



Lifestyle



Seniors club marks 40-plus years with Founder's Day celebration

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka Progressive Seniors Club held its annual Founder's Day celebration at the John H. Bridges Community Center on Tuesday, September 13, a program that was filled with singing, prayer and Scripture reading, presentation of certificates of appreciation and more.

Club President Daisy Willis was the speaker on the day's theme, "Standing on a sure foundation." Club founders, who were among the attendees, were honored with bouquets of flowers.

Club member Lila Menchan presided over the celebration.

The not-for-profit club for seniors was launched in the early 1970s, when a group of women gathered once a month at each other's homes for games and food. Eventually the membership grew, began to meet at the Bridges Center and invited men to join. It now has 150-plus members from all over Central Florida including Apopka, Orlando, Kissimmee, and Clermont.

Convening every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Bridges Center, the club focuses



Some of the 150-plus members of the Apopka Progressive Seniors Club gather at the John H. Bridges Community Center on Tuesday, September 13, to celebrate the club's anniversary.

on such activities as Bible study, exercise, fellowship and recreation, community service and group travel. Speakers from the medical

field are invited to address the club. This year, political candidates were welcomed as speakers, too.

A few modern mem-

bers have ties to the Apopka Progressive Seniors Club that go back years, because they had parents who were members.

"Our parents were in the club, and me, I used to go with them even before I

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Farmworker dies, leaves legacy of workers' rights activism in community



Editor's note: The following was written about Geraldean Matthew, an Apopka woman who worked the muck farms prior to their closing, then became an activist for herself and others who were affected by the closing of the farms as well as their time on the farms.

By Jeannie Economos
Special to the Chief

Geraldean Matthew, (above), worked at the Lake Apopka muck farms prior to their closing. Later, she became an activist on behalf of the farmworkers who toiled there. She died on Saturday, September 3.

On Saturday, September 3, at about 8:30 p.m., the world lost a strong warrior in the struggle for social and environmental justice. Geraldean Matthew transitioned peace-

fully from this world to the next, leaving behind a lasting legacy in the lives of the countless people whose lives she touched through her dedicated and unselfish work in and for her community for more than three decades.

Born in Belle Glade to a farmworker mother, Geraldean grew up as a young girl traveling the seasons up and down the east coast, harvesting crops as varied as corn, cabbage, oranges, peppers, and even Christmas trees in southern Canada.

Eventually, her family

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Brooke McGuire is shown here with books she has collected thus far for Louisiana schools impacted by last month's flooding.

Book drive to run through Sept. 25

Brooke McGuire, a student at Wolf Lake Middle School, has been hosting a book drive for a few weeks. She has been collecting books to send to dozens of Louisiana schools and teachers who lost their book collections due to the flooding.

For the book drive, she is asking for new or gently used books for elementary school students from kindergarten through fifth grade. Books can still be dropped off at Bubbalou's Bodacious BBQ, 1701 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka, through Sunday, September 25.

If anyone knows of any organizations that are planning trips to Louisiana, contact Brooke's mother Susan McGuire at 407-884-2242 and let her know. If the McGuires can send some of the books with an organization, that will help cut the cost of shipping them.

Relay for Life Apopka seeks volunteers

Relay for Life Apopka is in need of volunteers for many committees, and will have an interest meeting on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church of Apopka, 441 S. Highland Ave., Apopka.

Relay For Life event leadership volunteers have the opportunity to make an impact in the fight against cancer, gain valuable leadership skills, and receive the honor and satisfaction of helping others in their

community enjoy a memorable experience.

Becoming a member of an Event Leadership Team allows leadership volunteers to experience the following: connect with new people in the community; experience fun, exciting, and creative team-building opportunities; represent a company or school as a leader and provide a positive public image; and engage in meaningful community service.

Relay for Life is a coordinated

fundraising event that supports the American Cancer Society, an organization dedicated to cancer research as well as supports cancer patients and survivors through its programs. The event has teams of participants that camp around a track, with each team member taking turns walking around it.

For more information, contact Fernando Carrasquillo at 407-581-2532 or fernando.carrasquillo@cancer.org.

Cancer center packs October with fundraisers and more

Throughout October – known as Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Debbie Turner's Cancer Care and Resource Center will host fundraisers packed with music, raffles, auctions, and food and drink.

All proceeds from these events will go toward the center's local cancer families and kids.

Located at 229 E. Fifth St., Apopka, the center was founded in 2007

by Debbie Turner, herself a survivor of brain cancer currently in remission.

For more information about the organization, visit www.debbieturner-cancercare.com.

Benefit concert

The Rowdy Johnson Band is returning to Apopka to perform a benefit concert at Apopka Elks Lodge 2422, 201 W. Orange St., Apopka, on Fri-

day, October 7, from 7-10 p.m.

Food, to be served at 6 p.m., is provided by Cafe Verona Apopka for \$8. There will be a 50/50 drawing.

Breast & Fest 2016

Everyone is welcome to the annual Breast & Fest on Saturday, October 8, at the Apopka Elks

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Charity game will give away basketball camp scholarship

The first Hoops for Hope charity basketball game will be held Wednesday, September 28 from 4-8 p.m. at the CPS Sportsplex, 110 Athletes Row, Apopka.

This is a fundraising charity event to help foster positive relationships between law enforcement and the local community.

Funds raised from this event will go toward scholarship funds for qualifying senior students at both Apopka and Wekiva high schools that will be given out on behalf of the Apopka Community Task Force.

There will also be a scholarship giveaway for a student to attend the Apopka Basketball AAU Camp.

The event is being put on by HSC II

Parent Awareness, which is sponsored by Orange County Commissioner Bryan Nelson.

Apopka City Commissioner Kyle Becker will host the charity basketball game.

The basketball game will be between 11th and 12th grade Apopka and Wekiva students on one team vs. Court Kingz.

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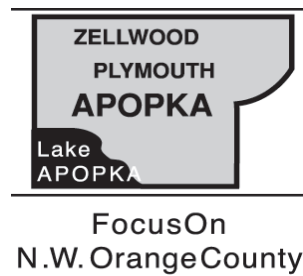
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Cookies and Milk with a Cop, Save Your Photos Day, and more in events

Children can meet Apopka police officers and read a story together for Cookies and Milk with a Cop at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 17, at the North Orange Library, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd.

The library and McDonald's at 233 E. Main St. are supporting this free activity.

Photographs and slides will be scanned free at the Museum of the



Apopkans Saturday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in conjunction with International Save Your Photos Day.

The museum is located at 122 E. Fifth St., across from Apopka Fire Station No. 1 next to City Hall.

In addition to the scanning of photos and slides, an open house and guided tours of the museum will be held. For more information, call the museum at 407-703-1707.

Loaves & Fishes will have the opportunity to generate \$20 donations

from Mullinax Ford for every valid test drive by participants in the Drive 4 UR Community event.

Drive 4 UR Community will take place at Mullinax Ford, 1551 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, on October 6 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Donations could generate thousands of dollars, according to Loaves & Fishes.

Participants must be 18 or older and have a val-

id driver's license. There is a limit of one test-drive per household. All test-drives will last approximately 7-10 minutes, to participants' discretion.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/mullinaxford or email events@mullinaxford.com.

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The next Coffee with a Cop get-together with Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley and

other officers will be at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, at the Main Street McDonald's location.

At Coffee with a Cop, community members can stop by McDonald's and meet the police department, ask questions, or a report a concern.

This is a friendly and informal opportunity to have an open discussion of law enforcement issues in the Apopka community.

Low People in High Places

(See message below above church list.)

A person's position in society or in an organization doesn't always correlate with his or her moral stature. The CEO of the company is sometimes a jerk while the cleaning lady or the guy who runs the mailroom may be the nicest person you'd ever meet. The ambition which it takes to get to high places may induce some people to cut corners or treat others poorly, whereas the person who does the so-called "menial" work may realize that she serves others and thus act accordingly. There is a spiritual

lesson here which it behooves us to pay attention to. That is, we should be willing to do menial work and also be willing to associate with "lowly" people. People who work in the caring professions (doctors, nurses, teachers and social workers, among others) know that everyone has their cross to bear, and even the lowliest among us have a story to tell. So take time to hear their story and don't be afraid to associate with the lowly. Angels have been known to come among us in the form of wayfaring strangers. – Christopher Simon

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Local church will welcome new pastor

Apopka Calvary Church of the Nazarene will welcome new Pastor Garry Proehl and his wife, Annette. Sunday, September 18. The Proehls have served at Cornerstone Nazarene Church in Ohio for

more than 19 years. The couple has five adult children. The installation service will be held during morning worship at 10:45 a.m. on September 18. The church is located at 750 Roger Williams Rd., Apopka.

ka. All are welcome to attend.

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The following events will be hosted by St. Francis of Assisi Catholic

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Obituaries

SIDNEY ROBERT SWAIN, 71, Altamonte Springs, died Sunday, September 11. Mr. Swain worked as a fleet mechanic. He was born in Jesup, Georgia. Survivors: wife, Cynthia; children, David J., Stacy L., both of Apopka, Daryl R., Melbourne; siblings, Iris Arnheiter, Barbara Hernandez, both of Jesup; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

SHELBY J. BEST, 79, Apopka, died Monday, September 12. Mrs. Shelby was born in Wayne County, North Carolina. She was a homemaker. Survivors: children, Vickie and Tim Lewis, Apopka, Cynthia and Larry Matthews, Mount Olive, North Carolina; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

MARGARET DELLA GOBLE, 82, Apopka, died Friday, September 9. Mrs. Goble was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Survivors: husband Jerome; daughter, Janet Lynn Horner; stepsons, Jerome Jr., Jack Weaver; two grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

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Seniors: Club has ‘strong foundation’

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got old enough to go, like in the summer when I wasn’t working,” said club president Daisy Willis, a lifelong Apopka resident.

In her speech, Willis said the Apopka Progressive Seniors Club is built on a strong foundation, and she credits the organization’s founders with laying that base.

“In order for a club or an organization to be successful, it must be built on a solid foundation. A strong solid foundation is built on a rock. Jesus told (his apostle) Peter, ‘On this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.’”

However, that strong foundation doesn’t guarantee security.

“We know what happens when the rain and

the winds come,” Willis said. “Everything is going to be washed away. Even though the club is built on a solid foundation, it does not mean it’s going to take some hard knocks. The storms are going to come, and sometimes we’ll suffer some damages, but we will not be completely destroyed. This organization will be like a Timex watch: It takes a licking and keeps on ticking.”

Willis said Founder’s Day is another way of saying anniversary, a time when the club reflects on its beginnings and its accomplishments.

Ten attributes and basic ingredients for growth: the *desire* for the club to grow, a *vision* to shoot for, the *atmosphere* the club sets including that of friendliness, *strong leadership*, *active orientation* in which

H’ween event to have games, film

Apopka’s Hometown Halloween in the Park will be from 5 to 9 p.m., October 29, at Kit Land Nelson Park.

The popular annual event will feature trick-or-treating, games, a bounce house, face painting and a family-friendly Halloween movie.

Local businesses and organizations are invited to set up a Halloween-themed booth and hand out individually wrapped candy or small toys/prizes to the children in attendance.

Prize ribbons will be given to the top three best decorated/themed booths. Event sponsors also are welcome.

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members must be involved, *the planning and setting of goals*, *unity* within the organization, a *delegation* of responsibility, *praise* and *persistence*.

Charles and Carol Everett, a married couple who have been club members for almost five years, are members of other clubs, but the Apopka Progressive Se-

niors Club is “a good thing for the community.”

“For me, it’s kind of like giving support to the community, for them to have something for senior citizens to have something to look forward to,” said Carol Everett. “Rather than just have church every Sunday, they also have a social outlet.”

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Matthew: Her story is in a book about farmworkers’ plights



Matthew, here speaking to a group of youths, suffered the consequences of multiple chronic illnesses likely related to decades of direct and generational exposure to organochlorine pesticides in the last year of her life, according to Jeannie Economos of the Farmworker Association of Florida.

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settled in the agricultural town of Apopka, where she remembers working in the vegetable fields on what is Florida’s fourth-largest lake. The Lake Apopka farmlands are infamous for being the site of bird deaths and alligator reproductive anomalies due to the extensive amounts of fertilizers and pesticides

applied to the crops. Geralddean remembered being sprayed directly by pesticides and bringing home empty pesticide containers for various uses around the house – long before there were any regulations to train farmworkers about the dangers and health effects of pesticide exposure. As a young woman in the late 1970s, Geralddean met the four courageous

nuns who moved to Apopka and formed the Office for Farmworker Ministry to work with the largely African-American and later Hispanic and Haitian communities in the area. That was the beginning of Geralddean’s education about the issues of social injustice and her becoming engaged in what would become a life-long work of making a positive difference in her community. Later, as a staff member of the Farmworker Association of Florida, Geralddean was known as fearless in her outreach to the HIV/AIDS community in Central Florida, leading the way into potentially dangerous environments if she knew there was someone in there who needed her help. In the 1990s, when the Lake Apopka Farmworker Project was established at FWF, Geralddean was at the forefront of efforts to help farmworkers displaced by the closing of the Lake Apopka farms, to find re-training, new jobs, housing and assistance for their basic and immediate

needs. Oftentimes, thinking more of others than of herself, Geralddean woke early to transport people to jobs miles away and worked late into the night doing outreach and education. Later, in 2005, she was the co-coordinator, along with anthropologist Ron Habin of the Lake Apopka Farmworker Environmental Health Survey. They sought to identify the health conditions in the community of former Lake Apopka farmworkers and their experiences of pesticide exposure. A decade later, she was most proud of the Lake Apopka Farmworker Memorial Quilt Project, which she helped inspire, and of the book “Fed Up: The High Costs of Cheap Food” by Dale Slongwhite, which captured the stories of 11 former farmworkers and community members. In the last year of her life, as Geralddean was suffering the consequences of multiple chronic illnesses likely related to decades of direct and generational exposure to organochlo-

rine pesticides, she told the “Fed Up” author that they had at least two or three more books yet to write together; that she had many more from a lifetime of stories that still needed to be told. Sadly, those stories leave us along with Geralddean, as she moves on from this world to the next. Still, those Geralddean leaves behind have a wealth of stories of their own from a vast treasure of memories of working alongside Geralddean for years at rallies and demonstrations; lobbying to decision makers in the state capitol; going door-to-door conducting a health survey; testifying at meetings and conferences, including at the EPA; speaking to countless church, student and civic groups about her personal life and the conditions for farmworkers; outreaching to AIDS patients in crack houses and on the streets; organizing meetings and community events; and motivating and inspiring others to get involved. Geralddean may be

gone, but her spirit lives on in all whose lives she has touched and by leaving the world a better place for her having been in it. We will miss you Geralddean. You are now free of the suffering of this world. May you be at peace and may your spirit soar free! Jeannie Economos is the pesticide safety and environmental health project coordinator for the Farmworker Association of Florida in Apopka.

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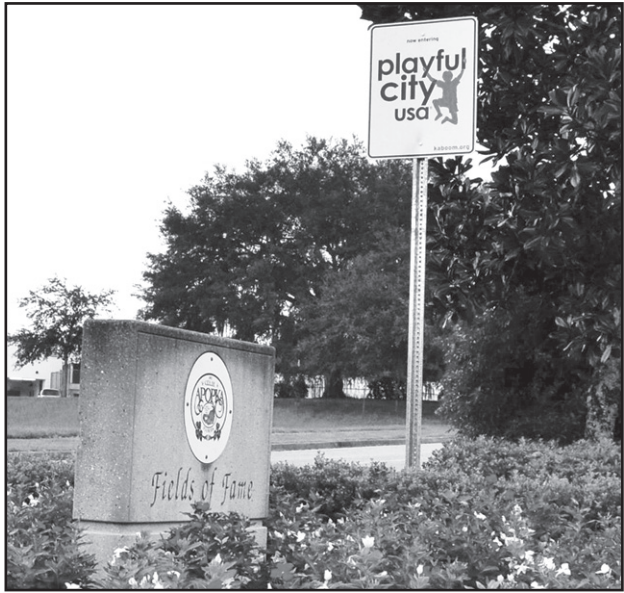
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Apopka designated as a city loaded with family-friendly fun



Apopka has signs, like the one posted outside Fields of Fame at the Northwest Recreation Complex, designating the city as a Playful City USA.

The city of Apopka has been recognized with a 2016 Playful City USA designation from KaBOOM!, a national non-profit organization that promotes playful activities for kids and partners with communities to build playgrounds.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the national recognition spotlights cities and towns across the country for making their communities more playable. This year, Apopka joins 256 other Playful City USA communities including Orlando, Winter Park, Tampa and Kissimmee.

Apopka provides lei-

sure recreation and sports programs for all ages including summer and spring break camps for kids. The city fire and police departments also hold their own educational camps for school-age kids.

The Apopka Recreation Department hosts 65 sports tournaments each year as well as various sports leagues at the Northwest Recreation Complex. The city also has fun events such as the Old Florida Outdoor Festival, the Easter Eggstravaganza and Rabbit Run 5K, movies at the Apopka Amphitheater and the Apopka Food Truck

Roundup.

"The city of Apopka provides a wide variety of public activities that promote healthy recreation and improve the quality of life for our citizens," said Mayor Joe Kilsheimer.

Communities across the country are creating innovative ways to bring back play and attract residents through family friendly activities. Interactive sidewalk art, designated play spaces on trails and the transformation of schoolyards into active play areas are just a few examples of how cities are becoming more playful.

"Balanced and active play is crucial to the well-being of kids and the communities that they thrive in. By integrating play into cities, the leaders of Playful Cities USA are working to attract and retain the thousands of families that want homes in close proximity to safe places to play," said KaBOOM! CEO James Siegal.

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Glenn Foster to speak at Recovery at the Hope Conference

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Apopka will host the Recovery at the Hope Conference Saturday, October 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 927 S. Central Ave., Apopka.

Glenn "AllGood" Foster, radio operations manager at Inspiration 1680 WOKB Orlando, will be the speaker for the conference. He is a member of St John Missionary Baptist Church, and attended Florida A&M University in Tallahassee.

"He has an outstanding testimo-



Foster

nial and specializes in straight talk for the youth and you," a spokeswoman said.

The church spokeswoman said the community is invited, including youth, teens, and adults.

"Come hear information and testimonies from our special guest and how we can prevent, identify, deal

with and resolve addictions," the spokeswoman said. "Remember, an addiction is not always centered on drugs and alcohol. It can be anything keeping you from developing a closer relationship with God. We would like the entire community to please come or send someone. It may not be you but it could help someone else find their way."

Free food and drinks will be available.

For more information, call Yvonne Holmes at 407-579-1339.

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Church: St. Francis of Assisi Church will host events

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Church. On Friday, September 30, the community is invited to join St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in celebrating Family Night at 6 p.m., in the Parish Center, 834 S. Orange Blossom Trail. There will be a dinner catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill and entertainment by Elvis at a cost of \$15 for

each adult ticket and \$7.50 per ticket for children 12 and under.

On Saturday, October 1, there will be the traditional Blessing of the Animals at 10:30 a.m. followed by games, bounce houses, slides and craft activities for children, as well as food.

For information, call 407-484-4713.

Obituaries: Mr. Sears was an army veteran

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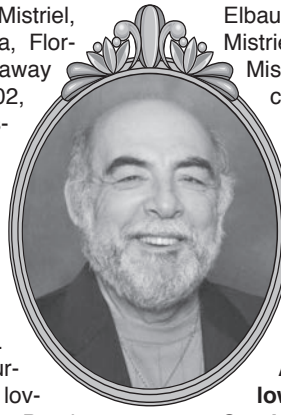
HILTON H. TURBYVILLE, 75, Apopka, died Saturday, September 10. Mr. Turbyville was born in Elba, Alabama. Survivor: daughter, Sandra A. Ellis, Apopka. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

SAMUEL F. SEARS, 79, Apopka, died Thursday, September 8. After a career in computer science with the Martin Company and Texas Instruments, Mr. Sears founded Countryside Pools and Spas. He was born in Jasper. He was an Army veteran. He was a founding member and elder of Wekiva Presbyterian Church. Survivors: wife, Becky; sons, Christian, Howey-in-the-Hills, Samuel Jr., Greenville, South Carolina; five grandchildren. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

Michael H. Mistriel

November 26, 1939 - September 02, 2016

Michael H. Mistriel, 76, of Apopka, Florida, passed away September 02, 2016. Mr. Mistriel was born November 26, 1939 in Tel-Aviv, Israel. He worked in the Foliage Industry. Mr. Mistriel is survived by his loving wife Willie Pearl Mistriel of Apopka; children Michael Decker of Longwood, Barbie Decker and Missy Decker both of Apopka; siblings Judith



Elbaum, Joseph Mistriel and Roni Mistriel; 4 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren. **Visitation will be held Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 10am at Trinity Baptist Church, Apopka. Followed by the Service at 11am.**

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PATRIOT DAY

September 11

9-11 memorial dedication



Participating in the ribbon cutting of the memorial were, (l-r), school board member Christine Moore, Mayor Joe Kilsheimer, state Rep. Jennifer Sullivan, City Commissioner Diane Velazquez and husband Ed, and Christian Lamphere. Christian's Eagle Scout project is a memorial to the events of September 11, 2001.



On Sunday, September 11, Christian Lamphere spoke at the dedication of his Eagle Scout project, a memorial to those directly affected by the events of the attacks 15 years ago.



Those in attendance Sunday morning respectfully stood at attention during the pledge.

Photos by John Ricketson and John Peery



Apopka City Commissioner Diane Velazquez shared about her involvement in Christian's Eagle Scout project.



Members of the APD and AFD raise the flag at the beginning of Sunday's dedication ceremony.



Sunday morning's dedication began at 8 a.m. on September 11, and the remembrance ceremony was attended by many.



"Amazing Grace" was presented by the King's Pipers during the 9-11 dedication ceremony at City Hall.



Apopka Police Department color guard member Steve Harmon salutes the flag as it is raised.



Mayor Joe Kilsheimer speaks during the dedication ceremony held on the front lawn of city hall.



AFD Chief Chuck Carnasale speaks as part of the dedication ceremony of Christian Lamphere's Eagle Scout project.

Cancer: In four years, center paid for 720 mammograms

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Lodge 2422, 201 W. Orange St., Apopka.

Opening at 6 p.m., the event will include a chicken dinner, cakewalk, music, auction, and a T-shirt contest.

Party in the Park

On Saturday, October 1 from 2-9 p.m., there will be a Party in the Park at Kit Land Nelson Park, 10 N. Forest Ave., Apopka, where a live concert will start at

3 p.m. Plus, there will be food trucks, drinks, vendors and auction.

Health screenings and wellness services

On Saturday, October 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., there will be free mammogram screenings at the First United Methodist Church of Apopka, 201 S. Park Ave., Apopka.

Emery Medical Solutions, and Florida Cancer Specialist and Research Institute are conducting 100

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Lunch is served Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except holidays), and dinner is served Monday through Thursday, from 4-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, from 4-10:30 p.m., and all day long on Sunday. A ten percent discount for senior citizens is also available.

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Kids will also love **King Buffet Chinese Restaurant**. Some of the children's favorites include sweet and sour chicken, countless flavors of wings, fries, pizza, fried dumplings, sausage rings, sugar donuts and ice cream, with a carousel of colorful and exciting toppings. Vegetarians can also enjoy **King Buffet Chinese Restaurant**



Visit **King Buffet Chinese Restaurant** today and you will see why they have been voted as one of the best in Apopka several years running.

by trying their assorted succulent garden vegetables cooked to perfection. There are many vegetarian dishes available as well.

If you are in a hurry or would rather enjoy your meal at home, take-out orders are also available. The buffet food can be boxed and purchased by the pound, or you can choose from their a la carte menu.

King Buffet Chinese Restaurant knows what it takes to be a successful restaurant. They use the finest, freshest ingredients and they use only 100% pure vegetable oil when preparing their spectacular food. **King Buffet Chinese Restaurant** believes in the 'customer first' principle.

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Be sure to pick up the latest issue of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers, where you'll find **King Buffet Chinese Restaurant's** money-saving coupons! The restaurant is conveniently located in the Wekiva Riverwalk Plaza at 2157 E. Semoran Boulevard in Apopka. Their phone number is 407-814-9116.

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Apopkans welcome cooler weather and mouthwatering nourishment

Cooler

weather is certainly welcome to us Apopkans who have been dealing with sauna-like weather lately. It feels almost crisp outside in the early morning. Leaves are falling. Maybe fall is not far behind.

This week we have a couple of recipes from readers of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers, which we certainly appreciate. One is for sirloin tips and the other is for pot roast and gravy. Then there is a mashed potato recipe from *Preserving the Big Potato* that was published a few years back by the Apopka Historical Society that might go very well with either of the first two meat recipes. And a buttermilk biscuit recipe that you can whip up from a cookbook by Northside Baptist Church to go with the meal!

We have a quiche recipe from Northside Baptist Church that sounds delicious that would go well for any meal, especially brunch.

There is a baked vegetable risotto from First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda that you could use for a side dish or a main dish.

For dessert, we have Mary Ann Peery's Crunchy Pie, a recipe from The Apopka Woman's Club, *WHAT'S COOKIN'?* Mary Ann Peery, who passed several years ago, just happens to be the mother of our editor, John Peery.

We hope you will try all of these recipes and let us know what you think of them. And perhaps you can make your own variation of them after you try them out if you think a little of this or that added or substituted might be good.

Please email your recipes to: news@theapokkachief.com or mail them to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880. And send us not only your recipes but ideas for future recipe columns as well.

**SANDRA JOHANSEN'S
GOURMET SIRLOIN TIPS**
Reader of *The Apopka Chief* and



Kitchen Kapers

The Planter newspapers
1-1/2 pounds sirloin tips
2 tablespoons oil
1 clove garlic – minced
1 cup ketchup
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
1 tablespoon lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Saute garlic in hot oil until cooked. Add meat and brown on all sides over medium heat. Mix other ingredients and pour over beef. Simmer one hour or bake in 350 degree oven for one hour or until tender.

Serve with rice and broccoli or with rice and just a salad.

**CONNIE POLANSHEK'S
BEEF & GRAVY SPECIAL**
Reader of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers

4 pound pot roast
1 envelope onion soup mix
1 can mushroom soup
1 tablespoon Gravy Master

Place roast on foil in roasting pan. Cover with onion and mushroom soups. Add Gravy Master. Wrap tight in foil. Roast at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for four hours. Can use with lamb, pork and chicken, too.

**JEAN ALBERS'
ROYAL MASHED POTATOES**
Recipe from Apopka Historical Society, Apopka, Florida
Preserving the Big Potato – A Collection of Potato Recipes

6 or 7 medium potatoes
1/2 pint sour cream
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1 small package cream cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter

Cook potatoes. Mash and add salt, pepper and cream cheese. Add sour cream. Whip with electric mixer.

Put in casserole. Dot with butter. Bake in 250 degree oven for an hour or so. Can be baked as long as two hours.

Be certain casserole is covered tightly with a lid or foil. Cover as soon as made and don't peek. Put in oven and still don't peek!

LILLIAN CLEGHORN'S

BUTTERMILK BISCUITS
Recipe from
Northside Baptist Church
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 cup nonfat buttermilk

Combine first four ingredients in a large bowl. Cut butter into flour mixture with a fork or pastry blender until crumbly. Add buttermilk, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead two or three times. Pat or roll to 1/2-inch thickness. Cut with a 1-1/2-inch round cutter and place on a baking sheet.

Bake 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Yield: Makes 16 biscuits.

KEVIN MILLIKEN'S QUICHE
Recipe from
Northside Baptist Church

Pie Crust:
2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2/3 cups shortening, Crisco
4 to 6 tablespoons ice water

Mix flour, salt, and baking powder in bowl. Cut in shortening with fork until it resembles coarse corn meal. With the fork, make a small hole in the center of the dough in bowl and add water. Gently mix.

Turn out onto floured flat surface. Knead a couple times to gather all the crumbs in one big ball. Roll and put crust into large pie pan.

Filling:
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning
3 jumbo eggs, or 4 large eggs
2 cups canned evaporated milk
1 cup cheese, shredded (any kind of cheese)
1 cup (total) bacon, cooked chicken, onion, carrots, celery (all chopped very fine and cooked with the bacon in bacon grease after it has browned and vegetables are soft. Leftover chicken and vegetables work well.)

Mix all the filling ingredients together in bowl and carefully pour into

pie shell. Bake in very hot oven, 400 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes or until egg and milk mixture sets and is brown on top.

**MARTHA WETTEROFT'S
BAKED VEGETABLE RISOTTO**
Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda,
A Taste of Heaven

2 tablespoons olive oil
Chopped onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup Arborio Rice
2 cups chicken broth (14-ounce can plus water)
1 package frozen chopped spinach, zapped in microwave
2/3 cup shredded carrot (1 medium)
3 tablespoons fresh parsley
Salt to taste and 1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in heavy pan. Add onion and garlic and cook until tender. Stir in rice just to coat. Add broth, spinach, carrots, parsley, salt and pepper. Pour into 1-quart casserole. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover.

Place in 400-degree oven and bake 25 minutes or until moisture is absorbed. Serve hot. Makes six servings.

**MARY ANN PEERY'S
CRUNCHY PIE**
Recipe from
The Apopka Woman's Club
WHAT'S COOKIN'?

3 egg whites
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
Pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
11 single graham crackers, finely rolled
1 cup broken nutmeats
1/2 package chopped dates
1/2 package coconut

Beat egg whites until stiff. Stir in baking powder, salt, sugar and graham crackers. Add nuts, dates and coconut.

Place in well-greased pan and bake 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Let cool and cover with whipped cream and let stand at least four hours in refrigerator.

SEPTEMBER	EVENTS ★ ★ WEEKLY ★ ★	UPCOMING ★ ★ ONGOING ★ ★	EVENTS		
<p>OCPS - Orange County schools back in session. Watch out for more students walking, riding, or driving in your area when schools are in session.</p> <p>City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3200 Jason Dweilley Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs, Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Walking Trail, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.</p> <p>11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) now open on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - The drive may be closed! If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. As of May 1, 2016, the trail is one-year old and has had 50,000+ visitors. FEEDING THE ALLIGATORS MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL.</p> <p>WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiva River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 407-884-4311.</p> <p>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</p> <p>The Altamonte Springs/Apopka VFW Post 10147 is located at 519 S. Central Avenue, Apopka. The post is open Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm (other hours by appointment only). September's meeting is scheduled for Friday, the 16th. All members are urged to attend. Those who have served in any branch of the military, during any war or conflict, and who may be interested in becoming a member, are also urged to attend. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com</p> <p>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</p>	<p>BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each Month at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. All are welcome to come and be fed with those who would like to share in a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals and children's books among other things will be offered. For information, call 407-703-4223.</p> <p>"Cookies and Milk with a Cop (Storytime, Too)" every third Saturday of the month at North Orange Branch Library, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, 10:30 a.m. This event is sponsored by APD and McDonald's located at 233 E. Main St.</p> <p>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</p> <p>Beginning Racewalking Program: 8:05 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., at the Orange County Parks' Magnolia Park, 2929 Binion Rd., Apopka. Program is for people age 12 and older, and is free. Pre-registration is required by calling 407-886-4231. For park information, visit www.orangecountyparks.net.</p> <p>MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 19</p> <p>Beginning Racewalking Program: 5:00 p.m. - 5:55 p.m., at the Orange County Parks' Magnolia Park, 2929 Binion Rd., Apopka. The program is for people age 12 and older, and is free. Pre-registration is required by calling 407-886-4231. For park information, visit www.orangecountyparks.net.</p> <p>NWOC FFA Alumni - The next Alumni meeting will be held on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 6:30. (6:00 IF YOU WANT TO EAT), AT BEEF 'O' BRADY'S IN APOPKA. Monthly meetings are open to anyone. You do not have to have been a member of FFA, nor is it necessary to have a child in an FFA chapter. All that is required is a desire to help these young people, both for FFA and 4-H. For information, contact nwocffaa@gmail.com</p> <p>Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food – overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information, visit OA.org or call Laura 407-484-7736 or Ginger 407-832-5772.</p> <p>Toastmasters: Every Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., in the Museum of Apopkans, 122 E 5th St, Apopka, FL 32703. For more information, (Number changed) call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatoastmasters.org.</p> <p>New Toastmasters: 7/29/16 - NEW LOCATION: Forest Lake Church Room 9, 515 Harley Lester Lane, Apopka, Florida 32703. Time: 7 p.m., Open to everyone interested. For information, call 407-761-2943. Club</p>	<p>Number: 4899556, District 84, Area D42. Orators of Excellence.</p> <p>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</p> <p>Walk and Talk: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., at Magnolia Park. Call 407-886-4231 for more information.</p> <p>Art Class: 9:00 a.m., at the Fran Carlton Center, 11 N. Forest Ave., Apopka. For more information, call and leave message for Nancy McDonald at 407-703-1631.</p> <p>SEPT. 20TH SPEAKER FOR FOLIAGE SERTOMA: Bob Loomis for Orlando North Airpark Airport as well as Kings Landing. Sertoma normally meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at 11:45-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. To reserve space for luncheon, call by the Friday before, or for information, call Greg Spurlock 407-884-6464.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21</p> <p>Zumba Silver for Seniors, 8:00 a.m. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Avenue. Free, fun, dance-type class that is slower-paced than traditional Zumba classes. Call 407-703-1741 for information.</p> <p>Zumba Gold Fitness Class, MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS 9:00 a.m., at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Avenue. Call 407-703-1642 for information.</p> <p>TOPS Chapter #646. Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) will help you reach a weight goal with support from caring members, education, and rewards. Each Wednesday am. Weigh-in begins at 8:45 – meeting ends at 10:30. Join us at Compass Community Church, 9635 Bear Lake Road, Apopka. Call 407-960-2397 for more information.</p> <p>Cards & Bridge: 9:30 a.m. for SENIORS. Come and join the fun, or bring in some friends and start your own. Call 407-703-1631 for information.</p> <p>Crafts & Chatter and Board Games, Cards & Bridge: 9:30 a.m. for SENIORS. This is an informal gathering of senior adults who enjoy playing board games, cards or creating projects. Call 407-703-1631 for information.</p> <p>Tiny Tales - Rhyme Time for You and Baby: At 10:15 a.m., lasts approximately 15 min. every Wed. For infants birth to 18 months, OCLS North Orange Branch.*</p> <p>Toddler Time: At 10:45 a.m., every Wed., Especially for children ages 18 to 36 months and lasts approximately 20 minutes. OCLS North Orange Branch.*</p>	<p>Storybook Fun for Your Little One: At 11:15 a.m. every Wed. Recommended for children ages three to five. The programs are free and last approximately 30 minutes. OCLS North Orange Branch*.</p> <p>City Council normally meets the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday, at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting.</p> <p>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22</p> <p>Walking Club: SENIORS 8:00 a.m. City of Apopka. Will meet at Magnolia Park. Call 407-886-4231 for information.</p> <p>Chair Exercise Class for seniors, 9 a.m., Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Avenue, Apopka. Call 407-703-1784.</p> <p>ROTARY Luncheon Meeting, 12:00 Noon. Meetings are at Florida Hospital, 201 N Park Av. Call 407-880-0335 for information.</p> <p>Motorcycle Night: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Porkie's BBQ, 256 E. Main St., Apopka. Every Thursday night will feature drawings, prizes, trophies and just plain showing off. For information, call 407-880-3351.</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - Museum of Apopkans - Save Your Photos Day. Photos and slides scanned free to help you keep your memories shareable. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 122 E. Fifth St., Apopka. While there, take a tour of the museum and enjoy its open house. Call 407-703-1707 for information.</p> <p>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, National Night Out, with Orange County deputies leading a parade beginning at 6:20 p.m., from Meadowland Drive on North Round Lake Road going South on Round Lake Rd., turning right on Jones Avenue, left on Union Street and ending up at the Zellwood Community Center. Call 407-886-7974 for information. Information will be given on crime and how to be safe and not a victim.</p> <p>The Primary Election is over. The last day to register to vote and/or update your party affiliation is OCTOBER 11, 2016. before the general election, the second Tuesday in November. If you have not registered, do it now before you are too late to vote in November.</p> <p>ONGOING EVENTS</p> <p>DMV Florida Licensing on Wheels (FLOW) mobile van will be in Apopka in the parking lot of City Hall on the</p>	<p>first and third Thursdays of each month in 2016 between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for basic driver license services. No written or driving tests are given from mobile units. For information, www.flhsmv.gov/html/contact2.html</p> <p>THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED. CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMAN or the local VA: ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS. 8 a.m. - noon on third Wednesday of each month available at Orange County Services Building, 1111 N. Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. This area is no longer in Congressman John Mica's district. Telephone number 407-254-1055 is not monitored.</p> <p>Christian-based Counseling, but open and available to anyone, by Dr. Linnda Durre, Ph.D., is at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S Highland Ave., Apopka, every Thursday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. By appointment only. Call 407-423-3327.</p> <p>Museum of Apopkans, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history. For more information, call 407-703-1707. Monthly meetings are normally held on a Sunday afternoon.</p> <p>The Apopka Elks Lodge 2422 meets first and third Tuesdays of month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com.</p> <p>GFWC Apopka Woman's Club - to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning in September.</p> <p>Foliage Garden Club - meets the first Thursday of each month, at 9:30 a.m., at the Museum of Apopkans, 122 E., 5th St., Apopka, September through June.</p> <p>Apopka Garden Club - meets the first Tuesday each month at First United Methodist Church, 201 S. Park Ave., September through May. For information, call Kathy 407-886-6970.</p> <p>Music at Magnolia recorder classes begin on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 p.m. and intermediate classes are held on Wednesdays 11:15 a.m.-noon and 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m. at 2929 S. Binion Rd. (Hwy 437), Apopka. The classes are open to all ages. The cost is \$2 per person per class. If you are a novice, or are interested in learning to play the recorder, call 407-886-4231.</p> <p>City of Apopka Planning & Zoning - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.</p> <p>Bridge Games and Classes: Every</p>	<p>Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit lakeduplicate.com.</p> <p>Hospital Health Course Offered: The Living Healthy Program at Florida Hospital Apopka designed to help those with chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, arthritis, diabetes, cancer and more. Call 407-625-7048 to learn more about free chronic disease self-management courses.</p> <p>Collection of Old Eye Glasses: <i>The Apopka Chief & The Planter</i> office is collecting old eye glasses for the Lions Club. For information, call 407-886-2777.</p> <p>Computer Classes in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch* for more details.</p> <p>Habitat Volunteers: Go to www.habitatseminoleapopka.org, click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.</p> <p>"Open Heart Kitchen": The Golden Years Senior Ministry of St. Paul AME Church will sponsor a soup kitchen, on the third Monday of every month, from noon-4:00 p.m., at the Church at 1012 S. Park Ave., Apopka. For more information, call 407-889-4464.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>*(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. To reserve a space, call 407-835-7323.</p> <p>**Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441.</p> <p>COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR INFO <i>For community events, fund raisers, and non-profit organizations.</i></p> <p>Send info: fax 407-889-4121, or email ads@theapokkachief.com.</p> <p>To purchase a subscription to The Apopka Chief, call 407-886-2777 or Visit the Web site: www.theapokkachief.com.</p> <p>The E-Edition is up and running) In County: \$30 with e-edition, or \$25 for postal delivery.</p>

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2. Tires _____
3. Pre-Owned Auto Sales _____
4. Oil Changes _____

FOR A SPECIAL EVENT

5. Banquet Facility _____
- 6a. Catering _____
- 6b. DJ / Audio / Visual _____
- 6c. Photography _____

SPECIAL SERVICES

7. Travel Agency _____
8. Dry Cleaner _____
9. Carpet Cleaning _____
10. Pest Control _____
11. Locksmith _____
12. Pool Cleaning Service _____
13. Day Care _____
14. Marketing & Promotional Items _____
15. Printing _____
16. Web Design _____
17. Computer Service _____
18. Signs & Graphics _____
19. Hotel/Motel _____

CHURCH WORSHIP TEAMS

20. Church Worship Band / Group _____

LEADERSHIP

21. Business That Gives To The Community _____
22. Hometown Hero _____

SCHOOLS

23. Coach _____
24. Teacher _____
25. Principal _____
26. Private School _____

REAL ESTATE/HOUSING

27. Real Estate Office _____
28. Rental Community _____
29. Housing Community _____

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BALLOT REGULATIONS

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST: Pertain to people, places, services and businesses with an Apopka or Northwest Orange County address. Must fill in a minimum of 10 categories. PLEASE specify location if business has more than one locality. No more than 3 categories can be voted on for any one restaurant. Only one ballot per customer either mailed or hand delivered will be accepted. Must be 18 or older to participate. One ballot vote per e-mail address. **Only OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER BALLOTS and website voting will be entered to win. No photocopies of the ballot will be accepted.**

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36. Tanning Salon _____
37. Golf & Country Club _____
38. Massage Therapist _____
39. Dance Studio _____
40. Pharmacy _____

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41. Accounting / Tax Prep _____
42. Bank _____
43. Credit Union _____
44. Financial Planner _____
45. Law Office _____
46. Insurance Agency _____
47. Investment Services _____

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49. Air Conditioning & Heating _____
50. Carpet / Tile / Flooring _____
51. Fencing _____
52. Hardware / Home Improvement _____
53. Cabinetry _____
54. Garage Doors _____
55. Home Builder _____
56. General Contractor _____
57. Plumbing _____
58. Landscape / Lawn Maintenance _____
59. Electrician _____
60. Roofing _____
61. Septic Company _____

MEDICAL/DENTAL

62. Medical office _____
63. Dental Office _____
64. Optical _____
65. Home Health / Nursing _____
66. Assisted Living / Services _____

67. Physical Therapy / Rehab _____
68. Chiropractor _____

RETAIL

69. Gifts / Gift Shop _____
70. Shoes _____
71. Wine / Liquor _____
72. Thrift Shop _____
73. Men's Clothing _____
74. Women's Clothing _____
75. Eyewear _____
76. Nursery / Garden Center _____
77. Pawn Shop _____
78. Supermarket/ Groceries _____
79. Favorite Store _____
80. Furniture _____
81. Mattresses _____

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82. BBQ _____
83. Asian _____
84. Italian _____
85. Mexican/Latin/Caribbean _____
86. Seafood _____
87. Home style _____
88. Fast Food Restaurant _____
89. Sandwich / Sub Shop _____
90. Ice Cream / Frozen Treat _____
91. Best Dessert _____
92. Breakfast _____
93. Lunch _____
94. Early Bird Special _____
95. Dinner Under \$10 _____
96. Ribs _____
97. Pizza _____
98. Sushi _____
99. Chicken Wings _____
100. Best Restaurant _____
101. Best Place to Watch "The Big Game" _____
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