturday the 17th. I don't want y'all to think I'm braggin' here, but it's still hard to believe that I've been doin' this article for 42 years. I was given the opportunity to write a fishin' column in The Apopka Chief and Planter newspapers in 1984. I had no clue what all this would mean to me after so many years. I want to thank John and Eileen Ricketson for this opportunity. John told me to write just like I talk, and we'll see where it goes. I've had this job… or blessing… to still be a part of this community and the paper all these years later. I'm thankful that J.C. Derrick asked me to stay on and continue to write my fishin' article. I'm blessed more than I deserve with this opportunity to continue writin' a weekly fishin' column about something I love so much.

I love to fish, and it's been my great joy to pass on my fishin' experience to others. I was taught to fish by my grandfather J.C. Powers. I taught my son Tim how to fish when he was around three years old. Then I taught my grandson Brett how to fish. So, fishin' has been in my family for around four generations. It's been my honor to write about somethin' that I enjoy so much.

See ya next week.

Tip of the week: New Moon.

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

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pointed to effort and execution as key factors.

"We just didn't come out with the proper effort," Middleton said. "We didn't get enough flow early in the half court, and we sped up instead of getting good quality shots. A loss isn't a bad loss if you learn from it, and we'll learn from this one. Hats off to Colonial — they're well coached."

The Lady Mustangs entered the night riding big wins over Dunnellon, 49–36, and Lake Nona, 50–25. They will look to regroup quickly as they continue a challenging stretch. They lost to 63-48 to the fourth-ranked team in the Orlando area, Ocoee (14–4), Wednesday night and will face DeLand (10-7) on Saturday.

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biggest upsets. Trailing 6–0 to an older opponent, Davis flipped him to his back late in the period and held on for a stunning comeback pin. Despite the effort, Wekiva dropped the team match.

In the consolation round against Winter Park, Ahmir Restituyo gave a state qualifier a strong battle but couldn't pull through. Jean continued his dominance, walking down his opponent and pinning him in just 11 seconds — a new school record, breaking his previous mark of 14 seconds.

Schultz earned a forfeit win, and Demosthene bumped up to 120 pounds and pinned his opponent in 55 seconds. They lost the shorter team match by a few points.

Wekiva closed the day against Lake Howell with its strongest team performance. Evan Wilkerson and Schultz won by forfeit, while Restituyo earned a pin after a takedown reversal late in the first period. Manny Mobayo had a huge moment, kick-rolling through his opponent from bottom position and securing a pin before the horn.

Jean once again stole the spotlight, lifting and slamming his opponent straight to his back for a pin in 27 seconds. Demosthene added another quick pin in 23 seconds, and Davis earned a forfeit. Alina Quintez Rivera, hungry for a match, picked up a win via forfeit after the boy in her weight class refused to wrestle her. This sealed the team victory.

Jean said his approach stays the same regardless of opponent.

"I like flowing and seeing what my opponent is gonna give me," he said. "I work defensive at first and whatever opening he gives me is what I take."

Despite the record-setting pace, Jean said he's focused on endurance moving forward.

"The time doesn't really matter to me," he said. "I want to be able to go the third period and not get gassed out. I just want to wrestle."

Head coach Lenin Vazquez praised his team's response under difficult circumstances.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Landonn Schultz with a successful takedown early.

"The kids showed up on time, prepared," Vazquez said. "They were respectful, and they gave 100% effort… they bought into the system and we're getting better."

Looking ahead, Vazquez emphasized health and refinement.

"We've just got to keep them healthy and keep fine-tuning," he said. "Those guys are on track as the competition gets better."

Wekiva's next varsity appearance will be on Saturday morning in the War Eagle Tournament at Poinciana High School.

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
—Colossians 3:17

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Amarai had the energy from start to finish and was proud of his three-point night and win against their rival.

"It's really cool, we worked all as a team, and we did it for [coach] Billy without him here," he said.

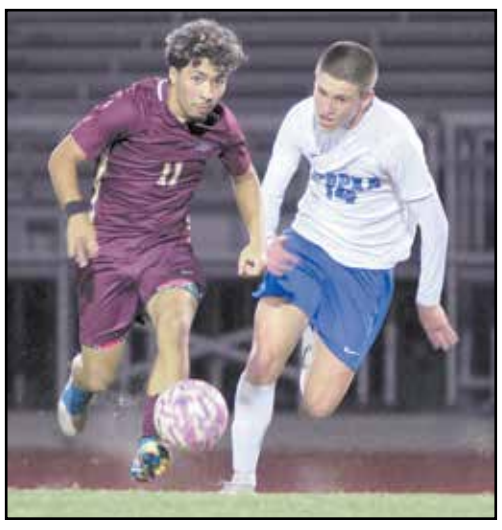
Less than a minute later, Apopka struck again. Giovanny Cruz capped the night after a quick sequence of passes cut through Wekiva's pressing defense, finding the net with the goalkeeper out of position. From there, the clock bled as Apopka celebrated the final whistle.

"We were very motivated in the first half because it's senior night," Wekiva assistant coach Jordain James said. "But in the second half, we just lost it. They really wanted this victory, and they outplayed us."

Apopka assistant coach Ewan Lindo, filling in for Billy Willier, credited his team's adjustments and composure.

"We made some adjustments at halftime, and once we did, they really flourished," Lindo said. "We started playing wide, getting into the attacking third and creating high-percentage opportunities. I'm very proud of them."

The result marked a familiar outcome in the rivalry. Apopka has now won the last three meetings by a 4–0 score and extended its streak to seven straight wins over Wekiva. The Blue Darters will close the regular season at 7:30 p.m. on Monday at home against Lake Brantley, while Wekiva travels to Lake Minneola at 7 p.m. on Thursday.



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David Bohdert and Henrique Brisk race for the loose ball.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Sebastian Galves and Estevao Amarai collide in the box.

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forcing a Mustangs timeout with Apopka up 22–13.

Out of the break, Apopka stayed aggressive, getting another 3 from Xavier Bell after a takeaway. Kaiden Jean-Louis answered from deep for Wekiva, but Bell rang again from the corner after a touch pass from Davis.

Kenny Dieujuste and Orr added four late free throws to head into halftime down 28–20. Apopka finished the half with seven 3-pointers, four coming from Davis, while forcing turnovers that fueled its momentum.

The game changed entirely after the break.

Defense controlled the third quarter as both teams fought for rebounds and struggled to find clean looks. After two free throws from Dieujuste, Orr jumped a passing lane and went coast to coast, only to be denied at the rim by McClain. The Mustangs stayed aggressive, and Dieujuste responded moments later with a thunderous dunk over two Blue Darters that ignited the crowd.

DJ Thomas followed with a falling tear dropper in the paint to pull Wekiva within two, while Apopka struggled to find rhythm offensively. Louvens Saint Pierre returned after an earlier injury scare and made an immediate impact, grabbing an offensive rebound and finishing to tie the game. Wekiva held Apopka scoreless in the third, completing a 12–0 run to even the score.

The Mustangs carried that momentum into the fourth. Dieujuste opened the quarter with a baseline jumper to give Wekiva its first lead. Apopka briefly answered when Bell deflected and stole a pass, no-looking a pass to McClain for an and-one, but Wekiva responded immediately.

Jace Moore scored inside, then Nichols jumped a passing lane and finished a coast-to-coast layup to push the lead to 34–31. Dieujuste followed with two more free throws before Moore brought their lead to seven, picking off another pass and cocking back a monstrous slam that shook the gym. Orr added a free throw, then finished an alley-oop from Nichols as Wekiva continued to pour it on.

Apopka was unable to convert down the stretch, missing opportunities to cut into the deficit as Wekiva closed the game on a 29–8 run.

Dieujuste finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds, shooting 6-for-6 from the line. Orr stepped up after Francillon's early injury, contributing seven points and two steals. Davis led Apopka with 13 points, five rebounds, two assists and a steal, while Ferrer added seven points and three steals.

After the comeback, Lubin credited leadership over adjustments.

"It was Louvens and our other leaders — they said enough was enough and decided to defend," Lubin said. "They said this is our house, and we're not going to lose here. Tonight, it was the seniors putting 10 toes down."

Apopka coach Scott Williams summed it up simply: "Tougher teams win."

In the final games of the consolation side of the tournament, Apopka beat Lake Buena Vista 57–30, while Wekiva delivered their most epic moment of the season against Dr. Phillips.

Down 52–49 with under 20 seconds left of overtime, Thomas hit his biggest 3 of the year to tie it. After forcing a turnover, they had 1.7 seconds to go the length of the court, and they inbounded short to Nichols. From near the opposite 3-point line, he heaved one up in stride. Coach Lubin said the ball must have hung in the air for 10 seconds. It smacked the square of the backboard and went in for the jaw-dropping game winner.

Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kenny Dieujuste and Jarquavion McClain tip off the rivalry match.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

A DREAM, A MOVEMENT, AN INSPIRATION TO THE WORLD

"I have a dream" speech

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Editors note: *On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered the following speech at the March on Washington.*

I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation.

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity.

But one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land. And so we've come here today to dramatize a shameful condition.

In a sense we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir. This note was a promise that all men, yes, black men as well as white men, would be guaranteed the "unalienable Rights" of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note, insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked "insufficient funds."

But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We refuse to believe that there are insufficient funds in the great vaults of opportunity of this nation. And so, we've come to cash this check, a check that will give us upon demand the riches of freedom and the security of justice.

We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of Now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism. Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy. Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quicksands of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children.

It would be fatal for the nation to overlook the urgency of the moment. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating autumn of freedom and equality. Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning. And those who hope that the

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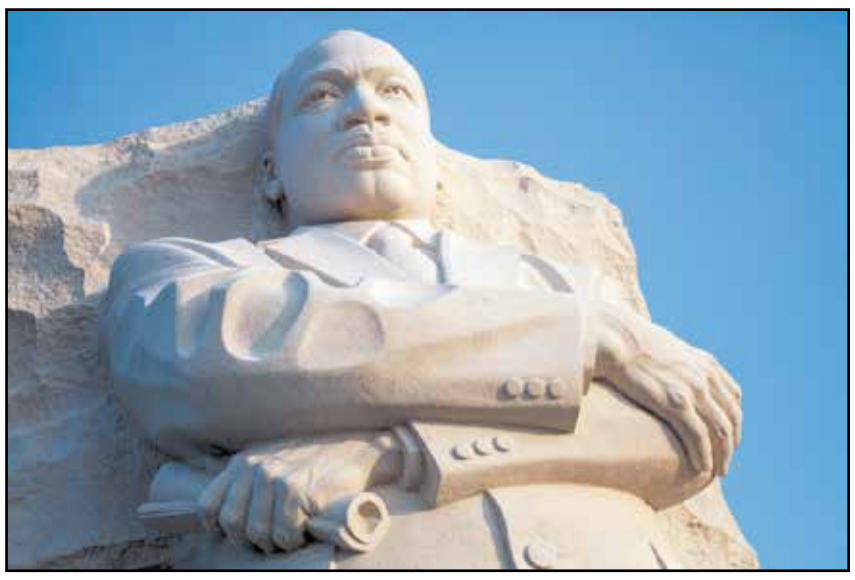

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The Stone of Hope, the central sculpture of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, located on the National Mall near the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C.

Revisiting the Letter from Birmingham Jail

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Editor's note: *In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. wrote the Letter from Birmingham Jail — almost 7,000 words addressed to clergymen who had called for an end to civil rights activism in Birmingham. This version is abridged to fit available space.*

While confined here in the Birmingham city jail, I came across your recent statement calling my present activities "unwise and untimely." Since I feel that you are men of genuine good will and that your criticisms are sincerely set forth, I want to try to answer your statement in what I hope will be patient and reasonable terms.

I am in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the prophets of the eighth century B.C. left their villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their home towns, and just as the Apostle Paul left his village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to the far corners of the Greco Roman world, so am I compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own home town.

I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

You may well ask: "Why direct action? Indeed, this is the very purpose of direct action. Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue.

My friends, I must say to you that we have not made a single gain in civil rights without determined legal and nonviolent pressure. Lamentably, it is an historical fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily.

For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Wait" has almost always meant "Never." We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."

We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God-given rights.

Perhaps it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say, "Wait." But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and

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Negro needed to blow off steam and will now be content will have a rude awakening if the nation returns to business as usual. And there will be neither rest nor tranquility in America until the Negro is granted his citizenship rights. The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges.

But there is something that I must say to my people, who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice: In the process of gaining our rightful place, we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again, we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force.

The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to a distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny. And they have come to realize that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom.

We cannot walk alone.

And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.

We cannot turn back.

There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, "When will you be satisfied?" We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality. We can never be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain

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lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the negro's basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their self-hood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating: "For Whites Only."We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until "justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream."

I am not unmindful that some of you have come here out of great trials and tribulations. Some of you have come fresh from narrow jail cells. And some of you have come from areas where your quest — quest for freedom left you battered by the storms of persecution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the veterans of creative suffering. Continue to work with the faith that unearned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back to Alabama, go back to South Carolina, go back to Georgia, go back to Louisiana, go back to the slums and ghettos of our northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed.

Let us not wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" — one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."

This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this will be the day — this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride, From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!

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drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate filled policemen curse, kick and even kill your black brothers and sisters; when you see the vast majority of your 20 million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your 6-year-old daughter why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to colored children, and see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky, and see her beginning to distort her personality by developing an unconscious bitterness toward white people; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading "white" and "colored"; when your name becomes "boy" (however old you are), and your wife and mother are never given the respected title "Mrs."; when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of "nobodiness"—then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.

You express a great deal of anxiety over our willingness to break laws. This is certainly a legitimate concern.

One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?" The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all."

Now, what is the difference between the two? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.

I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law.

Of course, there is nothing new about this kind of civil disobedience. It was evidenced sublimely in the refusal of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to obey the laws of Nebuchadnezzar, on the ground that a higher moral law was at stake.

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It was practiced superbly by the early Christians, who were willing to face hungry lions and the excruciating pain of chopping blocks rather than submit to certain unjust laws of the Roman Empire.

In our own nation, the Boston Tea Party represented a massive act of civil disobedience.

We should never forget that everything Adolf Hitler did in Germany was "legal" and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was "illegal." It was "illegal" to aid and comfort a Jew in Hitler's Germany.

I must make two honest confessions to you, my Christian and Jewish brothers. First, I must confess that over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate.

I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Counciler or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season."

Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right.

You speak of our activity in Birmingham as extreme. At first I was rather disappointed that fellow clergymen would see my nonviolent efforts as those of an extremist.

I stand in the middle of two opposing forces in the Negro community. One is a force of complacency, made up in part of Negroes who, as a result of long years of oppression, are so drained of self-respect and a sense of "somebodiness" that they have adjusted to segregation.

As I continued to think about the matter, I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

Was not Amos an extremist for justice: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel: "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus."

And Thomas Jefferson: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal . . ."

So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love?

Perhaps the South, the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists.

Let me take note of my other major disappointment. I have been so greatly disappointed with the white church and its leadership.

I do not say this as one of those negative critics who can always find something wrong with the church. I say this as a minister of the gospel, who loves the church.

In the midst of blatant injustices inflicted upon the Negro, I have watched white churchmen stand on the sideline and mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. In the midst of a mighty struggle to rid our nation of racial and economic injustice, I have heard many ministers say: "Those are social issues, with which the gospel has no real concern."

I am thankful to God that some noble souls from the ranks of organized religion have broken loose from the paralyzing chains of conformity and joined us as active partners in the struggle for freedom.

We will reach the goal of freedom in Birmingham and all over the nation, because the goal of America is freedom. Abused and scorned though we may be, our destiny is tied up with America's destiny.

Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.

Public Notice
is hereby given that Johnsons Wrecker Service, will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) that remain unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 7777 Narcoossee Road, Orlando, FL 32822. The following vehicle(s) will be sold on 01/29/2026 at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2015 Chevrolet
1G1PC5SB6F7186976
2025 Toyota
5TFNA5DB1SX246044
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
January 16, 2026

Public Notice
is hereby given that **Johnsons Wrecker Service,** will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, free of all prior liens, the following vehicle(s)/ vessel (s) that remain unclaimed in storage, with charges unpaid, pursuant to Florida Statutes, Sec. 713.78, to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at 580 Wilmer Avenue, Orlando,FL 32808
The following vehicle(s) will be sold on 01/29/2026 at 0700.
Year Make VIN
2002 Hyundai
KMHDN45D42U455981
2015 Hyundai
5NPDH4AE3FH584787
2017 Acura
19UUB1F36HA000093
2007 Toyota
1NXBR32E67Z789701
2015 Honda
1HGCR2F30FA090013
2016 Jeep
1C4NJCEA7GD769197
2019 Hyundai
5NMS33ADOKH046028
2016 Dodge
3C4PDDAG2GT192914
1999 Chevrolet
1G1ND52M7X6266770
2007 Lincoln
1LNHM82V57Y618548
2020 Nissan
1N4BL4BV8LC286060
2018 Dodge
3C4PDCGG2JT490078
2011 BMW
WBAFR1C55BC749730
2016 Hyundai
5NPE24AF4GH303323
2016 Jeep
1C4NJRFB9GD581579
2011 Hyundai
5NPEB4ACOBH247847
2014 HONDA
2HGFB6E50EH703940
2024 TRAILER
NOVIN0201444268
2025 Toyota
4T1DAACK4SU175702
2025 Nissan
3N1CN8EV9SL826355
Terms of the sale are CASH. No checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. No refunds will be made. Vehicle(s)/ vessel(s) are sold "AS IS", "WHERE IS", with no guarantees, either expressed or implied.
January 16, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **02/09/2026** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
2006 Ford
1FTRF12206NA80759
Publish: The Apopka Chief
January 16, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **02/03/2026** at 08:30 AM the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at 2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703 to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
2017 HYUN
5XYZW4LA1HG473221
Publish: The Apopka Chief
January 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
File No.: 2025-CP-003877
Division: Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JAIME CEBALLOS OSPINA.
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Jaime Ceballos Ospina, deceased, whose date of death was January 25, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for ORANGE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is 9th day of January, 2025.
Personal Representative:
Jimena Ceballos Mendoza
421 Spring Valley Lan
Altamonte Springs,
Florida 32714
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Steven R. Palacio, Esq.
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 1022241
421 Spring Valley Lane
Altamonte Springs,
FL 32714
Telephone: (407) 276-7814
E-Mail: steven@thepalaciofirm.com
January 9, 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003423-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
IRMA ESTER SIERRA
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Irma Ester Sierra, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 16, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Jasila Velez Sierra
10700 Fairhaven Way
Orlando, Florida 32825
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ John A. Morey
John A Morey, Esquire
Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 41691
250 N. Orange Ave.
Suite 1220
Orlando, FL 32801
Telephone: (407) 426-7222
Fax: (407) 426-7789
E-Mail: johnamorey@gmail.com
Secondary E-Mail:
service@moreylawfirm.com
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003889-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT PORCHER, III
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT PORCHER, III, deceased, whose date of death was October 1, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is: January 16, 2026.
Signed on this November 26, 2025.
JULIA CALLAWAY PORCHER
Personal Representative
150 Bear Springs Drive,
Apt. 133
Winter Springs, FL 32708
Mary Merrell Bailey
Attorney for Personal Representative
Florida Bar No. 541265
Your Caring Law Firm, PLC
2323 Lee Road
Winter Park, FL 32789
Telephone: (407) 622-1900
Email: Merrell@yourcaringlawfirm.com
Secondary Email:
Paralegals@yourcaringlawfirm.com
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003897
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF
LUIS ALBERTO FLORES
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Luis Alberto Flores, deceased, whose date of death was September 17, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave., Suite 335, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 16, 2026.
Personal Representative:
JOHNATHON KINNEY
518 Short Pine Circle
Orlando, Florida 32807
Attorney for Personal Representative:
DAVID W. VELIZ, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 846368
DANIELLE WHITE, ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 1035906
VELIZ KATZ LAW
630 North Wymore Road,
Suite 330
Maitland, Florida 32751
Telephone: (407) 849-7072
Facsimile: (407) 849-7075
E-Mail: VelizKatz@VelizKatzLaw.com
Secondary:
lsantos@VelizKatzLaw.com
Attorney for Petitioner
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-003690-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
NANCY JEAN FREDDA
Division Probate
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Nancy Jean Fredda, deceased, whose date of death was September 2, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Ste. 340, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 16, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Amy Elizabeth Nolan
4015 Lake Mira Drive
Orlando, Florida 32817
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Michael Newman, Esq.
Florida Bar Number: 00901114
Michael Newman PLLC
1540 International Parkway,
Suite 2000
Lake Mary, Florida 32746
Telephone: (407) 204-9848
E-Mail: attynewman@outlook.com
Secondary E-Mail:
cynthia@flestateparalegal.com
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 26-CP-38
IN RE: ESTATE OF
TAMMY KRISTINA HOHLER
Division 2
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Tammy Kristina Hohler, deceased, whose date of death was December 11, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Fl 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is January 16, 2026.
Personal Representative:
Debra Stauffer
4790 Lake Carlton Dr.
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757
Attorney for Personal Representative:
Linda Drew Kingston, Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 155836
9090 Laurel Ridge Dr.,
Mt. Dora, FL 32757
Phone: (352) 901-5603
E-Mail: linda@lindakingstonlaw.com
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-CP-004114-O
IN RE: ESTATE OF
KAREN MARIE MCLUCKIE, a/k/a
KAREN M. McLUCKIE
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:
The administration of the estate of KAREN MARIE MCLUCKIE, deceased, whose date of death was July 15, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court of Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801. The name(s) and address(es) of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.
An Order of Ancillary Summary Administration may be entered in the estate of KAREN MARIE McLUCKIE, deceased. The names and addresses of those who are to receive the exempt assets are:
Name Address
WILLIAM MCLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
½ share of Florida assets
KATHLEEN MCLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
½ share of Florida assets
All creditors of the decedent and other persons, who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 9, 2026.
WILLIAM McLUCKIE
1096 Ala Moana Court
Diamondhead, MS 39525
Petitioner
Mestdagh, Wall & Hamilton, P.A.
Dominic Sieber, Esq.
Florida Bar No. 1031733
Dominic@m-wlawfirm.com
280 W. Canton Ave.,
Suite 110
Winter Park, Florida 32789
January 9, 16, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
That on **02/06/2026** at 10:00 a.m. a sale will be held at 1800 Alpine Dr (Park Office) Apopka, FL 32703, for the sale of the mobile home located at:
1164 Highmeadow Road
Apopka, FL 32703
to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under the laws of the State of FLORIDA against such articles for labor, services, skill or material expended upon a storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated persons, unless such articles are redeemed within thirty days of the publication of this notice.
Name: HECTOR ANTONIO CAMACHO JOVET & ASHLEY MARIE PEREZ MORENO
Name: WALKESKA SALAS HERNANDEZ
Name: VENTURE HOLDINGS AHP LLC
Description: VIN: WHC024492GAA & WHC024492GAB
Year: 2019
Make: Clayton
Size: 24 x 48
Lien: $3,850.50
January 16, 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
You are hereby notified that a public sale will be taking place on the 24th day of January 2026 from 10-4pm at **Lake Fairview Marina** 4503 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32804 for the following boats:
1988 Crestliner
VIN: # NOR17477H788
January 9, 16, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83.806 AND 83.807. CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BEDDING, TOYS, GAMES, BOXES, BARRELS, PACKED CARTONS, FURNITURE, TRUCKS, CARS, ETC. THERE IS NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT LIEN SALE. VEHICLES SOLD "AS IS" AND FOR PARTS ONLY. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. LIEN SALE TO BE HELD ONLINE ENDING **TUESDAY February 3rd 2026** AT THE TIMES INDICATED BELOW. VIEWING AND BIDDING WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.storagetreasures.com BEGINNING 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED SALE DATE AND TIME! ALSO VISIT www.personalministorage.com/orlando-fl-storage-units/ FOR MORE INFO.
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE APOPKA-
1365 E SEMORAN BLVD.,
APOPKA, FL 32703-AT
10:30 AM : UNITS:
#306-Khalilah Hammond;
#311-Kendra Moore;
#828-Richard Adams;
#908-Kendra Moore;
#1029-Kendra Moore
1973 Chevrolet Caprice
1L47H3D243752;
#1105-Ramon Vargas;
#1231-Joseph Nelson;
#1415-Megan Ann Montagano;
#1547-Abram Martinez
January 16, 23, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-002399-O
CYPRESS CREEK VILLAGE, UNIT TWO, INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
FRANCISCO ALVES DE OLIVEIRA FILHO, et al.,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: Francisco Alves de Oliveira Filho
Unknown Parties In Possession
5150 Cypress Creek Dr 105
Orlando, FL 32811
Francisco Alves de Oliveira Filho
Unknown Parties In Possession
6228 Peregrine Ct
Orlando, FL 32819
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a lien against the following property in Orange County, Florida:
Unit 105, The Grady Building, CYPRESS CREEK VILLAGE, UNIT TWO, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 2584, Page 1408, and all amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on, **FRANK J. LACQUANITI, ESQUIRE,** Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is **ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC,** 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 330, Winter Park, Florida 32789, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint for Lien Foreclosure and Monetary Damages.
DATED: DEC 29 2025
Tiffany Moore Russell
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /S/ Yanira Arroyo
Deputy Clerk
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January 9, 16, 2026

IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CC-005977-O
RTE TITLE COMPANY,
a Florida corporation;
WALDEN PALM CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation and WALDEN CIRCLE LLC, a Delaware limited liability company,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
RIRY PROPERTIES LLC, a Florida limited liability company and MIDAS AMERICA LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
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 16 th day of October, 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 MIDAS AMERICA LLC, a Florida limited liability company , in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
CANDLEWYCK VILLAGE 10/76 LOT 75A; CANDLEWYCK VILLAGE 10/78 LOT 75B also described as Lot 75A and 75B, Candlewyck Village, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 10 page(s) 78, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida; with a physical address of 1476 and 1478 HENDREN DR., ORLANDO, FL 32807. 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 MIDAS AMERICA LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and that on the 18 th day of February 2026, 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
January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2025-GA-000198
IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF L.T.,
A Minor.
NOTICE OF ACTION
To: ANDRAL THEARD
5949 Bent Pine Drive,
Apt. 1008,
Orlando, Florida 32822
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Guardianship has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:
David W. Veliz
630 North Wymore Road
Ste 330
Maitland, FL 32751
on or before February 6, 2026, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.
Signed on this 31 day of December, 2025.
First publication on January 9, 2026.
Tiffany Moore Russell
As Clerk of the Court
By: s/Allison Prestwood
As Deputy Clerk
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026

PROPOSED NOTICE OF ACTION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA
Case No.: 2024-DR-004064-O
Division: 30
MYRIELLE FECUY DUVERGER,
Petitioner,
and
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
TO: HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Respondent
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on MYRIELLE FECUY DUVERGER, Petitioner, whose address is: 2139 Rivertree Cir., Apt 204 Orlando, Florida 32839
on or before 2/5/2026 and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at Orange County Clerk of Courts, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801, either 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.
This action is for Dissolution of Marriage.
DATED this 17TH day of DECEMBER, 2025
TIFFANY M RUSSELL
CLERK OF COURT
Orange County, Florida
By: /S/ ROBERT HINGSTON
Deputy Clerk
425 North Orange Ave.
Suite 320
Orlando, Florida 32801
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
December 26, 2025, January 2, 9, 16, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2020-DR-002985-O
Division:
Blanca Azucena Lara Salazar
Petitioner
and
Fernando Villasenor,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO MODIFY
TO: {name of Respondent}
Blanca Azucena Lara Salazar
Respondent's last known address} N/A
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage with a minor child has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Fernando Villasenor, whose address is 392 W Welch Rd Apopka Fl 32712, on or before 2/10/2026, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 101 Eslinger Way Sanford FL 32773, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
{If applicable, insert the legal description of real property, a specific description of personal property, and the name of the county in Florida where the property is located}
N/A
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: December 12, 2025.
GRANT MALOY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
COMPTROLLER
By: /s/ Amanda Hoffman
{Deputy Clerk}
January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **J&H Aluminum LLC,** with a mailing address of 15416 Bay Vista Dr , Clermont, FL and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Ray Alan Maddux
January 16, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **BRINGMEBOXES.COM,** with a mailing address of 1955 Apopka Blvd, Apopka, FL 32703 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner:
BRINGMEBOXES.COM
FRANCHISE GROUP LLC
January 16, 2026

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

21. HEALTH AND NUTRITION

HEALTH CARE FOR entire family: Pediatrics, Family, Internal, OB/GYN, Dental and Pharmacy. www.chcfl.org. Community Health Centers throughout Central Florida. 225 E 7th Street, Apopka. 407-905-8827.
JT 0116-0206 TFN 21

61. LARGE APPLIANCES

APOPKA APPLIANCE offers in home service on washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers installed. $50 off service calls with installation. All help vacinated for virus. Be safe! Free haul away (no matter where you bought your new one). Used appliances available. Service call $39.99 with repairs. 407-886-2255 or 407-497-7458
CC 1016-0206 APO 61

First 15 words $12, each additional word $.50 each.

Special 3/4: Pay for 3 weeks get the 4th week free.

70. MERCHANDISE MISC.

TRAILER PARTS FOR sale. Largest stocking dealer in NW Orange County (Apopka). 407-293-5788. www.surplussteel.com.
B 0109-0130 SUR 70

81. AUTOS FOR SALE

USED CARS. NEW cars. Low upfront pricing. No dealer fees. 407-972-1678. Mullinaxfordfl.com
JT 1226-0116 MUL 81

130. REAL ESTATE

5 ACRE PLOT: 541 E. Osceola Rd., $250k "no Realtors" 407-682-7898 leave message, financing available.
B 0109-0130 IRV 131

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133. HOMES FOR SALE

BUYING, SELLING, rentals or property management. We're your friend in the business. Rogers & Rogers Realty. 407-880-8888.
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136. MOBILE HOMES / RV'S FOR SALE

DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE 549 Hawkins Cir., Apopka, 3bd/2ba, 1400 sq. ft., Valencia Estate 55+, remodeled floors, close to bus line & shopping. $35,000 or best offer. 407-808-4499
CC 0102-0123 KEL 136

140. HOMES / DUPLEXES FOR RENT

TWO STORY HOUSE 3BD/2.5BA. 30527 Brae Burn St., Sorrento, Barbara DeLoach, Black Tie Realty. 321-229-5968
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141. MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT

2BD/2BA MOBILE HOME, with 2 porches, Oak Springs Community, Sorrento. $1,500 monthly, first/last/security, background check, private parking. 321-230-1221
CC 0102-0123 PAS 141

142. ROOMS FOR RENT

SWEENEY'S ROOMS Cleanest. Quietest. WIFI, Internet. Multiple locations. Call Dwayne 321-271-6773. sweeneysrooms4rent.com
CC 0116-0206 JAC 142

Roommate wanted: furnished room. $700 monthly. Non-smoker. Apopka/Mt. Dora line, private bath, senior community. Applicant 45+ 407-747-4410
CC 0109-0130 MAR 142

2 ROOMS ON LARGE property, well located between Rocksprings & Welch Rd., 1/2 mile from Wekiwa Plaza & bus line. Cable, internet, laundry room included. Rm 1: $135 with shared bath. Rm 2: $190 HUGE master suite with large private bath. 407-889-9955
B 0109 BUR 142

ROOMS FOR RENT: ZELLWOOD area, weekly rentals 407-435-1792
CC 0116-0206 GRA 142

143. OFFICES FOR RENT

1,000 OR 2,000 SQ. feet. Ideal for an insurance company. 436 frontage. 1102 Semoran Blvd., Apopka, Blue Bird Center. 407-461-9176 or 407-298-1586.
cc 1226-0116 BON 143

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ADVERTISE YOUR WEEKEND. Garage, Yard or Estate Sale

#66 "CLIP 'n SAVE"
Friday - Sunday

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect Him. Luke 12:40

FLORIDA STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADS FOR WEEK OF: 01/12/2026-01/18/2026

1. Home Improvement/Service
PROTECT YOUR HOME from pests safely and affordably. Roaches, Bed Bugs, Rodent, Termite, Spiders and other pests. Locally owned and affordable. Call for a quote or inspection today 1-833-542-1732 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

2. Miscellaneous
Donate your vehicle to help find missing children and prevent abduction. Fast free pickup, running or not, 24 hr response. No emission test required, maximum tax deduction. Support Find the Children, call: 1-833-546-7050.

3. Medical
ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Discover Oxygen Therapy That Moves with You with Inogen Portable Oxygen Concentrators. FREE information kit. Call 1-833-661-3729

4. Medical
Attention: VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only $99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-877-349-1243

5. Medical
STOP OVERPAYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE! Reduce premiums and out-of-pocket costs while getting the coverage you need! Call now for a competitive free quote. 1-877-351-3442. Plus... Income based government subsidies are available for those that qualify!

6. Home Improvement/Service
BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-833-754-2465

7. Wanted to Buy
CASH PAID FOR HIGH-END MEN'S SPORT WATCHES. Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-833-641-0211

8. Wanted to Buy
We Buy Vintage Guitar's! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg. And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-833-641-6789

9. Wanted to Buy
We Buy Houses for Cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-321-603-3026

10. AUCTIONS
SOUTH FLORIDA REAL ESTATE AUCTION featuring multiple opportunities across three desirable markets. This offering includes seven canal-front lots and sixteen residential building lots in South Gulf Cove, one residential building lot in Cape Coral, and three residential building lots in North Port. Auction will be held February 2 at 3:00 PM. For property details and bidding information, visit woltz.com or call 800-551-3588. Woltz & Associates, Inc., Real Estate Brokers & Auctioneers, Roanoke, VA. Russell Seneff (AU4521), in conjunction with Murray R. Wise (BK3295976). 5% buyer's premium

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January 12, 2026

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