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Split commission votes down forensic audit

Audit costs, politics cited as rationale

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The Apopka City Commission voted 3-2 on Wednesday not to issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a forensic audit after a contentious discussion revisiting prior audit efforts, projected costs, scope and alleged political motivations.

In an unusual alliance, political rivals Mayor Bry-

an Nelson and Commissioner Nick Nesta voted together against the measure.

The agenda item asked commissioners to authorize staff to release an RFP for a forensic audit aimed at examining potential financial irregularities. A similar effort in 2024 was rejected after bids came in at about \$1.36 million to review transactions from 2018 through 2024.

City Finance Director Blanche Sherman outlined the purpose of a forensic audit and how it differs from the

city's other types of audits.

"The focus is on detecting and documenting financial wrongdoing such as fraud, embezzlement and misuse of assets," Sherman said. "Forensic audits aim to trace specific transactions, calculate losses and identify the irregularities."

Sherman said staff is recommending a narrower scope to reduce costs and better target specific areas of concern.

Sherman stressed that while city staff has already compiled and analyzed de-

tailed financial records on reserves, opioid settlement payments, land deals, nonprofit payments and legal fees, a forensic audit would be a separate, independent review narrowly focused on any specific transactions where commissioners still suspect fraud, embezzlement or misuse of funds.

Commissioners debated whether to proceed, with some questioning the timing and justification for the audit.



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Commissioner Nick Nesta said the new commission should decide how to proceed with the forensic audit.

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AdventHealth Apopka opens new cardiac rehab facility



Photo by Teresa Sargeant

AdventHealth Apopka officials and staff cut the ribbon of its new intensive cardiac rehabilitation facility, allowing patients to get rehab in Apopka instead of going to other campuses.

Patients can now get heart care close to home

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

AdventHealth Apopka celebrated the opening of its new intensive cardiac rehabilitation (ICR) facility with a ribbon cutting on March 27, addressing a major gap in local heart care by allowing patients to receive rehab close to home instead of traveling to other campuses.

The ICR program is designed for patients recovering from major cardiac events such as heart attacks and open-heart surgery. It combines closely monitored exercise, disease and medication education, and lifestyle counseling—including nutrition and smoking cessation support—to improve long-term survival and reduce the risk of future cardiac events.

"What a great day, right? This has been a long time coming," Kevin Poole, AdventHealth Apopka COO, said during the ceremony.

"I heard about this as one of the first things when I came to Apopka. It was like, 'Cardiac rehab—we need to figure out how to do this here at Apopka.' And today is the day that that's all coming to fruition."

Poole said the program is already seeing strong demand.

"I just heard that we're booked out through May, which is wild," he said, adding that the new service "rounds out our cardiac program" and meets a clear community need.

Dr. Linus Wodi, AdventHealth Apopka cardiologist and the program's director, emphasized the importance of having the service available locally.

"Patients are really going to have the benefit of having the cardiac rehab in-house where they don't have to travel any longer," Wodi said at the ceremony.

Previously, patients from Apopka often had to travel to other AdventHealth campuses, including Altamonte

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Immigrant advocacy group redoes mural to honor Dolores Huerta

Chavez allegations prompt image's replacement

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

Inside the North Park Avenue building of Hope Community Center, a familiar mural has taken on new meaning—and a new face.

After nearly two decades, the community landmark has been repainted to honor Dolores Huer-

ta, replacing the image of Cesar Chavez in the wake of recent allegations about his behavior that have reverberated through farmworker and immigrant advocacy circles.

The updated mural was unveiled during a Tuesday public reopening event at the center's North Park Avenue campus.

For organizers, the transformation was not just artistic—it was deeply emotional.

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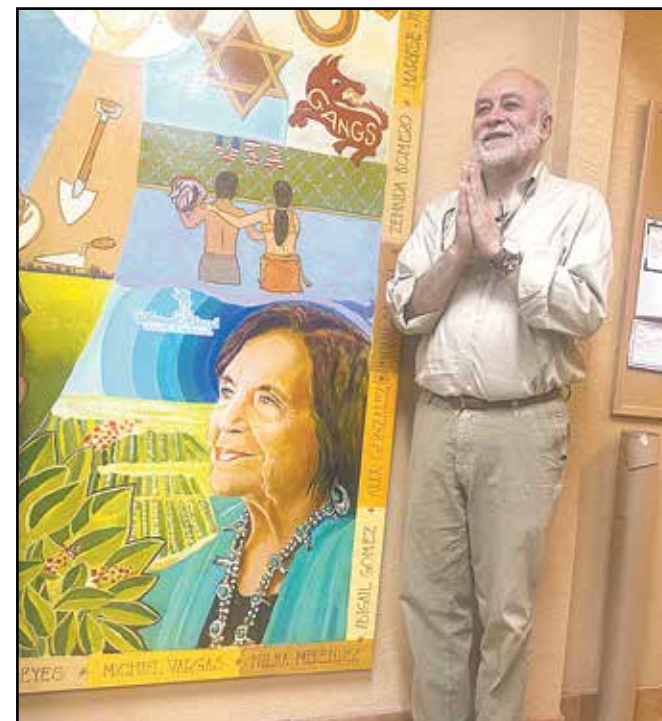


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Artist Alberto Gomez expresses gratitude as he stands next to his mural of Dolores Huerta at the Hope Community Center North Park Avenue campus.

Commission considers policy for naming public facilities

Push for public input, longer notice, advisory review

By Teresa Sargeant Reporter

The city is creating a policy for naming public facilities after a Wednesday commission discussion centered on how much public input should be required and who should review nominations before they reach elected officials.

At the Apopka City



Photo by Dana O'Connor

Interim City Administrator Radley Williams speaks at the March 18 Apopka City Commission meeting.

Commission meeting, interim City Administrator Radley Williams presented a draft policy aimed at creating a more consistent process for honoring individuals or groups who have made lasting contributions to the city. The policy would apply to city-owned properties such as parks, buildings and programs.

Under the proposal, nominations could be submitted by elected officials, residents or organizations and would undergo administrative review before being scheduled

for a City Commission vote. The draft policy also requires public notice at least seven days before a vote.

The draft policy was brought forward after the commission previously directed staff to develop formal guidelines for honorary naming.

Commissioners and residents, however, questioned whether that timeframe is sufficient and whether additional safeguards are needed to ensure transparency and community involvement.

Much of the discussion

focused on extending the public notice period and on whether to create a citizen advisory committee to review nominations.

Resident Leroy Bell urged commissioners to lengthen the notice period to allow broader participation.

"Let's put it out there for 30 days... [so] that every resident gets a chance, that we can reach out, that they can be a part of this process," Bell said.

Other residents called for

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Pending e-bike law aims to boost safety

Following a pretty chilly winter season, Floridians are anxious to get back outside with the warmer weather days we've been having recently. This is especially true for bikers—both casual and avid.

Over the last few decades, the biking industry has seen a rise

in the use of electric bicycles (also referred to as e-bikes). In the Central Florida region, we have seen an increase in the availability of rental e-bikes and scooters, particularly in more urban areas (i.e., downtown Orlando) and college campuses.

While this technology reaps many benefits such as ease of riding, physical exercise, and reduction in carbon emissions (transportation alternative to cars), it has also presented some safety issues to pedestrians and others nearby. During the recent session, the Legislature approved what is maybe a first step in providing some additional safety protections.

At the federal level, there are very few regulations that address e-bikes, other than setting a speed ceiling of 28 miles per hour (mph), leaving any further regulation to the states and municipalities, according to The New York Times. This approach has led to several municipalities in the region having recently either passed ordinances regulating the use of e-bikes or commissioning studies to determine how to best approach addressing this technology in a way that fits the character of their community.

Although municipalities are preempted by law from restricting or prohibiting use of e-bikes on bicycle paths, multiuse paths, or trail networks, state law does not currently preempt them passing ordinances to regulate operation on streets, high-

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Doug Bankson

ways, and sidewalks within their respective jurisdictions, according to Orlando Weekly.

Senate Bill (SB) 382 on Microbility Device/Electric Bicycles, sponsored by my colleagues Sen. Keith Truenow, and its House companion bill,

HB 243, sponsored by Rep. Yvette Benarroch, passed this session and currently awaiting the governor's approval (or veto). It amends Florida Statutes providing that a person operating an e-bike that is not located adjacent to a roadway, including a shared pathway located in a recreational area, shall yield to pedestrians and shall give an audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian.

A person operating on a sidewalk or any other area designated for pedestrian use may not operate the e-bike at a speed greater than 10 mph if a pedestrian is within 50 feet of the bike. Failure to comply would result in a non-criminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving violation as provided in chapter 318, F.S.

Additionally, the bill provides for the establishment of an Electric Bicycle Safety Task Force within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles for the purpose of making recommended improvements to state law enforcement and regulatory framework regarding e-bikes for safe operation and preventing traffic incidents, injuries, and fatalities.

If the bill is signed into law, the task force is expected to have experts from law enforcement, local government and medical field organizations. By Oct. 31, the task force would be expected to submit their recommendations to the governor and Legislature.

City meets water meter reading goal

A part of the recent water, wastewater and reclaimed water rate increases are due to \$15 million in unnecessary spending by the prior administration on an expensive fertilizer plant that isn't cost effective and a wastewater plant that was built a decade before it was needed. Both of these expenditures will cost water customers \$600,000/year or almost 2% per year for the next 15 years to pay off the loan.

But that did not leave us completely without options, so as we close the books on March, I would like to take this column to thank all the men and women who helped to achieve our lofty water meter goals. We started out with 31% estimated and no-read meters, and I tasked City Administrator Radley Williams to change the way we were running that division and put an emphasis on changing our direction.

We started in August of 2025 with the goal to reduce the estimated read meters and ultimately re-

Apopka Mayor



Bryan Nelson

duce the cost of water, wastewater and reclaimed water. If we could reduce the estimated and no-read meters, we could reduce the rate increases for 2026 and 2027.

We also needed to update our tap fees, credit card fees, reduce overtime, add meter reading towers and codify our tampering fees. The all-the-above approach of increasing non-water rates, reducing fraud and decreasing the estimated/no-read meters would drive down the cost of water, wastewater and reclaimed water.

Radley accepted the challenge, and we agreed to reduce the esti-

mated and no-read meters down to 8% by March 31, which is well within the norm of public utilities. As we began to see the trend going in the right direction, our rate study consultant was able to adjust our rates downward by 5.5% this year and another 3% next year.

Without these decreases in expenses and estimated meters, our consulting firm Raftelis could not have recommended that we reduce the rate increase due to jeopardizing our pristine credit rating. This collaborative effort was spearheaded by Radley with the help from utility billing, IT and public services.

As we close out the month of March, I am proud to announce that we met our number of 8% estimated reads. We could not have done it without our dedicated staff. With almost 30,000 water and reclaimed water meters across Apopka, we still have to be diligent to replace the non-functioning meters as well, making sure our new buildings are properly set up.

Canned goods, produce, vegetables and justice

It's a shame people don't pay with money anymore. All of the tapping, sliding and electro-zapping instead of exchanging cash and change has robbed me of a cherished fantasy in the express lane.

Just one time I would like to see someone pay for \$67.34 worth of groceries with a hundred-dollar bill and have the cashier hand \$15.21 back.

"Hey, this is not right!" the customer would protest. "I should get thirty-two dollars and sixty-six cents in change!"

The clerk would comically mimic shock and say, "you mean you can subtract sixty-seven point three four from one hundred, BUT YOU CAN'T COUNT PAST TEN TO SEE YOU HAVE TOO MANY ITEMS FOR THE EXPRESS LANE?"

This will never happen because any cashiers who had the gumption to do it would never scan another bar code. They would be stocking shelves at midnight, retrieving carts and listening for "CLEAN-UP ON AISLE SEVEN" announcements for the rest of their careers—maybe all the way to their high-school graduations.

Such a high value is put on worthless customers that those who are minding the store are forced to be so polite that all sorts of discourtesy goes unchallenged.

Seriously, haven't you wished that at least once a checker would

Columnist



Jake Vest

reach out and slap a cell phone off the side of somebody's head and tell them to pay attention to what's going on right in front of them? That would be very satisfying for the checker but not a good career move.

The people who own the stores want business more than they want common decency, so we can't count on them to monitor behavior. What we need are independent Supermarket Cops.

One of those little electric shopping wagons could be outfitted with blue lights and officers could cruise the aisles looking for moving violations—or more accurately, those who are impeding the movement of the rest of us.

Warnings would go to those who park a cart on one half of an aisle and squat for long periods on the other half, blocking traffic while they read the labels on cans. Like it matters which kind of beans you get. Same for people who pull a cart up next to a cart going the other direction and both stop to ponder the fine print

on packages of stuff they have no intention of buying; failure to yield to crossing traffic at the end of aisles; walking backward; general inattention due to cell phone hypnosis.

More serious warnings would go to those who engage in Shelf-Destructive Activities. Leaving egg cartons open after checking for breakage; rooting around the back row of milk looking for the latest expiration date and leaving the containers all out of order; mixing up the market ground beef with the ground round, and such.

Most serious warnings would be for crimes against produce, including comingling the red and green grapes, putting Honey Crisp apples in the Cosmic Crisp pile, and, worst of all, tomato fondling.

Tickets and expulsion from the premises would be reserved for certain serious offenses, such as dressing in a manner that is liable to ruin the appetite of people who are shopping for food, waiting until the order is rung up before beginning to look for a wallet in a giant purse, allowing children to run wild, and miscellaneous rudeness.

And for those who have some kind of electronic ear-implants hooked up to their phones so they can walk around carrying on loud and intrusive conversations with the air, generally being boorish, self-important dipwads...

Well, I hear that in some parts of the world they've had good results with caning.

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Five former Orange County commissioners back Moore for mayor

Endorsers cite collaboration, experience as runoff approaches

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Five former Orange County commissioners announced Monday that they are endorsing Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore for mayor of Apopka, adding to a growing list of supporters ahead of the April 14 runoff election.

The endorsers—Rod Love, Dr. Robert B. Sindler, Victoria Siplin, Betsy VanderLey and Scott Boyd—cited Moore’s leadership, collaboration and record of delivering results, according to a news release from her campaign.

Love served briefly as interim District 2 commissioner in 2018 after then-Commissioner Bryan Nelson stepped down to run for Apopka mayor. Moore, who represented District 7 on the Orange County School Board, left that position to run for commissioner and was elected to the seat lat-



Photo by Dana O’Connor

Christine Moore (right) speaks with a woman at March 18 Apopka City Commission meeting as Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez watches.

er that year.

“Commissioner Christine Moore understands that a strong Apopka means taking care of our seniors, supporting small businesses, and investing in children,” Love said. “She is committed to protecting senior independence, helping businesses grow without unnecessary bureaucracy, and creating safer environments where children can thrive.”

Love said he was endorsing Moore because of her leadership skills.

“She also recognizes the

importance of responsible leadership—working to address rising city water costs, mitigating property tax increases, and strengthening public safety. Christine Moore brings the experience, compassion, and leadership Apopka needs. I proudly support her for Mayor of Apopka.”

Sindler, who represented District 2 from 1998 to 2006, pointed to Moore’s environmental and infrastructure work.

“I heartily endorse Commissioner Christine Moore for

Mayor of the City of Apopka,” Sindler said. “She is deeply committed to completing our trail system and using the West Orange Trail as the catalyst to revitalize downtown Apopka. Her commitment to the environment such as the county purchasing conservation lands and increasing county park lands is exemplary. She dedicated years of work on septic-to-sewer conversions to protect our water quality and Class I Springs.”

Siplin, who represented District 6 from 2014 to 2018, said she worked alongside Moore on issues affecting Pine Hills and affordable housing policy.

“Commissioner Moore and I shared responsibility for the Pine Hills area. Together, we worked to improve infrastructure, protect our citizens, and add much needed services,” Siplin said. “Since my departure, I have collaborated with Moore on upgrading county policy offering faith-based organizations with larger land holdings the opportunity to build affordable housing.”

VanderLey, who repre-

sented District 1 from 2016 to 2024, highlighted Moore’s efforts to secure infrastructure funding.

“I represented West Orange County and always appreciated how Commissioner Moore worked diligently to bring funding and services back to her district; most notable are the \$125 million septic-to-sewer projects,” VanderLey said. “She was a quick study and strategic in her governance style, which has proven to be a great benefit to her constituents.”

Boyd, who represented District 1 from 2008 to 2016, cited Moore’s approach to decision-making.

“Having worked with Commissioner Moore on school zoning issues, I was impressed with her collegiality and ability to listen to all constituents prior to making decisions,” Boyd said. “I recommend Christine Moore for Mayor of Apopka.”

The endorsements follow a February endorsement from the Florida Republican Assembly—Orange County Chapter, whose members voted unanimously to support

Moore’s candidacy.

“Christine Moore is a proven leader of integrity and results—a respected voice in the community and exactly the kind of principled, battle-tested leader Apopka needs as its next mayor,” chapter president Lou Marin said in a letter to the campaign.

Moore said she is grateful for the support.

“I am grateful for the support of these outstanding and accomplished county commissioners,” Moore said. “Serving collaboratively has resulted in much success for county residents. It takes collegiality, patience, and persistence to make progress in our community. It was my honor to work alongside them.”

Moore faces Apopka City Commissioner Nick Nesta in the April 14 mayoral runoff election, which was triggered after no candidate received a majority of votes in the March 10 general election. Nesta led the initial race with 3,365 votes (41.60%), followed by Moore with 2,576 votes (31.85%) and incumbent Mayor Bryan Nelson finished third with 2,148 votes (26.55%).

APD arrests one suspect, seeks second in Errol Estate car burglary spree

By Teresa Sargeant
Reporter

Apopka police have arrested one suspect and are searching for another following a series of vehicle burglaries and vandalism incidents reported early last week in the Errol Estate community.

The suspect taken into custody, Travis Surkyn, 15, is facing charges of vehi-

cle burglary, criminal mischief, resisting an officer and theft. Additional charges are pending, according to a March 25 Facebook post from the Apopka Police Department (APD).

In total, 17 vehicles were burglarized and six were vandalized. In at least one case, a vehicle was stolen but later recovered. The first incident in the series was reported on March 22.

“We don’t know if these two suspects were responsible for every one [of the incidents], but they were responsible for a majority of them,” Sgt. Jennifer Rudich of the APD told The Apopka Chief on March 26.

The APD post said Surkyn was 16 years old, but Rudich said that age was a typo and said he’s 15, but almost 16.

APD apprehended Surkyn at approximately 4 a.m. on March 25 after patrol officers observed two individuals dressed in black hiding between homes in the neighborhood, according to the Facebook post. When officers approached, the suspects fled and attempted to conceal themselves in a nearby wooded area, police said.

APD’s K-9 unit located and apprehended one of the suspects. The second individual remains at large as of Wednesday.

Police are asking residents in the area to review any available surveillance footage and report information that could help identify the second suspect.

Anyone with information is asked to contact APD at 407-703-1757.



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Travis Surkyn

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Wekiva High launches All Pro Dad chapter

School to host monthly meetings

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Wekiva High School launched Apopka's first high school All Pro Dad chapter on March 26 in classroom 527.

"All Pro Dad Chapters provide an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children before school to strengthen their relationship," the All Pro Dad website says. "One day a month, other dads and their kids meet together and walk through different topics that invoke meaningful conversations."

Wekiva's family en-



Photo by Sarah Merly

Family Engagement Liaison Lamarcus Jackson leads Wekiva High School's first All Pro Dad meeting.

agement liaison and freshman football head coach Lamarcus Jackson serves as the chapter's "team captain." For the chapter's first meeting, Jackson shared a brief video

focusing on practical steps toward refining time management and asked students questions afterward.

"Time management is something that we can all ben-

efit from, even us as adults," Jackson said to the students. "But again, we want to make sure that we're helping you guys do better than us."

Jackson and Wekiva parent Lamar Wright also led a "pride moment," in which they complimented each student on their personal growth and character qualities.

"I've watched these boys go from freshmen to now seniors to young men," Jackson said in an interview. "In a sense, these are my kids."

This week's handout included encouragement for fathers, suggested activities for fathers and children to build time management skills together, and related resources from the All Pro Dad website.

The topics will rotate with each meeting.

According to Jackson, representatives from All Pro Dad discussed the benefits of the program with Orange County Public Schools in June 2024. This year, OCPS paid the dues for area schools like Wekiva to start chapters.

"They brought it to us, the engagement liaisons of the schools," Jackson said. "I just took on the role of being the team captain to start the meeting until we find a dad."

Several elementary and middle schools throughout Apopka feature an All Pro Dad chapter. Wekiva, however, is the first to start a high school chapter, accord-

ing to the All Pro Dad website. Jackson hopes the chapter will eventually grow to include 20 to 25 households.

"I want you guys to make sure you tell your fathers, if they want to come be a part of this, to come and be a part," Jackson told students. "One of the things that the studies and the numbers have said is, when dads are more involved in school, you get more out of students."

The Wekiva All Pro Dad chapter will meet on campus every fourth Thursday of the month at 11 a.m., with the exception of the summer months. Parents may register at the Wekiva chapter's page on the All Pro Dad website.

Lockheed awards \$10K grant to Wekiva program

Funds to purchase two flight simulators

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Lockheed Martin, in partnership with the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools (OCPS), awarded Wekiva High School a \$10,000 grant to purchase two flight simulators for its Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) program.

"The JROTC program instructors are partnering with a Civil Air Patrol officer to build these simulators from scratch, providing exceptional hands-on technical experience for students and staff," a statement from the Foundation for OCPS said. "They



Photo by Sarah Merly

Wekiva High School JROTC instructor Scott Stewart poses with the \$10K check following Military Recruitment Day on March 23.

are also working closely with their administrative team to develop the curriculum needed to launch aviation classes for the new school year. The long-term goal is to create a

pathway that allows students to earn their small pilot licenses before graduating high school."

The Foundation for OCPS presented the award at Wekiva's Military Recruitment Day on March 23, which Wekiva AFJROTC senior instructor Scott Stewart organized.

"I had this concept when I got here, and I was like, 'Okay, we have to do something for our kids that's more than just a high school diploma, and what better way than to try to get a simulator going?'" Wekiva AFJROTC senior instructor Scott Stewart said. "If we could bring this and get this matured, look at what the kids could walk out with—a high school diploma and a beginner's pilot license. Or maybe they want to be air

traffic controllers, be mechanics—the spinoff jobs from this, as well."

The two simulators expected to be available at the start of the coming school year are considered Basic Aviation Training Devices (BATD). Each would feature three monitors imitating the cockpit windows and a smaller monitor with flight instruments. Of the 40 total hours required for a private pilot certificate, up to 2.5 hours of training in a BATD simulator with an instructor would be credited.

"Juniors in their first year would participate in classroom training equivalent to a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) approved Private Pilot Ground school," said the concept paper for Wekiva's aviation orientation and flight training

program. "The private pilot ground school would provide essential theoretical knowledge required to pass the FAA written test."

According to the concept paper, students in eleventh grade will learn about aerodynamics, aircraft systems, meteorology, FAA regulations, and more. They would then take a test after completing ground school.

A group of senior students would advance from classroom training to receive in-flight instruction from a partnering flight school at a local airport, like Orlando Apopka Airport (X04). Those not chosen to receive in-flight instruction would continue with "advanced ground school training." Seniors will learn about instrument flight, aircraft de-

sign, aviation medicine, aviation psychology and more.

In the future, Stewart hopes Wekiva will receive at least one Advanced Aviation Training Device (AATD), which would "replicate the cockpit environment and performance characteristics of a specific class of aircraft (e.g., single-engine piston, multi-engine piston) or even a particular make and model."

"Phase 2 is what transforms the program from simulator-based learning into a true, FAA-aligned aviation pipeline, giving students authentic flight experience and increasing their competitiveness for postsecondary aviation programs and careers," the Foundation for OCPS statement said.

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Christine Moore
District 2 County Commissioner

When I wrote the book "Ahapopka" in 2015, the purposed was for our 4th graders to know more about Apopka. Through the years, I taught the book to fourth-grade honors students who eagerly interacted with the lessons and visited all historic locations such as Kelly Park/Rock Springs, Museum of the Apopkans, City Hall, and Lake Apopka. I will continue to educate our students as mayor reinstating the annual field trip.

In several area elementary schools, you'll view murals which I curated in conjunction with artist Lisa Mikler, dedicated to the city's history At Apopka Elementary School, four murals depict the rich soil surrounding Lake Apopka and how Native Americans to industrious settlers settled near the lake. Most importantly, students learn that our greatest asset is our kind and enterprising people.

The history work began with curating and raising private funding for murals at Apopka, Dream Lake, and Zellwood elementary schools. Rock Springs received beautiful photographs of Rock Springs and Phillis Wheatley Elementary was outfitted with a museum quality exhibit celebrating poet Phillis Wheatley.

As a county commissioner, I curated murals at the intersection of Thompson

and Votaw roads, on Edgewater Dr. in Lockhart, and in the North Pine Hills area a mural celebrating the statewide Coast-2-Coast Trail.

The People of Wekiwa Springs, People of Lockhart, and People of Clarcona Ocoee. were formed early on in my first term as county commissioner to function as ambassadors and advocates for their respective communities. Members regularly cleaned up their neighborhood frontage, held social events such as Easter Egg Hunts, National Night Out celebrations, and offered festivals, like Lockhart's 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Eventually, I began People of Southern Apopka and People of Northern Apopka who advocated for infrastructure, installed placemaking cup art, created pleasant gardens, and reduced blight on entire corridors.

As mayor, I want to continue honoring Apopka's history by creating the **People of Downtown Apopka** to serve as ambassadors for improvements. I will also form an **Historic Preservation Board** for citizens to determine how we should proceed in preserving and honoring our city's historic assets. Currently, the city's Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), dedicated to helping Apopka invest in its central area, has begun aggressively impacting the downtown area. Over \$900,000 CRA dollars were invested in façade improvements, wayfinding signage, South Apopka trail and skate park. Congratulations to Mayor Nelson and the rest of the CRA Board.

I will actively assist the Apopka Rotary, Apopka Foliage Sertoma Club, Apopka Woman's Club, South Apopka Ministerial Association, and VFW in all their community-building activities. My respect for the history of our city is longstanding and foundational to my leadership style.

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Apopka Art & Foliage Festival announces spotlight artists

Hannah Allen and Jessica Griggs receive 2026 titles

Staff Reports

The Apopka Art & Foliage Festival announced this year's spotlight artists on Monday, recognizing Hannah Allen and Jessica Griggs.

Allen, this year's fine art spotlight artist, draws colored pencil artwork and previously won an award of honor at the 2024 festival. Allen started drawing at age 7 and eventually found a mentor in The Art Studio of Lake Mary's Stella Tagliavere.

"Stella mentored Hannah as she developed a realist style that captured not just the appearance of her subjects—marine life, birds, wildlife, and beloved

pets—but their presence: the glint in an eye, the iridescence of a feather, the luminous stillness of an underwater scene," a press release said. "Hannah's main focus is to capture every detail to highlight the personality of each animal, especially through the eyes."

Allen donates her work to the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens and to the annual Ali's Hope Foundation fundraiser. She has also received awards from the Cocoa Village Spring Fine Art & Craft Fair, the New Smyrna Beach Art Fiesta and the DeLand Outdoor Art Festival.

The festival also named Griggs as this year's creative craft spotlight artist. She paints watercolors of the natural world and currently works as a principal and director of operations at

Dix.Hite + Partners, a landscape architecture firm.

"I love the unexpected in nature: the subtle color changes that many people overlook, and the small seasonal changes that are constantly taking place," she said in her press release. "I like to take these subtleties, enlarge them to a size that causes people to pause, and engage every viewer in a way that helps them appreciate the little joys in life."

Griggs credits her memories from her home state of Ohio, plants growing in her backyard, and native plants as key sources of inspiration for her pieces. She also received an award of honor at last year's festival.

The 64th Annual Apopka Art & Foliage Festival will take place April 25–26 at Kit Land Nelson Park.



Courtesy of Pamela Groseclose

Creative Craft Spotlight Artist Jessica Griggs is the director of operations for Dix.Hite + Partners, a landscape architecture and planning firm.



Courtesy of Pamela Groseclose

Fine Art Spotlight Artist Hannah Allen received the Best of Show award at the Cocoa Village Spring Fine Art & Craft Fair.

COMMISSION

FROM A1

stricter criteria for honorees, including requiring that individuals be deceased before a facility is named after them.

"Let's not rush into giving somebody an honor and then finding out six months after they're dead that they've done things that were surreptitious," resident Albert McKimmie said.

Commissioner Nick Nesta voiced support for a longer notice period, citing feedback from residents.

"It seems like the 30 days was something that residents pretty consistently felt was appropriate," Nesta said.

Commissioners also debated how members of a proposed advisory committee would be selected, with some

favoring an open application process for residents and others suggesting appointments by commissioners.

While no final policy was adopted, the commission provided direction for revisions to the draft.

Williams said staff would incorporate feedback and return with an updated version for consideration.

The naming policy discussion followed a 5–0 vote the City Commission took on Jan. 21 to consider naming a new inclusive playground at the Northwest Recreation Complex, a proposal that prompted broader concerns among officials and residents about the city's lack of a formal, standardized policy for naming parks, streets and public facilities.

ADVENTHEALTH

FROM A1

Springs, to complete rehabilitation. Wodi said that created barriers for some patients and delayed access to care.

"I just saw a patient upstairs who goes to Altamonte, and I told him about today, and he's very excited. He's going to try to transfer his care here," Wodi said.

He added that cardiac rehabilitation plays a key role in recovery and prevention, citing improved survival rates and healthier lifestyle outcomes for patients who complete the program.

"We're going to have reduction in hospitalizations. We're going to have patients doing much better after their events," Wodi said. "You cannot over-

state how important it is for us on campus."

The program includes a structured regimen of about 30 to 32 sessions, during which patients are monitored while exercising and receive education on diet, medications and disease management. Staff also assess psychological well-being, aiming to reduce anxiety and improve adherence to treatment.

Hospital officials said the facility can accommodate up to eight patients per day, three days a week, with a team of nurses and exercise physiologists.

Following remarks, staff and attendees bowed their heads as a hospital chaplain prayed over the

space, asking for healing and success for future patients.

The facility opened on Monday, March 30.

"If you have to drive downtown for that several days a week, that can be really difficult," AdventHealth Apopka CEO Brad Hillmon told The Apopka Chief in a previous interview. "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."



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Mayor Bryan Nelson officially proclaimed April 25 and 26 as Art and Foliage Festival Weekend at Wednesday's Apopka City Commission meeting. Pictured from left to right are Commissioner Nick Nesta, Christy Faircloth, Commissioner Nadia Anderson, Katie Jarett, Sharon Fisher, Pam Smith-Groseclose, Diane Harrison, Joann Castillo, Sandy Bove, Mayor Bryan Nelson, Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez, Commissioner Alexander Smith, and Lorena Potter.

Apopka celebrates Holy Week 2026

City churches host Good Friday, Easter Sunday services

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Commemorate Jesus Christ's death, burial and resurrection over the weekend with the Apopka community at the services listed below. This list is not exhaustive and is based on the most publicly available information. Each service is held in its respective church's sanctuary at the included address unless otherwise noted.

Friday, April 3: Good Friday Services

Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: 750 Roger Williams Rd.

Apopka Christian Ministerial Alliance (hosted by Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene)

Time: noon
Location: 750 Roger Williams Rd.

First Methodist Church of Apopka

Time: 7 p.m.
Location: 201 S. Park Ave.

Grace Pointe Church

Time: 6 p.m.
Location: 2051 W. Lester Rd.

One Family Church

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 500 S. Highland Ave.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church: Vna Crucis

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 834 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Trinity Baptist Church

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 1022 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Sunday, April 5: Sunrise Services

Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene

Time: 7:30 a.m. (breakfast at 8:15 a.m.)

Location: 750 Roger Williams Rd.

First Baptist Church Apopka

Time: 6:30 a.m.

Location: Grills Lakeside Restaurant (4301 N. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando)

First Methodist Church of Apopka

Time: 6:30 a.m.

Location: Kit Land Nelson Park (10 N. Forest Ave.)

Journey Christian Church

Time: 7 a.m.

Location: 1965 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Sunday, April 5: Easter Services

Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: 750 Roger Williams Rd.

Church of the Holy Spirit

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: 601 S. Highland Ave.

First Baptist Church Apopka

Time: 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

Location: 441 S. Highland Ave.

First Methodist Church of Apopka

Times: 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. (fellowship hall), 11 a.m.

Location: 201 S. Park Ave.

Grace Pointe Church

Times: 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

Location: 2051 W. Lester Rd.

Journey Christian Church

Times: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m.

Location: 1965 S. Orange Blossom Trail

One Family Church

Times: 9:09 a.m., 11:11 a.m.

Location: 500 S. Highland Ave.

Revelation Church

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Location: 9913 Bear Lake Rd.

St. Francis of Assisi

Time: 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

Location: 834 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Trail

Trinity Baptist Church

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: 1022 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Trail

AUDIT
FROM A1

Vice Mayor Diane Velazquez said she opposed moving forward under the current commission, citing both cost and transition concerns.

"Why would we want to start this process and leave it to the next mayor and new commissioners?" Velazquez asked. "I would prefer that this be delayed ... or let that come from the new commission rather than the one that's leaving, because this is going to cost the taxpayers over a million dollars."

Nesta said he supports conducting an audit but prefers restarting the process with a new commission and revised scope.

Nesta is in the mayoral runoff against Orange County Commissioner Christine Moore, which will take place April 14, after the March

10 city election saw no mayoral candidate snatched up 50% of the votes. In the same election, Sam Ruth and Yesenia Baron won commission seats.

"There'll be an audit," Nesta said. "We'll start fresh with the new commission, not charge the residents an insane amount to do this, and then we'll get it done properly."

Commissioner Nadia Anderson said that if officials truly believed wrongdoing had occurred, they should be willing to authorize a forensic review now rather than wait for a new commission.

"If you really feel there's some wrongdoing, it shouldn't matter if you vote for it today or vote for it tomorrow, unless it's truly politically motivated," Anderson said.

Nelson said the item was brought forward to gauge interest and noted that parts of the previous audit scope could be removed to lower costs.

"If you want to narrow it down, because you don't [want to] spend 1.3 [million], then go odd years, even years, go four years, pick your number," Nelson said. "But ... I'm comfortable doing all eight years but realize that's going to be probably a million."


During public comment, some residents said a forensic audit is still needed to show where city money has gone and improve trust, while others urged waiting for the new mayor and commission to define a clearer, more focused review.

Sheila Ruth Lyman, age 87, of Apopka, Florida passed away on March 6, 2026. She was the best mom, mother-in-law, grandmother, wife and sister. Sheila was born on March 14, 1938 in North Sydney, Nova Scotia to Roy and Ollie Murray. Sheila graduated from Thompson High School and Cape Britten Business College. She moved to the United States of America in 1961, living and working in the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1962, she married Ron Lyman and soon after, they moved to Florida. Sheila spent 64 years in the Florida sunshine, while raising her son, Ron Jr. who would later gift her with a fantastic daughter-in-law, Stephanie. Ron Jr. and Stephanie provided Sheila with a fabulous grandchild, Jonathan Lyman, to love and spoil, which she did very well. Helping Ron Jr. and Stephanie raise Jonathan was something she excelled in, being both a grandmother and friend to Jonathan.

Sheila is survived by her loving husband of 64 years, Ron Lyman; beloved son, Ron Lyman; daughter-in-law, Stephanie Lyman; brothers, Roy Murray, Gerald Murray and Roland Murray; and sister, Wanda Davidson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Ollie Murray and her brother, Phillip Murray.

Sheila will be dearly missed by her loved ones and friends.





In the early morning of March 27, God called to rest Joyce C. Morrow. Joyce was the daughter of Edward Harline and Sally Poster. She was married to her loving husband S. Jay Morrow for over 50 years.

Joyce attended Pottstown HS. (PA) and was noted for being the drum major for the HS band.

After graduation Joyce worked as a dental assistant for 20 years. She served as the Women's Liaison for the Royersford Police Department and was the leader of the Elementary School crossing guard program. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Royersford and was head of the acolyte program and also sang in the church choir for many years, but her greatest joy came from being a Silent Clown of Grace Church.

After moving to Orlando in the early 2000's, Joyce became an avid member of the First United Methodist Church in Apopka.

Joyce will be dearly missed by her two sons, J. Brian Morrow and Charles Morrow. Granddaughter Kelsey Lyn Morrow, and 2 great granddaughters Rylee Grace and Raegan Lyn. She will also be missed by her brother Edward Harline, several nieces and nephews, cousins, a furry friend named Daphne, and a host of her second family at First United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Apopka (201 South Park Avenue, Apopka, Florida 32712) on April 23, 2026 at 11:00AM

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Orchid festival, conference to arrive in Apopka

Krull-Smith's Julien Baruch talks orchid varieties, care

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

The American Orchid Society (AOS) 2026 Spring Conference and the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival are set to arrive in the community next week.

"Held in conjunction with the Apopka International Spring Orchid Festival, presented by Krull-Smith, this special gathering [the conference] brings together orchid experts, enthusiasts, and growers from across the orchid world," said a March 6 American Orchid Society email. "Whether you are a seasoned grower or simply passionate about orchids, this event is not to be missed."

The conference will run from April 8 to April 11, with events split between the Hilton Garden Inn Apopka City Center, Northwest Orange County Improvement Association (NOCIA), and the Krull-Smith nursery. Events will include an orchid virus testing hands-on workshop, presentations on a variety of orchids, an "Orchid Paradise" gala, orchid judging, and more.

"Usually, you always have to have at least three judges per team, and they're going to go ahead and look at a flower and evaluate it compared to ei-



Photo by Sarah Merly

Julien Baruch discusses orchid hybridization at Krull-Smith.

ther the parents or other of the same hybrids or species that have been awarded to build toward that fuller, rounder, deeper color and to make guidelines for improving the orchid world in the future," said Julien Baruch, sales manager at Krull-Smith and accredited AOS judge.

In addition to judging orchids, Baruch will share a presentation at the conference on Bulbophyllum, according to the AOS website.

"Bulbophyllum is not a very well-known group of orchids," Baruch said. "It is, though, the largest group of orchids in the entire world, so they're really fun. There's a huge amount of variety, and I'm doing an introduction to tell people about different species that they could

find and also teach them how to grow them."

Baruch is also organizing and marketing the festival, which will run 9 a.m.-5 p.m. April 10-12 at Krull-Smith.

"We've got vendors literally flying in from Japan," he said. "You've got some from Colombia, from South Africa, Brazil, Taiwan. You've got ones from Hawaii, California, North Carolina—so literally, all over the world and all over the country—coming in for this festival."

Baruch said the festival will primarily focus on vendors that also serve as breeders.

"The number of breeders for orchids in the United States has dropped significantly, especially since the 2000s, because you had a lot of the people that

were breeding getting out-competed by stuff that can come in a lot cheaper from Asia," he said. "Anybody can go ahead and buy and resell plants they bought from overseas, but people that go ahead and actually make their own hybrids and breed are very important to the orchid world."

Baruch enjoys watching guests of all ages discover the diversity of orchids at each festival.

"There's a group of plants that, if you touch the trigger on it, it'll actually spit the pollen at you," he said. "Kids love that. They'll go through and start poking at it, and they just get shot at, and they freak out about it. It's the funniest thing you'll see."

In addition to noting orchids' diversity, Baruch also mentioned that orchids are relatively easy to take care of, making them ideal beginner plants.

"One of the biggest tips I always tell people, especially if the orchids are in moss, you can grab one of those little bamboo skewers and stick it right through the middle of that pot," he said. "Whenever you go check on it, take it out. If it's still wet, you leave it alone. If it's almost dry, that's when you water it, and that'll make it so that you really get that wet-dry cycle."

Festival admission and parking is free. Although the full registration package for the conference is sold out, a variety of other ticket types are still available on the AOS website, beginning at \$20.

Area Easter events to usher in spring this Saturday

Celebrations include animal encounters, egg hunts

By Sarah Merly
Reporter

Don your favorite bunny ears and bring your Easter basket to these springtime celebrations around the Apopka area! Each event takes place on Saturday.

Hippity Hop Adventure!

Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Location: Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens (3755 W. Seminoles Blvd., Sanford)

Celebrate Easter at the zoo with face painting, golden egg drawings, pictures with the Easter bunny and more! Most activities included with admission. Zoo admission starting at \$19.95 for children 3 years and older.

Breakfast with the Bunny

Time: 9-11 a.m.
Location: Camp Wewa (221 S. Binion Rd., Apopka)

Join Apopka families for a meal from First Watch, then visit with

the Easter bunny, hunt eggs, and adopt a stuffed bunny to take back home! Online registration required on the city of Apopka website. \$20.

Egg-Stravaganza Open Farm Event

Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Lil' Bit of Life Farm (2920 Robie Ave., Mount Dora)

Hunt for Easter eggs, meet animals and take photos with the Easter bunny at Lil' Bit of Life Farm! \$12.

Easter Egg Hunt

Time: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Location: Nunan Butterfly Garden (1995 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora)

Children 10 years old and younger are invited to the Nunan Butterfly Garden for an Easter egg hunt, a book giveaway and a photo op with the Easter bunny himself! Free.

Easter Fest

Time: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Thrive Church Apopka (951 N. Park Ave., Apopka)

Join Thrive Church Apopka for an egg hunt, food, a petting zoo and more! Free.

MURAL FROM A1

"When I learned about the news, it was very painful for a lot of the women from our staff and our community," said Meilyn Santana, chief of staff for Hope CommUnity Center. "It brought back memories... and there was a lot of pain and disappointment."

The decision to replace Chavez's image came quickly. Santana said the nonprofit leadership agreed "right away that something needed to be done," initially covering the mural to avoid causing discomfort for visitors. From there, Colombian artist Alberto Gomez—who helped create the original mural 17 years ago—returned to reimagine it.

Within just seven days, the mural was transformed. Huerta, the often-underrecognized co-founder of the United Farm Workers, has long been a key figure in the farmworker movement.

"We both agreed that celebrating Dolores Huerta would be the right thing to do," Santana said. "She was such an important member in this movement... not as recognized as she should have been."

The timing also carried symbolic weight. The unveiling coincided with

the end of Women's History Month and what would have been Cesar Chavez Day on Tuesday.

Santana described the process as one of collective healing. Women from the organization participated in removing Chavez's image before watching Huerta's portrait take shape.

"We were angry when we were removing the face," she said. "Then there was that healing moment... once we started seeing Dolores come to life, it was a true sense of healing and a new beginning."

The repainting follows a March 17 statement from the United Farm Workers nonprofit affiliate UFW Foundation, condemning allegations of abusive behavior involving Chavez and announcing the cancellation of all Cesar Chavez Day activities this month. The organization called the allegations "shocking" and emphasized its commitment to supporting survivors.

"We know this is difficult and painful and the healing and safety of survivors is of utmost importance to us," the statement said. "Today, with staff in California, Washington, Georgia, Michigan, New

York, Illinois and Arizona, the UFW Foundation continues to empower communities and will continue to center its work on protecting the most vulnerable."

At Hope CommUnity Center, that broader reckoning is shaping the organization's next steps.

"We definitely want to continue to empower, to uplift our women, ... on making sure that women have their rights and feel supported, feel seen, feel valued, feel respected," Santana said.

For artist Gomez and his family, the project also carried personal significance. His daughter, Shaiya Gomez, who assisted in the restoration, said returning to the mural after 17 years was both nostalgic and meaningful.

"It felt really good to restore it, to make it look brand new," she said.

She described the decision to replace Chavez's image as "an act of resistance," adding that it sends a broader message about listening to and believing women.

"I think that's very powerful," she said. "I hope that it's something we can follow as an example."

SUV fatally strikes 4-year-old girl

Driver did not see child next to SUV, authorities say

Staff Reports

A 4-year-old girl from Apopka died Wednesday evening after a vehicle struck her in a private driveway in South Apopka.

According to the Flor-

ida Highway Patrol (FHP), the accident occurred at about 7:14 p.m. on April 1 at Robinson Avenue and 13th Street, where a 37-year-old Apopka woman was parked in the driveway. The woman began driving the sports utility vehicle forward, unaware of the girl standing next to the right rear passenger door, according to the FHP re-

port. The vehicle struck the child, causing her to fall.

The girl was transported to Arnold Palmer Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The driver was not injured and remained at the scene, according to the report.

FHP is continuing to investigate the incident.



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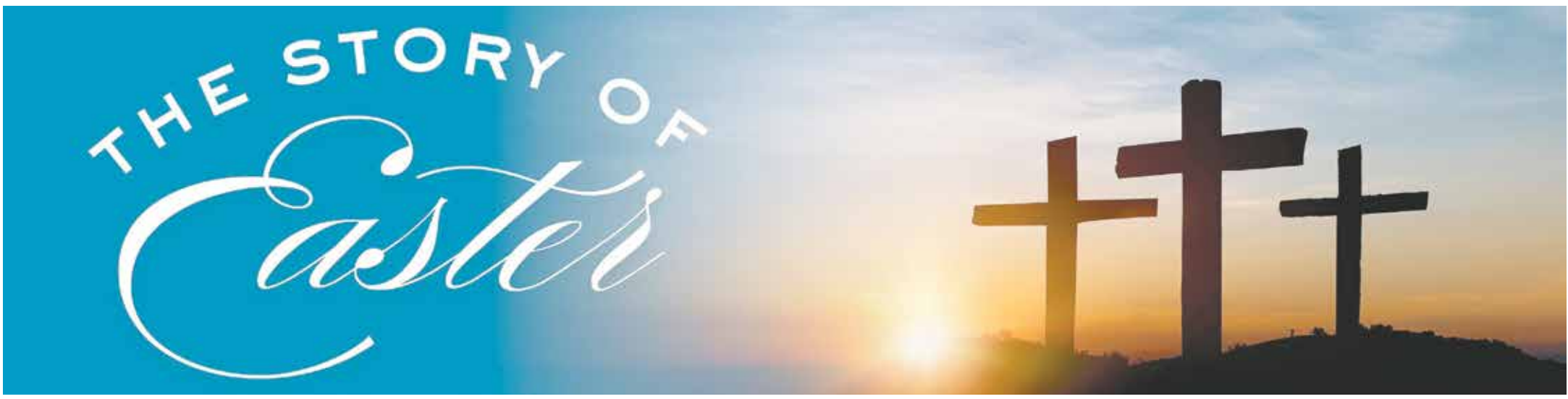


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Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus

Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. They were delighted and agreed to give him money. He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

The Last Supper

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover."

"Where do you want us to prepare for it?" they asked.

He replied, "As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him to the house that he enters, and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

They left and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take

this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of the one who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials. And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That's enough!" he replied.

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

Jesus Arrested

While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to

kiss him, but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, "Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns."

Peter Disowns Jesus

Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."

And he went outside and wept bitterly.

The Guards Mock Jesus

The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. They blindfolded him and demanded, "Prophecy! Who hit you?" And they said many other insulting things to him.

Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. "If you are the Messiah," they said, "tell us."

Jesus answered, "If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not answer. But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God."

They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?"

He replied, "You say that I am."

Then they said, "Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips."

LUKE CHAPTER 23

Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, "We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king."

So Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"You have said so," Jesus replied.

Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no basis for a charge against this man."

But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started

in Galilee and has come all the way here."

On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. When he learned that Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and then release him."

But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.)

Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him."

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But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'"

Then "they will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!'" and to the hills, "Cover us!"

For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Death of Jesus

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus

Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and up-

right man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

LUKE CHAPTER 24

Jesus Has Risen

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and

to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

On the Road to Emmaus

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vi-

sion of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and

frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

The Ascension of Jesus

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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Apopka advances to Metro Conference Championship

Softball team beats Horizon, Lake Mary to extend win streak

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

After falling to Horizon earlier this season, the Blue Darters flipped the script, knocking off the Hawks 5-3 for their fourth win in a row to claim the Metro West title and advance to the Metro Conference Championship game.

Apopka (10-4) wasted

no time setting the tone.

Shylah Pino ignited the offense in the bottom of the first, laying down a bunt single and immediately applying pressure on the basepaths. She stole second, then third, before Alicia Lopez drove a ball deep to bring her home. Moments later, Taylor Smith followed with another RBI hit to give the Blue Darters a quick 2-0 lead.

In the circle, Ava Mills- paugh navigated early traf- fic, working around a walk in the first and striking out a batter to keep Horizon off the

board.

The Hawks (10-5) threatened in the second, stringing together hits to put runners in scoring position. A groundout brought in a run, but Mills- paugh limited the damage with a strikeout.

Apopka answered in the bottom half.

After Alezia Hatcher was hit by a pitch and Mills- paugh worked a walk, Victoria Shaw delivered a deep drive to center field that hit the fence, scoring Hatcher and extend- ing the lead to 3-1. The Blue Darters had a chance to add

more, but a double play at the plate cut the rally short.

The game tightened in the fourth.

After a hit batter and an error put pressure on Apopka, Horizon loaded the bases and forced a pitching change. Mia Aeschilman entered in relief, and the Hawks immediately capitalized with an RBI single to cut the lead to 3-2.

Apopka's defense deliv- ered in a pivotal moment.

Pino got a cutoff from the outfield and fired home, Smith applied the tag to catch a runner at the plate to stop

the threat. Aeschilman fol- lowed with a comebacker and a groundout to escape the inning and keep Apopka in front.

"Those were absolute- ly huge plays," head coach Mike MacWithey said. "We had two runners thrown out at the plate, and that made a big difference in the game."

Apopka added to its lead in the fifth.

Pino ripped a triple down the right field line, then per- fectly timed her break to the

SOFTBALL, B2



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Shylah Pino at the plate watches the pitch come in on her first at-bat.

Wekiva baseball mercies Liberty

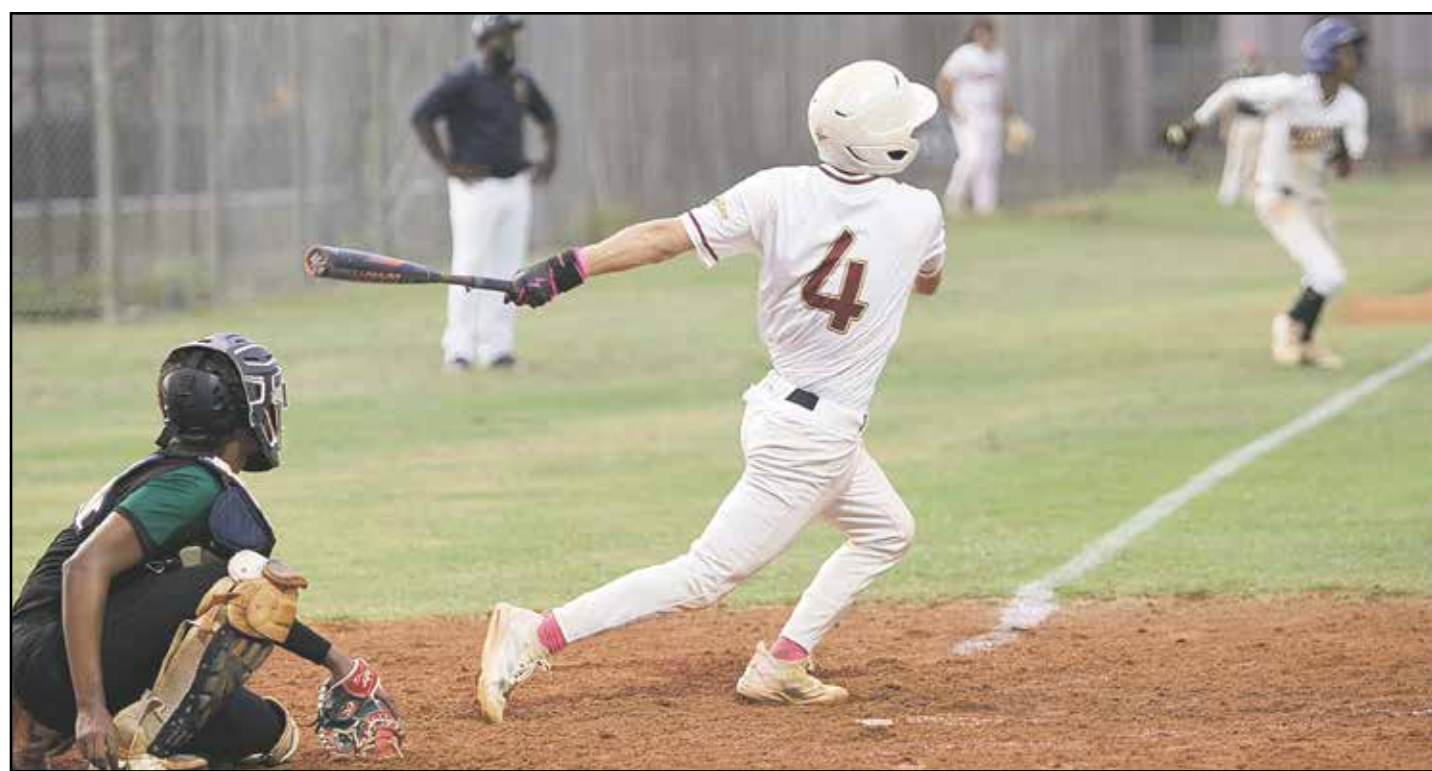


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Brady Reinert drives a ball into the outfield to score Jaden Graham from third against Liberty.

Mustangs get back in the win column

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Growth has been the de- fining theme for the Wekiva Mustang baseball team this season, and while that does not always translate to wins, it did on March 26.

Wekiva (2-13) put on a show against Liberty (1-5), winning in a 12-0 route that snapped the Mustang's 13- game losing streak after start- ing the season 1-0.

Head coach Noah Piard said the game showcased the resilience he has seen from his group all year.

"It was a good change of pace," Piard said. "We've

been struggling a little bit this season, but being able to come out here and put a good win together really uplifted the morale of our team, and it was well deserved."

Wekiva controlled the game from the start, combin- ing timely hitting with domi- nant pitching in its most com- plete performance of the sea- son.

On the mound, Emil Fla- quer set the tone early. He opened the game with back- to-back strikeouts and fin- ished with six total, allow- ing just one hit while keeping Liberty off balance through- out his three-inning outing.

Joan Morales closed the game with three strikeouts of his own, as Wekiva allowed just a single baserunner in the

game.

Brady Reinert sparked the offense in the first af- ter he was hit by a pitch and then aggressively worked his way around the bases. Jaden Graham delivered with a single to left to bring him home and continued to apply pres- sure on the basepaths, even- tually scoring to give Wekiva a 2-0 lead.

That aggressiveness has been a staple for the Mus- tangs all season, particularly from Reinert, who leads the team with 10 runs scored and eight stolen bases.

Wekiva added on in the second when Graham again created chaos, reaching base and advancing before Flaquer belted a double over the left fielder's head to make it 3-0.

Then came the breakout inning.

In the third, the Mustangs erupted for nine runs, capital- izing on walks, hit batsmen and clutch hits to blow open the game. Luke Robinson delivered one of the biggest swings of the inning, ripping a two-run double down the third base line. Reinert added an RBI single, Flaquer drew a bases-loaded walk, and Ca- den Lopez followed with a two-run double to highlight the offensive surge.

By the end of the inning, Wekiva had built a com- manding 12-0 lead.

Robinson finished 2-for-3 with a double, three RBIs and a walk, while Fla-

BASEBALL, B3

Apopka volleyball fights through 4 sets with Bishop Moore

No. 20 Hornets prove too much for Blue Darters

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka volleyball went toe-to-toe with Bish- op Moore on Monday night, but a handful of late errors proved costly in a four-set loss.

The Blue Darters (4-8) opened strong and pushed the Hornets (12-5) to the brink before falling 26-24, 18-25, 23-25, 25-27.

"We needed to stay concentrated on the points," Apopka coach Brian Mater said. "Our errors killed us towards the end. But to go against a team of this cali- ber and hang in there with them and almost bring it to five sets, I'll take that any day. It's progress."

Blake Colclasure opened the match with a kill, and the Darters quickly found rhythm as their setter, Nathan White, orches- trated the offense. Elzie Robinson flew in for mul- tiple kills, while Ian Cott- man added production from the middle to help Apopka build an 11-7 lead.

The Darters contin- ued to control the tempo, stretching their advantage to 21-14 behind a balanced attack that included kills from Robinson and Caden McGatha, along with a key block from White at the net.

Bishop Moore respond- ed with a late push, string-

ing together five straight points to cut the lead to two and shift momentum.

Apopka didn't panic. Giovanni Lubin deliv- ered a crucial block to stop the run, and after the Hor- nets tied the set at 24-24, Lubin came through again with a clutch kill. Moments later, Colclasure sealed the opening set with a strong block, giving the Blue Dar- ters a 26-24 win.

The second set told a different story.

After a competitive start, Bishop Moore cap- italized on Apopka er- rors and began to separate. Robinson provided a spark with a kill and an ace, and White kept a play alive with a diving save, but the Hornets maintained control throughout.

Bishop Moore's consistency at the service line and ability to finish points allowed them to even the match with a 25-18 win.

The third set became a back-and-forth battle; with both teams trading runs and momentum.

Apopka leaned on its core, with Robinson, Mc- Gatha and Colclasure all contributing offensively. The Darters grabbed a 10-7 lead after consecutive kills, but Bishop Moore answered behind strong play from its outside hitters and effective serving.

With the score tied at 20-20, the Hornets created separation with two straight

VOLLEYBALL, B3

Apopka flag football comeback falls short

Blue Darters resilient behind Mikayla Wiggins in fourth quarter

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

Apopka's (4-8) flag football team showed resil- ience and late-game fight but couldn't overcome an early deficit, falling Wednesday at home to the 9-2 Horizon Hawks, 19-13.

Despite the loss, head coach Tanisha Wilson praised her team's fight, particularly after a sluggish start.

"They started out slow, and then at halftime we gave them a pep talk—don't lay down, just fight," Wil- son said. "You saw that they fought back, and I'm



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Kamaya Johnson grabs a handful of shorts in attempt for the flags.

very proud of them because they're battling through a season that hasn't gone the way they wanted. But they're persevering."

The Blue Darters strug-

gled to find rhythm early, going three-and-out on their opening possession and hand- ing Horizon favorable field position. The Hawks capi- talized immediately, march-

ing into the red zone and con- verting a fourth-down rollout pass to the front pylon for a touchdown. The extra point made it 7-0.

Apopka began to settle in offensively behind quar- terback Mikayla Wiggins. On a key third down, Wig- gins connected with Camille Douglas for a first down, then followed it with a 15- yard scramble to move the ball into Horizon territory. But the drive stalled when the Blue Darters came up short on fourth down.

Defensively, Apopka re- sponded with energy. Wig- gins nearly came away with an interception before break- ing up a jump ball on the next play. The defense forced a turnover on downs, giving

FLAG FOOTBALL, B3



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Elzie Robinson rises up to stuff a block back into the Bishop Moore player.

Fish continue to bite, despite lack of rain

Hello Folks,
Folks, we really need rain, so keep those prayers goin' for two to three more inches of rain.

The fishin' is still doin' real good in most of the lakes and rivers in our area, and the shellcrackers should start bitin' real soon.

Folks have been catchin' plenty of shellcrackers in the Kissimmee Chain for the last month. I spoke to John Bitters of Bitters Bait & Tackle, and he reports that the shellcrackers haven't yet started good here in our area. He reports that the speck bite is slowin' down quite a bit in Lake Monroe and the St. Johns River.



GOIN' FISHIN'

Jim Keck
Correspondent

We have a full moon Wednesday, April 1, (tomorrow as I write), so that might help the shellcrackers to start bitin' better by the weekend.

The bass fishin' is still goin' strong up at the north end of the St. Johns River. John told me that the bass are schoolin' from Astor down to Hontoon Island. Topwater baits and lipless crank-

baits have been gettin' the job done. You can also catch 'em on Bitters Vibe and the Bitters Swimmers. You'll have a blast catchin' these bass when they come up and start feedin' on baitfish. Some big bass are actually bein' caught in with these schoolin' bass.

Lake Fairview bass fishin' is still hot. Lots of bass are bein' caught in the lake durin' the day and late into the evenin'.

There was a tournament on the Conway Chain last week, and they really caught 'em. Congrats to Bobby Bakewell and his dad Robert; they won the tournament. Together, they brought five bass to the scales that weighed

in at 23 pounds 12 ounces. They also had Big Bass of that tournament which hit the scales at 8 pounds 8 ounces. I don't know if you've ever fished the Conway Chain, but you usually catch a bunch of one-pounders and maybe a three-pounder every once in a while. Bobby and his dad have been fishin' the Conway Chain since Bobby was eight years old. So once again, congrats to Bobby and Robert on their win.

Another congratulation goes out to one of my fishin' buddies, Rich Niles. Rich fished his club tournament on West Lake Toho in all that wind last Sunday. Rich said that West Lake was as

bad as he's ever seen it. He ran to the south end of the lake and fished there all day. When he was ready to come in, there were rollers on the lake. He ran to the east side thinkin' it might be a little calmer, but nope; it was still bad. The good news is that he did win the tournament with five bass that weighed in at 13.5 pounds. Rich also had Big Bass of the tournament which hit the scales at 4.0 pounds. There were 15 boats in that tournament.

If there are any bass that haven't spawned yet, this week would probably be a good week for that to happen. So, keep your eye out for some spawnin' bass on the

beds. Please make sure you practice catch and release for these big females. They need to lay their eggs, and hopefully, the fry will have a great survival rate this year.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope you get a chance to do some fishin' durin' the week or over the weekend. License-free freshwater fishing is Saturday and Sunday April 4th and April 5th. You don't have to have a license to fish in freshwater, and it's for residents and visitors exploring freshwater fishing.

Tip of the week: Pray for Rain!

SAVE A FEW AND GOOD LUCK!

SOFTBALL

FROM B1

plate on a groundout from Lopez, sliding in safely to make it 4-2. The Blue Darters threatened again with the bases loaded but were unable to capitalize.

In the sixth, the Hawks put together another rally, using a single and a groundout to bring in a run and cut the deficit to 4-3. But once again, Apopka's defense limited the damage, highlighted by a leaping play from Lopez at third to record a key out.

The Blue Darters found insurance in the bottom half.

After Shaw reached and Pino was hit by a pitch, Lopez delivered again, lining a hit into shallow right field to score Shaw and push the lead to 5-3.

That set the stage for a tense final inning.

Millspaugh returned to the circle for the seventh and immediately got help from her defense, as Ava Gonzalez snagged a line drive for the first out. Horizon followed with back-to-back singles to put the tying run on base.

As MacWithey stepped toward the circle, Millspaugh waved him off, choosing to finish the game herself.

Moments later, Horizon sent a ball into the outfield that looked destined to score a run, but Apopka came through again defensive-

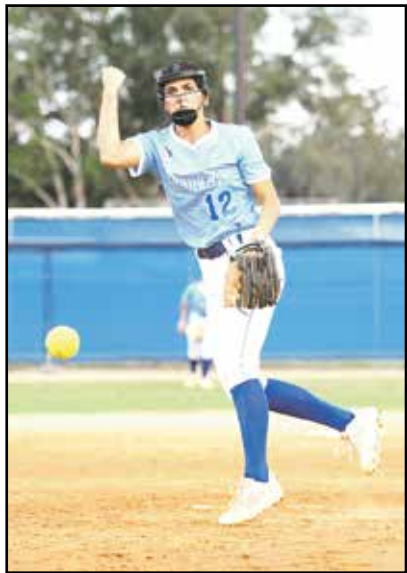


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Mia Aeschilman delivers a strike against Lake Mary.



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Coach Mike MacWithey sends Ford home on the deep shot by Ava Gonzalez.

ly. Bartkin charged in from center field and fired a strike home, where Smith applied the tag for another crucial out at the plate.

The next batter grounded out to Lopez, sealing the 5-3 victory and sending Apopka into celebration.

While the defense delivered in key moments, MacWithey noted there is still room for improvement offensively.

"We had a few strikeouts looking, and that's typically what we don't do," he said. "You can't get on base if you don't swing the bat."

The win capped a strong stretch for Apopka, which carried that momentum in a 5-2 victory over Lake Mary days earlier.

Coming off a 17-hit performance in an 8-2 win over Mount Dora Christian the night before, the Blue Darters showed a different formula against Lake Mary on Friday—combining early offense with steady pitching and defense.

Apopka struck first in that matchup as well.

Pino reached base and Lopez drove a double into the gap to bring

her home. Riley Ford added an RBI and Ava Gonzalez capped the inning with a double off the wall to give the Blue Darters a 3-0 lead.

With Mia Aeschilman in the circle, Apopka controlled the early innings. She worked out of a jam in the second after Lake Mary put runners in scoring position, inducing a key groundout to escape without damage.

Defensively, the Blue Darters stayed sharp. Braylyn Pirillo threw out a runner from right field, tracked down multiple fly balls, and helped anchor an outfield that limit-

ed extra-base opportunities.

Lake Mary broke through in the sixth, stringing together hits to cut the lead to 3-2 and load the bases. Apopka turned to Millspaugh in relief.

"Ava is a horse, and she just wants it," MacWithey said. "She came in and did her job."

Pirillo delivered a key moment with a leaping catch in right field to hold runners, and Millspaugh induced a groundout to Pino, who flipped to Ford for a force at second to limit the damage.

"Shylah did a fantastic job at shortstop," MacWithey said. "She's a stud out there and everywhere else."

Apopka answered immediately.

Victoria Shaw sparked the bottom of the sixth with a single, and after the runners advanced, Callie Sowers dropped a perfectly placed bunt down the third base line to score a run. Pino followed with a clutch hit into the gap to bring home another, extending the lead to 5-2.

Millspaugh closed it out in the seventh, retiring the side to secure the win.

"Now we have the chance to be the best in Orange County," MacWithey said. "That's our goal."

The Blue Darters played their conference championship game against Boone on Thursday night after press time.

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VOLLEYBALL

FROM B1

kills followed by an ace, putting Apopka on its heels late in the set.

Still, the Darters fought back.

McGatha delivered a key kill to keep the set within reach and rattled off two more points. However, a late error allowed Bishop Moore to escape with a 25-23 win and take a 2-1 lead.

The Hornets jumped out to an early fourth-set lead, but the Darters regrouped. McGatha, Robinson and Cottman each recorded kills during a mid-set surge that gave Apopka a 12-11 advantage.

From there, the momentum swung back and forth.

Apopka's improved blocking presence became a factor, with multiple players stepping up at the net to slow



Photo by Vinnie Cammarano

Nathan White sets a ball over his head to Blake Colclasure.

down Bishop Moore's attack. The Darters turned that defensive effort into offense, building a 21-18 lead after a combination of blocks and forced errors.



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Blake Colclasure serves to Bishop Moore.

"We got the block tonight," Mater said. "Guys that

haven't been getting blocks were stepping up. You've got to be excited about that."

But once again, Bishop Moore answered late.

The Hornets closed the gap and eventually took a 23-22 lead, forcing Apopka to respond under pressure. McGatha delivered in key moments, recording multiple late kills to keep the Darters alive and push the set into extra points.

Apopka continued to battle, matching Bishop Moore point-for-point. The Darters evened the score at 25-25, putting themselves within reach of forcing a decisive fifth set.

In the final moments, a pair of Hornets points, including a kill from Phillip Hanna, sealed the 27-25 victory and

ended Apopka's push.

Despite the loss, Mater pointed to the team's energy, chemistry and overall improvement as signs of progress.

"The energy between Caden and Elzie just connected again tonight," he said. "When those two guys are connected on the court, you can see how it feeds into the rest of the team. Everybody had fun, and that's important."

Mater also noted that the match showed how close his team is to turning competitive performances into wins.

"We can fix the minor stuff," he said. "That's the difference right now. The effort is there, the energy is there, now it's about cleaning up those little mistakes."

FLAG FOOTBALL

FROM B1

the offense another opportunity to respond.

Apopka found a spark when Genesis Morgan hauled in a pass and raced past midfield for a first down. However, the drive stalled again, and Horizon took advantage of the opportunity. The Hawks pieced together back-to-back 20-yard gains up each sideline, then used a quick out route to punch in another touchdown. Apopka stopped the extra point but trailed 13-0 late in the second quarter.

Annabelle Martin stepped in at quarterback and connected with Wiggins, then Elyse Pringle delivered a clutch fourth-down catch-and-run down the sideline, aided by a roughing the passer penalty that moved the ball inside the 10. Despite the momentum, Apopka couldn't capitalize, dropping a potential touchdown pass in the end zone to end the drive.

Horizon pushed the ball into Apopka territory in the closing seconds of the half, but time expired with the Blue Darters still within reach, 13-0.

Apopka's defense opened the second half with a strong stand, forcing three incompletions and a punt after Horizon crossed mid-

field. But the Blue Darters' first offensive play of the half went haywire. A Horizon defender jumped a screen pass and returned it for a touchdown, extending the lead to 19-0.

Facing a three-score deficit, Apopka began to show its resilience. Wiggins connected with Morgan for a first down, then broke free on a 20-yard scramble, weaving through defenders and pushing the ball deep into Horizon territory. But an interception ended the promising drive.

Wiggins made up for it in the very next series. Playing safety, she jumped a route to pick a pass, made multiple defenders miss and raced up the middle of the field for a touchdown. She also converted the extra point, cutting the deficit to 19-7 and igniting the Apopka sideline.

The defense fed off that energy, forcing a quick four-and-out to give the offense the ball back with momentum building.

Apopka methodically moved down the field. Morgan added another 10-yard first down reception, while Wiggins converted a fourth down with her legs to keep the drive alive. A roughing the passer penalty

moved the ball inside the red zone, and a clutch completion to Berkley Shapiro and another penalty gave the Darters first and goal.

Pringle finished the drive with a touchdown catch on the left side, bringing Apopka within one score, 19-13.

With 31 seconds remaining and two timeouts, Apopka turned to the onside "kick" conversion play, needing to complete a 20-yard pass to retain possession. The attempt bobbled around but fell incomplete, allowing Horizon to take over and run out the clock.

Wilson highlighted Wiggins' leadership and playmaking ability in the comeback effort, along with contributions from multiple players in key moments.

"Kay Kay, my quarterback, she's amazing," Wilson said. "She came in in the clutch, ran for long yards and threw some great passes. Berkley and Elyse made clutch catches, and Genesis at running back stepped up too. They all supported each other and worked together."

Apopka's next game is scheduled for Wednesday in a Metro game, but the team and location are yet to be determined.

BASEBALL

FROM B1

quer contributed both on the mound and at the plate, going 1-for-1 with a double, two walks, two RBIs and a run scored.

Graham continued his standout season. The senior leads the team with a .562 batting average and a .611 on-base percentage, production that has boosted the offense after he returned from an early-season injury.

"Jaden Graham, he's a silent guy, but whenever he's on the field for us, it's huge," Piard said. "He was a little bit injured in the beginning of the season, but since he's come back, the morale has picked up, our defense has picked up. So he's really been a huge piece to our team."

While the win over Liberty was one of Wekiva's most complete games, Piard emphasized that the team's identity has been built long before the final score reflected it.

"It's the resilience," he said. "Each day, even though things may not have gone our way, we've come back out with the same positive attitude. Guys are still working hard, guys are still striving to get better. At this young level,

that's pretty much all we can ask."

That mindset has been especially important for a roster still developing in all aspects of the game.

"The progression has been more of their character, more on the mental side," Piard said. "The physical side is going to come. We have some young guys who are still learning about the game. But for us, being able to build good young men, that's our overall goal."

Players like Flaquer and Reinert have helped set the tone.

"Emil Flaquer, he's been probably our anchor for this season," Piard said. "Brady Reinert, the energy that he brings to our team every single day, we couldn't ask more of him."

For Wekiva, the 12-0 win was a glimpse of what the team can be when everything clicks. As the season continues, Piard believes that continued growth and perseverance will eventually translate into more wins.

"We understand that the results may not always go our way," he said. "But as long as we persevere, we're pretty sure that things are going to turn around for the better."

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VERSE OF THE WEEK

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—Matthew 28:6

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Wekiva softball stays positive through tough season

McIntosh hits inside-the-park home run

By Vinnie Cammarano
Reporter

The Wekiva Mustangs softball and baseball teams played simultaneous games on March 26.

The softball team celebrated teacher's appreciation night, where the players were able to salute their teachers and pick one as their guest of honor for the game. The baseball team had its best game of the season, firing on all cylinders for a 12-0 mercy-rule victory.

The Lady Mustangs hosted Orlando Christian Prep (5-2) and hung close through three innings before eventually falling 15-1.

Down 3-0 in the third inning, Mustangs senior catcher and leadoff hitter Makenzy McIntosh delivered one of the season's greatest moments.

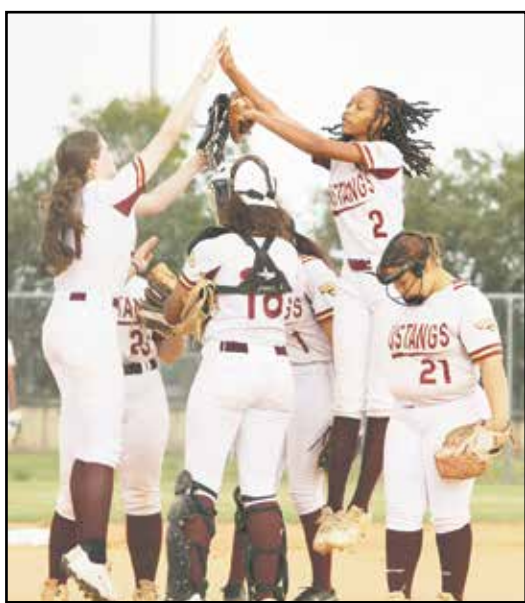


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Lady Mustangs huddle in the pitching circle before the first pitch.



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First baseman Jahliya McCoy makes a catch in foul territory for Wekiva.

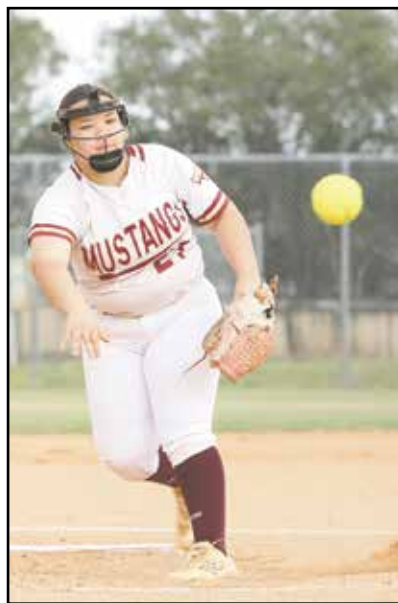


Photo by Vinnie Cammarano
Arianna Garcia whips in the pitch against Orlando Christian Prep.

Battling in a full count, McIntosh blasted a pitch to the opposite field, deep down the first base line. As the ball bounced and hit the fence, McIntosh blazed around the bases, and third base coach Niaja Griffin waved her home. She raced across the plate to beat the throw home for an inside

the park home run. "It felt really good," McIntosh said. "I've been on a bit of a slump for like the last two or three games, so getting that home run was pretty nice. I wasn't expecting it, so it totally boosted my morale. It got the team energy up, and even though we lost, we got a

run on the board." She was surprised when she reached third base. "Usually when I get hits like that, it's a triple, so that's what I assumed," McIntosh said. "Then I heard coach yelling to go home so I just kept going and sprinted as fast as I can."

Through the tumultuous season on the diamond for Wekiva, the team has built a strong bond. Coach Taylor McGowen said the tight-knit group continues to have good chemistry, even through tough losses. "We're big on seeing the human before the athlete, and

big on relationships," McGowen said. "We may not check every box as far as winning every game and being the most skilled team, but we will be the tightest knit team every single year. We have girls that are really good teammates that are really supportive for each other, and they'll tell you that they love cheering for each other in the dugout."

She also talked about the team's progression and where they stand today.

"They are coachable, and they're making adjustments when needed. They have been learning from their mistakes, so that's all we can ask for. They're trying to be better than the athlete they were the day before."

This season at the plate, McIntosh leads the team in nearly every hitting category, including nine runs scored. Senior pitcher Arianna Garcia leads the team with 6 RBIs.

Wekiva (2-8) has five games remaining this season.

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A classic Easter table with ham and spring sides

From Ree Drummond's *Change to: www.thepioneerwoman.com* website, we have her recipe for Glazed Easter Ham. She says, "Look for a fully-cooked, bone-in ham that isn't spiral cut - it stays juicier in the oven! Shank-end hams are the big, beautiful hams you're used to seeing for the holidays, and they work great here." The sticky-sweet glaze is made with a can of soda and a few other ingredients, then thickened in a pan on your stove for about 15 minutes. Even I can handle that!



1/2 cup spicy brown mustard
1 can Dr Pepper or Coca Cola
3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
DIRECTIONS:

1) Preheat the oven to 325°F. 2) Score the surface of the ham in a diamond pattern about 1/8-inch deep. Place cloves in the middle of each diamond. Place the ham in a large roasting pan with a rack, tent it with foil, and bake for 2 to 2-1/2 hours for a ham portion, or longer, for a whole ham. (Some hams may require 3 to 3-1/2 hours at a lower temperature; just check the package directions.) 3) In a small saucepan, heat the brown sugar, mustard, vinegar, and soda until bubbly. Cook until glaze is reduced and a bit thicker, about 15 minutes. 4) After 1-1/2 to 2 hours of baking time (depending on the size of the ham), remove the foil and brush the glaze on the ham in 20-minute intervals (put the ham back in the oven, uncovered, in between) until it's nice and glossy. You want to glaze 3 to 4 times. Remove from the oven and allow to rest 15 to 20 minutes before carving.

GNOCCHI PRIMAVERA
 By Ree Drummond

INGREDIENTS:
Kosher salt to taste
2 cups broccoli florets
1 pound asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
10 ounces green beans, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 17.5-ounce packages refrigerated gnocchi

Juice of 1/2 lemon
4 tablespoons salted butter, cubed
1/2 cup finely grated parmesan cheese, plus more for topping
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Finely chopped fresh chives, for topping
DIRECTIONS:

1) Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Fill a large bowl with ice water and set it nearby. 2) Add the broccoli to the boiling water and cook until bright green and crisp-tender, 1 to 2 minutes. 3) Use a fine-mesh strainer to remove the broccoli and set the strainer in the ice bath. 3) Return the water to a boil and repeat with the asparagus, then the green beans in the same pot, placing each in the ice bath. Drain the vegetables. 4) Add the gnocchi to the boiling water and stir. Cook according to the package instructions. Reserve 1

cup of the cooking water, then drain the gnocchi. 5) Return the gnocchi to the pot along with the vegetables, lemon juice, butter, parmesan, pepper and 1/2 cup of the reserved cooking water. Stir well and season with salt; add more cooking water as necessary to coat the gnocchi and vegetables. Serve topped with chives and more parmesan.

FRIED SQUASH

From Hopkins Boarding House in Pensacola *Country Cookin'* by Joyce L. Young

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

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

SPINACH, STRAWBERRY, AND HEARTS OF PALM SALAD

From pauladeen.com

INGREDIENTS:
1-1/2 pounds fresh spinach, washed and torn into pieces
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1-1/2 tablespoons poppy seeds
1/2 small grated red onion
1 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup apple cider vinegar
1 can drained and chopped hearts of palm
2 cups stemmed and sliced strawberries
1 cup chopped walnuts
DIRECTIONS:

For the dressing, combine the vinegar, sugar, lemon juice and salt in a small non-reactive saucepan and heat over medium heat until the sugar dissolves, stirring frequently. Remove pan from heat and let cool to room temperature. When cooled, whisk in the oil, onion, poppy seeds, dry mustard and paprika until thoroughly combined. Set dressing aside. In a salad bowl,

combine the spinach, hearts of palm, strawberries and walnuts. When ready to serve, add some of the dressing, and toss gently. Serve the remaining dressing alongside the salad so diners may add more, if desired.

FRIED APPLES
 (Fat-Free Fried Apples)

From: Mark F. Sohn's *Hearty Country Cooking*

INGREDIENTS:
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 cups peeled and sliced Granny Smith apples
3 cups peeled and sliced Rome Beauty apples
Yield: 8 servings
DIRECTIONS:

In a small mixing bowl, combine the sugar, cornstarch, and cinnamon, stirring until the cornstarch is fully distributed. Arrange the apples in a casserole dish, and cover with the sugar mixture. Cover, and microwave on high for 5 minutes, or until the sugar is melted. Stir and cook, uncovered, another 4 minutes, or until the apples are soft through to the center. They should be fork tender. Stir and serve.

LEMON PUDDING CAKE

Recipe from Taste of Home

INGREDIENTS:
3 large eggs, separated, room temperature
1-1/2 cups sugar
1 cup whole milk
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
6 tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
1/4 teaspoon salt
Optional: Confectioners' sugar, lemon slices and whipped cream
DIRECTIONS:

1) Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a bowl, beat egg yolks. Add sugar, milk, flour, lemon juice, zest and salt; beat until smooth. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form; gently fold into lemon mixture. Pour into 6 ungreased 6-ounce custard cups (cups will be very full). 2) Place the cups in a 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Pour boiling water into pan to a depth of 1 inch. Bake until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean and top is golden, 40 to 45 minutes. If desired, top with confectioners' sugar, lemon slices and whipped cream.

GLAZED EASTER HAM

By Ree Drummond

INGREDIENTS:
1 whole fully cooked bone-in ham (15 to 18 pounds)
Whole cloves
3 cups brown sugar

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE is hereby given that **Lincoln Douglas Haynes** has made an application, pursuant to the with Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.G for a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW AN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) IN THE RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE (RCE) ZONING DISTRICT.**



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Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider the Special Exception request at its scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. 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. 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. Written public comments regarding the application for the proposed special exception may be submitted by mail to the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida, 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, Florida, 32703; Telephone: 407-703-1704, at least 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

April 3, 2026

Apopka Planning Commission
 Community Development Department

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF APOPKA NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE RIGHT OF WAY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Jonathan Huels** has made application to the City of Apopka City Commission to vacate a portion of unimproved right of way, as recorded in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, VACATING AN EAST-WEST SECTION OF A PORTION OF A 40-FOOT WIDE UNNAMED PLATTED RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN LOTS 7, 8, 9 AND 10, BLOCK G, MAP OF PLYMOUTH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGES 17 AND 18 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



NOTICE is hereby given that the **CITY OF APOPKA CITY COMMISSION** will consider this right-of-way vacate application at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Hall City Commission Chambers, 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida, on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and the public may appear to speak on this item at the date and time listed above. The proposed resolution, 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, including 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, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

April 3, 2026

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Friday, April 3

Poetry at O.I.M Creative Studio
7 p.m at 1647 East Colonial Drive, Orlando
A relaxed poetry night with live readings.

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7 p.m at 9101 International Drive, Suite 2310, Orlando
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Damien Sneed & Twinkie Clark & FAMU Gospel Choir

7 p.m at 1301 East Bay Street, Winter Garden
An evening of gospel music featuring Dr. Twinkie Clark, Damien Sneed, and the FAMU Gospel Choir with special guests.

Orlando Pride vs. Angel City FC

8 p.m at 655 W Church St, Orlando
NWSL match as Orlando Pride face Angel City FC at Inter&Co Stadium.

Saturday, April 4

Central Market

9 a.m. at 250 SW Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando
Community market featuring local produce, crafts, food vendors, and family-friendly activities.

Breakfast with Bunny

9 a.m. at 221 S. Binion Rd., Apopka
Family event with breakfast and a visit with the Easter Bunny at

Camp Wewa.

All American Challenge & Training Camp

10 a.m. at 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford
Family event featuring the Firefighter Combat Challenge, trucks, vendors, and activities.

Resin Jewelry Workshop

10 a.m. at 807 Virginia Drive, Orlando
Beginner workshop creating resin jewelry with pressed flowers.

Kokedama Workshop

10 a.m. at 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Hands-on workshop creating moss-wrapped kokedama plants.

Backyard Habitat

10 a.m. at 1300 S. Denning Drive, Winter Park
Educational session on creating backyard habitats that support birds and pollinators.

Easter Fest

11 a.m. at 951 N. Park Ave., Apopka
Free family event with games, food, egg hunts, and a petting zoo.

Pizza Cooking Class

Noon at 8250 International Drive, Orlando
Cooking class where participants make and enjoy deep-dish pizza.

The Dueling Pianos Extravaganza

5 p.m. at 3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway, Apopka
Live dueling pianos performance as part of the Saturday Sounds concert series.



Courtesy of The New Romantics

Author Sophie Cousens will discuss her new novel, "And Then There Was You," during an evening chat and signing at The New Romantics in Orlando on Wednesday, April 8.

Line Dancing

6:30 p.m. at 40 E. Fifth St., Apopka
Beginner-friendly line dancing with music and instruction.

Graphic Design Showcase

7 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
Showcase featuring graduating graphic design students from UCF.

ICSA's Culture Night

7 p.m. at 5406 Hansel Ave., Orlando
Cultural event with food, music, and performances.

Sunday, April 5

Walter Smith III Trio

5 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
Jazz saxophonist Walter Smith

Ill performs with his trio in an improvisation-driven concert.

Monday, April 6

History Group: Monticello — Its Significance to America

10 a.m. at 841 N. Park Ave., Winter Park
A presentation on Thomas Jefferson's Monticello with guest speaker John M. Stewart.

UCF Celebrates the Arts: Creative Clash

5 p.m. at 445 S. Magnolia Ave., Orlando
Live art competition where artists create large-format works in a timed challenge.

Tuesday, April 7

Author Chat and book signing
7 p.m. at 3018 Corrine Drive,

Orlando
Author Sophie Cousens discusses her new book, **And Then There Was You.**

Wednesday, April 8

The Moogician Cow-medy Show

3:30 p.m. at 870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando
A family-friendly show featuring magic, juggling, music, and comedy celebrating dairy farming.

Apopka Foliage Toastmasters

7 p.m. at 120 E. Fifth St., Apopka
A weekly meeting focused on improving public speaking and leadership skills.

Coming up at the
APOPKA AMPHITHEATER
Spring concert series

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)

MAY 2
The Fire Rhythms Band
- 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Free)

MAY 16
The Dave Matthews Tribute Band
- 5 p.m.-7 p.m. (Free)

3710 Jason Dwelley Parkway

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given that **TARA L. TEDROW, ESQ.** has made application to amend the Future Land Use Element (FLUE) of the City of Apopka Comprehensive Plan, including updates to policies, tables, map references, and supporting text related to the Kelly Park Interchange Form-Based Code and the Town Center Overlay District. The proposed amendment may affect the use and development of land, buildings, and structures within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka. Accordingly, the City of Apopka proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 3150

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT (FLUE) TO UPDATE POLICIES, TABLES, MAP REFERENCES, AND SUPPORTING TEXT RELATED TO THE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE FORM-BASED CODE AND THE TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3150 will be held by the City of **Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703 on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Interested parties and members of the public may appear at the above-listed hearings and be heard. Ordinance Number 3150, along with any additional information regarding the application and review process, may be inspected at the City of Apopka Community Development Department, Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka Florida 32703, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Pursuant to State law, any person deciding to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations to participate in these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, telephone (407) 703-1704, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing.

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, Florida 32703.

**Apopka City Commission
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department**

April 3, 2026

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Tara L. Tedrow, Esq.** has made application to amend the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida, specifically the Mixed-Use Kelly Park Interchange (MU-KPI) Form-Based Code, to create and establish a Town Center Overlay District. The proposed amendment affects, or may affect, the use of property, the development of buildings and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida. Accordingly, the City of Apopka proposes to adopt the following ordinance affecting properties within the MU-KPI area:

ORDINANCE NO. 3118

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, MIXED-USE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI) FORM-BASED CODE, APPENDIX C, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH A TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3118 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Commission** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Commission Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

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**Apopka City Commission
Apopka Planning Commission
Community Development Department**

April 3, 2026

We're going to help hide eggs...

...for our cousins to hunt when they visit!

Newspaper Fun!

www.readingclubfun.com

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Kids: color stuff in!



Yay! Easter is almost here! There's so much to do that my cousin Harry the Hare is here to help me get ready.

What do you know about the Easter holiday? Easter is an important Christian holiday. Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Easter is the celebration of his "new life after death." It is a time of great joy.

Families spend a lot of time getting ready: cleaning, decorating, planning meals, and getting their best clothes ready for church.

My crossword puzzle is about Easter and what families are doing. **Can you read the clues to fill it in?**

Happy Easter!

Easter Time:

- the 40 days before Easter; for some people a time for prayer and fasting; many people "give up something," like desserts
- many Easter services are held at this beginning of a new day
- ring with joy
- burn with bright light
- Easter Bunny brings these, with treats in them...
- with this kind of rabbit often in the middle
- beautiful, white flower that stands for "new life after death"
- soft, yellow baby animals also used as a symbol of new life
- gentle animal sometimes used as a symbol of Jesus
- dawning of a new day; can be a time for this

Families Are:

- cleaning _____ and decorating
- dyeing and decorating _____
- baking hot cross _____
- dressing in their best _____
- going to _____ services
- visiting _____ and relatives
- hunting for _____ eggs
- enjoying delicious ham _____
- sending _____ and buying flowers
- marching in an Easter _____

"Double Take" of Easter Fun

Study the items below in the boxes.

- In the first box, find 2 chicks that are exactly alike and positioned the same way.
- In the second box, find 2 baskets that are the same.
- In the third box, find 2 bonnets and then 2 eggs that are exactly the same in the pile.

Jelly Bean Fun Count

Can you make your way through the maze to "pick up" the 12 jelly beans that add up to the number in the jar? You can use a calculator to help. You can pass through jelly beans, but you cannot "go backwards" or cross your own path.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
BARTLETT TOWING, INC gives notice that on **04/21/2026** at **08:30 AM** the following vehicle(s) may be sold by public sale at **2252 APOPKA BLVD, STE B, APOPKA, FL 32703** to satisfy the lien for the amount owed on each vehicle for any recovery, towing, or storage services charges and administrative fees allowed pursuant to Florida statute 713.78.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ORANGE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026-CP-350-O
Division
IN RE: ESTATE OF RODNEY LEE LYON
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of Rodney Lee Lyon, deceased, whose date of death was October 17, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

The personal representative has no duty to discover whether any property held at the time of the decedent's death by the decedent or the decedent's surviving spouse is property to which the Florida Uniform Disposition of Community Property Rights at Death Act as described in ss. 732.216-732.228, Florida Statutes, applies, or may apply, unless a written demand is made by a creditor as specified under s. 732.2211, Florida Statutes. The written demand must be filed with the clerk. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is April 3, 2026.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Regina Martin
 Regina Martin
 15288 Centralia Road
 Brooksville, Florida 34614
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Seton T. Hengesbach
 Seton T. Hengesbach,
 Esquire
 Florida Bar Number: 071957
 Hengesbach & Hengesbach, P.A.
 5438 Spring Hill Drive
 Spring Hill, Florida 34606
 Telephone: (352) 683-1963
 Fax: (352) 683-3847
 E-Mail:
 info@naturecoastlaw.com
 probate@naturecoastlaw.com
 April 3, 10, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2026 CP 225
Division 1
IN RE: ESTATE OF JODEE FUHRMANN
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JoDee Fuhrmann, deceased, whose date of death was December 30, 2022, is pending in the Circuit Court for Orange County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 425 N. Orange Ave, Orlando, Florida 32801. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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The date of first publication of this notice is March 27, 2026.
 Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jaymie Horob
 Jaymie Horob
 409 9th St E,
 Williston,
 North Dakota 58801
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ R. Kevin Sharbaugh
 Lisa M. Miles, Esq.
 Florida Bar Number: 1036064
 R. Kevin Sharbaugh, Esq.
 Florida Bar Number: 86240
 DOUGLAS LAW FIRM
 100 Southpark Blvd,
 Suite 414
 St. Augustine, FL 32086
 Telephone: (904) 671-8395
 Fax: (386) 385-5914
 E-Mail: Lisa@dhclawyers.com
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 Paulette@dhclawyers.com
 Amandah@dhclawyers.com
 March 27, April 3, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2025-CA-007640-O
SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE,
Plaintiff,
vs.

JONAH L. TRAVICK;
MARIA MONTEIRO;
THE HAMPTONS OF ORLANDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.;
UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure (In Rem) dated March 24, 2026, entered in Civil Case No.: 2025-CA-007640-O of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Orange County, Florida, wherein SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2006-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-NC1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, and JONAH L. TRAVICK; MARIA MONTEIRO, THE HAMPTONS OF ORLANDO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants. TIFFANY MOORE RUSSELL, The Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at www.myorangelcrlk.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 AM, on the 25th day of June, 2026, the following described real property as set forth in said Judgment, to wit:

LOT 43, THE HAMPTONS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGES 56 AND 57, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk before the clerk reports the surplus as unclaimed. If you fail to file a timely claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After the funds are reported as unclaimed, only the owner of record as of the date of the Lis Pendens may claim the surplus. If you are a person with a disability who needs special accommodation, you are entitled to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the address or phone number below at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance or immediately upon receiving an official notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Ninth Circuit Court Administration
ADA Coordinator
 Orange County Courthouse
 425 N. Orange Avenue,
 Suite 510,
 Orlando, Florida, 32801
 (407) 836-2303
 Dated: March 31, 2026
 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler
 /s/ Brian L. Rosaler
 Florida Bar No.: 0174882.
 Attorney for Plaintiff:
 Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
 Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
 1701 West Hillsboro
 Boulevard Suite 400
 Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
 Telephone: (954) 360-9030
 Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT III
TO: EMILIO MARTINEZ-ACEVEDO
 44 CALLE AGUAS
 BUENAS
 CAGUAS, PR 00725
EVELYN M. COTTO-PADRO
 44 CALLE AGUAS
 BUENAS
 CAGUAS, PR 00725
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004816-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT III
Unit Week 49 in Unit 2529, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 13th day of MAY, 2026 online at www.myorangelcrlk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 31, 2026.
 DATED March 31, 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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 MRHC #ORANGE
 April 3, 10, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2026-CA-001028-O
DIV NO.: 37
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CYNTHIA D. NEWTON, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT II
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: ERIC J. SWANSON
 14524 BYWOOD AVENUE
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70819
AND
ERIC J. SWANSON
 14524 BYWOOD AVENUE
 BATON ROUGE, LA 70819
 The above named Defendants are not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right,

title or interest in the property described below.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT II
Unit Week 33 in Unit 8145, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 12 day of March, 2026.
 Tiffany Moore Russell,
 Clerk of Courts
 /s/ Takiana Didier
 Deputy Clerk
 Civil Division
 425 N Orange Ave
 Room 350
 Orlando, FL 32801
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
 200 S. Orange Avenue,
 Suite 2600 Orlando,
 Florida 32801
 Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Human Resources, Orange County Courthouse, 425 North Orange Avenue, Suite 510, Orlando, Florida, (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
 HK#110523.2019/GV242
 April 3, 10, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII
TO: NORMAN GOODWIN, JR.,
DECEASED
 660 UNION ST. APT 2B
 BRANTREE,
 MA 02181-4107
BETH R. GOODWIN,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF BETH R. GOODWIN, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
 660 UNION ST. APT 2B
 BRANTREE,
 MA 02181-4107
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004816-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT VII
Unit Week 39 in Unit 8514, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 13th of MAY, 2026 online at www.myorangelcrlk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 31, 2026.
DATED March 31, 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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 MRHC #ORANGE
 April 3, 10, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II
TO: PAUL MANDEL,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF PAUL MANDEL, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
 9204 S MASSASOIT AVENUE
 OAK LAWN, IL 60453
ESTHER MANDEL,
DECEASED
 9204 S MASSASOIT AVENUE
 OAK LAWN, IL 60453
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004816-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
Unit Week 33 in Unit 3320, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 13th of MAY, 2026 online at www.myorangelcrlk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 31, 2026.
DATED March 31, 2026.
 /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 MRHC #ORANGE
 April 3, 10, 2026

A-AAA Key Mini Storage
 5285 S Orange
 Blossom Trail
 Orlando, FL 32839
 M29
 m29@trustedstoragepros.com
 689-800-7333
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 5285 S Orange Blossom Trail Orlando, FL 32839, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payment will only be accepted with Credit/Debit at www.storageauctions.com on April 23rd 2026 at 11:00AM
Solanyeli Colon-Totes
 Clothes Hamper Hat Toilettries
Solanyeli Colon Rodriguez-Totes
 Clothes Hamper Hat Toilettries
 Publish: The Apopka Chief
 April 3, 10, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
 Pursuant to FL Self-storage Facility Act & to satisfy Owner's lien Storage Sense located at 10906 Moss Park Rd, Orlando, FL, 32832, 407-725-5277 intends to sell the personal property described below in order to satisfy Owner's lien. Everything sold is purchased AS-IS for CASH ONLY. See and bid on all units 24/7 ending on April 15th 2026, at 11:00 am @ www.lockerfox.com. Storage Sense reserves the right to refuse any bid or rescind any purchase until the

winning bidder takes possession of the property. TERMS listed on auction,
James Delanyis-256- Household Goods;
 March 27, April 3, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NUMBER: 2026-CA-003008-O
DIVISION NUMBER: 39
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF A 2019 HONDA CIVIC,
VIN 19XFC2F66KE048069
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE COMPLAINT
TO: CHRISTOPHER S. KANE
12667 NW 11 TH PLACE
SUNRISE, FL 33323
 and all others who claim an interest in 2019 Honda Civic VIN19XFC2F66KE048069, which was seized on or about the 22nd day of January, 2026, at or near 808 North Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, in Orange County, Florida. Said property is in the custody of the Sheriff of Orange County. A Complaint for forfeiture has been filed in the above-styled Court.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Notice is being served pursuant to the notice provisions of Florida Statutes 932.701-707, this 19th day of March, 2026.
 /s/ Jose C. Campa
 Jose. Campa @ocsofl.com
 March 27, April 3, 2026

STORAGE SENSE SELF STORAGE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Storage Sense Apopka Located at 2208 Stillwater Ave., Apopka, Florida 32703 Phone 407-703-8854 intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property Under the Florida Facility Act Statutes. The Sale shall take place online at www.lockerfox.com and closes on the **22nd Day of April, 2026 at 10:00 AM**. Property will be sold for cash only. Unit must be cleaned out within 72 hours of purchase with a \$100 cash cleaning Deposit.
April Leaster-Unit 2093-Personal Property
Jacky Vergara-Unit 1033-Personal Property
Henry Forde-Unit 1101-Personal Property
Sugey Cuellar-Unit 3002-Personal Property
Keisha Sullivan-Unit 2132-Personal Property
 March 27, April 3, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II
TO: PAUL MANDEL,
DECEASED, THE ESTATE OF PAUL MANDEL, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT
 9204 S MASSASOIT AVENUE
 OAK LAWN, IL 60453
ESTHER MANDEL,
DECEASED
 9204 S MASSASOIT AVENUE
 OAK LAWN, IL 60453
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-004816-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:
COUNT II
Unit Week 33 in Unit 3320, in GRANDE VISTA CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 5114 at Page 1488 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 13th of MAY, 2026 online at www.myorangelcrlk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 31, 2026.
DATED March 31, 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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 April 3, 10, 2026

Notice of Public Sale
 Notice is hereby given that **Northwest Orlando Storage** at 5330 N Pine Hills Rd Orlando, FL 32808 will sell the contents of the units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien (pursuant to Chapter 83 of the Florida Statutes). The sales will be held online at StorageTreasures.com on 4/16/26 at approx. 9:00 am. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder; subject to add'l terms noted on the website. The property to be sold is described as "general household items" unless otherwise noted. **Unit#-Name-Description: #xxx** Tenant's name-Description, #xxx- Tenant's name description, #xxx-Tenant's name-description
#1100- Khalfani Jones
#1178-Latoya Andrews
#1187-Decarius Curry
#C003-Troy Doss
 March 27, April 3, 2026

A-AAA Key Mini Storage
 1001 S Semoran Blvd
 Orlando FL 32807
 407-401-9422
M30@trustedstoragepros.com
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 In order to satisfy a contractual landlord's lien, under the provisions of the Florida Self Service Storage Act, public notice is hereby given that the following described property located at A-AAA Key Mini Storage 1001 S Semoran Blvd Orlando FL 32807, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for Cash/Debit only at www.storageauctions.com on April 23, 2026 at 11:30AM
HAZARIO DAMIANO VARGAS: Power tools, totes, tires, ladder, construction materials
YAROSLAV VILOJNIK: Moving supplies, moving blankets, tie down straps
IRIS JEANNETTE SANTIAGO: Pool table, table, chairs, totes, boxes, décor
ADRIAN THOMPCKINS: Table, boxes, blender, kitchen items
ADRIAN LAMAR THOMPCKINS: Table, boxes, blender, kitchen items
MARCUS DAWSON: Clothes, electronics, scooters, bags, suitcases, dolly, table
MARCUS ANTHONY DAWSON: Clothes, electronics, scooters, bags, suitcases, dolly, table
PAULO PINHO HAYDEN: Furniture, flat screen TV, electronics, décor, mini fridge, boxes, bags, patio furniture, luggage, office furniture
PAULO FRANCISCO GOMES PINHO FILHO: Furniture, flat screen TV, electronics, décor, mini fridge, boxes, bags, patio furniture, luggage, office furniture
 Publish: The Apopka Chief
 April 3, 10, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-012575-O
DIV NO.: 39
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of MVC TRUST CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
EDMUND ROBERT STEWART, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION BY PUBLICATION AS TO COUNT III
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT
WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN:
TO: SANGVIV KUMAR COREPAL
 25 FAIRVIEW RD
 WEDNESFIELD
 WEST MIDS, WV11BY
 UK
 The above named Defendant is not known to be dead or alive and, if dead, the unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, or other claimants, by, through under or against said Defendant and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described below.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2025-CA-004816-O
DIV NO.: 34
MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, a South Carolina Corporation, Management Agent on behalf of GRANDE VISTA OF ORLANDO CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, and All Owners as Agent,
Plaintiff,
vs.
SANDRA E. VORPAHL, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VI
TO: CYNTHIA BROWN
 575 SPRINGDALE AVE
 EAST ORANGE,
 NJ 07017-2012
THOMAS L. BROWN, SR.,
DECEASED
 575 SPRINGDALE AVE
 EAST ORANGE,
 NJ 07017-2012
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026, in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED of the institution of the above-styled foreclosure proceedings by the Plaintiff, MARRIOTT RESORTS HOSPITALITY CORPORATION, upon the filing of a complaint to foreclose a lien and for other relief relative to the following described property:
COUNT III
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 311616 & 311617 & 311618 & 311619 & 311620 & 311621 & 311622 & 311623) 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, 2012 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

AND you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to the complaint, upon EDWARD M. FITZGERALD, ESQUIRE, Holland & Knight LLP, 200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 2600, Orlando, Florida 32801, attorneys for the Plaintiff, on or before thirty (30) days from the first day of publication herein and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on this 12 day of March 2026.
 Tiffany Moore Russell,
 Clerk of Courts
 /s/ Takiana Didier
 Deputy Clerk
 Civil Division
 425 N Orange Ave
 Room 350
 Orlando, FL 32801
 CIRCUIT COURT SEAL
 CONFORMED COPY TO:
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT, LLP
 200 S. Orange Avenue,
 Suite 2600
 Orlando, Florida 32801
 Ph. (407) 244-5198
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
 If you are a person with a disability who needs

IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$3,327.00 U.S. CURRENCY NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To Noel A. Ventura, and all persons who claim an interest in a \$3,327.00 U.S. CURRENCY seized on or about 1/26/2026 at or about S. Kirkman Rd. & Valencia College Dr., 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. 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.
ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: JAMES MINTEER, DECEASED.
 THE ESTATE OF JAMES MINTEER, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT C/O AMY MINTEER, EXECUTOR, 355 8TH AVE NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10001-4864
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 II
 14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: K53720 & K53721 & K53722 & K53723 & K53724 & K53725 & K53726 & K53727 & K53728 & K53729 & K53730 & K53731 & K53732 & K53733) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, Page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2016 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).

And
 8 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 033324 & 033325 & 033326 & 033327 & 033328 & 033329 & 033330 & 033331) 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, 2017 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th of APRIL, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 24, 2026. DATED March 24, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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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.
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, GRANTEES, 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).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th of APRIL, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 24, 2026. DATED March 24, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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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.
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, GRANTEES, 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
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 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).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th of APRIL, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 24, 2026. DATED March 24, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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 OUR FILE #129710.0098
 MRHC #ORANGE
 March 27, April 3, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2026-CA-002779 DIVISION 37
IN RE: FORFEITURE OF 2019 MINI COOPER VIN #WMWZ3C55GWT08129
NOTICE OF FORFEITURE
To Miracle A. Rene, and all persons who claim an interest in a 2019 Mini Cooper VIN #WMWZ3C55GWT08129 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. 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.
ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: LESLIE L. MORRIS
 101 SNOW CHIEF DR HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078
MILDRED LEPEARL MORRIS
 101 SNOW CHIEF DR HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21078
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 IV
 14 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: R77339 & R77340 & R77341 & R77342 & R77343 & R77344 & R77345 & R77346 & R77347 & R77348 & R77349 & R77350 & R77351 & R77352) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 3500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 1, 2018 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th day of APRIL, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 24, 2026. DATED March 24, 2026. /s/ Edward M. Fitzgerald
 EDWARD M. FITZGERALD
 FLORIDA BAR NO. 0010391
 HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP
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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.
ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: JOHN J. JACOBOWITZ, DECEASED.
 THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. JACOBOWITZ, DECEASED AND ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS BY AND THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST, SAID DEFENDANT 39683 JOHN DR CANTON, MICHIGAN 48187
ROBERTA E. JACOBOWITZ, DECEASED
 39683 JOHN DR CANTON, MICHIGAN 48187
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 VIII
 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 796229 & 796230 & 796231 & 796232 & 796233 & 796234) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01,

2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on the 29th of APRIL, 2026 online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on March 24, 2026. 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.
ALLAN GORDON ENGELMEYER, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT VII TO: MARGARET L. KILGO
 14 TIBURON DR. THE HILLS, TX 78738-1556
RAYMOND L. KILGO, DECEASED
 14 TIBURON DR. THE HILLS, TX 78738-1556
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 VII
 6 Interests (numbered for administrative purposes: 662706 & 662707 & 662708 & 662709 & 662720 & 662721) in the MVC Trust ("Trust") evidenced for administrative, assessment and ownership purposes by 1500 Points (250 Points for each Interest), which Trust was created pursuant to and further described in that certain MVC Trust Agreement dated March 11, 2010, executed by and among First American Trust, FSB, a federal savings bank, solely as trustee of Land Trust No. 1082-0300-00, (a.k.a MVC Trust), Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and MVC Trust Owners Association, Inc., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, as such agreement may be amended and supplemented from time to time ("Trust Agreement"), a memorandum of which is recorded in Official Records Book 10015, page 4176, Public Records of Orange County, Florida ("Trust Memorandum"). The Interests shall have a Use Year Commencement Date of January 01, 2013 (subject to Section 3.5 of the Trust Agreement).
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 MRHC #ORANGE
 March 27, April 3, 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: LINZALW3302353; 1 (one) light brown cloth love seat; 1 (one) L.G. television, Model #: 65UK6500AJA & 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 "Focal '82 Bishop Muehle"; 1 (one) light 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 table; 1 (one) Vizio television, SN: LTMVQMRW4250871; 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 floral 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 Slight Touch computer mouse, Model #: M220,

FCC file: 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) reddish 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: LTDDNLLBP0604682; 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 thereafter 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. at Orlando Estate Auction (rear parking lot) 2573 Silver Star Road Orlando, FL 32804. Winning bidders need to remove all items from the property by 3:00pm. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Eric Nieves, Civil Process Sales Coordinator not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at Orange County Sheriff's Office, at the address given on notice. Telephone: (407)836-4570; If hearing impaired 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or Voice (V) 1-800-955-8770, via Florida Relay Service. JOHN W. MINA, AS SHERIFF Orange County, Florida BY: Sgt. Norberto Gonzalez As Deputy Sheriff March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious Name of **Patriots Homes**, with a mailing address of 1728 Jeanette Street, Apopka, FL 32712 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Daruse Investments, Inc. And Henry's Handyman Services & Home Remodeling LLC April 3, 2026

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the Fictitious Name of **Sena Home Group**, with a mailing address of 6919 Sorrento Street, Orlando, FL 32819 and a principal office located in Orange County, intends to register the said name with the Florida Dept. of State, Division of Corporations, Tallahassee, Florida. Owner: Ernani Sena / Juliana Sena April 3, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-006692-O DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ALFORD M. PETTIS, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT IV TO: JERRY N. KREUZMAN
 861 E EDWARDS AVE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-006692-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT IV
Unit Week 17 in Unit 3111, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page 2312 in the Public Records of Orange County, Florida, and any amendments thereof.
 At Public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash starting at hour of 11:00 a.m., on the 13th day of MAY, 2026, online at www.myorangeclerk.realforeclose.com. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Submitted for publication to The Apopka Chief on April 1, 2026. DATED this 1st day of April, 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, 425 N. Orange Avenue, Suite #510, Orlando, Florida (407) 836-2303, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
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 April 3, 20, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA File No. 2025-GA-000157-O PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF JAYDEN MAHONE Minor
NOTICE OF ACTION TO: JAMOCIA MAHONE
 Last Known Address: 5001 Catspaw Ct, Orlando, Florida 32808
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor (Property) has been filed in this Court regarding the property interests of your minor child, JAYDEN MAHONE. The property involved includes real estate located at 5493 Rolling Meadows Rd., Flemleaman, NC 27317, valued at approximately \$300,000.00. This action is limited to the management and protection of the minor's property and does not seek to terminate your parental rights or alter the current physical custody of the minor. This notice shall be published once each week for four (4) consecutive weeks in The Apopka Chief, a newspaper published in Orange County, Florida. The first publication date is April 3, 2026. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: John A. Morey, Esq. Morey Law Firm, P.A. 250 N. Orange Ave., Suite 1220 Orlando, FL 32801 Email: johnamorey@gmail.com/ service@moreylawfirm.com on or before May 3, 2026, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 425 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32801, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 31st day of March, 2026. (SEAL) CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Deputy Clerk April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2025-CA-006692-O DIV NO.: 36
MARRIOTT OWNERSHIP RESORTS, INC. Plaintiff,
vs.
ALFORD M. PETTIS, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE AS TO COUNT II TO: GABRIELA MONTIEL FONT
 VASCO DE QUIROGA 3833 COL EL YAQUI MEXICO, DF 05320 MEXICO
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on March 31, 2026 in the cause pending in the Circuit Court, in and for Orange County, Florida, Civil Case No. 2025-CA-006692-O, the Office of Tiffany Moore Russell, Orange County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in said County described as:

COUNT II
Unit Week 45 in Unit 2212, in LAKESHORE RESERVE CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, as recorded in Official Records Book 9741 at Page

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