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## Moore, Nesta debate issues at runoff forum



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

Candidates Nick Nesta (left) and Christine Moore (right) participate in Monday's election forum.

Candidates trade plans, barbs

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore and City Commissioner Nick Nesta faced off Monday in what is expected to be the mayoral runoff election's only debate forum, where residents learned about the candidates' plans for addressing city issues such as development oversight, infrastruc-

ture, parks and recreation, government transparency and public safety.

The Apopka Involved Voters Mayoral Runoff Forum took place at Victory Church on South Park Avenue. Hank Dunn served as moderator and oversaw occasional tense moments.

Dunn asked both candidates to identify their first action items and plans to implement them after being sworn in as mayor. In response, Moore mentioned former City Commissioner Kyle

Becker by name, prompting audible reactions and looks from attendees, as Becker sat near the back of the room.

"The first action is to be, make sure we have a really good manager, and it won't be Kyle Becker," she said.

When asked to make closing statements, Moore emphasized collaboration and experience.

"With Christine Moore, you'll have a positive, collaborative relationship with

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## Hospital to launch new ICR program



Courtesy of AdventHealth

Brad Hillmon

CEO talks growth, city agreement

By Sarah Merly Reporter

Since the start of the new year, AdventHealth's presence has continued to expand in Apopka. Most recently, AdventHealth acquired a distribution center in Apopka for \$84 million, and this month the City Commission approved the renewal of a five-year sponsorship agreement with the hospital.

Key to this effort is Brad Hillmon, who stepped into the role of CEO at AdventHealth Apopka last September. This week, Hillmon met with The Apopka Chief to discuss his tenure so far and his vision for the hospital's future.

"No one would have ever been able to convince me to believe that I would one day have the opportunity to lead at this capacity here," said Hillmon, who grew up and now raises his family in Apopka. "It's just been such an honor to stay in my community." Hillmon's predecessor, Parker Pridgen, resigned last year after deciding to move to

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## Luncheon honors police chief, Rotary Club

Organization emphasizes youth development

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Apopka Police Chief Lovetta Quinn-Henry was this year's honoree at the Apopka Golden Eagle Luncheon, a yearly event that brings together business, civic and community leaders in support of youth development through scouting.

The Central Florida Council, Scouting America organized the Tuesday luncheon at Highland Manor, where Kitrina Henderson of Lake Apopka Natural Gas District served as chair.

"As sponsors, we're proud to support opportunities that help our youth build leadership skills, confidence, and a commitment to service," Lake Apopka Natural Gas District said in a Facebook post.

As the city's 16th police chief, Quinn-Henry has more than 30 years of experience in public safety and law enforcement leadership. Since becoming chief in November, she has put an emphasis on strengthening public trust, supporting community partnerships, and upholding officer wellness and leadership development.



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Chief Lovetta Quinn-Henry speaks at the Apopka Golden Eagle Luncheon on Tuesday at Highland Manor.

"The Golden Eagle recognition from the Central Florida Council, Scouting America is a meaningful honor that reflects my commitment to supporting youth and strengthening our community through mentorship and leadership," Quinn-Henry said in a Wednesday email to The Apopka Chief. "I believe

building trust and guiding young people is just as important as traditional law enforcement. Supporting youth programs helps develop character, life skills, and positive relationships that benefit our entire community."

The event also included recognition for the Rotary Club of Apopka, which was

the corporate honoree after serving the community for almost 100 years.

The Rotary Club of Apopka has supported youth programs such as Little League, scholarships and community events, and engaged in clean water programs and the global fight to eradicate polio.

"Today, Rotary continues to invest in the Apopka community through events such as the Apopka Fair and Fall Family Festival, along with service projects that bring residents together and celebrate community pride," Central Florida Council,

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## Florida Legislature passes notable education bills

Bills now await signature from governor

By Nick Anschutz Reporter

The Florida Legislature concluded its 60-day regular session on March 13, with lawmakers passing 234 bills out of 1,896 filed, according to a report by Florida Phoenix.

Of the nearly 300 bills that were approved by the Senate and House of Representatives, several relate to education and now await the signature of Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Here are some of the edu-

cation-related bills that made it through the 2026 Florida legislative session.

### SB182: Education

The bill requires school boards in Florida to adopt rules requiring portraits of former U.S. Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to be placed at every public school in the district. According to the bill, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) would be responsible for selecting the portraits and making them available to every school district.

The bill also mandates cursive writing instruction for students in third through fifth grade. Students would



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be required to "demonstrate proficiency in cursive writing" by the end of fifth grade.

The term "demonstrate

proficiency in cursive writing," according to the bill, means students should have the capability to write both

uppercase and lowercase letters of the alphabet in cursive, write words and sentences in cursive "legibly" while "maintaining proper spacing and alignment," and have "the ability to read and apply cursive writing in a manner that supports literacy development, including writing essays and assignments in cursive writing," compliant with state academic standards.

Another component of the bill has to do with private school zoning. Under the bill, private schools with 150 students or less would be allowed to operate in commercial or mixed-use zoning districts without rezoning or having to get a special excep-

tion or land-use change.

According to the bill, these private schools would be allowed to "operate in a facility that is an existing assembly, day care, mercantile, or business occupancy, as defined in the Florida Fire Prevention Code."

If signed by DeSantis, this bill would take effect on July 1.

### HB757: School Safety

The bill authorizes Florida's public colleges and universities to take part in the state's school guardian program, which was created for K-12 public schools after the 2018 shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High

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# Opinion

## The Apopka Chief

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## Apopka's budget process prioritizes transparency

As I finish my term as mayor, there has been a lot of discussion about the budget process and the financial position of the city. When I first got elected in 2018, we were headed toward a general fund reserve of less than \$4 million by the end of the 2018 fiscal year. My first job as the new mayor was to stop the bleeding and shore up our reserves.

Over the last eight years, we have chipped away at the debt (96% reduction), and we will end the 2026 fiscal year with a reserve of over \$30 million, which is 28% of our general fund budget. We have also started a cemetery perpetual fund to help with our long-term operating expenses when our cemetery is full.

I have also permanently increased the funding for all three pension funds to make sure that our retirees pension checks are never in jeopardy.

Our budget process has been a very deliberate process starting in April with each department bringing their wants and needs to the discussion. As with any household budget, we can't fund all of the wants but allocate resources for all the needs and sprinkle in a few wants based on available dollars. We ask the tough questions

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

of each department to justify their staffing levels, operating costs and capital costs.

After several department level budget discussions, we then bring in the entire team together to formulate an overall budget based on

their needs and the projected estimated revenue.

At that point, we bring the budget to city-wide budget workshops, where the commissioners and public have a chance to weigh in on our priorities. It then goes to the City Commission for two public hearings before final adoption.

A lot of questions have been asked about budget amendments and why we need so many of them. By running a lean budget with very little fluff, emergencies come up that need to be addressed by budget amendments. By doing this, the commission and the general public have a chance to say no or to justify the reason for the budget amendment.

If we had more fluff in the overall budget, the administration could spend the extra money without ever coming to the Commission for permission. The budgeting methodology I have utilized gives ultimate transparency to both the City Commission and the public at large.

## If you think work is insulting, get a job

Sigmund Freud is credited with the quote: "The first human being who hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder of civilization."

He was an egghead. But if you called him one in these sensitive times, there is a good chance you might get hurled off campus. Even gently tossing what you might consider an innocent comment can get you in Dutch.

Oops. Probably shouldn't say that, either, even though it is not intended to marginalize anybody. Intention, it seems, is beside the point.

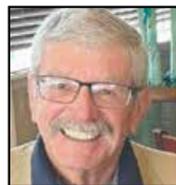
One of the most common expressions people my age hear is "you can't say that anymore." The range of words, phrases, songs, jokes, emblems and activities that are now considered too insensitive for public consumption is amazing.

Nothing is allowed that is in the least bit insulting or defamatory or that so much as implies derision.

Except at the Oscars. Or if Jimmy Kimmel or Bill Maher or Conan O'Brien say it. Then almost any kind of verbal assault is considered clever and cutting edge.

There has always been a double-standard about what constitutes an insult, with those of a certain position in society casually dismissing those who are not. I've known sophisticated journalists who would find any reference to the color of someone's skin to be totally off

Columnist



Jake Vest

limits freely refer to certain clubs as "redneck bars that play hillbilly music."

Not that I was ever really bothered by that kind of slur. I think I would rather be called a redneck publicly than thought of as one privately by those who consider me socially defective.

I do find it curious though that many who have attained positions of status and privilege would choose to insult others because they work for a living. That's where the term redneck comes from—the genteel folk sat on their shady porches and made snickering remarks about the sunburned necks of laborers.

Kinda makes you want to throw a rock at somebody doesn't it?

There is another variation on that theme that I find to be even more bothersome. That's the current snickering remark "you want fries with that?" People use it to take a shot at those they see as losers, implying that they are on a downward path in life that might

end up with a job in the fast-food industry.

Like there's some shame in working. I did my time with a spatula, my wife worked for Burger King in her younger days, and both our godchildren have worn paper hats and served meals in greasy bags. That snarky "you want fries with that" is an insult to an honest job and an insult to some of the only kids out there who are doing something useful for society—one of the few things a kid might be doing that has to be done right.

One of the others, of course, is the military. A common topic when veterans get together is bringing back the draft and making everybody do a couple of years. How about extending that notion? Fast food is so necessary that it could be seen as vital to the national defense.

Why not make fast-food jobs compulsory, with everybody having a two-year obligation?

To make it more palatable, we could offer college credit. It would be educational, after all. Working the counter at McDonald's will teach you twice as much about psychology as writing research papers on Freud—plus lessons in economics and public relations.

It might even teach you a little respect for real work, not to mention some respect for those who have to do it for you.

## Do not try to hang on for too long

Several years back, my wife and I joined another couple for a concert by Steven Curtis Chapman that was held in Ocala. He has always been one of my favorite musicians, so I couldn't have been more excited.

There were a couple of other artists that opened that night for Steven, and one was a big surprise to me. His name was Andrew Peterson, and he had grown up in nearby Lake Butler.

Since that night, and as I learned more about him, I have discovered that Andrew's writing style is rather unique, and his use of language and themes produces songs with an imagery that is just delightful. I purchased one of his new albums, but it wasn't until later that I learned the backstory to this collection of songs.

The album is entitled, "Light For The Lost Boy," and it was inspired by Andrew's experience of reading the famous novel, "The Yearling," by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. The book itself was set in "the scrublands of Florida," as one review stated. The album is a collection of songs that de-

Columnist



Mike Gilland

scribe the fragility of youth, and the reality of growing older.

I really loved the songs way back when I first got the CD, but this backstory to the lyrics has opened up a lot of reflection about this topic. Andrew weaves this theme throughout the songs on "Lost Boy," borrowing from some of the characters in Rawlings' book in a way that is both poetic and memorable.

We all must come to grips with this theme, whether we want to do so or not.

The truth is, just like the character Jody in Rawlings' book who was looking for the fawn, we are all changing, growing up and get-

ting older. My hair has turned from brown to gray, and then...it started turning loose.

The same knees that used to propel me upwards for a basketball jump shot can now be so stiff when I get up from the table at a restaurant that I have to pause a minute before walking.

I think that I am not alone in this quandary, and I am betting that a lot of you feel my pain, along with your own.

One of the songs on "Light For The Lost Boy" is titled "Day By Day," and in the lyrics he writes of this truth:

"So don't lose heart. Though your body's wasting away. Your soul is not, it's being remade... day by day by day."

We can't hold onto youth. And we can't avoid the process of getting older. But we can enjoy each and every season of the lives we're blessed to live. And for believers in Jesus, the best is yet to come.

Mike Gilland is operations manager for The Shepherd Radio Network.

### APOPKA HISTORICAL NOTE

Attributed to Treasures and Pleasures Cookbook Published 1990 by: First Presbyterian Church Apopka, Florida

Apopka built a new city hall and recreation facilities with Federal funds in 1933 under the Civil Works Administration, one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's relief projects. This building served as the center of government until the 1960s when the city purchased the red brick school building that housed grades 7-12. This building, remodeled extensively, became the present City Hall.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mayoral Candidates,

Monday's debate topic of rebranding our city was ridiculous. Our wonderful active community organizations are known across the nation by our brand: Foliage Sertoma Club, Foliage Garden Club, The Art and Foliage Festival.

Rebranding is just an empty word to pretend we are something new. A youthful musing to erase history with some shiny new slogan. Time and taxpayer money wasted to change when so much else is important to our way of life.

We are a rare city that thrives because our citizens care, work and donate, and we are proud of who we are.

This is our branding of 144 years of history — from the o-

mance of our Black and Indian settlers, through our Foliage Capital decades to until recently as the town of niceness where so many new residents chose to locate.

Speaking on behalf of Apopka's community-based clubs and philanthropic organizations and churches, I ask you to consider this: From the treasurer of the forthcoming 60+ year-old Apopka Art and Foliage Festival, a friend of the decades old Rotary Fair, co-chair of the 50+ year Sertoma Christmas Parade, a co-sponsor in the Elks Feeding School Families each Christmas, and an avid family alumnae supporter of the Apopka and Wekiva High School sports activities, I plead with both candidates.

Please concentrate on provid-

ing services, best practices to benefit citizens, efficient and affordable utilities, and support for community assets — parks, schools, churches, arts, museum, active VFW and sports. Grow and improve our assets.

To quote my famous 87-year-old lifelong resident brother, Burt Benson, "What this mayor's race has done is turn our nice town, working together, into one of hate."

Dear candidates, is hate our new branding for the city of Apopka? IT'S UP TO YOU BOTH.

To our Apopka residents please get out to vote early or on Election Day, April 14. As a 52-year resident across the street from the city of Apopka, I wish I could!

Beverly (Bev) B. Winesburgh

# Tree canopy helps limit heat at new ER facility

Wekiva Emergency Center opened earlier this month

By Teresa Sargeant  
Reporter

A newly developed emergency facility along West Orange Blossom Trail is drawing attention for incorporating a tree canopy and landscaping into its design, an approach that differs from surrounding development patterns along the corridor.

The HCA Florida Wekiva Emergency Center, located along U.S. 441 in unincorporated Orange County, includes more than 100 trees representing 24 species on a roughly 2-acre site that also contains a building and parking. The facility welcomed the community to a ribbon cutting on Feb. 27 ahead of a March 10 opening.

The landscaping approach was incorporated ear-



Photo by J.C. Derrick

HCA Florida planted more than 100 trees at its new facility.

ly in the planning process, according to John Gerhold, CEO of HCA Florida Lake Monroe Hospital, who oversaw the freestanding ER project in Apopka.

“That was part of the early stages,” Gerhold said in an interview with The Apopka Chief. “Once we acquired the property, we certainly recognized there were some trees on the property that [should] remain.”

Gerhold said the project

team retained existing trees and added another 100 trees, along with about two dozen species of flowering plants and bushes, enhancing the site to surpass its previous condition.

“We were able to retrofit a building on the property at the same time we retained the existing trees,” he said.

The facility is located within an area identified by Dr. Phyllis Olmstead, Orange Soil and Water Conservation



Photo by J.C. Derrick

The ER opened March 10.

District supervisor, as a heat island based on Arbor Day Foundation mapping.

“When you drive along there, all you see is concrete, asphalt and buildings,” Olmstead said.

She said the area previously included orange groves and, before that, a longleaf pine forest, but lost much of

its tree canopy over time as development expanded along the corridor.

“This whole zone was red, orange and yellow,” Olmstead said of the heat mapping, adding that “you have nothing left for canopy.”

She said a tree canopy can reduce temperatures through shade and evapotranspiration, a process in which trees release moisture into the air.

“You cool down when the wind blows on you when you sweat, and that causes the cooling effect,” she said. “The trees are sweating.”

Olmstead also said mature trees can absorb significant amounts of water annually, which she said could help mitigate flooding in nearby areas.

“Any full-grown tree can bring anywhere from 10,000 to 40,000 gallons of water a year,” she said, adding that large-scale planting could have a cumulative effect in areas prone to flooding.

Gerhold said incorporating landscaping into the project did increase costs but was not treated as a limiting factor.

“It definitely added cost to the property, adding the trees,” he said. “But the cost of adding greenery [is] not a cost that we think about.”

He said a tree canopy can provide long-term operational and environmental benefits.

“It’s going to help reduce the fertilizer needs, it’s going to help reduce the water needs, and it’s ultimately going to keep the building cooler,” Gerhold said.

Gerhold said the approach taken at the Wekiva Emergency Center reflects broader practices within the organization, though implementation varies by site.

“It depends on the physical layout of the property,” he said. “Some properties need more landscape than others. This one definitely needed more landscape that wasn’t existing before.”

# Sobik’s Subs rebranding to SubHub ~ Latin Grill

Sobik’s founded in 1969 by John Jr. and Beverly Sobik

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

More than 55 years after opening its doors, Sobik’s Subs on West Main Street is now rebranding to SubHub ~ Latin Grill.

“Apopka has supported this restaurant for generations, and we are deeply grateful,” said owners Shahla Haider and

Shariff Haider in a press release. “Our mission has always been about community—serving great food, welcoming people from all walks of life, and being part of everyday life in Apopka. Through natural disasters, economic challenges, and even the global pandemic, we remained committed to keeping our doors open and serving the sandwiches our customers love.”

According to Shariff Haider, Sobik’s originally opened in Altamonte Springs in 1969 under founders Bev-

erly Sobik and John Sobik Jr. The Apopka location opened the following year, and eventually, the chain spread across Central Florida, with the Sobiks’ children continuing the family business. After co-founder John Jr. and his son Dennis Sobik died in 2015 and 2016, respectively, the traditional locations outside of Apopka closed. The Haideres operated the Apopka location for more than 20 years before the rebrand.

The SubHub menu features a variety of classic sand-

wiches, including Philly cheesesteaks, Cuban sandwiches, and Reubens. It also includes deli subs and spaghetti.

The Latin Grill menu, inspired by Latin American street food flavors, includes burritos, quesadillas, and more.

“Great food should never compromise on quality or value,” the Haideres said. “Our promise remains simple—prime-quality ingredients, generous portions, fair prices, and a warm welcome for every guest who walks



Photo by Sarah Merly

Sobik’s Subs began its rebrand to SubHub earlier this month.

through our doors.”

SubHub’s interior rebrand is complete, with the

outdoor signage expected to be completed soon, Shariff Haider said.

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Christine Moore  
District 2 County Commissioner

One foggy morning last month, Central Florida trail enthusiasts turned out for the ribbon cutting of the **Lake Apopka Connector Trail**. By connecting the **West Orange Trail** to **Lake Apopka Loop Trail**, a nearly 49-mile loop is completed around Lake Apopka. This is one of the most important pieces of trailway in Orange County and it capitalizes on Apopka’s soon distinction of “Trail City.” I will immediately apply for this distinction. Eco-tourism and economic development will now be possible as they offer direct access to hiking, biking, and paddling paths, providing amenities like food, lodging, and services to trail users.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection offers trail guides and maps for all cities accepted into the Trail Town program. The only nearby with the trail distinction are DeBary, Mount Dora, Sanford, and Winter Garden.

I started envisioning Apopka as “Trail Town” in 2018. I sat down with the Parks and Recreation Manager and directed him to implement a package of trail improvements. We completed the revitalization of the structural elements of West Orange Trail Bridge. We added wayfinding signage, repaved the 14-foot-wide path, and worked alongside local businesses.

Finally, we encouraged the Apopka Run Club to utilize the trail more. I worked with the People of Wekiwa Springs and the Apopka Football Team to clean up the “Apopka Pass” near Votaw Road.

We added an Eco-Education Center at Magnolia Park and the beautiful new, inclusive playground with sufficient shade cover. I got shade added and due to the restoration story of Lake Apopka, the park is recognized by the United Nations.

Due to Apopka’s growth, a 2021 County Park Growth Analysis recommended more park infrastructure. Thus, \$2 million was set aside for purchase of land at Sadler Rd. and Highway 441 for a 26-acre park.

**Looking ahead, here is what is expected for the Apopka area regarding County Trails.**

- West Orange Trail Phase 4** will extend the West Orange Trail north to Kelly Park and the Neighborhood Lakes Trail (also known as Wekiva Trail).
- The **Coast to Coast Trail**, one of the last sections of this statewide Trail is currently being constructed in Orange County along Clarcona Ocoee Rd., Pine Hills Rd., Beggs Rd. and US 441.
- Wekiva Trail Phase 4B** (the West Orange Trail Phase 4D) will extend the Neighborhood Lakes Trail (Wekiva Trail) south to Kelly Park.

**Looking ahead, here is what is expected for the City of Apopka area regarding City Trails under Mayor Christine Moore**

As Mayor of Apopka, I will work diligently securing state grant funding and utilizing impact fees to complete city trails along **Plymouth Sorrento, Binion, Kelly Park, Old Dixie, and Lester roads.**

I will immediately apply to earn the “Trail City” designation from the State of Florida. Trails are a WIN, WIN, WIN for Apopka.

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Christine Moore for City of Apopka Mayor

## Endorsements for Christine Moore for Mayor of Apopka

“We’re honored to have worked alongside Christine Moore on the Orange County School Board. Her unwavering dedication to our community, students, and families has always been evident. Christine has been a strong advocate for Apopka’s schools, consistently delivering real results for her district. Tough, knowledgeable, and deeply committed to public service, she has the experience to lead a city. **We are proud to endorse Christine Moore for Mayor of Apopka.**”



Bill Sublette  
OCPS Board 2010 - 2018



Kathleen 'Kat' Gordon  
OCPS Board 2000 - 2020



Joie Cadle  
OCPS Board 2002 - 2018



Linda Kobert  
OCPS Board 2014 - 2022



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OCPS Board 2008 - 2018



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# Area couple retires after decades at Loaves & Fishes

Karen and Victor Valiente retired March 19

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

Longtime Loaves & Fishes staff members Karen Valiente and Victor Valiente retired March 19 from the Apopka-based Christian ministry after almost five combined decades of service.

“There truly are no words to express how blessed and grateful we are for the love, dedication, compassion, and faith they have poured into this ministry,” said Lory Reeves, director of Loaves & Fishes, in an email to The Apopka Chief. “For nearly five decades, they have faithfully followed Christ’s call to serve others, blazing the trail for what Loaves & Fishes has become today. Countless lives have been touched because of their obedience, kind-



Courtesy of Lory Reeves

Victor Valiente and Karen Valiente have served at Loaves & Fishes for decades.

ness, and servant hearts.”

Loaves & Fishes “provides supplemental food to over 300 qualified

low-income families and individuals each week,” according to the non-profit’s website. Reeves said Karen Valiente has spent 33 years serving at Loaves & Fishes, beginning as assistant director before her 2010 promotion to senior director. Victor Valiente volunteered at the ministry for over a decade before beginning his work as warehouse director in 2010.

“Jesus gave us both the opportunity to serve the Kingdom of Heaven and the blessing to work hand-in-hand with the volunteers and clients for so many years,” the Valientes said together.

Apopka resident Geri Garnet Unrue said she met the Valientes when she volunteered with the Apopka Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (ACPAAA) during the 2012 holiday season.

“We kept the lines orderly, helped carry out bags of food to cars, and restocked some food bags,” Un-

rue said. “For some reason, I became the ‘official door person.’ I let one client in at a time, thus preventing crowds or backups inside.”

After a few holidays, Unrue’s friend spoke to the Valientes about Unrue’s financial difficulties, since Unrue was living on Social Security.

“Immediately Karen took me aside and told me that I qualified to be a client of L&F,” Unrue said. “But I would have to stop volunteering, as there is a law preventing people receiving certain assistance from also volunteering with the organization helping them. This made me sad.”

Unrue said her transition from volunteer to client allowed her to see just how “caring and loving” the Valientes were to the community.

“I have never seen Karen without a smile on her face and a friendly ‘hello,’” Unrue said. “Victor can

be a ‘character,’ making a joke or saying something funny, and for years, he has ‘picked on me’ every time I see him. He puts a smile on my face.”

According to Unrue, the Valientes’ example inspires the other volunteers at Loaves & Fishes.

“The volunteers who help at Loaves & Fishes seem to ‘catch’ that same caring, giving and loving spirit from Karen and Victor,” Unrue said. “No matter who you are, the volunteers greet you with warmth and greet you with a big friendly smile.”

As a result of the Valientes’ retirement, Reeves will serve as the ministry’s director of overall operations, Jose Santos as warehouse director, and Jess Maynard as an assistant to both Reeves and Santos.

“We are filled with gratitude for the past and full of faith and excitement for the future,” Reeves said.

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California with his family. He called Pridgen a “good leader,” citing his growth of the cardiology program and opening of the infusion center as among Pridgen’s most consequential accomplishments.

“This was not a situation where I had to come in and turn around the hospital,” Hillmon said. “It was like, how do you come in and accelerate the things that have happened and accelerate the development of services? The community’s growing so fast—we have to keep up with the community and the people that are living here.”

As part of his effort to “keep up with the community,” Hillmon is focusing on “expanding services,” particularly by reintroducing vascular care to the AdventHealth Apopka campus and “building out more robust cancer care.” He is also looking forward to serving residents of northern Apopka through an upcoming ER facility at Wyld Oaks. “There’s a lot of homes going up in the Kelly Park/Wyld Oaks area,” Hillmon said. “Our partnership with Wyld Oaks is well-known, and we’re excited to partner with them and help to make sure that as that community grows, there’s health care for people to receive locally.”

Hillmon also announced plans to launch an intensive cardiac rehabili-



Courtesy of AdventHealth

Intensive cardiac rehab patients will use the exercise room above during their recovery journeys.

tation (ICR) program on Monday at the AdventHealth Apopka campus.

“When someone has a cardiac event, it’s an intense medical intervention,” Hillmon said. “There’s surgery, there’s all kinds of things involved. It’s also a long road back to normal living, and we know that people have a much higher chance of getting back to normal living more quickly if they have the ability to get follow-up care frequently.”

The ICR program will see patients several days a week, providing personalized care plans, a gym, direct contact with clinicians, and nutrition education.

“If you have to drive down-

town for that several days a week, that can be really difficult,” Hillmon said. “People’s chances of participating in that process go way down, because it’s just hard. Now, when that is in your local community hospital, and you can drive a few miles to get intensive cardiac rehab, you have a much higher chance of being compliant with your care plan.”

Hillmon is also looking forward to bringing more proactive healthcare opportunities, both on the AdventHealth Apopka campus and beyond. Crucial to that effort is the recently approved five-year, \$703,650 sponsorship agreement between the city of Apopka and the hospital.

“It is part of our mission that we participate in not only helping to heal

people when they’re sick, but that we are part of their lives when they’re doing well,” Hillmon said. “You can see in that agreement, there’s a lot of opportunity for us to collaborate in education and collaborate in healthy cooking classes and how to manage diabetes and how to manage complex chronic conditions. We’ve made sure that in the agreement we have a responsibility to actually have physicians come and talk to people about their conditions.” As a result of the agreement, AdventHealth Apopka funded the construction of an outdoor workout area at the Northwest Recreation Complex, will participate in various annual Apopka holiday events, and will appear in youth sports opening day ceremonies.

“We have to make health care less intimidating as a society,” Hillmon said. “By us being involved in the community, I hope that it makes the health care process a little less intimidating, and folks will engage a little bit more in preventing sickness and in taking care of their bodies.”

On a more personal level, Hillmon credits his involvement in the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka for his ability to understand the community’s desires and needs across various career fields and causes. The club

meets regularly at the Back Room Steakhouse to plan various events and charitable endeavors.

“Throughout the community, there’s people that are involved in education—there’s people that are involved in conservation efforts, there’s people that are involved in local government,” Hillmon said. “[Sertoma’s] a bit of an informal setting where you can come and kind of enjoy people’s company, but then talk about and participate in activities that help grow community.”

Ultimately, Hillmon hopes that, during his tenure as CEO, AdventHealth Apopka will build a reputation of delivering compassionate, accessible health care.

“Whoever walks through our doors—you don’t know their history, you don’t know their past, you don’t know what they’ve been through, you don’t know what they’re going through,” Hillmon said. “But what I do know is this could be the one chance in their life where they have an opportunity to be treated like a child of God, and I don’t want to miss the opportunity to treat someone that way and to make someone feel valued and loved and cared for. We aren’t perfect, but we sure try to get it right most of the time.”



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# Gubernatorial candidate Renner addresses Apopka group

Former House speaker visited NORWF crowd on March 19

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

Republican gubernatorial candidate Paul Renner addressed about 20 women at the Northwest Orange Republican Women, Federated (NORWF) luncheon on March 19, sharing his political background and campaign platform.

“Growing up as a pastor’s kid, with a mom who was a public school teacher, I had a lot of public service in the DNA, I guess you’d say, in growing up, learning to put service above self,” Renner said. “I’ll call balls and strikes as I see them, stand up for capital ‘T’ truth when it comes to our conservative values, and win.”

Renner’s background includes experience as a Navy veteran, former assistant state attorney, and former speaker of the Florida House of Rep-



Photo by Sarah Merly

Former Speaker Renner discussed his campaign at the March 19 NORWF meeting.

representatives. Initially, though, he was content to refrain from running for governor, saying he was satisfied with his run as speaker from 2022 to 2024.

“I was very happy not running for office,” Renner said. “But looking at and knowing the candidates who were in or might be in—frankly, I wasn’t going to sit on the couch, or I didn’t want to sit on the couch and see a slow-motion car crash where you have someone who’s more transactional who’s not, in my opin-



Photo by Sarah Merly

NORWF members Charlotte White (left) and Carolyn Booth (right) present Paul Renner with a gift after his speech.

ion, qualified or fit to be governor. So I started praying about it with a bias really against it, like ‘You gotta make this really clear to me.’”

Renner said an encounter with a guest at last year’s Apopka Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast helped him make his final decision.

“I felt like he was going to speak to me about the governor’s race,” Renner said. “Sure enough, he came to me and said, ‘I was praying Monday and felt I should tell you that

you ought to consider running for governor.’”

In his effort to persuade the audience, Renner especially emphasized his fiscal accomplishments as speaker of the House, including balancing the budget and paying off debt ahead of time. Renner said decreases in property taxes, utility rates, and healthcare costs would be among his top priorities should he win the election.

“The first order of business has to be, I believe, for the next governor, affordability

and bringing down the cost of things as much as we can, and that means going after property taxes and bringing those down,” Renner said. “We have people on a fixed income who are leaving the state after being here for 30-plus years because they can no longer afford to live here. That will be my day one priority.”

Renner also discussed stricter punishment for sex traffickers and predators in Florida, noting that “200,000 people in Florida are estimated to be trafficked for sex every year, and half of them are minors.”

“People will spend, on average, over 30 years on death row,” Renner said. “A person who raped and murdered a 6-year-old girl was on death row for [46] years, and I think that’s a slap in the face of every victim’s family to grow old and die before they ever see justice. We’ll have a three-year appeal process, and that’s it.”

He also praised current Gov. Ron DeSantis for his activist approach to the role of governor and his commitment

to going beyond the “job description.”

“This governor has done a good job of really leaning in and being more aggressive on things that matter than a lot of other Republican governors,” Renner said. “He was really getting after things like amendments three and four, the pot and abortion amendments.”

Ultimately, Renner said he hopes to maintain Florida’s status as a “beacon” for other states.

“We have been the model for so many other states, and so that’s why I say you cannot hand off the state of Florida, the third largest state in America,” Renner said.

The Florida primary election is scheduled for Aug. 18. The general election will take place Nov. 3. Other notable candidates include Orange County mayor Jerry Demings and former Congressman David Jolly on the Democratic side, and Congressman Byron Donalds on the Republican side.

# Wekiva yearbook adviser receives diversity award

La Sana Groome to be honored this April in Minneapolis

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

La Sana Groome, journalism and yearbook adviser at Wekiva High School, recently earned this year’s Journalism Education Association (JEA) Diversity Award.

“I’m deeply honored to

receive this national award,” Groome said in a press release. “Our students are fearless storytellers, and this recognition truly belongs to them. Their voices matter, their stories matter, and I’m grateful to support their growth as journalists.”

According to the JEA website, the annual award recognizes those “demonstrating a commitment to cultural awareness and encouraging a multicultural approach with

its student media staff, media production and/or community.”

“It has been clear that La Sana desires to make Wekiva a place where all students feel seen, valued and engaged,” said Varsity Brands yearbook sales representative Teenie Reddeck to the JEA. “Even though counselor placement often determines who ends up in the yearbook class, she works intentionally with the students she has, helping

them grow as storytellers and ensuring that a wide range of voices and experiences shape the book.”

Wekiva High colleague Elgatha-Ethel Lee praised Groome for inclusive work.

“She invites their perspectives into editorial decisions, integrates cultural and identity-based narratives into the yearbook, and implements inclusive practices that reflect the full spectrum of the Wekiva High School communi-

ty,” Lee told the JEA. “From highlighting underrepresented clubs and cultural celebrations to mentoring students on ethical storytelling, her approach transforms the yearbook into a platform for equity and inclusion.”

The JEA and the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) will honor Groome in Minneapolis at the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention, which occurs April 16-18.



Courtesy of La Sana Groome

La Sana Groome serves as an adviser at Wekiva High School.

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county, state and federal agencies,” she said. “I will have no conflicts of interest as I will serve as your full-time mayor, and I will ensure growth pays for itself,” she said.

Nesta reiterated his commitment to residents, transparency and leadership on the commission.

“Apopka deserves leadership that isn’t afraid to ask the hard questions, challenge bad decisions and put residents’ needs first,” he said, later adding that he has “provided a roadmap to its success.”

Virginia Street, a local church member who attended the forum, described it as “very informative” and said the discussion allowed her to better understand how the candidates would involve residents in shaping Apopka’s future.

“Some of the questions that I have, of course, are going to be geared to how much the residents will be able to contribute toward the future,” Street said after the forum. “I see that both of the candidates have considered that.”

Street also expressed concern that issues like homelessness did not get as much focus, although she spoke to each candidate separately afterward about the unhoused.

Street said she is personally involved in helping some individuals vote.

“I attend the church, and there are seniors in the church that I will be taking to go vote, and then there’s also the unhoused that are also residents that I will be taking to go vote,” she said.

Concluding the night, Dunn encouraged voters to make sure they vote in the



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Commissioner Nick Nesta

runoff on April 14.

“We urge every citizen to know the issues affecting Apopka, understand each candidate’s views on those issues, and, most importantly, exercise your right to vote in this important election,” he said.

In the March 10 general election, Nesta netted 3,365 votes (41.60%) in the mayoral race. Moore was second with 2,574 votes (31.85%), and incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson came in third with 2,148 votes (26.55%).

**Parks and rec**

The candidates were asked how they would ensure city parks and recreation facilities keep pace with Apopka’s growth.

Nesta said he would rely on a resident-led parks and recreation committee to help set priorities and guide budgeting, stressed the need to “pivot quickly” as recreation trends and community needs change, and called for a strategic plan for Camp Wewa—including decisions about the

pool and major upgrades—so that existing assets and new amenities like pickleball courts actually materialize and grow along with the city.

Moore said keeping parks and recreation aligned with Apopka’s growth starts with making sure new development pays adequate parks and recreation impact fees, as was done to purchase new park land at Sadler Road and U.S. 441.

She pointed to her work at the county level securing tourist development tax dollars—most recently \$13.1 million for amphitheater improvements and additional soccer fields—and said those tourism funds can be an ongoing source for Apopka projects.

Moore also described bringing Visit Orlando staff to tour Camp Wewa to help rethink how to stop the city from losing more than \$1 million a year there while still fully utilizing the park for residents, framing outside partnerships and better financing



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Commissioner Christine Moore

as key to expanding and upgrading facilities over time.

**Public safety**

Moore, whose campaign announced on Monday that Orange County Sheriff John Mina is endorsing her for mayor, stressed relying on experts while ensuring public safety standards are met.

“I haven’t heard from the chief [Lovetta Quinn-Henry] that she’s worried other than the fact that we’re still struggling to hire adequate police and fire,” she said, adding that the city should “follow national standards” and make sure staff are accurately tracking how long it takes to reach accident scenes.

Nesta focused on staffing and long-term planning.

“Our police are doing the best they can, our fire department’s doing the best they can, but they need a little more resources,” he said.

He pointed to his earlier push to add fire personnel and calling for a future Fire Station 7 and a police substation

and training center in the Kelly Park area, funded through need-based budgeting rather than leftovers.

**Development, infrastructure**

Moore criticized developer-led community meetings as “the fox guarding the hen house” and said she would shift to staff-led meetings so residents get a clearer explanation of the rules and a more meaningful role in the process.

She also outlined an approach to road improvements that includes closer coordination with county and state agencies, pushing developers to shoulder more of the cost of added road capacity—such as having them build key segments directly—and bringing in engineering firms to move projects like the Rock Springs Road/Welch Road intersection forward more quickly.

Meanwhile, Nesta emphasized giving residents and frontline staff a bigger role in planning and budgeting,

proposing resident-led advisory committees, greater access for commissioners and employees to share concerns, and revamped procedures so city processes and spending are more transparent and responsive.

He also repeatedly argued that Apopka is “still running the city as if it’s 2005 or 2010” and said the city should adopt artificial intelligence and other new technology to improve efficiency, modernize services and give residents a better interface with city departments.

**Ethics, transparency**

Moore said she would avoid conflicts of interest by serving as a full-time mayor or without outside real-estate business and noted that state law already requires officials to file conflict-of-interest forms. She argued that she would not have to recuse herself from the city budget the way Nesta did.

She also tied transparency to structure, saying she would create new citizen boards and use public workshops in advance of major decisions to add oversight and community input.

Nesta pointed to the city charter and existing state ethics rules as the framework that should guide officials. He said those provisions need to be followed and enforced. He also linked transparency to giving residents clearer information through tools like more detailed budget and spending documentation, and greater access for commissioners and the public to ask questions about how taxpayer money is being used.

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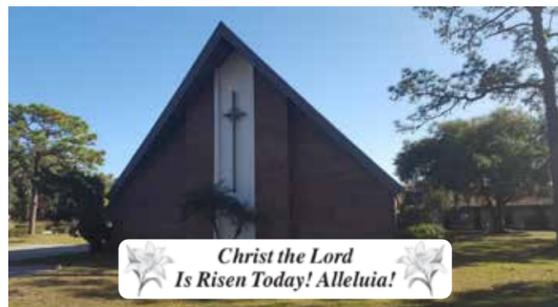
Easter is the high point on the liturgical calendars of most segments of Christianity.

Spiritual leaders at times lament that many Christians turn up at church for Christmas and Easter Only. Thus some have lightheartedly dubbed these twice-yearly attenders as “CEOs.”

Almost all congregational leaders encourage everyone in their flock to come together for worship more than just two times a year. But if—for whatever reason—those are the only times when some are able to attend, what better times could they possibly choose?

Christmas provides the “opening page” of the story of God becoming human and living among us so we can know what God is truly like, and so we can experience the reconciliation God wants with each of us.

Easter is the “conclu-



Graceworx is a non-denominational congregation that conducts its worship services each Saturday morning at 11:30 AM at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 9913 Bear Lake Road, Apopka, FL 32703. An Adult Bible Study meets in the church’s boardroom at 10:00 AM. For more information about Graceworx, phone 321-228-4599 or email graceworxccc@gmail.com.

ding page” of that story. It’s the celebration of victory—darkness turned to light, despair turned to hope, death giving way to life once again, the gates of heaven being thrown open to those who once felt trapped and alienated.

Graceworx Community Church encourages all Christians to take full advantage of the many worship opportunities, the music, the prayers, the scripture readings and the dramatic portrayals that characterize the celebrations leading up to and including Easter.

If you would like to visit a congregation but don’t have one in mind, Graceworx extends a special invitation

for you to join us on Saturday morning, April 4. Graceworx meets in the sanctuary of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 9913 Bear Lake Road, Apopka, FL 32703, every Saturday morning for an hour-long service beginning at 11:30 AM.

Our service on Saturday, April 4, will feature a very brief Easter sermon by Pastor Jim Coffin, the reading of scriptures about Christ’s resurrection; the congregational singing of some of Christianity’s most cherished resurrection hymns; and an assortment of Easter-themed vocal and instrumental musical items.

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

NOTICE is hereby given that **William Hockensmith** has made application relating to the property located at 606 S. Hawthorne Avenue, Apopka, Florida 32703 shown below for a change of future land use and a change of zoning and requested that the City of Apopka adopt the following ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3132**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM MIXED-USE AND COMMERCIAL TO INDUSTRIAL, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 606 S. HAWTHORNE AVENUE; OWNED BY REASON FOR THE SEASON LLC, COMPRISING 7.68 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance Number 3132 and 3133 will be held by the City of Apopka City Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear at the above-listed hearings to speak. The proposed ordinances, along with any additional information regarding the application and review process, may be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Written public comments regarding the application for the proposed ordinance may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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## EDUCATION BILLS

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School in Parkland.

The measure allows trained school guardians at Florida's universities and colleges to carry firearms on campus for school defense. It also requires local sheriffs to help with the training and implementation of the school guardian program.

Florida's colleges and universities would not be required to take part in the school guardian program, according to a report by The Miami Herald.

The bill also requires "institutions to adopt an active assailant response plan, annually conduct a security risk assessment, train faculty and staff to detect and respond to mental health issues, connect students with mental health services, and establish threat management teams," according to the bill analysis.

Additionally, the bill establishes a criminal offense for firing a weapon or firearm "within 1,000 feet of a school, during school hours or during the time of sanctioned school activity," according to the bill analysis. That offense is clas-



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Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks at Highland Manor in May 2025.

sified as a second-degree felony, which could result in up to 15 years of prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

If signed by DeSantis, this bill would take effect immediately.

### HB1279: Education

One of the provisions of this bill would require Florida's preeminent universities (University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida and Florida International University) to reserve 95% of first-time

undergraduate seats for Florida students based on a three-year average. The bill analysis states that "a state university that meets 12 of the 13 academic and research excellence standards specified in law is designated as a 'preeminent state research university.'"

The bill also "limits international student enrollment" at Florida's universities at 5% per country (starting July 1, 2030) and calls for students to be a U.S. citizen or lawfully present to receive

financial aid, according to the bill analysis.

If signed by DeSantis, this bill would take effect on July 1.

### SB178: Athletics in Public K-12 Schools

The bill requires the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to adopt bylaws that allow public K-12 coaches to use personal funds to support the welfare of their student-athletes. These personal funds can be used in "good faith" to provide food, transportation and recovery services to student-athletes, according to the bill.

Coaches would be allowed to spend up to \$15,000 in personal funds, per athletic team, per year, according to the bill, with all expenditures reported to the FHSAA.

The bill states that the FHSAA's rules must require that a coach get written parental consent before providing financial help to the student.

If signed by DeSantis, this bill would take effect on July 1.

### SB538: Extracurricular Activities

The bill includes several changes as it relates to extracurricular activities, including pay for coaches and activity sponsors, as well as student transfers.

The measure "authorizes school districts, in their sole discretion, to determine and approve compensation for athletic coaches, assistant coaches, athletic program supervisors, and activity sponsors of extracurricular activities," regardless of whether these individuals are classified as instructional personnel, according to the bill analysis.

Compensation may be more than "any salary schedule, supplement, or stipend otherwise prescribed and may be paid in any form or amount deemed appropriate by the district school board," according to the bill analysis. This includes salaries, stipends, performance-based incentives, bonuses and hourly or per-assignment pay.

The bill would also allow the school district to adopt a

policy that permits "payments by booster clubs or associations to be included in the compensation for an athletic coach and activity sponsor of extracurricular activities," according to the bill analysis.

The measure states that these booster club funds may not be used for severance pay.

Another provision of the bill relates to student transfers. The bill states that "a student may not participate in sports at two different schools during the same school year," unless he or she meets specific exceptions. These include relocation due to military orders, foster care placement, "court-ordered change in custody due to separation or divorce, or the serious illness or death of a custodial parent, or has been granted approval by the applicable governing organization's executive director."

If signed by DeSantis, this bill would take effect on July 1.

*Editor's note: This story originally published in Mainstreet Daily News.*

## GOLDEN EAGLE

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Scouting America posted on its Facebook page.

The Golden Eagle Luncheon emphasizes the significance of investing in youth and honors people and organizations that promote leadership, service and character.

Proceeds from the luncheon directly support local Scouting programs, helping ensure that more youth in the Apopka area have access to experiences that build confi-

dence, leadership skills and resilience.

As a youth development organization, the Central Florida Council of Scouting America equips young people with the skills they need to succeed through hands-on experiences, outdoor adventure and mentorship. Last year, the organization served more than 13,000 youth supported by more than 4,000 adult volunteers across seven regions.



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Bill Spiegel holds this year's Golden Eagle award.



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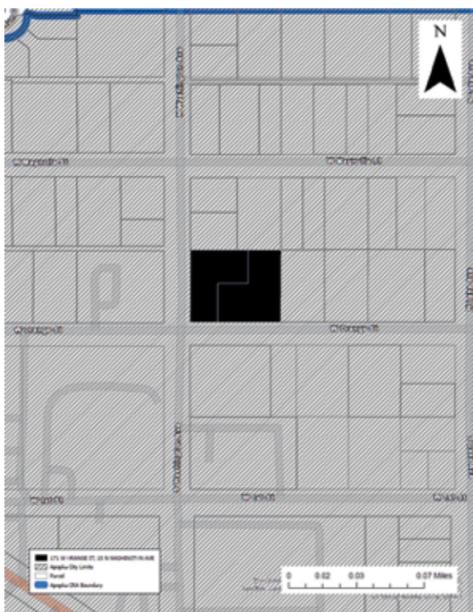
Benton Forrester speaks Tuesday at the Golden Eagle Luncheon at Highland Manor.

## CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF FUTURE LAND USE

NOTICE is hereby given that Alynn Cordray has made application relating to the properties located at 171 W. Orange Street and 15 N. Washington Avenue, Apopka, Florida 32703 shown below for a change of future land use and requested that the City of Apopka adopt the following ordinances:

### ORDINANCE NO. 3157

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW TO MIXED USE, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED 171 W. ORANGE STREET AND 15 N. WASHINGTON AVENUE; OWNED BY JV CV RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES LLC, COMPRISING 0.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**



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Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold public hearings for **Ordinance Number 3157** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, April 14, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that public hearings for **Ordinance Number 3157** will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, and **Wednesday, May 20, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear at the above-listed hearings to speak. The proposed ordinances, along with any additional information regarding the application and review process, may be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Written public comments regarding the application for the proposed ordinance may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

Apopka City Commission  
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Community Development Department

March 27, 2026

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that Lonnie Groot has made an application to the City of Apopka City Commission for an **ANNEXATION** of property generally located south of W. Orange Blossom Trail between Albrecht Avenue and Stewart Avenue. This application relates to the following described property:

### ORDINANCE NO. 3155

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HERINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY ADELBERT D. RAULERSON JR, ADELBERT D. RAULERSON III; LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ROCK SPRINGS ROAD AND SEBASTIAN SPRINGS LANE; COMPRISING 3.45 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. THE COMPLETE LEGAL DESCRIPTION BY METES AND BOUNDS AND THE ORDINANCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK (FL Statute 171.044(2)).**



Parcel Identification Number(s): 28-20-28-0000-00-079, 28-20-28-0000-00-087  
Contains: 3.45 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3109 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, April 15, 2026 beginning at 7:00 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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# GreenPal lawn care app arrives in Apopka

App initially launched in 2015

By Sarah Merly  
Reporter

GreenPal, a free app connecting homeowners with local lawn care professionals, launched last week in Apopka.

“After launching in more than 250 markets, we are excited to help homeowners in Apopka find reliable, local lawn care professionals,” said GreenPal co-founder Gene Caballero in a March 24 press release.

Caballero said the app is often described as an “Uber for lawn care,” allowing the customer to choose from a variety of area professionals.

“The app allows homeowners to enter their address, lawn details, and preferred service date,” the release said. “Local, pre-



Courtesy of GreenPal

GreenPal connects lawn care professionals to homeowners via competitive bids.

screened lawn care professionals review the property using Google aerial imagery and Google Street View, then submit competitive bids. Homeowners can compare pricing, read reviews, and select the provider they want to work with. After each completed service, the lawn care professional uploads a time-stamped photo through the app so homeowners can confirm the work before payment is processed.”

Caballero said the idea for the app came to him in 2012, and the app launched three years later.

“I’ve been in the landscaping industry my whole entire life—I did it in middle school, high school, and college,” Caballero said in a phone interview with The Apopka Chief. “My first job out of college was in sales, and my territory was the West Coast, so I was a little privy to newer technologies like Uber, Lyft and



Courtesy of GreenPal

GreenPal said it launched in Apopka because it had hundreds of homeowners sign up for its service.

Airbnb. I kind of was hoping that if somebody would summon a stranger to pick them up, they would do the same with lawn care.”

According to Caballero, GreenPal’s launch in Apopka came after the team noticed 300–400 homeowner sign-ups in the city, but he does not “have a specific numbers goal” for further vendors and customers.

“We just want to make sure that people

know about us, that they know that they can get lawn care and compare pricing and get the best value for their dollar,” Caballero said.

GreenPal serves over 1 million homeowners across the United States and works with over 70,000 lawn care professionals. Those interested in using the app may visit GreenPal’s Apopka landing page at [www.yourgreenpal.com/fl/apopka-lawn-care](http://www.yourgreenpal.com/fl/apopka-lawn-care).

# Apopka woman marks 100<sup>th</sup> birthday

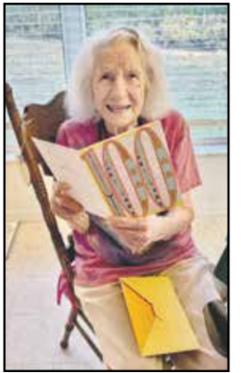
Fern Clayton moved to Apopka in 1998

Staff Reports

Apopka resident Fern Clayton celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday.

Clayton was born as Fern Willa Fieldhouse on March 21, 1926, in Dearborn, Michigan. Until she turned 18, her grandparents raised her in the country, where she loved animals and eating raw vegetables. During World War II, Clayton worked at a local Army supply depot, then married a U.S. Army soldier after the war. She bore her only son in 1946 in The Bronx.

Clayton and her family moved to Miami a year later, where



Courtesy of Ron Clayton

Fern Clayton opens her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday card.

Clayton worked as a waitress, veterinarian assistant, and licensed practical nurse (LPN). She relocated to Apopka as a retiree in 1998.

Clayton currently lives alone, although her son, Ron Clayton, lives two doors away. She has no serious health issues and is still mobile, Ron said.



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**POLICE BEAT**

# APD issues 51 citations, arrests 28 March 15-21

*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@theapokkachief.com.*

In the period from March 15–21, 2026, the Apopka Police Department received 1,563 calls for service, responded to 21 crashes, issued 51 citations, and made 28 arrests. Burglaries: 0 vehicles, 1 residence, 1 business. Juveniles were charged with aggravated assault on specified personnel; resist officer with violence; burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; vehicle theft-grand theft of motor vehicle.

The following adults

were arrested and charged:

Erica Kanntrail Grimes, 39, 424 W. 13th St., Apopka, fraud-illegal use of credit cards, use credit card to obtain goods 2+ times \$100.

Garry Wagner, 67, 424 W. 13th St., Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction; burglary-unoccupied conveyance unarmed; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

John Kade Peacock, 31, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Hardath Latchminarain, 71, 326 Speyside Ln., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol 0.15 or higher.

Tyrell Jerome Banks, 34, Apopka, simple assault-intent threat to do violence; kidnap-false imprisonment of person.

Gabriel Antonio Simons, 51, 188 W. 7th St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions.

Jenell Marie Gonzalez, 41, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Andrew Martin Cool, 41, general delivery, Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions (fentanyl); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions (methamphetamine).

Kalee Danielle Shinn, 34, Apopka, battery-cause bodily harm.

Shonicka Denise Turner, 45, 1460 Marvin C Zanders Ave., Apopka, larceny-petit theft merchandise farm transit 2+ prior conviction (X2).

Bruce De Oliveira Arreola, 27, 426 Knightswood Dr., Apopka, robbery with no firearm or weapon.

Daniel Antonio Mercado Martinez, 24, 2450 Weeping Fig Ave. #115, Apopka, nonmoving traffic violation-attach registration license plate not as-

signed; moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended revocation, equivalent status.

Samuel Disla, 37, 2106 Athens Ct., Apopka, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Stephen Elijah Pressley, 21, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Andrae Geovanni Steer, 40, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Timothy Swanigan, 36, 1607 Buryport Dr., Orlando, fraud-swindle communications to defraud property \$300+ 65+/minor/disabled; larceny-theft\$10,000 to \$50,000 from person 65+ years of age, public order crimes-use 2-way communication device to facil felony.

Luis Force, 44, transient, Apopka, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Howard Gerard Blount,

50, 332 E. Welch Rd., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions (methamphetamine).

Robert Romo, 61, 575 Swallow Ct., Apopka, fraud-impersonate false ID given to law enforcement officer; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions; other agency warrant.

Keniberlyn Cristino Sanchez, 26, 6563 Stardust Ln., Orlando, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions (cocaine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescriptions (cannabis less than 20 grams); drugs-possession intent to sell/manufacture/deliver controlled substance, schedule I (cannabis).

Jesus Emanuel Vazquez, 39, 830 Votaw Rd., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs; DUI-unlaw-

ful blood alcohol, refusal to submit DUI testing.

Miguel Domingo Vasquez, 18, 657 Maya Susan Loop, Apopka, moving traffic violation-reckless driving 1st offense.

Raymond Cecil Hiler, 49, Apopka, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Angelica Marie Martinez, 27, 136 N. Line Dr., Apopka, flee/elude police, flee elude high speed or disregard safety personnels property; other agency warrant.

Melissa Sue Ping, 45, 1004 S. Maple Ave., Sanford, other agency warrant.

Charles Albert Harrison, 25, 1136 Orange Grove Ln., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Gabriel Antonio Simons, 51, 188 W. 7th St., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Larry Junior McMath, 42, 5707 Perrine Dr., Orlando, other agency warrant.

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## Apopka baseball grabs 4-game win streak

Apopka honors 11 Blue Darter seniors

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

After falling in the first two spring tournament games last week, the Apopka baseball team bounced back with 31 runs in two games. Two more wins this week grew into a four-game win streak capped off with a senior night victory against Poinciana on Wednesday. Apopka (12-7) celebrat-

ed its senior class in dominant fashion, winning 8-2 while honoring 11 seniors in a game that reflected the program's heart and the team's chemistry

During pregame festivities, the Blue Darters recognized Jez Hamrick, Tyler Spaid, Ty Livingston, Camron Pennock, Nico Posluszny, Anthony Raymond, Bryce Doss, JD Edge, Chance Saunders, Logan Page and Andy Diaz—a group that has grown up together and helped shape the

program.

The seniors got a chance to play catch with their family and receive the "first pitch" from their mothers. They all also collected dirt from their positions in memory of their time at J. Barnes Field.

Apopka then got down to business, collecting 10 hits while limiting Poinciana to just one, controlling the game from the start.

Senior Logan Page got the start on the mound and recorded the first out be-

fore Pennock came on and punched out the next two. In the bottom of the inning, the Blue Darters jumped ahead after Collin Van Fleet a single and two steals from courtesy runner Chance Saunders, who scored on a Spaid hit.

Spaid and Hamrick executed a double steal before Livingston delivered a deep drive to right field for a two-run triple and a 3-0 Apopka lead.

On the mound, Pennock set the tone early, striking

out the side in the second and third innings, including two strikeouts on just three pitches.

Pennock helped his own cause in the third, scoring on a sacrifice fly from Spaid. Livingston then came through again with another extra-base hit, driving in a run to extend the lead to 5-0.

Anthony Raymond pitched a shutout fourth inning. In the bottom of the frame, Posluszny padded

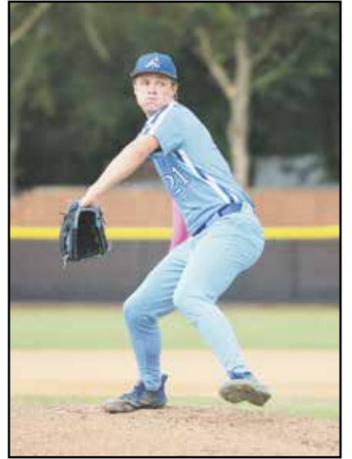


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Senior Jez Hamrick delivers a pitch on Tuesday against Olympia.

BASEBALL, B3

## Wekiva flag football ends skid



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Makayla Bell catches the ball at midfield in between a swarm of Hornets.

Lady Mustangs prevail 13-6 over Bishop Moore

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

After a tough stretch before spring break, Wekiva's flag football team restored its momentum with disciplined defense and a clutch late drive to seal a 13-6 win over Bishop Moore.

The Hornets (7-5) struck first, capitalizing on their opening drive with a touchdown to take a 6-0 lead. From there, both defenses settled in as possessions were limited

and neither side could find consistent rhythm through the rest of the first quarter.

Wekiva (5-4) made its mark on the first play of the second quarter.

Quarterback Kiamora Antrum dropped back behind midfield and launched a perfectly placed deep ball down the left sideline to Makayla Bell, who caught it in stride for a touchdown to tie the game at 6-6.

Bishop Moore responded with a strong drive, picking up two first downs before facing fourth down at Wekiva's 30-yard line. The Mustangs brought pressure, forcing a stop to regain posses-

sion.

Wekiva's offense stalled on its next series, but the defense stepped up again, forcing a three-and-out before the two-minute warning.

Shayla Williams picked up a short gain, and Antrum found Bell across the middle for 12 yards to move past midfield. Another short run set up a late push, and Wekiva called timeout with 26 seconds left.

Looking to take the lead before halftime, Antrum went back to Bell on a deep route, but the pass was intercepted to end the threat. On the final play of the half, Jayla Bernard came away with an in-

terception to keep the game tied heading into the break.

The second half turned into a battle for field position.

Wekiva's opening drive ended in a punt, but Paris Blackwood flipped the field with a deep kick. Bishop Moore gained some yards, but a false start penalty on fourth down forced a punt.

The Mustangs had a chance to capitalize but turned it over on their first play, as a pass up the sideline intended for Bell was intercepted.

Wekiva's defense continued to respond. Ayonna

FLAG FOOTBALL, B2

## Wekiva water polo victorious on senior night

Megargee, Parry score 11 goals each

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

Senior night at Wekiva water polo delivered dominant offense, late-game drama and two wins to celebrate the 2026 class, as both the girls and boys teams defeated Winter Springs.

The girls match set the tone for the night, turning into a back-and-forth thriller before Wekiva pulled out a 16-15 win behind an incredible 11-goal performance from senior Avery Megargee.

"Since it was senior night, we had the energy we needed," Megargee said. "I've got to give it to our goalie. This is her first year and she's put in so much effort. Everyone had good communication, and



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Wekiva Mustangs Water Polo seniors pose with coaches on senior night.

we all wanted to win. Being a Mustang means having pride in ourselves."

Wekiva honored seniors Megargee, Bryanna Hernandez and Rylee McCawley prior to the match, and the

group made an immediate impact. Hernandez and Megargee helped open the scoring as the Mustangs built an early lead, with Kelsey Hall adding a late goal in the first period to make it 5-3.

Winter Springs responded in the second. After McCawley recorded a steal, the Mustangs were unable to convert, and the Bears capi-

WEKIVA WATER POLO, B3

## Apopka water polo fights to finish with Windermere

Girls, boys lose by 3 in battles with Wolverines

By Vinnie Cammarano  
Reporter

With the regular season winding down, Apopka's girls and boys water polo teams continue to search for consistency while building toward the postseason. On Monday night at home against Windermere, both squads fought hard but ultimately came up short in a pair of home losses.

Apopka's girls team (3-9) shook off a slow start and mounted a strong second-half push before falling 12-9.

Windermere controlled the opening quarter, taking advantage of early offensive struggles from the Blue Darters to build a 4-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Apopka looked to generate offense in transition behind goalkeeper Reilly Batchelor. Missed chances turned into quick counters for Windermere, including a goal less than a minute into the period.

The Wolverines stretched the lead to 7 after a well-placed lob over Batchelor, continuing to capitalize on transition opportunities.

Apopka broke through late in the half. Alexis McReynolds found space in the middle and buried a goal as the shot clock expired for their first goal. Emma Kirkland added another in the final seconds, cutting the deficit to 8-2 at halftime.

Windermere extended the lead early in the third with a penalty and a fast-break finish, but Apopka settled in offensively.

Alexandra Vernier sparked the momentum

with a long-range goal, then followed with a steal that led to Brooke Bemiss scoring on the counter. Vernier remained active defensively, creating another take-away.

Still, Windermere added a late goal to carry an 11-4 lead into the fourth.

Apopka never stopped fighting.

After McReynolds opened with a counterattack goal, the Blue Darters began applying steady pressure. Multiple saves by Windermere's goalkeeper led to Sam Powell scoring off a rebound to cut into the deficit.

Vernier added a far-post finish, and Bemiss followed with a near-post goal off another strong outlet from Batchelor to make it 12-8 with three minutes remaining.

Apopka's defense tightened late, forcing turnovers and a shot clock violation to create more opportunities. McReynolds converted a penalty shot, but a final chance from Bemiss hit the crossbar before time expired.

McReynolds led with three goals, an assist and four steals. Bemiss had two goals, an assist and two steals, while Vernier added two goals and four steals.

"I think we fought really well," head coach Lauren Schmidt said. "We figured out their strategy and adjusted as the game went on. We were a little rusty early, but the second half was a lot better."

Schmidt, who took over as head coach less than a month ago, said the team is still coming together.

"We've come a long way," she said. "We're continuously getting closer as a team and figuring out our strengths and weaknesses."

Alexandra Vernier sparked the momentum

APOPKA WATER POLO, B2



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Alexis McReynolds blocks a pass attempt and takes the ball away from the Windermere swimmer.

# Full moon next week will kick off the spawning season

Hello Folks,  
I hope everyone had a great weekend, and that you're gettin' ready to do some fishin'. The fishin' in our area has been really good lately, and folks're catchin' specks and bass in most of the lakes around here.



**GOIN' FISHIN'**

**Jim Keck**  
Correspondent

The specks're still bitin' in Lake Kissimmee around the pads and the reeds, and folks're gettin' their limits with just about every trip out. From the reports I'm gettin', some folks're catchin' a few shellcrackers, too.

Lake Monroe and Lake Woodruff are producin' some pretty good stringers of specks. Folks're catchin'em

on jigs tipped with a minner. The bass fishin' up around that area of the St. Johns River has been exceptionally good, as well. Most of those big bass are bein' caught on shiners.

The bass fishin' on Johns Lake has also been good most days. The Wednesday Night Shootout last week

was won by Don Fisher and Uby Rosell with three bass that weighed 9.30 pounds. The X-treme Bass Series held their tournament on Johns Lake over the weekend. Congrats to Josh Davis and John Brazzell on their win. They brought five bass to the scales that weighed 17.94 pounds. They also had Big Bass of the tournament that weighed in at 7.94 pounds. Congrats, guys.

As a follow-up to last week, Rick and Greg Fugate from Kentucky fished several lakes in our area, and they were fishin' the Butler Chain at the time. As I reported then, they had caught 15 bass by noontime. But, hang on to

your hat! By the end of the day, they had caught 60 bass, of which the biggest bass was probably 3.5 pounds. They also fished Johns Lake and caught some really nice bass up to 6 pounds.

I talked this week to John Bitters of Bitters Bait & Tackle, and he reports that the bass are schoolin' up in the northern end of the St. Johns River. Folks're catchin' those bass on topwater baits and lipless crankbaits. Some of those schoolin' bass weigh up to 9 pounds!

John also reports that the bass fishin' on Lake Fairview is on fire, and some are bein' caught with a few bigun's

mixed in.

The bass fishin' on the Harris Chain is doin' great, too. The NPFL held their three-day tournament up there last week, and over the course of the tournament, it took 62 pounds and 2 ounces to win! Congrats to Zack Birge on his win last week. Zack fished against some big sticks in that tournament, and he was able to fend off Todd Auten, who came in second place. Zack beat Todd by a mere 5 ounces! Zack was able to win \$100,000 for his win, with an additional \$20,000 for fishin' in his Bass Cat boat! It was a great tournament for all the anglers who fished; especial-

ly if YOU were one of the anglers who got a check!

We have a full moon comin' up on April 1st, which is next week. Rick Fugate did report that a few of the bass they caught last week in the Butler Chain still had roe in 'em. So, with that bein' said, along with the upcomin' full moon, those bass will be goin' on the beds!

Well, that's it for this week. I hope y'all get a chance to do some fishin' this week, and I'll see ya again next week.

Tip of the week: Full Moon!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

## FLAG FOOTBALL

FROM B1

Hunt made a key stop in the backfield for a loss, then followed it up with another strong defensive play to force a punt.

Late in the third quarter, Wekiva began to find rhythm offensively. Antrum connected with Iyanna Bridgman-Johnson on a short out route, then rolled right and found Blackwood 15 yards up the field. Blackwood fought through contact and advanced to the Bishop Moore 35 as the quarter came to an end.

The Hornets opened the fourth with tackles in the backfield, stopping the Mustang surge and forcing a punt to keep the

game tied.

Wekiva's defense answered once again. An incomplete pass followed by a sack from Hunt set up a third-down stop, forcing another Bishop Moore punt and giving the Mustangs a chance to take control late.

Bell sparked the drive with a catch over the middle, slipping past defenders for a big gain down to the 21-yard line. Bernard followed with another strong play, turning a short pass into a run to the 10-yard line.

On first-and-goal, Wekiva stayed aggressive. After a timeout by Bishop Moore, the Mus-

tangs ran a quick pass to Hunt near the sideline, setting up a second chance just yards from the goal line.

Moments later, Hunt took a similar play across the goal line for the go-ahead touchdown. Antrum added the extra point on a quarterback sneak, giving Wekiva a 13-6 lead with less than four minutes remaining.

After Bishop Moore picked up a late first down, the Mustangs tightened up again to force negative yardage and a punt. They ran for a first down, allowing them to kneel out the clock for the victory.

Assistant coach Edison Alexis said the win was a result of execution and confidence.

"This felt real good," he said. "We got off our losing streak. Quick passes and going to our best players—that's what really worked out for us today."

He also pointed to the team's growth as the season has progressed.

"The girls have improved a lot week to week," Edison said. "They've been working really hard, trusting their teammates, coming to practice locked in, and that showed tonight when we got the win."



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Ayonna Hunt disrupts the pocket and pressures the Bishop Moore QB.

## APOPKA WATER POLO

FROM B1

### Boys lose early lead

The Apopka boys (3-10) followed with a competitive effort but lost 11-8 after a strong second half from Windermere.

Goalkeeper Travis Novak set the tone early, making a save and delivering an outlet pass to Carter Langford for a counterattack goal. Novak followed with another stop and assist, finding Isaac Sanchez for a one-on-one finish as Apopka took a

2-1 lead after the first quarter.

The second quarter continued the defensive battle. Novak made a key stop on a breakaway, but Windermere answered to tie the game midway through.

Apopka regained the lead when Sanchez drew a foul on a counter and converted a penalty to make it 3-2, but Windermere responded before halftime to even it at 3-3.

Windermere took control in the third, scoring on its opening possession and shortly after adding another quick goal to go up 5-3.

After a steal from Benjamin Langford, Sanchez converted a one-on-one chance to bring Apopka within one, but Windermere answered with three straight goals to stretch the lead to 8-4.

Sanchez scored late in the quarter, but Windermere added another early in the

fourth to maintain control.

Apopka responded with a well-executed counter as Sanchez found Carter Langford across the crease for a goal, 9-6. Novak later came up with a key penalty save, but Windermere continued to capitalize on transition chances to stay in front.

The Blue Darters kept pushing late. Preston McReynolds added a goal, and Carter Langford scored off a steal in front of the

cage, but they couldn't overcome the deficit.

Sanchez led with four goals and an assist, while Carter Langford added three goals. Novak finished with 13 saves and two assists.

"I was impressed with the defense," head coach Reide Wilson said. "We showed a lot of fight, and the schematics were really good, they fouled when needed and mitigated their biggest threats for the most part."

With districts approaching, Wilson said the focus is simple.

"The rest of these practices are going to be swim-heavy," he said. "It's going to come down to conditioning and how hard we're willing to work over the next week."

Both Apopka water polo teams head on the road this weekend to compete in the Lyman Invitational tournament.



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**BASEBALL**

FROM B1

the lead with a two-run single to left to score Raymond and Doss.

Poinciana broke through in the fifth with a run, but Apopka answered again. Hamrick doubled to open the frame, and Livingston capped off his big night with another RBI hit—giving him three hits, four RBIs and six total bases.

Hamrick and Saunders each recorded a hit and two runs, while combining for five stolen bases.

For Hamrick, the night was about more than just the result.

“Apopka baseball means not just to win but to enjoy the game,” he said. “I write something on my wrist tape every game, and today it’s ‘enjoy the moment.’ It’s been fun to represent Apopka, but it’s been the greatest hanging out playing with my friends. I’ve known most of them since I was 5, and Coach Scott [Garland]—who was my first coach and now my last—it just means a lot to be here.”

**Apopka 4, Olympia 0**

On Tuesday, Apopka used timely hitting and a strong per-

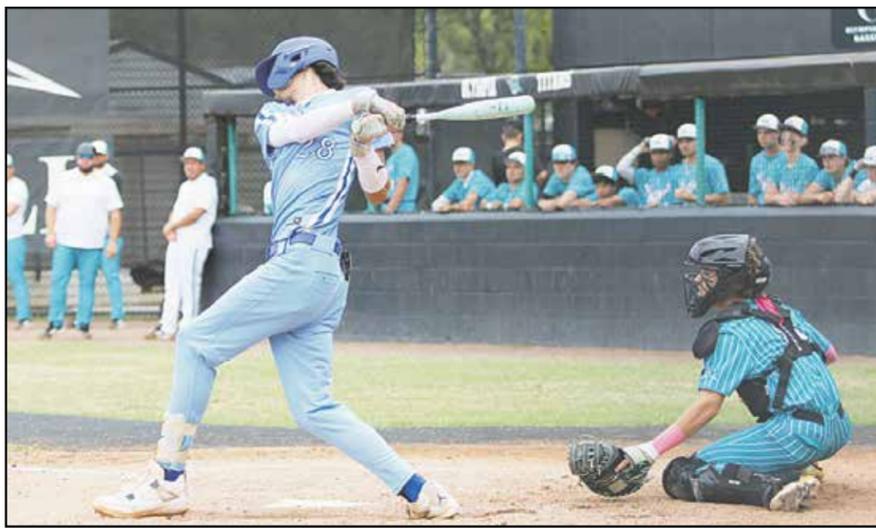


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Senior Tyler Spaid drives in two runs with a shot into center field against Olympia.

formance on the mound to secure a 4-0 win over Olympia in a balanced effort on both sides of the ball.

The Blue Darters threatened early in the first inning, loading the bases after Van Fleet was hit by a pitch, Spaid walked and Hamrick lined a single to left. However, Olympia escaped the jam with a popout in foul territory to keep

the game scoreless.

Hamrick settled in quickly on the mound. After allowing two singles and a stolen base to open the bottom of the first, he worked out of trouble with a key double play and a strikeout to end the inning.

Apopka broke through in the second. Posluszny led off with a double into the left-center gap and moved to third on

a wild pitch. Doss followed with a deep fly ball to center, allowing Posluszny to tag and score for a 1-0 lead.

The Blue Darters added insurance in the fifth with their most productive inning. Edge and Aiden Rieli opened with walks before Livingston singled to load the bases. A wild pitch brought in Edge, and after another walk reloaded the

bases, Spaid delivered a line-drive single to left, driving in two more runs to extend the lead to 4-0.

On the mound, Hamrick kept Olympia off balance through five innings, working around scattered hits. Spaid took over in the sixth and closed the door, retiring all six batters he faced to finish the combined shutout.

**Spring League wins**

Apopka started its win streak in the final two games of the 2026 Florida High School Spring Invitational last week, dominating St. Cloud 18-9 and Seminole 13-0.

The Darters exploded for 31 runs off 30 hits to place them fourth out of 15 teams. They also finished with the second-best run differential at plus-14.

“I’m proud of them for bouncing back,” head coach Scott Garland said. “I wish we had that same mentality in the first two games... It’s a learning opportunity.”

Apopka needed just four and a half innings to take down the Seminole Seminoles

in a neutral site game.

Raymond kept Seminole hitless, while the offense took off early. Posluszny ripped a two-run single to cap a four-run first inning.

In the third, Hamrick tallied an RBI and Pennock tripled for another. Posluszny brought him home to make it 7-0.

The Darters put the mercy rule in effect with a six-run fourth inning. Hamrick delivered a bases-clearing double to make it 11-0. Posluszny drove in Hamrick, and Pennock scored on a wild pitch to cap the scoring.

Apopka faced the 13-1 St. Cloud Bulldogs in a game that featured every batter reaching base and tallying an RBI in the 18-9 victory.

After scoring two runs in the first, the Darters scored six runs on five hits in the third to take complete control.

Livingston and Van Fleet each had three hits and three RBIs, while Hamrick had four hits and two RBIs. Posluszny and Rieli each added three hits to combine for 3 RBIs.

**WEKIVA WATER POLO**

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talized, eventually tying the game late in the half.

Hall briefly gave Wekiva the lead, but Winter Springs buried a buzzer beater to send the teams into halftime 7-7.

After Hall and Hernandez found the back of the net to re-take the lead, Megargee took over midway through the third quarter. She scored on a drive through the defense, then added two more goals on counter-attacks, including a one-on-one finish, to stretch the lead to 12-7.

Winter Springs answered late in the quarter with two goals, cutting it to 12-9 heading into the fourth.

Megargee opened the final period scoring and didn’t stop, but the Bears continued to respond, eventually tying

the game at 15-15 with two minutes remaining. Despite losing Hall to injury, Wekiva leaned on its defense and goalkeeper Sydney Cooper, who made several key saves to keep the game deadlocked.

With time winding down, Wekiva found its moment.

After a late defensive stand, Cooper launched an outlet pass up the pool to Megargee. From long range, she rose up and fired a shot into the top corner for her 11th goal of the night, giving Wekiva a 16-15 lead with under 30 seconds left.

Winter Springs had one final chance, but Cooper corralled the last shot to seal the Wekiva win.

“[Winter Springs] had a really strong shooter, so we



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Avery McGargee whips in a shot with the defender draped on her.

had to make adjustments,” head coach Todd Steiger said. “We found the right matchup, Kelsey Hall kept her locked down, and it was important using the timeouts right because those last ones helped us. We were able to set up properly down there and make

that last goal.”

The boys team (11-3) followed with a dominant 21-9 victory, honoring seniors John Foster, Cameron Parry, Nicholas Woodward, Jaison Harris and Shamyin Brown.

Wekiva’s Holden Pedrick opened the scoring with a

spinning shot, and Foster followed with a goal on the next possession. Strong play from goalkeeper Harris, including multiple early saves, helped fuel a fast start as the Mustangs jumped out to a 6-1 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Parry took control in the second, scoring from distance and in close, while also setting up teammates. Foster and Woodward added goals, and Brown converted on a power play as Wekiva extended its lead to 13-5 at halftime.

The Mustangs kept the pressure on in the third, pushing the lead into double digits behind more scoring from Parry and Woodward, while Pedrick contributed with strong play in both the field and in goal during lineup ro-

tations.

A running clock was implemented in the fourth as Wekiva maintained full control. Parry continued his standout night, finishing with 11 goals, while Woodward added to his six goals in the 21-9 win.

“What worked for me tonight was being calm and taking my time,” Parry said. “Being a Mustang means playing as a team, working together and never giving up.”

Steiger pointed to the fast start and team chemistry as key.

“They came out strong and started racking up goals,” Steiger said. “They worked really well together and made it a great senior night for those guys.”

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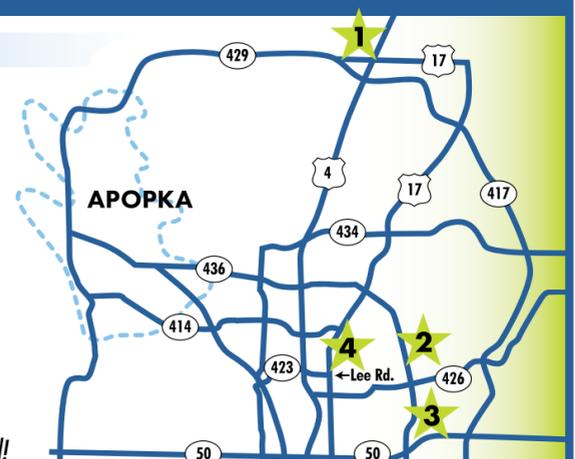
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**Drag Racing Night**  
6 p.m. at 19024 Nash St., Orlando  
An all-ages drag racing test-and-tune night.

**Let's Build: Eastern Screech Owl Box**  
6 p.m. at 6021 S. Conway Road, Orlando  
Workshop building nesting boxes for eastern screech owls.

**In Bloom: Opening Night with Kathleen Safi**  
6 p.m. at 221 S. Bumby Ave., Unit 102, Orlando  
An art exhibition opening featuring works by local artist Kathleen Safi.

**Sounds of Wekiva**  
7 p.m. at 1014 Miami Springs Drive, Longwood  
Live music featuring Phil Bonanno at Wekiva Island.

## Saturday, March 28

**Road Race**  
7:30 a.m. at 111 S. Park Ave., Winter Park  
A community road race hosted by Track Shack.



Courtesy of Propagate Social House

High-energy line dancing set to country, pop and R&B takes over Propagate Social House in downtown Apopka on Saturday, March 28.

**Cars and Coffee**  
8 a.m. at 3118 Daniels Road, Winter Garden  
A monthly gathering for car enthusiasts.

**Romancing the Books Festival**  
Noon at 1052 W. Morse Blvd., Winter Park

A literary festival with author panels, signings, vendors, and giveaways.

**Oxtail Festival**  
Noon at 2911 E. Robinson St., Orlando  
A food festival featuring oxtail dishes, live music, and vendors.

**Sip & Paint: Cake Decorating Class**  
3 p.m. at 8143 S. John Young Parkway, Orlando  
A hands-on class decorating cakes with buttercream.

**Line Dancing**  
6:30 p.m. at 36 E. Fifth St., Apopka  
A beginner-friendly line-dancing night.

**Comedy Show at the House on Lang**  
7 p.m. at 1308 Lang Ave., Orlando  
A stand-up comedy showcase featuring Florida comedians.

## Sunday, March 29

**SpringDaze Food & Music Festival**  
Noon at 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka  
An outdoor festival with live music, food vendors, and local artists, hosted by R&B artist Tank.

**Book Bingo for Adults**  
3:30 p.m. at 1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando  
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## Wednesday, April 1

**April Fools' Day at Museum of Illusions**  
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**APRIL 4**  
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**APRIL 10-11**  
Orange Blossom Jazz Festival (2 day event) - 8 a.m.-9 p.m. (Free)

**APRIL 15**  
UB40 featuring Ali Campbell - 6 p.m.-10 p.m. (Ticketed event)

**APRIL 18**  
International Jazz Day presented by HAPCO - 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Free)

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# Spicy Creole, skillet potatoes and a sweet finish

We have a recipe from *The Southern Slow Cooker* for Shrimp Creole. Kendra Morris says, "Louisiana Creole cooking has a diverse array of influences, which includes those of European settlers who came to New Orleans, specifically those from Spain, France, and Germany. This slow-cooker version of Shrimp Creole involves simmering the sauce for up to 8 hours and adding the shrimp at the very end of cooking, and this way they don't overcook. Serve this spicy Creole dish over steamed rice garnished with green onions." By the way, where it says to spray the inside of your slow cooker, I do not waste money on cooking spray in aerosol cans; I simply smear the inside of any pan, pot or cooker with a good grade of olive oil, and it works very well.

How about Spinach Souffle from our treasured copy of "What's Cookin' in Apopka?" This is a wonderful spiral-bound booklet that was compiled and published in 1963 by The Apopka Woman's Club. The recipes therein were contributed by the ladies of the club. This club is supported by women who love Apopka and who, in partnership with the City of Apopka, will be putting on the 64th Art & Foliage Festival on April 25 and 26. The proceeds of this annual event are always returned to the community. The club was chartered in 1957 with 60 members. This will be their 69th year in operation.

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

From *Treasures and Pleasures*, we have Sis Pitman's Bourbon Pecan Pound Cake. Try the baking powder that doesn't have aluminum in the ingredients. It only costs a few cents more and leaves no bitter taste.



## SHRIMP CREOLE

Recipe from *The Southern Slow Cooker* by Kendra Bailey Morris

- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 4 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (16-ounce) can diced tomatoes with its juice
- 1 (8-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, or more to taste
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 pound medium-size shrimp, peeled and deveined
- Salt and black pepper
- Steamed long-grain rice, for serving
- Minced chives or green onions, for garnish
- Hot sauce, for serving

1) Spray the inside of the slow cooker with cooking spray. 2) Heat the butter and olive oil in a cast-iron pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and celery and then sauté for 3 to 4 minutes, until translucent. Add the garlic and sauté for another minute. Transfer the onion, celery, and garlic to the slow cooker and add the tomatoes, tomato sauce, thyme, sugar, Worcestershire sauce, chili powder, salt, cayenne, and bay leaves. Cover and cook on low for at least 6 hours and up to 8 hours. 3) One hour before serving, add the bell pepper and continue to cook on low. Finally, during the last 10 minutes, add the shrimp and cook until they are pink and slightly curled (be careful not to overcook). Season with salt and pepper. Remove the bay leaf and spoon over rice. Garnish with a sprinkling of fresh chives. Serve with hot sauce on the side.

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3 eggs, separated  
1 cup chopped cooked spinach

- Butter, enough for sauté plus
- Butter, 2 tablespoons for white sauce
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup rich milk or light cream
- 1/4 cup chopped onions
- 1/2 cup grated cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup thick white sauce

Sauté onions in small amount of butter. Make a sauce of 2 tablespoons of butter, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup of milk – rich milk or light cream, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Beat yolks until thick and lemon colored. Stir into white sauce, then add spinach and cheese. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites and turn into greased casserole. Set in pan of hot water and bake in moderate oven 350 degrees about 50 minutes. Serve at once.

## MARK SOHN'S FRIED RAW POTATOES

*Hearty Country Cooking*

- 1 tablespoon butter, olive oil, or bacon grease (just enough to barely cover the bottom of the pan)
- 3 cups medium-diced firm new potatoes
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 cup diced onions (optional)

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

Note: Healthy choice alternative: You can fry potatoes in little or even no oil. In this recipe, I have already reduced the butter to one quarter tablespoon per serving, but you can further reduce it by using nonstick cooking spray. Omit the salt and offer it at the table.

Serve these potatoes with green beans, corn bread, and pork chops, or for breakfast with fresh fruit, Buttermilk Biscuits, Country Ham and Red-Eye

Gravy, White Sausage Gravy, or Potato Gravy.

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

*Hearty Country Cooking*

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

## SIS PITMAN'S BOURBON PECAN POUND CAKE

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Apopka,

*Treasures and Pleasures Cookbook*

- 1 cup solid shortening
- 2-1/2 cups sugar
- 6 eggs
- 3 cups sifted flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup bourbon
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour 10-inch tube or Bundt pan. In large mixing bowl, beat shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until very smooth. Meanwhile, sift flour, baking powder, salt and nutmeg; add to sugar mixture alternating with sour cream and bourbon – beginning and ending with flour. Beat just until well blended, then fold in pecans. Turn into prepared pan and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes, then turn out on a wire rack to finish cooling. Pour glaze over cake; decorate with pecan halves, if desired.

## BOURBON GLAZE:

Mix 2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar  
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**vs.**  
**ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: THOMAS P. FAULKNER, DECEASED,**  
 THE ESTATE OF THOMAS P. FAULKNER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O TRACY A. FAULKNER, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF ESTATE OF THOMAS P. FAULKNER,  
 2514 GLEN ARBOR DR LIMA, OHIO 45805-3606

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 20, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003184-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT IX**  
 12 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 826526 & 826527 & 826528 & 826529 & 826530 & 826531 & 826532 & 826533 & 826534 & 826535 & 826536 & 826537) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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 DATED March 24, 2026.  
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County, Courthouse, at 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida 32801; Telephone (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
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 March 27, April 3, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-003184-O DIV NO.: 36 MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: RICHARD D. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TL 78023 MARGUERITE L. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TL 78023**

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**COUNT VII**  
 22 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: L57025 & L57026 & L57027 & L57028 & L57029 & L57030 & L57031 & L66929 & L66930 & L66931 & L66932 & L66933 & L66934 & L66935 & L66936 & L66937 & L66938 & L66939 & L66940 & L71248 & L71249 & L71250) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of August 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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**vs.**  
**ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: JEANNETTE SHEEHAN, DECEASED,**  
 THE ESTATE OF JEANNETTE SHEEHAN, DECEASED, AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O BRIAN D. MULDOON, EXECUTOR,  
 88 GROTON SCHOOL ROAD AYER, MASSACHUSETTS 01432

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Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-003184-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:  
**COUNT III**  
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R37216 & R37217 & R37218 & R37219 & R37220 & R37221 & R37222 & R37223) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2025-CA-002779 DIVISION 37 IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2019 MINI COOPER VIN #WMWZC3C55GWT08129 NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**  
**TO: Miracle A. Rene,** and all persons who claim an interest in a 2019 Mini Cooper VIN #WMWZC3C55GWT08129 seized on or about 1/28/2026 at or about 5955 Grand Coulee Rd., Orlando, FL, Orlando, Orange Co., FL. Said property is in the custody of the City of Orlando Police Dept. Any owner, entity, bonafide lienholder, or person in possession of the property when seized has the right to request an adversarial preliminary hearing for a probable cause determination from the circuit court within 15 days after initial receipt of notice by sending a written request to undersigned counsel by certified mail, return receipt requested. A petition for forfeiture has been or will be filed in the above-styled court.  
 /s/ Shannon Hesse  
 Shannon Gridley Hesse  
 Police Legal Advisor  
 Orlando Police Department  
 1250 W. South Street  
 Orlando, Florida 32805  
 (407) 246-2464  
 Fla. Bar No. 528633  
 shannon.hesse@orlando.gov  
 March 27, April 3, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O DIV NO.: 35 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VIII TO: RICHARD D. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TL 78023 MARGUERITE L. MCCASLIN 12838 BRIDGE CEDAR HELOTES TL 78023**

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**COUNT VIII**  
 22 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: L57025 & L57026 & L57027 & L57028 & L57029 & L57030 & L57031 & L66929 & L66930 & L66931 & L66932 & L66933 & L66934 & L66935 & L66936 & L66937 & L66938 & L66939 & L66940 & L71248 & L71249 & L71250) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 5500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of August 1, 2019 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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 DATED March 16, 2026.  
 /s/ EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQ.  
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391  
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**vs.**  
**ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES**  
 Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 3/5/2026, in Case No.: 2025-CA-009541-O of the Circuit Court in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein MIDDLEBROOK PINES CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff and ADRIAN BOTHAM, et al., is/are the Defendant(s), Tiffany Moore Russell, the Clerk of Court for Orange County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 11:00 a.m., online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com, in accordance with Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, on 5/6/2026, the following described property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:  
**Unit 632, Building Phase No. 79, Middlebrook Pines, a Condominium, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 3430, Page 899, and all amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.**  
 Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed.  
 DATED: March 16, 2026  
 By: /s/Jennifer L. Davis  
 Jennifer L. Davis, Esquire  
 Florida Bar No.: 879681  
**IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT COURT ADMINISTRATION AT 425 N. ORANGE AVENUE, ROOM 2130, ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32801, TELEPHONE: (407) 836-2303 WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS DOCUMENT. IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 1-800-955-8771.**  
**ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC**  
 280 W. Canton Avenue, Suite 330 Winter Park, Florida 32789  
 (407) 636-2549  
 March 20, 27, 2026

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**vs.**  
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 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CD4744 & CD4745 & CD4746 & CD4747) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2022 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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**ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT XV TO: JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED,**  
 THE ESTATE OF JOHN FRANKLIN BROWN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 1412 MORNINGTON AVE BAKERSFIELD, CA 93307-907  
**LYDIA MARIE BROWN, DECEASED,**  
 THE ESTATE OF LYDIA MARIE BROWN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 3217 JENNY CT BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O DIV NO.: 35 MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ, DECEASED, et al., Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IX TO: SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED,**  
 THE ESTATE OF SHEILA D. PRICE, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 875 W POPLAR AVE SUITE 23 #370 COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017

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**COUNT IX**  
 4 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: G75415 & G75416 & G75417 & G81406) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of May 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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 DATED this 12th day of March, 2026.

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**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O**  
**DIV NO.: 35**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ,**  
**DECEASED, et. al.,**  
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT X TO: JERRY M. SPYCHALA, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF JERRY M. SPYCHALA, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
9101 GLENWOOD DRIVE  
GREENDALE, WI 53129

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**COUNT X**  
8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: M42412 & M42413 & M42414 & M42415 & M42416 & M42417 & M42418 & M42419) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 2000 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2021 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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DATED this 16th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald  
EDWARD M. FITZGERALD  
FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391  
HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

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**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ,**  
**DECEASED, et. al.,**  
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III TO: HELEN B. CHAMBERS, DECEASED**  
3567 BRAYTON AVENUE  
LONG BEACH CA, 90807  
**SARAH P. BUSSELL,**  
**DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF SARAH P. BUSSELL, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
2596 E. 218TH STREET  
LONG BEACH CA, 90807

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**CASE NO.: 2024-CA-001022-O**  
**DIV NO.: 35**  
**MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC.**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**ABELARDO V. PEREZ,**  
**DECEASED, et. al.,**  
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT V TO: MARIA ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
1218 MORO CIR  
PLACENTIA, CA  
92970-3710

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**COUNT V**  
2 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: BB6518 & BB6519) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed

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**NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI TO: DAVID GLENN REEVES, DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF DAVID GLENN REEVES, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT**  
PO. BOX 797  
FAIRHOPE, AL 36533

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**COUNT VI**  
6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: CF4049 & CF4050 & CF4051 & CF4052 & CF4101 & CF4102) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2022 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

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**CASE NO.: 482025CC-018397A0010X**  
**ROOFING PROS USA II LLC, a Florida limited liability company, d/b/a ROOFING PROS USA,**  
**Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**Unknown heirs of PAULINE LILLIE a/k/a PAULINE PINKNEY LILLIE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against her; PAMELA SAPP; KENNETH PINKNEY; ULYSSES SAPP; TIMOTHY SAPP; and WILLIE SAPP,**  
**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Unknown heirs of PAULINE LILLIE a/k/a PAULINE PINKNEY LILLIE, and all parties claiming by, through, under or against her; PAMELA SAPP; KENNETH PINKNEY; TIMOTHY SAPP; WILLIE SAPP; and ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action seeking to enforce a Claim of Lien against real property located in Orange County, Florida, more particularly described as: **Lot 69, Lake Jewell Heights Unit 3, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 47, parcel records of Orange County, Florida; Parcel I.D. #: 21-21-28-4532-00-690.** has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Larry C. Callaway, III, Esquire, KLEIN & KLEIN, PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 40 S.E. 11th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471, Email: larry@kleinandkleinpa.com, within 30 days

after the first publication of this notice, and to file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on 02/19/2026.

TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL  
Clerk of the Court  
By: Naline S. Bahadur  
Deputy Clerk  
Civil Division  
425 N. Orange Avenue  
Room 350  
Orlando, Florida 32801  
March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO.: 2016-CA-006234-O**  
**JOSEPH COLYER,**  
**individually and derivatively on behalf of Nominal Plaintiff, RESIDENTIAL REDESIGN, INC, a Florida corporation, Plaintiff,**  
**vs.**  
**CHRISTOPHER CRUTCHER, individually, and RESIDENTIAL REDESIGN, INC, as Nominal Defendant, Defendant,**  
**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 7th day of March, 2023, and have levied upon the following described property located, and being in Orange County, Florida, to-wit:

1 (one) white faux leather chair with wheels;  
1 (one) wooden table; 1 (one) brown cloth with pattern foot stool with wooden legs; 1 (one) Vizio television, Model #: V405H19 & SN: LUNIZALWV302353; 1 (one) light brown cloth love seat; 1 (one) L.G. television, Model #: 65UK6500AAU & SN: 805RMZL58085; 1 (one) brown cloth sectional couch; 4 (four) metal high chairs with light colored cloth seats; 1 (one) painting of 3 ladies with pink frame with "Festival '82 Bishop Museum"; 1 (one) white wooden table with 2 glass shelves; 1 (one) metal stethoscope; 1 (one) brown fabric love seat; 3 (three) brown pillows with geometric design; 1 (one) red throw pillow with turtle design; 1 (one) curved wood like chair with cushion; 1 (one) white wood table; 1 (one) Vizio television, SN: LTMWQMRW4250871; 1 (one) framed picture of beach with waves and trees; 1 (one) dark brown chair with wooden woven seat; 1 (one) cream colored chair with fabric floral design seat cushion; 1 (one) white plastic chair with silver colored metal legs; 1 (one) dark brown wood chair with light brown flared print fabric cushion; 1 (one) gold framed Marilyn Monroe sketch photo; 1 (one) Royal 1630 MC 16 Microcut paper shredder, Lot #: 181070702; 1 (one) Apple portable keyboard with cable attached, Model #: A2449; 1 (one) Apple computer screen, Model #: A2438, SN: H4TH813PQ6W6; 1 (one) Logi Silent Touch computer mouse, Model #: M220, FCC ID: JNZMR0107; 1 (one) black framed photo of waterfall and trees; 1 (one) Dell computer screen, Model #: W05C; 1 (one) reddish brown wooden chair; 1 (one) cream armchair with grey pattern; 1 (one) black Logitech keyboard, Model #: Y-U0009, SN: 1927SC5114R8; 6 (six) bright brown wooden chairs with rose colored, crushed velvet-like fabric; 7 (seven) grey/brown metal outdoor swivel chairs; 1 (one) pinkish electric powered reclining chair; 1 (one) black framed swivel barber-like chair with black floral pattern; 1 (one) white armoire with 2 doors and 2 drawers; 1 (one) black framed metal table with glass top; 1 (one) Echo Power Blower, Model #: PB-200; 1 (one) Ryobi Blower 2 Cycle, Model #: RY09056; 2 (two) metal patio chairs; 1 (one) metal patio love seat; 1 (one) metal patio coffee table with glass top; 1 (one) rectangular accent table with marble-like top; 2 (two) metal patio lounge chairs; 1 (one) grey plastic wicker-like material lounge chair; 2 (two) black metal outdoor end tables; 1 (one) plastic round outdoor table; 4 (four) brown patio chairs with arms and greenish cushions; 1 (one) metal outdoor bench; 1 (one) round wooden table; 1 (one) brown leather-like dual reclining couch; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden couch with black and green cushions; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden chair with black and green cushions; 1 (one) rattan-like light brown wooden ottoman with black and green cushions; 1 (one) dark blue wooden swivel chair with blue anchor print; 1 (one) Best Massage folding table; 6 (six) brown wooden chairs with arms and light colored fabric cushions; 1 (one) Vizio television, Model #: E320A1, SN: LTTDNLBP0604682; 1 (one) Panasonic microwave, Model #: NNSA651S, SN: 6B24111066; 1 (one) knife block with a variety of knives; 1 (one) box of miscellaneous cutlery. **SUBJECT TO ALL TAXES, JUDGMENTS, LIENS OF RECORD OR OTHER ENCUMBRANCES. PURCHASER TO PAY FOR BILL OF SALE.**

as the property of the above named defendant, CHRISTOPHER CRUTCHER, and that on the 15th day of April, 2026, beginning at ten o'clock in the forenoon or soon there-after on said day at **Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804**, 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 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Orange County , Florida  
BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez  
As Deputy Sheriff  
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026

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**1547** Abram Martinez.  
March 20, 27, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2021-GA-000007-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF CAROLYN E MERCADO**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**

Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: CAROLYN E MERCADO, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2021-GA-000007-O, \$41,741.33 (less the cost of publication); CAROLYN E MERCADO, as Guardian, deposited these funds per JUDGE MIKE MURPHY entered on 07/18/2025, on behalf of CAROLYN E MERCADO.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall deposit these funds with the State Treasurer no less than six months after the first publication of this notice, after deducting fees and any costs of publication. Within 10 years from the date of such deposit with the State Treasurer, any person, firm, corporation, or other legal entity entitled to such funds may obtain same by order of court and compliance with other applicable provisions of section 744.534, Florida Statutes. All funds deposited with the State Treasurer not claimed within 10 years from the date of deposit shall escheat to the state for the benefit of the State School Fund. Dated: on this the 24th day of March, 2026  
Tiffany Moore Russell  
Orange County  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
425 N. Orange Ave.,  
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Orlando, FL 32801  
By: Mayra I Cruz  
Deputy Clerk  
CIRCUIT COURT SEAL  
March 27, April 24, 2026

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**  
**CASE NUMBER: 2024-GA-000227-O**  
**DIVISION: Guardianship**  
**IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF AYDEN THOMPSON**  
**NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED GUARDIANSHIP FUNDS DEPOSITED IN COURT REGISTRY**

Notice is given that, pursuant to section 744.534, Florida Statutes, unclaimed guardianship funds from the following case remain on deposit in the registry of court: Guardianship of: AYDEN THOMPSON, Person Subject to Guardianship Case Number 2024-GA-000227-O, \$45,448.68 (less the cost of publication); AYDEN THOMPSON,

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