Award

A veteran teacher was selected as the first recipient of the Darter Flight Award. See page 12A.





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Winn-Dixie opens 2nd Apopka location at City Center

Following over a year of construction, the longawaited Winn-Dixie has opened its doors at the Apopka City Center as the supermarket chain's second Apopka location.

The ribbon cutting took place on the supermarket's grounds at 611 E. Main St. on Wednesday, square feet, this Winn-Di-August 16.

a giveaway, in which the first 500 customers to arrive at the store when doors opened at 8 a.m. on grand opening day, received a Winn-Dixie mystery gift card valued between \$5 and \$500, and children received a complimentary balloon.

The opening ceremo-

ny included a ribbon cutting at 7:45 a.m. and check presentations for \$2,000 each to Apopka Elementary School, Apopka Middle School and St. Paul Lutheran Church to aid their school and community programs.

Spanning 47,647 xie location - which em-The supermarket ran ploys around 126 people will offer new concepts with extensive offerings. Among them are an emphasis on fresh food such as fruits, vegetables, seafood, and meat; a wide Hispanic product selection throughout the store, as well as tortillas made fresh on-site daily; a new glass-walled

liquor store; and the brandnew Celebrations by Party City to serve as a one-stop shop for party essentials, which is a new offering in any Winn-Dixie store.

Winn-Dixie is the latest addition to the 34-acre multi-phased Apopka City Center, located at the S.R. 441/Main Street and S.R. 436 interchange in downtown Apopka. The shopping and dining hub already has historic Highland Manor, the 118-room Hilton Garden Inn, and the Rinat Halon Photography studio.

A food hall and brewery, Miller's Ale House, more retailers and a 190-

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City Council questions bank transfers

By Teresa Sargeant Apopka Chief Staff

City commissioners disagreed with how some of the city's investment transactions - such as three bank transfers amounting to \$29 million, \$32 million, and \$20 million each – were done without City Council review.

At the Wednesday, August 16, City Council meeting, City Finance of the deposits the city made since

an overview of the city's investment transactions from 2021 to this year.

She reminded the City Council that the goal is to not concentrate all of the city's investments in one bank, to allow for diversity and maximize the city's investment earnings is another goal, and maintaining safety and liquidity.

She showed an overview of some

Director Blanche Sherman presented January 2021 with Synovus Bank, One Florida Bank, Florida Prime (which is the State Board of Administration), and Seacoast National Bank.

She highlighted some of the large transfers that were done from one bank to another.

In June 2021, there was a transfer of \$29 million from Synovus Bank to One Florida Bank. Synovus's interest

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Apopka Run Club donates to VFW



The Apopka Run Club (ARC) and President Cate Manley, of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce present VFW Post 10147's Commander Andy Anderson with a \$500 donation. The presentation was done Thursday, August 10, at the Apopka Community Center/VFW Building. Pictured (I to r) are ARC Vice-Chair Christina Wilson, Apopka Dog Mayor Asher, ARC Treasurer Shelby Lundin Griffis, ARC Secretary Steven Ford, ARC member Cynthia Steen, ARC Board Chair Jay Kleinrichert, Anderson and Manley.

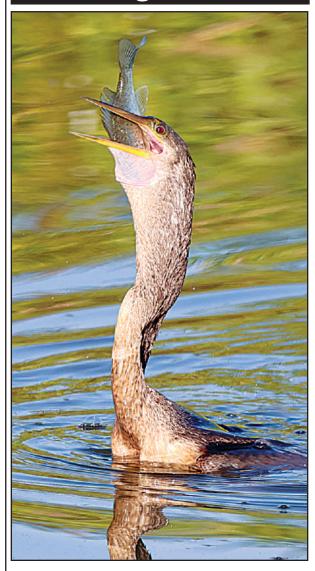
By Marshall Tempest

The Apopka Run Club (ARC) presented VFW Post 10147 with a \$500-donation Thursday, August 10, to be used for a meaningful impact on the lives of local veterans. The Run Club participated in the Advent Health July 4 Watermelon 5K in Winter Park earlier this year. ARC member Cynthia Steen, who was celebrating her 50th 5K, successfully promoted the event and had 68 run club members participate.

Because ARC had the most sign-ups of any team or group, they received a \$500-donation to present to a veteran charity of their

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Anhinga's meal



An anhinga feasts on a fish at Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive, located on the North Shore of Lake Apopka. The drive is free and open to the public each Friday through Sunday and federal holidays. The entrance gate to the 11-mile, one-way drive is located at 2850 Lust Road, Apopka, and opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. The exit gate on Jones Avenue in Zellwood closes at 5 p.m.

Plans resume to build resource hub for homeless

By Teresa Sargeant Apopka Chief Staff

Despite hitting some road bumps in the last two years that include losing potential funding to establish a comprehensive resource center, the Next Step Foundation and the faithbased community is pushing ahead with mounting its efforts to assist the home-

Community members met on Tuesday, August 8, at First Presbyterian

Church on South Highland Avenue.

The August 8 meeting followed up on the July 25 meeting concerning the establishment of the Apopka Resource Center (ARC). This would be a hub for the city government, businesses and faith-based organizations to coordinate efforts in helping the needy find purpose and stability in life.

The August 8 discussion that carried over from

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2023-24 Apopka High SGA



The 2023-2024 Student Government Association of Apopka High School is gearing up for an awesome homecoming season. Under the leadership of President Maiyah Saunderson and Vice President Taryn Buggs, this year's homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 14, at the Hard Rock Live! Paul Peters is the SGA advisor. AHS band members stand in formation of SGA.

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Opinion

Quotable

But it's hard to hide dead bodies, shuttered stores, videos of looting in broad daylight, and rampant criminal activity in major Democratic-run cities.

Guest columnists on the reality of increasing crime rates

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Apopka Event of the Week
Apopka VFW Post 10147 is having

its monthly fund-raising breakfast on

Saturday, August 26, at 519 S. Cen-

tral Ave., from 8-10 a.m. On the menu

is the traditional scrambled eggs,

sausage links, pancakes, biscuits

and gravy, Orange Juice, coffee and

water, all for \$6.00. Come and enjoy.

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Our position

Crimes are crimes whether in red cities or blue cities

By: Charles "Cully" Stimson and Zach Smith

The Heritage Foundation

In recent weeks, the Biden administration and its allies in the corporate media have been attempting to deflect attention from America's ongoing crime crisis. Exhibit A: an article by the impulsively liberal Axios titled "GOP's crumbling case against Biden on crime." (Axios is an American news website based in Arlington, Va.)

This comes on the heels of a similarly vacuous "report" by Third Way, which acknowledged that there is a homicide problem, but claimed it is actually in "red states" that voted for former President Donald Trump. (Third Way is a national think tank that champions modern center-left ideas.)

The truth is that crime rates have been rising in blue cities since 2016 because of progressive, pro-criminal, anti-police policies. And when you remove the progressive-run blue cities from the equation, states' relative rankings on homicide change dramatically, disproving Third Way's attempt to blame red-state governors.

Regular Americans, especially the minorities who often live the reality of high crime rates every day, don't believe the liberal media's lies. Indeed, they know whom to blame: bluecity prosecutors and, more specifically, George Soros-funded or -inspired prosecutors.

As we pointed out in a recent paper, 27 of the 30 cities with the highest murder rates are run by Democrats. And 14 of those cities – accountable for 68 percent of the homicides—have rogue district attorneys backed or inspired by Mr. Soros.

Those prosecutors have enacted pro-criminal, anti-victim policies, as we explain in detail in our book, "Rogue Prosecutors: How Radical Soros Lawyers Are Destroying America's Communities."

Which raises the question: Why the constant drumbeat and attempt to flip the narrative?

Answer: Because the left knows that it is its policies that have led to the increase in crime in most cities since 2016, and now they are politically vulnerable. In poll after poll after poll after poll, the issue of crime is on voters' minds, just behind the economy.

And no one believes for one second that Republicans, independents or law-and-order Democrats support procriminal, anti-victim, police-hating policies ... because they don't.

Indeed, even liberal Democrats in San Francisco and Baltimore threw out their rogue prosecutors, Chesa Boudin and Marilyn Mosby respectively, in recent elections because of skyrocketing crime rates in their cities.

And the first Soros rogue prosecutor, Kim Foxx of Chicago, was shoved off the political stage earlier this year by the Democratic machine because they know that her policies, which they secretly endorse, have caused homicides, rapes and thefts to rise to heights not seen since the early 1990s.

Rather than trying to solve the problem, though, Democrats want to trick voters.

But it's hard to hide dead bodies, shuttered stores, videos of looting in broad daylight, and rampant criminal activity in major Democratic-run cities.

What the Axios story and others don't tell you is that in Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and other cities with rogue prosecutors, rates of crime, including homicide, were at historic highs last year. So, any minor dip in crime rates so far this year in those cities is nothing to brag about.

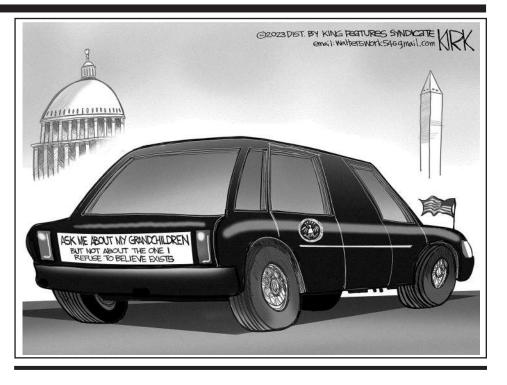
Neither Axios nor Third Way nor any of the other outlets engaged in this deceptive attempt to flip the political narrative and blame Republicans for increased crime rates defend the "merits" of defunding the police, rogue prosecutors' menu of pro-criminal policies, disregarding victims' rights, or the scourge of not asking for bail.

Why not?

If they're so great, and lower crime rates based on the hilarious (and false) assertion that "data and science" back up these policies, why not dig in and offer a full-throated defense?

Because deep down they know that these policies don't ensure public safety and are defensible only in a Marxist, equity-oriented framework that most Americans reject.

So, the next time you see an eyecatching headline about how crime is not as bad as so-and-so wants you to believe, or that rising crime rates and the dystopian hellholes that have been created in inner cities are the fault of Republicans, you'll know what is really happening and why.



Local areas need a 'Main Street'

Attending the Florida Main Street Conference was one of the best things I did this summer. I only wish I could have attended all the sessions. Quarterly mini conferences are offered for Main Street Board Members and Executive Directors. If you are interested in the program, it is easy to follow Florida Main Street on Facebook. I truly believe Pine Hills, Lockhart, and Apopka need to start a "Main Street." So, together let's keep taking a deep dive into the role and benefits of Florida Main Streets. They take will, staff, and volunteer board members

I am going to write about some of the sessions. Remember utilizing hisCounty Commissioner
District 2



tory, economic development, art, fully functioning CRAs, great chambers of commerce, and strong local governments are the secret sauce to improving downtowns. Great downtown areas also reduce the need for suburban sprawl and degradation of the natural environment. I hope my series of columns on the Florida Main Street Conference in Ocala will provide ideas

and hope.

Tax Credits and Incentives for Historic Properties –

Ben Leverage of DTRedevelopment, Inc. spoke on how downtowns can retake their rightful places and help filling a gap in housing. Over the past 50 years, the United States has not followed this simple and efficient cycle, leaving massive gaps in available housing. There are times in our lives where we do not need a large suburban home. Downtown housing options can fill the gap for singles, young workers, and aging citi-

Aligning Community

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WHS welcomes its new principal

A new school year brings about many changes. This year is no different. Besides several policy changes this year we saw several administration changes as well.

We are very excited to see new principals and assistant principals in many of our schools this year. There is an excitement on these campuses and a feeling of renewed energy for good things to come.

No one affects the atmosphere more at a school than the principal, and one of our high schools is welcoming a new principal this year, and I know our comOrange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byro

munity will welcome her with open arms.

Wekiva High School is proud to have Kenisha Williams join the school family as the new principal.

Williams was a devoted leader in OCPS for several years before re-

cently leaving to work in Volusia County to be closer to home. When given the opportunity to come to Wekiva, she jumped at the chance to return to OCPS, despite the long commute. A testament to her excitement and dedication to our school.

She is a transformational leader with over 15 years of leadership experience at both the elementary and secondary levels. She leads by the philosophy of "relationships matter" and believes that building authentic relationships with

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This Week In *God's* Word

"Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you." Luke 10:9

Mema Says

Are you part of the solution?

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Illnesses eliminated long ago seem to be making a comeback

I remember standing in line for about half an hour waiting to get shots to combat any diseases we were going to be subjected to in the place we were being sent to. I can't remember exactly what all there was, but the diseases we were preparing for had only been a part of what I read and never experienced. Thankfully, the inoculations I received must have worked because I came home free from any of those illnesses.

Now, in the United



Ike Hayden

States of America, I read about outbreaks of some of those same catastrophic diseases. Even Polio, which I had experienced through one of my childhood friends who spent six months of his childhood in an "Iron Lung," which helped him to breathe. I thought our nation was safe and free from these many contagious epidemics, but evidently not. How could these have been resurrected from a predominantly neutralized state?

I'm not a conspiracy nut, but I do believe what is happening is a by-product of the Democrat's push for a one-party ruling class. By allowing our borders to be overrun by illegal aliens from a multitude of different nations, we have welcomed extremely contagious diseases into our midst.

Many of the people crossing into our nation do not go through any type of examination unless their symptoms are severe enough to stand out from the group they are with. My prayer is that we have medical defenses, in adequate amounts, to overcome this onslaught of deadly contagions.

If that seems farfetched to you, how

many cases of leprosy have you encountered in your lifetime, other than reading about it in different countries? Yet we are seeing cases of it appearing in our beloved nation. This administration has a plethora of radical, lifethreatening, debilitating, causes to answer for, and yet they go merrily on their way without challenge from those we have elected (hired) to protect us and answer to We the People!

We call ourselves a two-party political system,

when there is only one party, and that is the Deep Swamp.

Swamp.

There are some that are trying to be faithful to the oath they took to protect our Constitution from all enemies, both foreign and domestic. Why is "domestic" in the oath as an enemy? Could it be they thought it possible to be threatened from within? To the current administration, it makes no difference.

Truth has escaped their

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City: Investment policy is outdated, says Becker

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rate was 0.30 percent, One Nesta Florida Bank's was 0.32 man and Shepard that they percent, and the SBA interest rate was 0.10 percent.

In July 2022, there was a \$20-million transfer from Synovus Bank to Florida Prime. Synovus Bank interest rate at that time was 0.351, Florida Bank at 0.5, numbers Sherman presentand SBA interest rate was 1.8 percent.

In June 2023, a nearly \$32-million transfer forensic audit on the numwas done from One Florida Bank to Seacoast Bank. At that time, One Florida Bank's interest rate was 4.7 percent, the Seacoast Bank interest rate was 5.2 per- you because if you don't cent, and the Synovus bank interest rate was also 5.2 percent.

Also, city staff asked for a legal opinion on the ing up," Nesta replied. And Synovus to One Florida Bank transfer that happened in June 2021.

"Upon a detailed review of the policy, supporting documentation provided by staff and additional information provided by staff, the wire transfer in question appears to comply with the City's policy in that it met all the criterion and followed the procedures set forth in that policy," a memo reads from city attorney Cliff Shepard to Blanche Sherman. "A more fulsome explanation of both the policy and the specifics of the transaction supported by exhibits will be forthcoming, but this summary memo accurately sets forth my conclusions that the investment was: properly authorized by the City; made to an authorized institution; resulted in a higher yield than the City was receiving on the funds prior to the transfer; was made through an appropriate selection method."

Commissioner Nick reminded Sher-"don't exclusively work for the mayor," since the presentation and legal counsel were requested by Mayor Bryan Nelson and not by anyone else on the Council. Nesta claimed that the ed still showed inconsistency.

Nesta recommended a bers. Nelson asked what he himself had done wrong with the investment transactions.

"I'm not going to tell know, and I'm sure you do, that's the thing. And I don't need you to edit any of the evidence that may be comagain, I hope that I'm com-

sure aren't wrong about the lie that you were censured for. So either way, I don't have any additional questions. This was a waste of both of your guys' time and now our more residents' money because our attorney's not a forensic audi-

According to Sherman, the three transactions per legal counsel review are in compliance with the procedures under the investment policy and do not require City Council authority even though some transactions were brought to the Council. She even said she spoke with City Administrator Edward Bass about the \$29 million transfer before he died.

The city's contracted investment advisor is re-

pletely wrong, waste of viewing the city's investtime. But I, you know, we ment policy and will bring it to City Council for input, Sherman added.

> According to Commissioner Kyle Becker, the city's investment policy has not been updated since 1995. As well, there has been inconsistency in the policy application. For example, the City Council once had to do as a formal agenda item a \$2-million transfer from Iberia Bank to One Florida, yet the \$29 million transferred was done without any City Council scrutiny.

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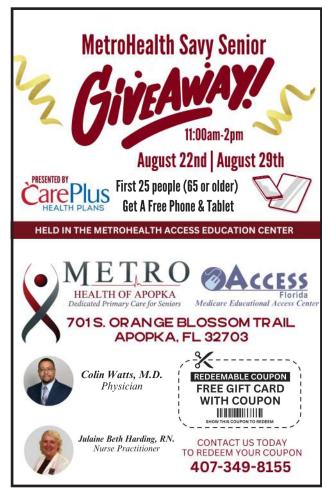


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Byrd: Her attitude is contagious

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students, staff and the community is the key to suc-

This philosophy is evident from the moment you meet her as her excitement is contagious. In her first week on the job she hosted two "meet and greets," one with her staff and one with the community.

Her desire to build relationships is clearly at the heart of her leadership style.

It's not just her positive attitude toward leadership that sets her apart, it's the results she gets as well.

During her tenure as principal at Hidden Oaks

Elementary, she increased the school grade from a "C" to "A" and received recognition from Governor Rick Scott as one of the top elementary schools for reading gains in the State of Florida.

Furthermore, under her leadership at Memorial Middle in 2021-2022, the school earned the highest learning gains in math and proficiency scores in civics in the history of the school.

Williams was also a part of the inaugural group of Level 5 principals with OCPS. Level 5 principals are considered top level leaders who are ambitious and put the needs of others above their own.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

ANNEXATION

CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044,

the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development

Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **DENNY SHIVER** has made

an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an

 $\underline{\textbf{ANNEXATION}}$ of a property located on the southeast corner of

Plymouth Sorrento Road and Dowman Drive. This application

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relates to the following described property:

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These kinds of results speak for themselves and this is why she will be a great leader for Wekiva High School. Most of all, I'm just so impressed by her excitement to join Wekiva and the vision of unity and joy she has for the school.

She is married with six children ranging in ages 12-26. Her family loves to travel and try new restaurants.

Williams is joined by two new assistant principals as well at Wekiva this year: Douglas Miller and Kristen Iannuzzi.

It's going to be a great year for our Mustangs and our community!

Those who can't do, teach. Do you agree?

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his/her best option in life was to become a teacher?"

He reminded the other dinner guests what they oftern say about teachers: "Those who can't do teach."

To stress his point, he said to another guest: "You're a teacher, Bonnie. Be honest. What do you make?"

Bonnie, who had a repu-

tation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make? She paused for a second, then began ,,,

Well, I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. *I make a C+ feel like the Congressional Medadl of Honor. *I make kids sit through 40 minutes of class time when their parents can't make them sit through five without an IPod, Game Cube, or movie rental.

You want to know what I make? She paused again and looked at each and every person at the table.

*I make kids wonder. *I make them question. *I make them criticize. *I make them apologize and mean it. *I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions. *I teach them to write and then I make them write. *I make them read, read, read. *I make them show all their work in math. *I make my students from other countries learn everthing they need to know in English, while preserving their unique cultural identi-

ty. *I make my classroom a place where all my students feel safe. *I make my students stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag because we live in the United States of America.

Finally, I make them understand that if they use the gifts they were given, work hard, and follow their hearts,

they can succeed in life.

(Bonnie paused one last time and then continued:

"Then, when people try to judge me by what I make, I can hold my head up high and pay no attention, because they are ignorant.

You want to know what I make? I MAKE A DIFFER-ENCE.

What do you make?

Teachers make every
other profession possible.

Author Unknown

Moore: Placemaking uses history

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Action Through a Main Street Master Plan: De-Funiak Springs Main

Street Case Study
I learned rather quickly that sometimes you need a professional to write a comprehensive plan. There is never enough money, and integrating community-wide planning processes with the purpose of maximizing the effect and leveraging funds is powerful. The "electeds" must hold staff accountable to the plan, budget and will of the people. The plan is the tool.

The DeFuniak springs
Main Street Master Plan
project created effective cross-collaboration
with city leaders, departments, residents, and external agencies. The speakers
highlighted the process.
Placemaking in the Palm
Beaches: Historic Buildings as Anchors —

Placemaking is something I absolutely love to do. While serving on the School Board, I was instrumental in remaking new prototype schools into special places through creating

exhibits, sculpture, school histories, and art.

Speaker Rick Gonzalez, AIA with REG Architects, Inc. used Palm Beach County as his example for placemaking. Palm Beach has a rich concentration of historic and new buildings which respect historical precedent. Early mixeduse projects from the 1920s are models for today's live/

workspaces.
Remember, placemaking uses historic preservation as a tool for existing buildings, as well
as new construction. It involves a purposeful effort
to serve ALL people, encourage social interaction,
and promote well-being
that builds upon the special
assets of a community and
strengthens them through
thoughtful design.

Historic Cemeteries as

Historic Cemeteries a Cultural Resources -

Alisa Slade Lotane, Florida State Historic Preservation Officer and her team led a session on the importance of local cemeteries.

The goal of the session was to learn how to use historic cemeteries in

research, providing information, and how to properly clean and maintain them. She also updated attendees on recent legislation pertaining to cemeteries.

Recollecting Memories: Florida's Last Fish Camp

Professor Charlie Hailey PhD from the University of Florida is an author, philosopher, and architect who has studied the interconnection of fish camps. Fish camps witness the changing ecology and important lifeways of Florida's people. We have some buildings reminiscent of fish camps remaining on Lake Apopka in the Paradise Heights community. I hope I can get a historical marker, something done to commemorate these previous fish camps. Paradise Heights could use some revitalization.

As you can see, there are many ways to use history, design, planning, art, cemeteries, beautification, and other tools to improve communities. I hope reading this series of columns on the Florida Main Street Program inspires you to action.

Hayden: Close the open borders

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intentions and the only thing that keeps them from completely dissolving our Constitutional Republic is the fervent efforts of the very few true patriots we have left in our political arena.

Do you know why it is expedient for the Democrats to toss out the second amendment? What caused us to enter WWII and claim war against the Japanese was the bombing of Pearl Harbor. But do you know why the Japanese did not make a beach landing with a significant military force? They knew that every home had a firearm, or firearms, and they thought it a lesser loss of personnel to make a run on the "Pearl" using aircraft.

Do you now know why the Swamp wants to get rid of our weapons? Read our Declaration of Independence. You will see how precious freedom is and how it is

to be protected even from "domestic" enemies.

We do not need politicians; we need sewer cleaners. We have grossly maligned the name "Swamp." A swamp is an environmental eco-system that gives life promoting protection to different forms of animals, birds, and humans.

I think what we need to be calling Washinton, D.C. is the sewer. After all, it is filled with rats, excrement, and garbage

and garbage. What we need to hire are sewer cleaners. Say anything you want about Donald J. Trump, but the reason the rats hate him and want to get him out of the way is because he uncovered all their lies, and deceitful cover-ups they had built up over years of unethical, immoral, backstabbing methods to keep the public from ruining their sewer nests that were padded with tax money. They have been voting for their own causes.

In my opinion. Donald J. Trump should be allowed to finish what he started.

Let's give him his last four years to restore the economical foundation, and the freedoms so blatantly stolen from America by the Biden regime.

After he sets the United States of America back up where we belong -as leader of the world's superpowers- we can get the next conservative leader, Gov. Ron DeSantis to maintain our world dominance for the next eight years.

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Let us close off the spigot of diseases and illnesses that are streaming across our border and take the bitter medicine of firing all those responsible for this charade. See you at the polls!

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

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Apopka man sentenced to ten years

An Apopka man has ing the sexual abuse of mibeen sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of child sexual abuse images and videos.

Patrick James Sperber, 45, a registered sex offender, pleaded guilty to the federal charges on May 17.

In 1999, Sperber was convicted of lewd and lascivious assault on a child. As a result, he is registered and designated as a sexual offender.

documents, on April 17, 2021, an internet company submitted a CyberTip to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). This NCMEC referral indicated that an individual with the username "P.J. Sperber" had uploadnors while using a messenger application. Further investigation traced the internet protocol address used to upload the videos to Sperber's residence.

On April 15, 2022, FBI agents executed a search warrant for Sperber's residence and seized his cellphone. A forensic review of Sperber's cellphone revealed child sex abuse imagery and videos. Sperber admitted to viewing According to court child sex abuse imagery and videos using a chat app account on his cellphone. Several of the child sex abuse videos found on Sperber's cellphone depicted children under the age of

12 being sexually abused. This case was investigated by the Federal Bued several videos depict- reau of Investigation. It

was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Terry B. Livanos.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who sexually exploit children, and to identify and rescue victims.

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Throughout the year, the WAA TEACH program provides educational opportunities for people nationwide to engage with veterans in their communities. Schools, schoolrelated clubs, and other organizations can fundraise through the Group Sponsorship Program. In 2022 generous supporters made it possible for WAA to launch a K-12 curriculum aligned with the National Council on Social Studies and state Common Core standards.

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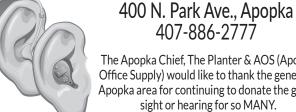


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ARC: City Council never voted on \$150K earmarked for center

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July were getting a volunteer to find out housing options from city and county planners, plan for an immediate shelter, and coordinate day services.

Copies of the May 2021 ARC proposal were handed out to attendees to review and provide feedback. Attendees also received the Apopka Com- inward transformation so with Freddy Clayton from munity Resource Directory, which business owners, leaders, and churches can use to guide the homeless toward what they need.

According to May 2021 proposal, the ARC aims to not only to provide homeless clients with food, clothes, financial support, and other needs but, more so, support an

clients can work toward becoming self-sufficient. The meetings resumed

lately after a two-year pause that was caused by the pandemic and the relocation of a local nonprofit representative, who was helping the churches set up ARC.

Finalized as a nonprofit entity in 2019, the Next Step Foundation is an expansion of the First Baptist Church of Apopka's weekly homeless ministry that services homeless people by providing them dinner, clothes, grooming, and Bible study.

The foundation will leverage resources and helping hands of other churches and the general community to further assist the homeless.

The foundation's board of directors are Les Hess, Tracey Hough, Michelle Faircloth, Monique Morris, Bryan Nelson, Robert Manley, Lisa Blackwelder and David Schorejs.

The next ARC meeting is Tuesday, August 29, beginning at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, 441 S. Highland Ave., Apopka.

Other ministries can inspire

Reverend Alex Robinson of the Divine Victory Christian Center met the Orlando Union Rescue Mission and visited Clayton's facility.

Robinson said at the facility, he saw women, mothers with children, single women, and men trying to get off drugs. The place even has a school with children attending.

"He (Clayton) takes no credit in what he's doing, but he's always seeing what God has done," Robinson said about Clayton. "I just think that if we all pull together, we're stronger together than one of us being successful, standalone. But together we can do an awesome thing."

Gail Cooper discussed her ministry, The Narrow Door, and the need for healthy eating, especially for those with mental issues. She imparted tips to Next Step Foundation and the faith-based community about what a ministry could offer the homeless so they'd have alternative places to stay all day such as healthy food, Bible classes and literacy-building classes.

"Think about yourself. How would it feel all day just being somewhere and not being able to do anything, just sit? Having a place where people can go and they can spend all day, whether it's hot outside or

bring their belongings and they can have healthy food even, which would help them," Cooper said.

Money for the ARC

Schorejs made clear what happened to the \$150,000 Mayor Bryan Nelson promised the city would give toward ARC's establishment: that fund was not Next Step Foundation's to begin with because the City Council never voted on it.

"So that money, it's not lost. It's not, 'Where did it go? It was ours. Why don't we have it?' It was never ours. It was always the city's money. It never had got approved for the ARC, and it probably just has been rolled into the general budget," Schoreis said.

After the city earmarked the money for the ARC, "we were looking at a place and they jacked up the price three times what they had originally said," Schorejs said.

However, the foundation shouldn't be dependent on the city for funding, because, as a faith-based community, the churches can figure out a way.

"Not that there's not government monies that can be beneficial to meet the needs out there, but let's not be dependent on

cold outside, and they can that. Let us trust that God is going to do something well beyond that," said Schorejs.

Sylvester Hall, a resident who attended the August 8 meeting, disagreed with him.

"Everybody pays taxes," Hall said. "So when we say we don't want to rely on the city or the county, that's our tax dollars. When we start to get involved with what's going on with our tax dollars, we can pay \$9 million for Camp Wewa, and we're still losing money on that project. But we can't fund a homeless shelter. I have a problem with that. That's where we need to change our mindset."

The \$150,000 comes from a nearly \$2.9-million windfall the city of Apopka received, thanks to a tax credit from Duke Energy.

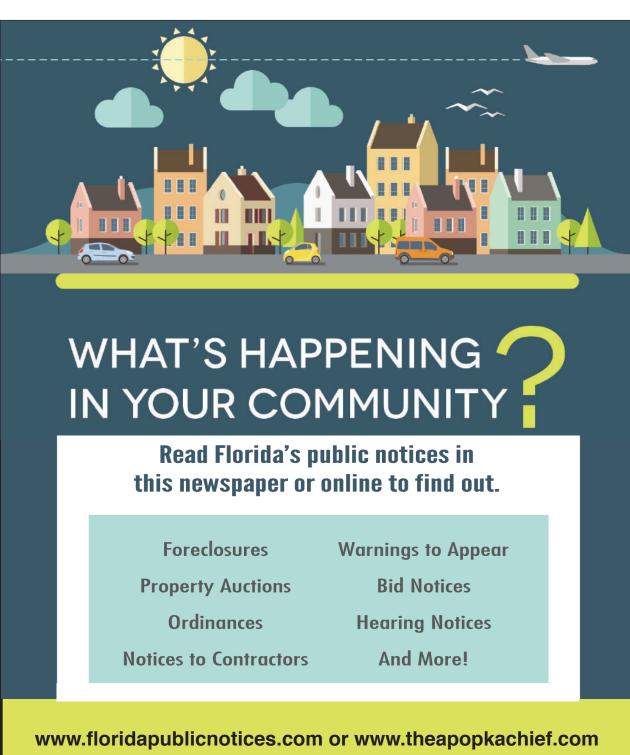
After the City Council voted in January 2021 to approve the closing agreement with Energy for the settlement of public service tax, the \$2.9 million went back to the city for the period of January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2020.

All of the tax credit went back to the city budget to balance it, a necessary move considering how much of a hit the budget took as a result of the











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Apopka Police Department adds two more new officers

The Apopka Police Department added two new officers to its police force on Tuesday, August 8, at Apopka City Hall.

These two officers took an oath to serve and protect. Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley administered the oath.

As a tradition, each new officer selected family members or friends to pin their Police badges to their uniforms.

Officer Dalton Whigham

Officer Dalton Whigham, 22, was born in Orlando and grew up in Tavares, where he graduated from Tavares High School in 2019.

Officer Whigham attended his Police Academy training at Lake Tech College of Public Safety in 2022.

He stated his all-time favorite hobby is hunting.

When asked why he

stated he wants to help others and has a desire to become a K9 Handler with the Apopka Police Depart-

Matthew "Matt" Baker

Officer Matthew "Matt" Baker, 20, was born and raised in Lake Worth. He attended high school at Somerset Academy Canyons, where he graduated in 2021.



The Apopka Police Department added two new officers to its police force on Tuesday, August 8, at Apopka City Hall. Dalton Whigham and Matthew Baker take an oath to serve and protect.

a career, Officer Whigham ued his education by attending Palm Beach State College where he graduated with his Associates of Arts degree focusing on Criminal Justice. He attended the Police Academy at Palm Beach State College, from where he gradu-

ated earlier this year. Officer Baker's hobbies include fishing and

golfing. When asked why he chose law enforcement as a career, Officer Baker stated because he wanted to car-

lic service as set forth by his family.

Officer Baker comes from a family of first responders. His father is a retired firefighter/paramedic, and his brother is a current firefighter with the Apopka Fire Department.

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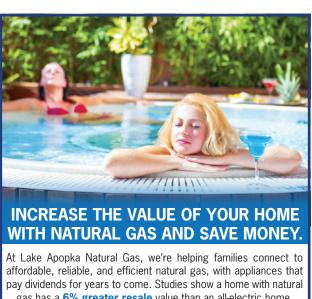
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not just for the Jews. Jesus scolds the Jews for their disobedience and rebellion against God when he says just prior to his trial and "Jerusalem, death Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing" (Luke 13:34 NIV). We are told repeatedly, both in the Bible and the Koran, to submit to God, to obey Him in all things, and yet, we remain estranged from God by our disobedience. Consider how you might better submit to the will of God.

- Christopher Simon

Obituaries

EDWARD P. BOWMAN JR. (EDDIE), 75, of Apopka, Florida passed away peacefully on August 8th, 2023. Eddie was born to Elizabeth and Edward Bowman Sr., on October 1, 1947, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Eddie is survived by his two sons, Adam (Lisa) Bowman and Brian (Holly) Bowman of Apopka; Sister Sandy (Rick) Abbott; Brother Dan (Joanne) Bowman; Three nephews; Four grandchildren.

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3. In Esther 2:17, who was she (Esther) made queen instead of? Vashti, Ruth, Anna, Sapphira

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5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to mourn and a time to ...? Leave, Dance, Love, Profit

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Edward P. Bowman Jr. (Eddie)

Edward P Bowman Jr (Eddie) 75 of Apopka Florida passed away peacefully on August 8th. 2023. Eddie was born to Elizabeth and Edward Bowman Sr., on October 1, 1947, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Bellevue High School (Class of '66), served his country with the US Army 173rd Airborne Brigade (Vietnam '65-68), and graduated from La Roche College (Mav '76).

Eddie and family moved to Apopka in the summer of 1987. He found passion in developing and inspiring Apopka's youth through sports in the '90s, both Pop Warner football and Little League baseball. Eddie took great pride in supporting the men and women of the Apopka Fire Department where his son Brian has served for over 23 years. You'd often find Eddie socializing in the community as a regular diner at Liggett's, Robinson's, Beef 'O' Brady's and The Back Room.

Eddie's greatest joy was spending time with his grandkids. He was their biggest fan at the ball fields. He never missed a game or an opportunity to coach from the sidelines. Later in life you'd find him on his scooter, treating all the kids at the concession stand.

Eddie is survived by his two sons, Adam (Lisa) Bowman and Brian (Holly) Bowman of Apopka; Sister Sandy (Rick) Abbott; Brother Dan (Joanne) Bowman; Grandchildren Bryson, Emmi, Ethan and Hazel Bowman: Nephews Keith Abbott, Rvan and Danny Bowman. Eddie dearly loved his family and cherished every moment he spent with his children, parents, siblings



Funeral Service will be held at 1pm on Saturday August 19th, Loomis Funeral Home, 420 W. Main St., Apopka 32712. Viewing will take place just prior from 12-1pm. It was Eddie's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital

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"Gobbie" Arreche Gordon *Parbara*

Barbara "Bobbie" Arreche Gordon of Apopka, Florida passed away on August 8, 2023. She was born on March 30, 1947. Daughter of the late Dr. Candido Arreche and Olga Holdun Arreche. She taught Spanish for over 40 years and touched countless lives, even inspiring others to follow in her footsteps. She was extremely proud that she was selected every year for nearly 20 years to travel to San Antonio, Clemson and Cincinnati to grade Spanish Advanced Placement tests for students all around the world. She kept the basketball scorebook for her husband and was a constant support to athletes, coaches and officials alike for over 30 years in the community. She enjoyed spending time

with her family, reading

mystery novels, scrapbooking,

decorating, cooking, cruising and traveling the world with her best friend/husband.



She was married for 56 years and was a devoted wife and mother of 2. She loved her home and enjoyed the wildlife that would visit her in her back-

She is survived by her husband, Robert "Bob" Q. Gordon; son Robert "Rob" J. Gordon (wife Wendy) and daughter Carrie Kirkland; grandchildren, Kacee Kirkland Kayla Rose Kirkland, Aubree Gordon, and Dylan Kirkland; brothers Candido Arreche Jr (wife Connie), James Arreche (wife Shantal), and sister Candy Ann Arreche (husband Freddie); and nephews, Alec

Arreche and Cameron Arreche. Arrangements have been entrusted to Woodlawn Funeral Home in Gotha, Florida. As she was a quiet, simple lady, we will be following her wishes. There will be no viewing, service or ceremony.

She will be cremated and honored at a gathering of her immediate family. Kindly post a short message, memory or condolences at https://www. dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/11402088, if you would

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See You At The Pole

See You At The Pole Day nationally is Wednesday, September 27 at a local time.

Around the globe, students meet at flagpoles to pray for their schools. The event began in 1990 in Burleson, Texas, when a group of teenagers gathered to pray for sev-

This year's theme is "Pray Fervently in Righteousness," and is based on James 5:16b (NKJV), "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Prayer is key to renewal in our nation.

Auxiliary Yard Sale is set for August 26-27

The Apopka Auxiliary supports Apopka VFW Post 10147 as well as veterans by using the proceeds from the annual yard sale and poppies that are distributed throughout the city on three different occasions to include Winn Dixie, Publix and even Sprouts.

The yard sale is set for Saturday, August 26 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, August 27, 12 noon-3 p.m. with items sold at a 50 percent discount.

Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8-10 a.m., and on Thursday and Friday, August 24 and 25 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

In addition to the support given to VFW Post 10147 and veterans, other projects contributed to include VFW National Family Home, Paws for Patriots (from Lakeland), a special project supporting the much-needed medicines to treat veteran PTSD, and a new project that has medical professionals having great results treating veterans with an injection that reduces their suicide rate.

There are multiple educational and youth programs that include scholarships such as a Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Art contests for students that the winners of receive a certificate and cash prize, There are many other projects and programs that are supported.

Members of the Auxiliary are always busy and love what they do for veterans and the community. For more information, contact Alice Boria, Auxiliary Pesident, 407-951-9048.

Store: It has many new concepts, offerings

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unit apartment complex are slated to come to the City Center.

The one other Winn-Dixie in Apopka is located at Errol Plaza on West Orange Blossom Trail.

The Apopka City Center Winn-Dixie will cap this week with a community celebration on Saturday, August 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Customers can enjoy DJ entertainment, cooking demonstrations and store sampling, free raffle giveaways for \$100 gift cards every 30 minutes and free big prize drawings.

The big prize drawings will begin at 11 a.m. for a chance to win a \$500 gift card, Yeti Cooler and a Weber Genesis Grill. Winners must be present to win raffle prize giveaways.

The Apopka City Center Winn-Dixie is open seven days a week from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. The liquor store is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

What's new at Winn-Dixie

The supermarket's deconcept that the chain will take going forward in building future locations, according to Shawn Sloan, regional vice president for Southeastern Grocers, Winn-Dixie's parent compa-



The August 16 opening ceremony included check presentations for \$2,000 each to Apopka Elementary School, Apopka Memorial Middle School and St. Paul Lutheran Church to aid their school and community programs.

ny that's headquartered in our meetings with the cus-Jacksonville. Such new decor not only features more forums came back to say color, but also signs that that we've got to really better indicate the available items in which aisles, and the messaging of the offered products like fresh food and award winning fare.

"A lot of thought went into the local marketing of the area. There's 25 to 30 percent Hispanics just in this area alone. It's even the store is important with different from our store regard to color and varithat's two miles away, just cor is new to Winn-Dixie, a on this side," Sloan said during a Tuesday, August 15, media sneak-peek tour of the Apopka City Center Winn-Dixie. "We are actually taking that information, looking through all the data in the area, having

tomers in this area. A lot of think about the assortment in this store differently. So, we beefed up the Hispanic assortment throughout the store and balanced it well with everything we carry at the other Apopka store and other stores in this area."

Availability of food in ety to bring customers back once they know they could get ahold of a particular item, Sloan said.

Other offerings that the Apopka City Center Winn-Dixie has include:

*A wide range of specialty food selections for various dietary preferences throughout the store, including an expanded offering of organic, natural, and gluten-free options.

*A farm-fresh produce department with a vast selection of signature categories, such as fresh and dried peppers, tomatoes and mushrooms, and a unique assortment of tropical fruits and berries, along with organic varieties.

*Enhanced deli department with convenient graband-go meal options.

*A full-service meat department features certified Angus beef and prime beef with cuts carefully inspected with hand-carved meats cut to order.

*Fresh bakery selections with more than 10 varieties of artisan-baked breads with eight varieties of take-and-bake options available, and pastries and desserts.

*An in-store wine chiller for customers to chill their wine while they



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Crustless spinach quiche sounds both delicious and nutritious

Savannah Style cookbook's Lemon Drumsticks looks like a new way to fix chicken drumsticks. If



not using a broiler, this would probably work great on an outdoor grill. Watch it, though, if grilling. Sugar burns easily.

We thank Joan Tice for her Meat Balls in Sauce we found in Sharing Our Finest Cookbook. This recipe doesn't call for any certain meat so she intends that you can decide what you want to

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

Alice Beth Miner, who was a dear friend of all Apopkans, contributed not only her love and support of all Apopka friends and neighbors, but her wonderful recipes, as well. From Apopka Historical Society's Preserving the Big Potato publication of mostly potato recipes, we have her Swedish Browned Potatoes, a very simple recipe for potatoes baked in the oven.

The book titled Gullah Geechee Home Cooking, Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island, (South Carolina), Emily Meggett's Fried Grits are terrific. You can have them for breakfast, as I like, or for supper. They are really good.

Here is a recipe for Charles' Cornbread from Savannah Style that uses fresh or cream style corn. It is probably wonderfully moist because it also contains sour cream.

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

LEMON DRUMSTICKS Recipe from Savannah Style, a Cookbook by The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.

1/2 cup cider vinegar

2 tablespoons cracked pepper 1 teaspoon salt

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup lemon juice

2 cups oil 18 drumsticks

Bring vinegar, pepper, salt and sugar to a boil. Remove from heat and add lemon juice and oil. Marinate drumsticks several hours. Place on a rack over broiler pan and broil, basting with marinade, about 10 minutes on each side. Serve with soy sauce, if desired. Serves 12.

JOAN TICE'S MEAT BALLS IN SAUCE Recipe from Apopka Citizen Police Alumni Association, Sharing Our Finest Cookbook

Meatballs: 1-1/2 pound ground meat

2 eggs

1/4 cup milk

1 cup bread crumbs 1 tablespoon parsley

1/4 tablespoon Italian seasoning

1 clove garlic, crushed 1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 clove garlic Mix all ingredients. Shape into balls. Fry in 1/4 cup oil until brown. Fry

garlic clove until brown. Sauce: 1 can tomatoes (2 pounds,

3 ounces)

2 cans tomato paste (12 ounces each)

3 tablespoons sugar

1 tablespoon salt 1/4 teaspoon pepper

1 tablespoon parsley

1 tablespoon Italian seasoning 1 can water for each can of paste

Combine all ingredients. Add meat and garlic clove. Simmer three to four

MARK AKERMAN BARNES' **CRUSTLESS SPINACH QUICHE** Treasures and Pleasures, 1990

Presbyterian Women, First Presbyterian Church, Apopka 10-ounce pkg frozen chopped

spinach 1 pound shredded Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 cup flour

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking powder

2 eggs, beaten 1 cup milk

1/4 cup melted butter

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

ALICE BETH MINER'S SWEDISH BROWNED POTATOES Recipe from

Apopka Historical Society's Preserving the Big Potato -A Collection of Potato Recipes

4 large baking potatoes 1/2 cup melted butter

Thinly peel the potatoes and slice them thinly crosswise, without cutting all the way through - like an accordion or fan. Place potatoes in a shallow baking pan, brush liberally with melted butter, and sprinkle with salt. Bake in 325 degree oven, brushing them frequently with the butter, or use some of the juices from a roast, if this is being cooked alongside. The potatoes are done when they are tender and when the tops of the "accordion pleats" are golden brown. Serves 4.

EMILY MEGGETT'S BAKED GARLIC GRITS OR CHEESE LEFTOVER GRITS Gullah Geechee Home Cooking,

Recipes from the Matriarch of Edisto Island At least 6 cups leftover grits 3 garlic cloves, crushed; or 1 cup grated cheddar cheese 2 large eggs, beaten Salt and pepper

1/4 cup breadcrumbs, or 1/4 cup grated cheese Paprika

1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease a 9- by 13inch baking dish. 2) In a large bowl, combine the grits with the garlic or 1 cup cheese, the eggs, and salt and pepper to taste. Pour into the prepared baking dish. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes. 3) Sprinkle the top of the casserole with the breadcrumbs or cheese. 4) Preheat your oven's broiler to 500 degrees Fahrenheit, or its highest setting. Once heated, place the grits under the broiler and cook until golden. Garnish with paprika. Serves 4 to 6.

CHARLES' CORNBREAD Recipe from Savannah Style, a Cookbook by The

Junior League of Savannah, Inc. 1 cup corn meal 1/2 cup corn oil

3 teaspoons baking powder

1-1/2 teaspoons salt 1 cup cream style corn,

or fresh if available

1 cup sour cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix ingredients until blended. Pour into a greased 8- x 8- x 2-inch dish and bake for 30 minutes.

SIS PITMAN'S **BOURBON PECAN POUND CAKE Recipe from First Presbyterian** Church of Apopka,

Treasures and Pleasures

1 cup solid shortening 2-1/2 cups sugar

6 eggs 3 cups sifted flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1 cup sour cream 1/2 cup bourbon

1 cup finely chopped nuts

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

Mix 2 cups sifted confectioner's sugar and1 tablespoon bourbon, plus enough Water (about 2 tablespoons) to make a pourable glaze.

Beat until very smooth. Pour over

AUGUST 2023 EVENTS WEEKLY UPCOMING ONGOING

SCHOOL STARTSED August 10, 2023. Traffic patterns changed Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those pedestrians... and ducks. DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU

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Children must be five years old on or at 9:00 a.m. at 11 N. Forest Ave., at first and third Tuesdays. Masks are information. before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child 703-1642 for information. must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

UNLESS CHANGED: School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:10 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwelley 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 the fourth, not the third Saturday of 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.

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) 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 - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL 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 CRAFTS & CHATTER: 9:30-12 noon. Sundays and federal holidays and is 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. The trail land Avenue. If you have a problem is 11 miles long.

is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Carrie 781-867-1071. 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-

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.FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN, for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, FRIDAYS the Fran Carlton Center.. Call 407-

CENTRAL FL CHRISIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings at different places. Contact: latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

VFW POST 10147 continues to the month in August - AUGUST 26 - (August only is 4th week), from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$6

AVIAN RECONDITIONING CEN-TER, for birds of prey, 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, hours: 9:30-1:30 p.m., The center is open on Saturdays to the public, weather permitting. Call 407-461-1056 for information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, MON-DAYS 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Preregister. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

open on Fridays, Saturdays and Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. controlled by the county. Open during Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for

Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highwith food - overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK more information, visit OA.org or call

> TOASTMASTERS: Forest Lake Church by Zoom. Time: 7 p.m., Open to everyone interested. For information, call 407-761-2943. Club Number: 4899556, District 84, Area D42. Orators of Excellence

> > **TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

FOLIAGE SERTOMA CLUB meets the <u>first</u> and third Tuesday of each begins at 9:00 a.m. - meeting ends at month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its NEW location Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL terested communitiy members are a like-minded goal to lose weight. No encouraged to attend and get ac- products, no specific diet to follow, no quainted. Meetings have resumed on meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more encouraged.

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fria.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carldays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 ton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info

ART CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

The Altamonte Springs / Apopka have its fund raising breakfast on VFW POST 10147, is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast (except for August which is the 4th Saturday). Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't information, call 407-415-6588. Call forget to visit its excellent Military

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SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Preregister. Call 407-703-1642 for info

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets CITY OF APOPKA DRC (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.

> BRIDGE CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperatures taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642

TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friend- CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are meets first and third Tuesdays of

ly, caring members, education, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. In- 32751 to meet with others who have

> MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St. 407-703-1642 for info.

EARLY BIRD BINGO at Bahia Shrine Center, 3101 E. Semoran Blvd.. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the early bird game starts at 6 p.m. For more info, call 407-660-8811.

TOASTMASTERS: still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatoastmasters.com.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA - For for updated information on meetings and location.

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. 120 E Fifth St. Call 407-703-1624 for info.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

UPCOMING EVENTS Hispanic Heritage Celebration set for September 16, 2-8 p.m., at Kit Land Nelson Park., 10 N. Forest Ave.,

See You At The Pole - nationally September 27, at local time, to encourage one and all to pray for schools.

ONGOING EVENTS

Central Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see to ap-

public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: https://bit. ly/2ABrmsb, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Main St., Apopka. Subject to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-880-2111 for more information. 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

FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF AP-OPKA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Billy Dean Community Center at Alonzo Williams Park, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apopkafgca@gmail.com

PLANT CLINIC in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County homeowners can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka 32703, 9-12 for homeowners. Tuesdays. 1-4 p.m. commercial. Free. 407-254-9200 .

KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMAS-TER'S CLUB, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

NWOC FFA Alumni - Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesay to Friday. from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to www.theapopkamuseum.com.

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month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly. GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB, Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. meets at First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call

> 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.

> 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. BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES: Every 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.

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

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.

(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. The library is now open again Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.. and Sunday afternoons

*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441

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MUSEUM RECEIVES GRANT

The Apopka Historical Society has recently been awarded a grant from the National Endowment of the Arts. The grant funds are to be utilized on a three-part project: the first component will be to commission an artist to paint a mural at the Mead's Bottom area of Apopka, the second will be to involve area youth to creatively express the unique aspects of Apopka's history, and the final piece of the grant project will involve the placement of a historical marker at the Mead's location at a future date. The grant funds provided for this undertaking will be matched by the city.

A location has been chosen for the mural, which will depict the rich and culturally diverse area known as Mead's Bottom. The mural will be an artistic representation of the community and highlight the contributions made by the African American homesteaders to Apopka.

The Historical Society welcomes any input from Apopka residents regarding the Mead's Bottom area. This can be in the form of documents, maps, photographs, or any other materials that speak to this area's history and significance.

Any artists that are interested in submitting proposals for the mural project can share their contact information with the museum. They will be contacted when the project is ready to accept submissions.

The Historical Society is pleased to share this exciting news with the community! More information will be added to the museum's website, along with updates on the progress and timeline for the mural project. Please contact the Apopka Museum for more information:

Theapopkamuseum@gmail.com Phone: 407-703-1707

VFW: Club board says it's 'grateful' to Post 10147

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choice, courtesy of Track Shack. ARC chose their local VFW chapter because they are focused and founded on community.

The ARC board said it hoped the donation could be used for, "...improving housing or mobility (such as a ramp in the home) or providing essential health-care services."

Cate Manley, president of the Apopka Area City of Commerce, ARC Vice-Chair Christina Wilson, Treasurer Shelby Lundin Griffis, Secretary Steven Ford, Board Chair Jay Kleinrichert, and ARC member Cynthia Steen all presented Commander Andy Anderson with the donation at the VFW.

"We are grateful to the VFW Post 10147 for accepting this donation, and we feel privileged to support the veterans who have selflessly served our community and nation," said the ARC board.

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Darter Flight Tuesday



Time to kick start Darter Flight Tuesday for this new school year at Apopka High School! A veteran teacher was selected as the first recipient, someone who has given so much over the past few decades to the school. Now back again after retirement, continuing her second tour of duty at AHS, is Mrs. Sue Beechum, pictured here with Dewey and Daisy Darter, Student Government Association (SGA) President Maiyah Saunderson and Vice President Taryn Buggs. The Apopka High School SGA hopes that Mrs. Beechum enjoys her family-size bag of Hershey Huggs and Kisses, and her Darter Flight certificate.

Looking back at you



The Apopka Chief/The Planter publisher John Ricketson found this Polyphemus moth on his car last week. The moth is named after Polyphemus, the Greek mythological giant cyclops who bears a single large, round, eye in the middle of his forehead. Thus, the moth's name is due to the large eyespots in the middle of the insect's hind wings.

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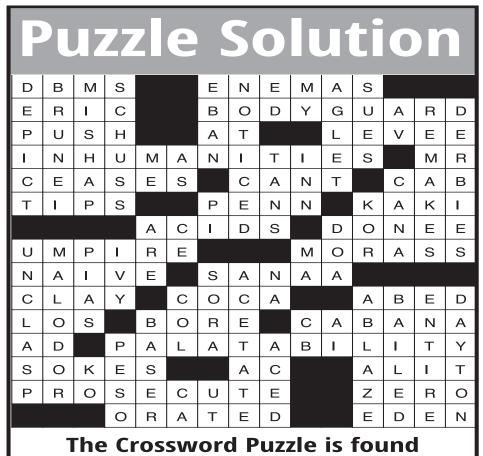


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