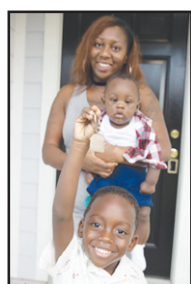


Lifestyle

An Apopka mom and her two kids will soon have a home of their own. See page 1B.



Sports

Don't mind the grimace, Zach Anderson and the Blue Darters were very happy. See page 1C.



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During his final victory as Apopka Blue Darters football coach, Rick Darlington makes his point to game officials in Apopka's 35-28 win over Oviedo.

Apopka High football coach leaves for Alabama position

By John Peery
Apopka Chief Staff

Apopka High School's most successful football coach ever has resigned his position here to take a high school coaching job in Alabama.

Rick Darlington, who led the Blue Darters to three football state championships, resigned his position at Apopka High this

week to become the head football coach at Enterprise (Ala.) High School. He will begin his duties at Enterprise High in early January. His final day at Apopka High will be December 21.

Darlington, 53, was one of two finalists for the Enterprise job. The other was Mark Rose, head coach at North Jackson (Ala.)

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New county commissioner, county mayor sworn in

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The new Orange County mayor, three new county commissioners, and one returning commissioner were sworn in at the 2018 Oath of Office Ceremony at the Orange County Convention Center Tuesday, December 4.

One of the commissioners is Christine Moore, former Orange County School Board member for District 7 from 2008 to 2018. She resigned her seat to run for the District 2 County Commission seat and won in the November 6 election against Patricia Rumph.

Besides Moore, Mayor Jerry L. Demings, and commissioners Mayra Uribe for District 3, and Maribel Gomez Cordero for District 4, and Commissioner Victoria P. Siplin for District 6 took their



Christine Moore, new Orange County commissioner, speaks after being sworn in this week.

oaths.

Demings, who served as Orange County sheriff for nine years, succeeds former Mayor Teresa Jacobs, who was elected Orange County School Board chair November 6 and was sworn into her

new position November 26.

As Orange County mayor, Demings will oversee a budget exceeding \$4 billion and at least 8,000 county employees, according to information from the Orange County government.

The master of ceremonies at the ceremony was Fred R. Kittinger, University of Central Florida senior association vice president, government relations.

Citing the Greek poet Aeschylus's quote, "It's not the oath that makes us believe the man, but the man the oath," Kittinger told the audience that they're witnesses to the five officials' oath taking.

"These four women and this one gentleman – together with the two sitting commissioners of Orange County – will spend the next sev-

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City Council tables request for increase in development's density

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka City Council voted unanimously to table a decision in increasing the density of a subdivision until after the developer meets with Rock Springs Ridge residents, who requested further details on the project.

On Wednesday, December 5, the City Council was set to vote on transmitting to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity an amendment request increasing the proposed development's density from one dwelling unit per acre to two units per acre. That vote was postponed until the February 6, 2019, meeting.

The proposed development is a subdivision originally of 35 single-family homes on a 35-acre tract, located north of West Ponk-

an Road and west of Mount Stirling Avenue. The amendment would increase the 35 houses to 70 houses.

Rock Springs Ridge Phase 2 project, a single-family subdivision, abuts the subject property to the north and the east.

Among the concerns residents addressed at the council meeting is that the project plan is considering Pittman Road and Mount Stirling Avenue as access points.

After senior city planner David Moon gave the city council an overview of the project, Commissioner Kyle Becker asked him why the city is "entertaining the thought" there should be an access point between the existing Rock Springs Ridge development and the new neighborhood.

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Apopka Christmas Parade set to step off this weekend

The Apopka Christmas Parade is just around the corner.

The annual event sponsored by the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 8. The parade will follow the traditional route from Third Street north along Park Avenue to Votaw Road. The parade takes about two hours to complete.

Dorian Goodman, John Davie, and Pamela Smith will serve as judges for the annual event.



Once again, Santa Claus will be the main attraction in the Apopka Christmas Parade.

The theme for this year's parade is "An Old-Fashioned Christmas."

Originally from Roanoke, Va., Goodman was a flight attendant for 23 years with Eastern Airlines and has been married to Judge Alvin Goodman in Miami.

Davie is originally from Kentucky, but has lived in Central Florida for the past 31 years. He graduated from the University of Kentucky and is a Kentucky Colonel. Davie began working at Walt Disney World and then made a career in the mortgage industry.

Smith is a retired career criminal prosecutor and served 36 years in the state attorney's office for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, which includes Orange and Osceola counties. She is also an adjunct professor at Valencia State College, is on the board of directors for the Miss Apopka Scholarship Pageant, and sings in the choir at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Apopka.

In other roles in the parade, notable members of the community are filling in this year,

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Conjoined twins separated, come home to Apopka



Parents Andre and Angi Pitre of Apopka hold formerly conjoined twins Remi (l) and Jesi.

Twin sisters Jesi and Remi of Apopka came wailing into the world on May 15 as conjoined twins locked at the abdomen, the outline of the girls' wiggling bodies looking to their parents like the shape of a beautiful heart. Two months later, University of Florida Health surgeons separated the babies.

What followed for parents Andre and Angi Pitre of Apopka, were exhausting months as they watched their babies slowly recover. A hospital stay for the girls that began at birth became a marathon. Remi would leave the hospital October 4.

On Monday, December 3, the moment arrived for Jesi. The baby girl was discharged after 203 days in UF Health Shands Children's Hospital. The sisters will be spending their first Christmas together.

"The best Christmas presents ever," said Andre.

Jesi and Remi, born at the hospital with a shared liver and a connected intestine, were successfully separated July 23 by UF Health surgeons supported by a large multidisciplinary team in a surgery as complex as it is rare. Like all conjoined twins, the girls faced staggering odds. Indeed, up to 60 percent of conjoined twins are stillborn.

These girls, however, are fighters.

"It's pretty amazing to watch them blossoming into little active 6-month-old babies that do normal 6-month-old baby stuff even though they've been confined to four walls the majority of their life," said Angi. "And today is exciting because little Jesi gets to break through those walls and go home."

While overjoyed at being home with both their babies, leaving the UF Health Shands neonatal intensive care unit and its dedicated staff was nonetheless bittersweet for the couple.

"We have built a family here over the last six months," Angi said. "And it's going to be hard to leave some of them because our babies are here because of them."

David Nelson, M.D., interim senior vice

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Apopka Event of the Week

The Museum of Apopkans will open Saturday, December 8 at noon until 4 p.m. for a silent auction of decorated and lit Christmas trees that were part of the Festival of Trees. The auction will close at 4 p.m. The Museum of Apopkans is located at 122 East Fifth Street, Apopka.

Quotable

The discipline that Darlington has in the football program translates into real life, as well and the joy and disappointment that naturally comes from athletic competition.

The Apopka Chief on Apopka High School Football Coach, Rick Darlington

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Our position

Darlington - leaving but will never be forgotten

The news became official this week as Apopka High School football coach Rick Darlington resigned to become head coach at Enterprise High School in Alabama.

He'll move to Alabama with three state championships to his credit and 167 victories in 17 seasons as Apopka's football coach.

While some people might criticize his leaving Apopka, it's hard to imagine a man being able to provide a better financial situation for his family and turn that down when all the other non-financial aspects of the job are attractive as well.

And while Darlington's time in Apopka was highlighted by those Friday night lights when the Blue Darters outperformed their opponents about 80 percent of the time, his legacy will live even longer in the lives of the young men he touched.

The reaction on social media

was fairly predictable in that most Apopka people are sad to see him go, but wish him nothing but the best. A few who actually know little to nothing about the program were critical but the most telling was the reaction from former players. To a man, they highly praised their former coach and the influence he had on them as men. The discipline that Darlington has in the football program translates into real life, as well and the joy and disappointment that naturally comes from athletic competition.

We are also sorry to see Darlington leave, but we know that he couldn't turn down the opportunity to make a significant amount more money and continue to do the job he loves - coaching young men in high school football.

May the Lord bless Rick Darlington, his incredibly supportive wife, Shelly, and their seven children.

George H. W. Bush lived a life of service to our country

The passing last week and memorial services of President George H. W. Bush this week bring back memories of a man who truly sought to bring about a kinder and gentler society.

President Bush died Friday, November 30, at age 94 and he was remembered and eulogized in services this week held in Washington, D.C., and in Houston, his adopted hometown. The 41st president, who served from 1989 to 1993, was eventually buried next

to his wife, Barbara, who died earlier this year, at the Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

Particularly touching was the eulogy delivered by his son, George W. Bush, who was the 43rd president of the United States. His message was one that was not only fitting for a former president, but for a loving father.

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Moore gives thanks for support

Editor's note: This is the first column by Christine Moore, newly elected Orange County commissioner from District 2, which covers Northwest Orange County. She was formerly the Orange County School Board member from Northwest Orange. This is the speech she gave after being sworn-in as a commissioner.

Good morning! What a tremendous honor to be chosen to serve as an Orange County commissioner from District 2. I am following in the footsteps of commissioners Rod Love, Bryan Nelson, Fred Brummer, Bob Sindler, Tom Staley, Tom Dorman, Allen Arthur, and many others

County Commissioner District 2



Christine Moore

dating back to 1845 when Florida became a state and Mosquito County was renamed Orange County.

This election for me was about earning the trust and confidence of the citizens. I had to prove I had the experience, vision, and talent to become their leader. Victory was achieved by God's grace and the work of many special people.

First and foremost, my family - mom: Carol Wetmiller, son Ben and girlfriend Ashley, daughter Audra and her daughters, Leah and Lily. Mom was the treasurer keeping up with all the occupations of donors and receipts, Ben got up early Saturday mornings to put up big signs, and Audra and 4-year-old Leah regularly waved signs. And, to 21-month-old Lily - look out you'll be 5 in 2022 and Nana will put you to work, too.

To my close friends - you were my bedrock. Pastors Angela and David Munnizzi served as prayer coordinators, Angel de La Por-

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Exciting and enlightening first week

What a fantastic first week I had as a new school board member.

Monday night, I was sworn into office in front of my family, friends, and supporters. It was one of the proudest moments of my life. Immediately following the ceremony, I drove to Tampa to take part in the Florida School Boards Association's annual conference where I would be until Thursday, then I finished out the week touring three of our District 7 schools with state Rep. Jennifer Sullivan.

It was an exciting, educational, and enlightening week. As a new school board member, I under-

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

stand there is a lot to learn.

At the association conference, I attended a New School Board Member Academy with sessions on building community through communication, current education, and political issues, and many more.

I met many great education advocates and men-

tors I know will be beneficial to my service to our county.

At the end of the week, I had a great tour of three Apopka schools with Sullivan - Apopka High, Apopka Middle, and Apopka Elementary.

Sullivan, whose district includes the northern part of District 7, has been named the Florida House of Representatives' Education Committee chair this year. It is very good for us in Northwest Orange County to have some of our schools in her district.

Sullivan is making a concerted effort to visit all the schools in her district.

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This Week In God's Word

"Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.'" Luke 1:34 and 35.

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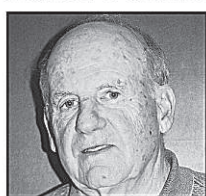
Israeli scientist is going after Alzheimer's disease

DECEMBER 7 - One of the major concerns of people older than 50 years of age is Alzheimer's disease, which is presently affecting some 47 million people worldwide and remains an irreversible brain disorder.

The December issue of the *Levitt Letter* contains an article by Abigail Klein Leichman that offers some hope of prevention in the near future, covering a positive approach by an Israeli brain researcher in developing a vaccine against this devastating disease.

Leichman reports, "Most vaccines work by mounting an immune re-

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Richard Corbeil

sponse toward a weakened pathogen to boost the immune system's ability to fight the real pathogen. Prof. Eitan Okun's vaccine primes the body to attack amyloid beta protein accumulations in the brain, one of the signature signs of Alzheimer's disease.

"He is preparing to design human trials on people at known risk of devel-

oping the disease in their 50s or younger: those genetically inclined toward Alzheimer's and people with Down syndrome.

"These critical trials will determine whether the vaccine actually works in humans," Okun said, who also is investigating why people with Down syndrome are more apt to develop Alzheimer's. In experiments at his Paul E. Feder Alzheimer's Research Lab at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, Okun used mice engineered to mimic Down syndrome,

"In addition to his potentially ground-breaking

vaccine, Okun is investigating new ways to diagnose Alzheimer's earlier and more accurately using advanced MRI technologies to detect initial signs of amyloid protein clumps in the brain.

"My researchers and I have been seeking to construct a protein that could enter the bloodstream, make it through the blood-brain barrier, bind to the amyloids, and, then, be visible in an MRI scan," he said. "I am always looking for new angles to attack Alzheimer's. I have never been more optimistic that prevention of the disease will be achieved.

"There is currently no cure for neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, and medical science can only identify such conditions behaviorally - through the symptoms that indicate that brain tissue has already been destroyed," he explained.

"Our challenge is to find the clues in molecular biology and biochemistry of the brain that would indicate there is a problem, and would also give us possible targets for early drug intervention."

"I am convinced that a vaccination approach is the way to go with neurode-

generative diseases," said Okun.

"His father was diagnosed with dementia in his 60s. By the time the changes in his motor and cognitive function became apparent, the brain tissues were already lost. It is my hope that, by gaining a fuller understanding of what happens to our brains as we age, we will be able to help more people live a fuller, more cognitively healthy life."

Okun, 39, earned his master's and doctorate degrees at Bar-Ilan and did a post-doctoral fellowship at

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Coach: Financial package and other items made it hard to turn down

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High. He will replace David Faulkner, who resigned after posting a 38-38 record over seven seasons.

The Enterprise City School Board voted 3-1 on Thursday, December 6, to approve Darlington's hiring.

(A story about the search for Darlington's replacement begins on page 1C.)

Couldn't turn it down

Darlington said it was an opportunity he couldn't turn down, and just like the first time he came to Apopka, the team he is taking over struggled through a 2-8 record in the season before he became coach. In fact, Enterprise has had two straight 2-8 seasons.

"It's hard to find a reason not to (take the Enterprise job) besides the people (in Apopka)," Darlington said. "I love my life here. I like what I do on Saturday, where I eat breakfast, where I watch games. I like mowing fields on Sunday. I love the people here."

"The biggest thing for me is it's a new challenge. After being here for 17 years (total), the last 13, it kind of reinvigorates me to go and try to build something special somewhere else."

"I'd rather leave here when things are good rather than bad. I'm not being pushed out or I'm not leaving because I'm mad. I wasn't looking for a job. There's no bad here. I can't say anything bad. It's a great place."

Although Darlington would not discuss his salary at Enterprise, sources said his salary would be at least \$110,000 which is what the former Enterprise coach was paid.

Darlington will also have use of a vehicle to drive while he is Enterprise coach.

Valdosta (Ga.) High School, which claims several national championships and declares itself the "winningest" high school football team in the nation.

After three seasons in Valdosta, Darlington resigned and was rehired as Apopka High's football coach.

Enterprise is similar to Valdosta, he said, except in one very important manner.

"From what it appears, it's Valdosta facilities-wise without the Valdosta interference," Darlington said, adding that the Valdosta experience was rife with political influences inside the football program.

He will not have to teach any classes. He'll strictly be the head football coach who is in charge of the football program at Enterprise High School and the local middle school. At Apopka High, Darlington taught physical education classes.

Enterprise, which is located about 30 miles west of Dothan in southern Alabama, has outstanding football facilities at the high school, Darlington said.

"It's a college, facility-wise, and there is an indoor (practice) facility already in the plans, approved by the school board," Darlington said.

The fieldhouse is as wide as the football field and sits just beyond one end zone, he said. The facilities are still being improved. "They are putting in 200 metal lockers in the locker room this week. That's how big the locker room is," Darlington said.

"It's a whole different level of commitment to football, but, again, I'm not unhappy with this (Apopka)

commitment. I like it here. That just ups it tremendously. It's nice to just do (coach) ball. There's no teaching.

"Great school system. Great school. Beautiful. It's great for my family. Everyone's excited about it."

Building a winning culture

Enterprise has been good in football at times, but it's been 36 years since the Wildcats have won a state title.

"There was so much resistance at Valdosta because of the tradition, whereas, at Enterprise, it has a good name, but they don't have the tradition. Their tradition was in '79 and '82, that's when they won state," Darlington said.

At Apopka, Darlington led the Blue Darters to three

state titles (2001, 2012, and 2014). The Blue Darters had one state runner-up finish in 2013, and under his leadership, the Blue Darters also had two state semifinal appearances.

Coaching the Blue Darters for 17 of the past 20 years, Darlington took Apopka High football team to the postseason every season but his first in Apopka - 1999.

Apopka High has appeared in the football playoffs for 19 straight seasons, including the three when he was head football coach at Valdosta (Ga.) High. Ty Ensor was coach at Apopka High for those three seasons.

Darlington's record in the playoffs at Apopka High was 32-13, a 71.1 winning percentage.

Overall at Apopka High,

Darlington had a 167-47 record, winning 78 percent of the Blue Darters' games. During his first four years at Apopka High, the Blue Darters were 37-11, 77.1 percent, while in the 13 years since his

return from Valdosta, Darlington's record is 130-36, a 78.3 winning percentage.

Prior to coming to Apopka

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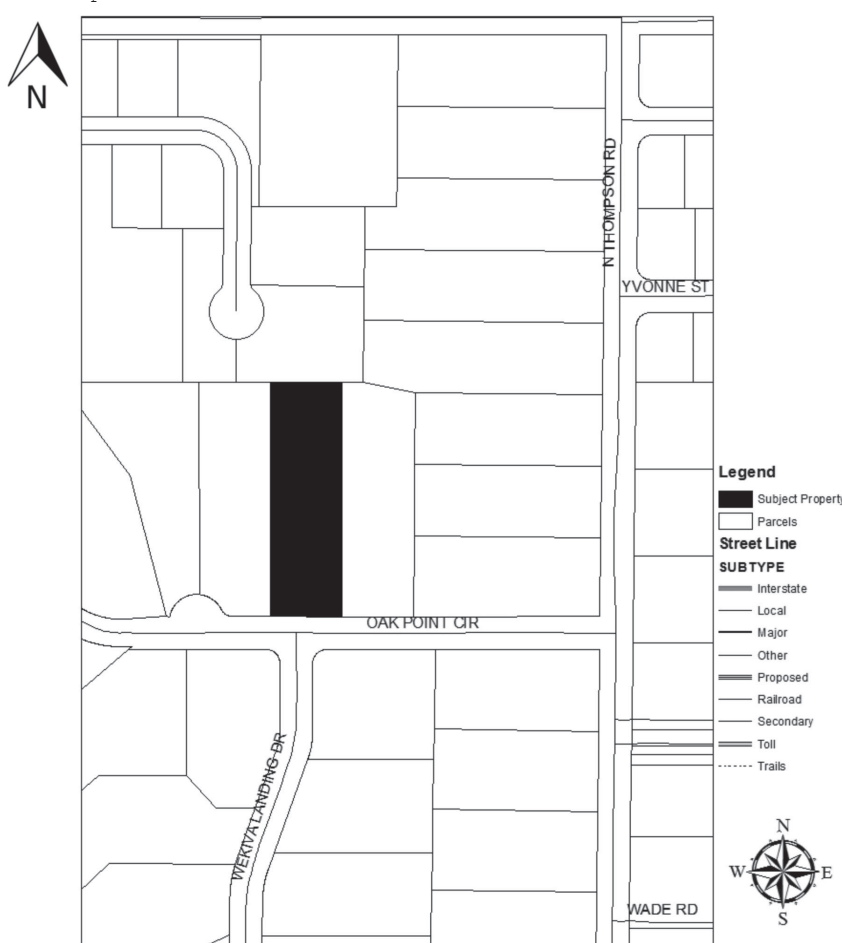
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NOTICE is hereby given that **The City of Apopka** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council for an administrative **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 1.27 +/- acres from "County" Low Density Residential to "City" Residential Very Low Suburban and a change in Zoning from "County" R-CE (Zoning in Progress) to "City" RCE-1 Residential Country Estate 1 District.** This application relates to the following described property located north of Oakpoint Circle and West of North Thompson Road.



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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COUNTY" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO "CITY" RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN (0-2 DU/AC) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1157 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **BRYAN AND DEBBIE NELSON**; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2685

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "COUNTY" R-CE (ZIP) TO "CITY" RCE-1 (RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE 1 DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1157 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **BRYAN AND DEBBIE NELSON** PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Application 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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Twins: Separation of babies was complicated

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president for health affairs at UF and president of UF Health, thanked the family for entrusting their babies' care to UF Health.

"We're so happy for the family to see the twins headed home, healthy and thriving, for what promises to be a very happy Christmas," Nelson said. "The commitment of Jesi and Remi's health care team makes us all proud, from the tireless nurses in the neonatal intensive care unit to the physicians who constantly monitored the twins to countless other staff. A complicated case like this one is always a team effort."

Indeed, the care of the twins involved a broad spectrum of specialties and departments. Those included anesthesiology, cardiology, gastroenterology, neonatology, and plastic surgery. Others involved, besides nursing, included respiratory therapists, operating room technicians, among other staff.

Since 2016, UF Health has cared for four sets of conjoined twins. Those include a successful separation that was especially complex because the twins were connected at the heart.

"Few hospitals across the United States are as equipped, capable, and experienced to successfully perform these delicate surgeries," said Ed Jimenez, CEO of UF Health Shands. "That is a tribute to our academic health center and its talented faculty, staff and rich tradition of scientific investigation, all of which helps provide hope where it is often slimmest."

He said he was overjoyed to see the



Remi (l) and Jesi Pitre are now at home in Apopka.

twins going home with mom and dad.

"It's a testament to the resilience of these two beautiful girls, the perseverance and love of their family and the dedicated, talented pool of health care providers who worked around the clock to help ensure the twins have a bright, healthy future," Jimenez said. "A case like this one reaffirms why we all work in medicine."

Saleem Islam, M.D., M.P.H., chief of the division of pediatric surgery at the UF College of Medicine, who led the team that separated the babies' organs, said Jesi and Remi's case was, like any set of conjoined twins, a challenging one requiring a vast team coordinating care.

"The rule is that you are going to be surprised and there will be things that you simply cannot predict," he said. "When we're dealing with conjoined twins, unfortunately, there is no standard way of managing them. Each set of twins comes with its own unique issues and requirements."

It all started for the Pitres in the

eighth week of Angi's pregnancy when she had a sonogram in Orlando. The couple already have a 14-year-old daughter and a 9-year-old son. Andre looked at the device's display. "Am I looking at two heartbeats?" Andre asked the tech doing the exam. He was.

Twins. Their family was going to undergo a major expansion.

But the tech seemed concerned about something. Soon, their physician gave them shocking news. The twins appeared to be conjoined.

"It was overwhelming," Andre said.

The Pitres later connected with UF Health after one of their doctors showed them a story about conjoined twins successfully separated in Gainesville in June 2016 — the twins joined at the heart.

After multiple scans and tests, Islam and his team confirmed that a separation was viable, which is often not the case with conjoined twins. Sometimes, shared organs cannot be separated, as when two babies share one heart. That is why only 5 to 25 percent of conjoined twins survive.

The first step toward separation was, weeks before, surgically installing skin expanders along the babies' sides, from the armpit to the hip, one on the left of the connected twins, the other on the right. Balloons under the skin are filled with saline to slowly expand, the stretched skin later used to cover the babies' open abdomen after surgery.

Preparation for the separation surgery involved an enormous amount of planning by Islam and others, including

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Parade: Virginia Bankson, 100, will be grand marshal

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as Robert Agrusa, Apopka Area Chamber Commerce president, will be the parade's master of ceremony.

"I'm absolutely honored to play a small part in the 42nd annual Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka Christmas Parade," Agrusa said. "In 1967, the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce originally created this parade and more recently it has become the largest parade in Orange County. I'm thrilled that the Chamber will once again be involved in this year's

festivities by celebrating the rich history of this parade and our amazing community."

Virginia Bankson, the 100-year-old Bankson family matriarch, is the grand marshal. "I'm looking forward to it. It's quite an honor to get to represent Apopka," she said. "I'm planning to have my biological son Roger ride with me. So I asked if he would do the honors, and I think he will."

Miss Apopka Madison Zavitz is making a special guest appearance at the parade along with her "little princess"

Cadence Alce, 4. Zavitz is mentoring Cadence as part of the Miss Florida Sunshine Princess and Prince Program.

"(She) has a big love for dancing and singing," said Zavitz, whose Miss Apopka platform focuses on bringing performing arts workshops to schools with limited funding. "I used to babysit her. She gets to be a part of this parade with me this year."

This December is the first time Zavitz has attended the Apopka Christmas Parade, saying that she hears "it's an exciting time."



The Way I See It

Patti Bankson

Faithful

In the midst of kind words and accolades for President George H.W. Bush, who died last weekend, someone introduced a discordant-sour-note ... political, of all things, of all times.

That sour note came from Charles Hurt of The Washington Times in which he called the "Hosannas and applause for our recently departed former president, nothing short of miraculous" in this Advent season. He cited James Baker's "The most kind and considerate person I've ever known," NYT's, "uncommon grace" and the Washington Post's "a good man". His point was that all the good things being said about him was that it's all more about media hatred for Donald Trump than about their love for George H.W. Bush. He talked about how he was ridiculed and scorned by the press as out-of-touch, doddering, a buffoon...

I've usually enjoyed

Charles' writing and on-air opinions, but I'm very disappointed that he felt it was appropriate to go negative... to make this about something other than who the president was as a man and, all he had accomplished. And he did accomplish a lot, starting on his 18th birthday, when he enlisted in the Navy, becoming the youngest fighter pilot in World War II. On one of his 58 bombing missions south of Japan, he was shot down into the sea, but was rescued by a submarine. He came home with a Distinguished Flying Cross.

He went on to marry Barbara (Pierce), start a family and embarked upon his political career by winning two terms in Congress, but losing two Senate races. He served Presidents Ford and Nixon as U.N. Ambassador, head of the GOP, envoy to China and director of the CIA. He served 8-years as Ronald Reagan's vice-president, then became our 41st president of the United States.

It would never have entered my mind to look at this man's life through Charles Hurt's lens. Not because it isn't true that the media *does* hate Donald Trump, because

we all know they do... but because that has nothing to do with how others — *real people* — saw him, or how he did his many "jobs", or treated others, because those outside the media said those same things that were written by the media... that he was "kind", and "considerate", displayed "uncommon grace" and last, but not least, was definitely a "giant of a man". Not by cultural, Hollywood-type standards, but in the only ways that really matter: In the way he served the country he loved. In the way he honored and adored his wife of 73 years... in the way he invested himself in and raised the children he loved... In his faithfulness to all he did and his faithfulness to all those who loved him so much and whom he loved dearly... in his faithfulness to Jesus in a world where Jesus is often mocked.

So, Charles Hurt ... it may be true that the media hates Trump, but that's got nothing to do with or changes the fact that President Bush was a good man and our country was the better for having had him with us and serving us.

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The following ordinance will be read and considered for adoption at the City Council meeting in the Apopka City Hall Council Chambers on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

ORDINANCE NO. 2698

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

Interested parties may appear at this meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance and code of ordinances is available in the City Clerk's office for inspection.

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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Bush: President Bush the son fittingly spoke about his love for his father

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The eulogy touched people all across the nation as President Bush the son fittingly spoke about his love for President Bush the father and what the 41st president meant to the people of this great country.

We did notice that President George H. W. Bush's death truly brought out kinder and gentler remarks on national electronic media as well as on social media from those of all political persuasions. Even those who disagreed with the late President Bush politically re-

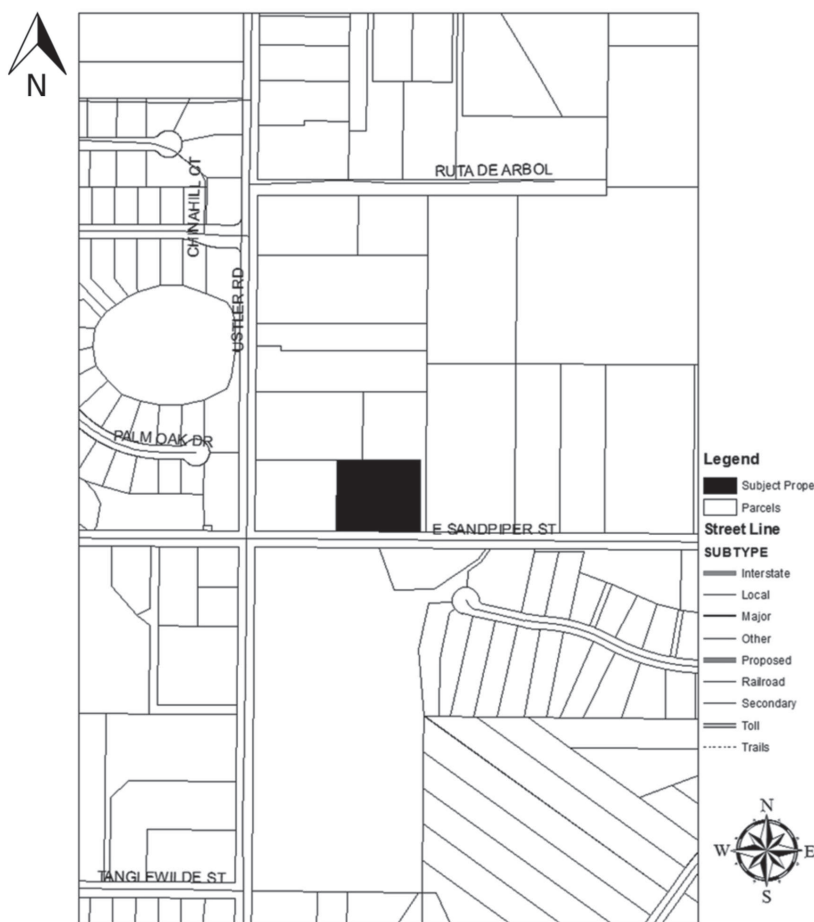
spected him and his way of doing things. Of course, there are always detractors, but they are generally just looking to be contrarian because that's the way their live their lives – always looking at the negative side of life.

We thank President George H. W. Bush for a life lived in service to this country and its people from his time in the U.S. military to his years as a diplomat to his four years as president.

He was a good and honorable man.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that **The City of Apopka** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council for an administrative **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 1.92 +/- acres from "County" Low Density Residential to "City" Residential Very Low Suburban and a change in Zoning from "County" A-2 (Zoning in Progress) to "City" RCE-1 Residential Country Estate 1 District.** This application relates to the following described property located north of East Sandpiper Street and East of Ustler Road.



Parcel I.D.: 03-21-28-0000-00-068
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ORDINANCE NO. 2682

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COUNTY" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO "CITY" RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN (0-2 DU/AC) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 585 E. SANDPIPER STREET, COMPRISING 1.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY DOUGLAS AND JERI BANKSON; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2683

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "COUNTY" A-2 (ZIP) TO "CITY" RCE-1 (RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE 1 DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 585 E SANDPIPER STREET, COMPRISING 1.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY DOUGLAS AND JERI BANKSON PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Application 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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Corbeil: Never use unknown charger

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the National Institutes of Health in the United States.

Another feature in the *Levitt Letter* covered new research on cyber security by the American Associates Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. The website is AABGU.org.

"It's been long known that you should never insert an unknown USB into your computer because it could be loaded with malware. However, new research at BGU of the Negev exposes 29 types of the USB attacks, and they extend to your smartphone.

"It shows that you should never use a USB charger you find lying around, or plug into a public USB port. Both could be compromised by attackers, according to BGY researcher Ran Yahalom.

"Yahalom is the co-author of an article published in the journal *Computers and Security* with Dr. Nir Nissim, head of the Malware Lab at Cyber @BGU,

and Prof. Yuval Elovoci, who heads Cyber @ BGU.

"If you use a charger in a coffee shop, an airport, or a train station – any charger that is not your own, you don't know what that piece of hardware really does," he stresses. "It may not be a charger, but a microcontroller hidden inside a charger casing. It could be something else. You don't know. Once inserted into your phone, anything could happen.

"The general rule of thumb is this: treat technology as something you don't naturally trust. You trust your flash drive; you trust your keyboard, but you trust it because you are aware of where it's been and who has access.

"Treat technology like a syringe. You wouldn't inject yourself with a syringe you found in the parking lot, because you're aware you could be infected.

You have no knowledge of what could happen, but are afraid because it could be dangerous. This is exactly

how you should treat unfamiliar USB ports and chargers."

"Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way." Proverbs 23:19.

And some Jewish humor – **A Hanukkah Wish:**

When Solomon asked his little boy what he wanted for Hanukkah, the boy replied "a baby sister." As it turned out, Solomon's wife was pregnant and delivered on the first day of Hanukkah and brought home a brand new baby sister for her son.

The next year, when Solomon asked his little boy what he wanted for Hanukkah, the boy said, "If it wouldn't make Mommy too uncomfortable, I'd like a pony."

Now, here's a catchy one!

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine." Proverbs 17:22

PARADE TRAFFIC - ROAD CLOSURES SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

The follow information is provided to inform the community of upcoming road closures and detour routes for the 2018 Apopka Foliage Sertoma Christmas Parade.

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Forest Avenue - Between Main Street & 3rd Street

9 a.m. - Noon

- Park Avenue Between Main/Martin Street
- Votaw Road..... Between Park Ave./Christiana Ave.
- 3rd Street Between Park Ave./Forest Ave.
- 2nd Street Between Prk Ave./Highland Ave.
- 1st Street Between Park Ave./Highland Ave.
- Forest Avenue .. Between 3rd Street/Oak Street
- Orange Street ... Between Park Ave./Forest Ave.
- Summit Street .. Between Park Ave./Central Ave.
- Central Avenue. Between Summit Street/Martin Street mid-block of Central Ave.

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The times listed are approximate and could be shorter or longer depending on the duration of the parade itself. APD will endeavor to restore the normal traffic flow as soon as practical.

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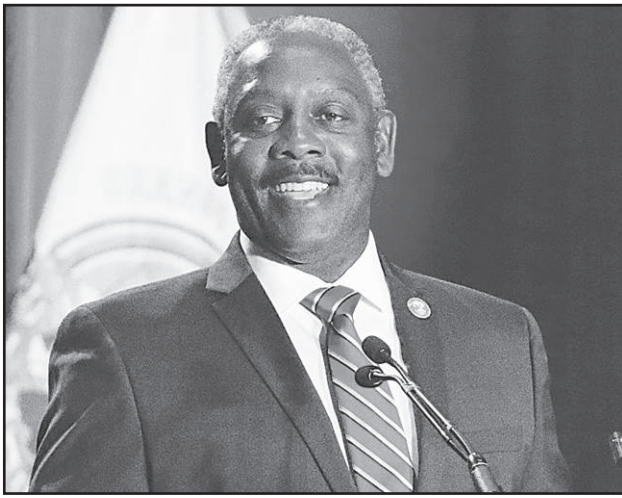
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As her family watches, Christine Moore is sworn in by Pastor Paula White of New Destiny Christian Center of Apopka.



Jerry Demings speaks after being sworn in as the mayor of Orange County.

County: Demings sworn in as county mayor

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eral years giving themselves to our community. You will be witnesses to that oath here this morning, a public pledge on their part, to which, they, these five, will spend the next four years earning your hope and your trust in the good governance of Orange County."

The newly reorganized Board of County Commissioners had its first meeting on the afternoon of December 4.

Moore serves local communities in different role

Moore succeeds Rod Love, an Apopka businessman whom former Governor Rick Scott appointed last April to fill the rest of Bryan Nelson's term. In turn, Nelson was elected the Apopka mayor in the March 13 general election and transitioned to his new position April 24. Moore, a real estate agent, professional flautist, and the author of the local children's history book "Ah-apopka," is the mother of two children and two grandchildren.

"This election, for me, is about earning the trust of the citizens," Moore said. "I had to prove that I have the experience, vision, and talent to become their leader. Victory was achieved by God's grace and the work of many special people."

Moore said achieving anything in life comes from "purposeful energy," a concept she first learned from her grandmother Hazel Krinke Foss.

According to Moore, constituents have expressed to her the following most important issues: traffic, an in-

adequate transportation network, pedestrian safety, protecting a strong economy, and ensuring high-paying jobs, as well as septic regulations in conjunction with protecting local lakes, springs, and water.

Demings makes history once more

Defeating Pete Clarke and Rob Panepinto in the August 28 election, Demings blazed the historical trail when he was elected the first African-American Orange County mayor.

However, that wasn't the only time Demings made history. He was also the first black sheriff when elected to this job in 2008, Orlando's first African-American police chief, and the first black director of public safety in Orange County.

He is married to Congresswoman Val Demings. They have three children and five grandchildren.

The 16 months of campaigning and preparation for the December 4 ceremony was not possible without what Demings called a "lifetime" of experiences including lessons from teachers and mentors, as well as support from family, friends, campaign volunteers, associates, and donors.

"I am standing here today on many of your shoulders and those of my ancestors, many of whom were enslaved in this country," Demings said. "There have been many times in which the very foundation of our nation has been shaken and weakened, but I'm reminded that we're indeed one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

As mayor, Demings said

he would focus on the affordable housing crisis, finding a long-term solution for the regional transportation issue, economic development, and enhancing public safety.

On Monday, December 3, he announced four key staff appointments to his new administration: Byron W. Brooks as county administrator, Roseann Harrington as chief of staff, Carol Burkett as deputy chief of staff, and Jeff Williamson — who stepped down as Orange County Sheriff's Office spokesman after 12 years — as communications manager.

There's a new sheriff in county

Only a few hours before the new officials transitioned into office, the Orange County Sheriff's Office hosted the Passage of Leadership from Demings to new Sheriff John W. Mina, also at the convention center.

Mina, previously the Orlando police chief, beat Darryl B. Sheppard and Jose "Joe" Lopez in the November 6 general election to be elected the 29th sheriff of Orange County.

Mina has spent more than 27 years with the Orlando Police Department, including four years as the Orlando police chief. An Army veteran, he served as a member of the 82nd Airborne Division as a military police officer. Mina is married to his wife Tracie and they have two children.

Mina said he expects sheriff's department members to be crimefighters who "will make it uncomfortable for criminals to prey on people in this community" and "to interact with residents, especially our young people."

He also wants more trust developed between the deputies and the community through regular social interaction like cookouts, sports playing, and town hall meetings.

"It's sometimes tough for law enforcement out there," he said. "Out there are some who don't trust us, and we need to work on that trust. That starts with my expectation of a fair and impartial policing, especially in some of our high-crime areas. What I've always said and what I know to be true is that it's hard to hate up close. That's why it's incumbent upon all of us to engage with our community like never before."

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Twins: Babies are home in time for Christmas

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ing Jessica Ching, M.D., who placed the skin expanders and whose team would lead the reconstruction and closure of the twins' abdomen. Ching is an assistant professor in the UF College of Medicine's division of plastic and reconstructive surgery in the department of surgery.

"It's amazing how many people have to come together to do it," Ching said. "One of the biggest tasks is keeping everybody, including the family, on the same page."

Finally, the big day arrived in July. The surgery would last up to five hours. Two anesthesia machines, one of each baby, stood ready, each with its tubing labeled to avoid confusion. Label colors, of course, were UF's orange and blue.

The first part of the surgery involved separating the intestines, which were joined in a manner that created a common channel.

But the biggest challenge for Islam came later when he tackled the liver separation. In such a procedure, the liver separation is done in an area with the fewest number of crossing blood vessels. With Remi and Jesi, Islam found no clear plane of separation. So, using an intraoperative ultra-



The Pitre family poses for a picture.

sound, he moved with painstaking precision to avoid undue bleeding.

With the liver separated, Islam said, "Now, we had two babies."

The surgical team called the parents to let them know. "To hear those two words that you have two babies, it was amazing," said Angi. She hugged Andre and cried.

The surgeons then had to work on the very large abdominal wall defects and close the babies before the parents could see them in recovery.

The girls' recovery proved challenging as they battled a wound infection, feeding issues and, for Jesi, serious respiratory difficulties, which lengthened her hospital stay. But Islam said such challenges aren't unusual in these complicated cases. "We were happy that the babies were actually fairly stable and we were able to manage them and control their recovery extremely well," he said.

The Pitres had watched

over two babies with one connected body for two months. As the babies recovered, all that, of course, had changed.

"I had gotten used to going to see my babies and standing at one bedside and being able to comfort both of them and see both of them and love both of them," Angi said. "And now they're in two separate beds. It was hard to decide which bed to stand next to. I was constantly going back and forth from bed to bed probably for the first hour, just to stare at them."

Both she and her husband marveled at being able to see their faces in full. For so many weeks, the girls had been on their sides, face to face. "Here they are laying on their backs," Angi said. "We can see their full faces, their beautiful full faces for the first time. And they're just so pretty."

Andre credited the couple's faith in helping them through the months of anguish and uncertainty.

"Christmas is always

supposed to be about a very special baby," he said. "And we're fortunate enough to have had that special baby look after these special babies and give them as a gift to us."

The girls, the couple said, will always have two birthdays. More precisely, July 23, the day of their separation, will be their "rebirth day," said Andre.

The care team is happy to see the girls finally end this chapter of their medical journey. The babies will return frequently to UF Health for after-care over the next few years.

"We're very thankful when we take something so complicated — we have no idea what the outcome is potentially going to be — and watching them go home healthy," Islam said. "It's incredibly satisfying and pleasurable to have that happen, both from the standpoint of the teams that have been taking care of the babies, as well as for the parents who are going home with two healthy and fairly vocal babies. It most certainly requires a team effort to have a successful outcome"

"We're all so pleased to have been involved in Jesi and Remi's care," said Ching.

Angi said there is more yet to come for her remarkable girls.

"In the end, their story isn't over," Angi said. "They're blossoming. They're growing. They're thriving. They're going to blow this world away with their little special personalities."

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Coach: He won 3 state titles at AHS

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ka, Darlington was head coach at Eustis High where he was 21-12 and suffered his only losing season as a head coach, 4-6 in 1998, the year before he was hired at Apopka High.

In his 23 years as a head coach at Apopka, Eustis, and Valdosta, Darlington owns a 214-73 record, a 74.6 winning percentage.

Known for his ground-oriented offenses, Darlington has become a nationally known speaker at football clinics throughout the nation, speaking several times each year at conferences attended by hundreds of high school and college coaches from around the nation.

While serving as Apopka's offensive coordinator in addition to being head coach, Darlington has led a prolific offense that set statewide records, including the most points in the 10-game regular season (529) and most points in all games, including playoffs, (752). Those records came in 2013 when the Blue Darters were Class 8A runner-up.

That same season, the Blue Darters set a single-game school record for most points scored in one game in an 80-26 victory over Weki-va.

In 2016, Apopka defeated Edgewater, 78-0, which is the largest margin of victory in school history.

This past season, the Apopka offense set a single-game school record for rushing yardage with 615 yards in a 33-28 victory over St. Johns Bartram Trail.

In his 214 games as Apopka High football coach, Darlington's Blue Darters scored in double figures in all but 15 games. His teams were shut out only three times in 17 seasons.

Darlington's teams put up at least 30 points in 143 of his 214 games as Apopka's head coach, including 19 in a row over the 2012 and 2013 seasons. Apopka also scored 60 or more 11 times in Darlington's 17 seasons.

Great support

"I've invested 17 years of my life here," Darlington said. "My kids have all gone to school here, graduated here. I've definitely worked as hard at it now as I worked at it when I first came in '99.

We've had great coaches, had great players. We've had great support from the community, especially from the faculty and the administration."

Darlington and his wife, Shelly, have seven children. Ty and Zack have both graduated from college, while Molly and Gracie are in college now. All four of those are Apopka High School graduates.

Jackson is a junior at Apopka High. Darlington said Jackson is "excited about" going to Enterprise. That was one of the coach's concerns, but "he was a lot more receptive than I thought he would be."

Wyatt and Lilly are not yet in high school.

One of Apopka High's positives, Darlington said, was support from the administration and other faculty members.

"The faculty has always been behind us," Darlington said.

He cited the names of the five principals he's worked for while he's been Apopka's football coach, John Edwards, Bill Floyd, Doug Guthrie, Matt Arnold, and now, Lyle Heinz.

"Every single principal has supported me and made it the perfect job," Darlington said. "They've let me set it up exactly how I want it. To get five principals in a row who have been on point like that is amazing. I've had great administrative support."

One or two of his current Apopka assistants may join him on the Enterprise staff, Darlington said.

Most successful coach

Apopka High athletic director Russell Wambles and AHS Principal Lyle Heinz have been Darlington's bosses at Apopka High. Both of them had high praise for the football coach.

"He is, in my mind, unquestionably the most successful high school football coach in Central Florida history. I know there are some who have won more games, but there's nobody who can match the ultimate success," Wambles said.

"At the end of the day, there's nothing but a positive spin on all of it. What he's been able to accomplish here has been phenomenal. There was a lot of good football played here before he got here

and there will be a lot of good football played here when he leaves and when I leave and whenever everybody else leaves, but he was the guy who was able to come in and wrap it up in a nice little bow to make the final outcome be really what you wanted it to be both on the field and off the field."

Although this is Heinz's first year as principal at Apopka High, he was an assistant principal for two years a few years ago.

"Obviously, football's a big part of Apopka High School and coach Darlington's been a big part of that for a long time," Heinz said. "Working with him this year, it's the same thing. His integrity, working with young men and all those things that we would expect out of a football coach, and he sets that standard pretty high."

"It's tough because I've talked to Rick about the opportunity he's been offered. I'm disappointed for me, but happy for him at the same time. Bittersweet might be a better term than disappointed. We were fortunate enough to have him here for the past 13 years. He's leaving us a pretty good situation. We're looking forward to building on that situation and moving forward."

Lakeland ties

Darlington said he was first contacted about the job by Greg Faught, superintendent of Enterprise City Schools. As it turns out, Faught is from Lakeland, where Darlington grew up, although the two did not know each other.

Faught sought out Darlington and made the decision to pursue Darlington, who has since met and spoken with the Enterprise High principal and athletic director.

"Everyone's on the same page. It's all mapped out who's doing what and what their roles are in the school," Darlington said.

Darlington said that the people in Enterprise who hired him understand that he's not going to have a high-flying offense that throws the ball 50 times a game. He loves the running game.

"That's what they want. They want old-fashioned. They want tough, discipline, class. They want what we want to do. That's not what everyone wants nowadays."

Moore: Truly beginning of new journey of servant leadership for me

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tilla served as my finance chairman, Verlee Norris ran the absentee chase program, Leonard Steffenson built all 200 large signs, Roy Kalish made daily phone calls, and Nadine Hardee and Connie Castillo drove and drove some more. Victoria Laney and Jillian Reyes headed up Ocoee efforts, Antoine kept us safe at early voting, Sue Kidd was the best proofreader, and Diane and Ed Velazquez always believed in me. All told, I had over 65 dear people wave signs on Election Day. And, to the contributors, we wouldn't be here today with your gen-

erosity.

To my former colleagues at the School Board – without your encouragement, financial support and volunteerism – I would never have been successful. I would like to recognize them now: former School Board Members: Daryl Flynn, Nancy Robinson, Joie Cadle, and Chair Bill Sublette. Current Board members Kat Gordon, Pam Gould, Linda Kobert, and staff members Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Dr. Bridget Williams, attorney Woody Rodriguez, and so many principals and teachers from District 7. I owe so much to you.

Not much happens without a vision. Achieve-

ment anywhere in life comes from purposeful energy.

I think I first learned about purposeful energy from my grandmother, Hazel Foss. She was one strong German lady, and in fact, lived to be 95 years old. A picture from a Minneapolis newspaper hangs on the wall of my skinny-legged grandmother in her antiquated, but certainly stylish in her day, bathing suit. She was recognized for being the first girl ever to finish a 15-mile cold water Minnesota lake swimming race.

While I'm sad she isn't here today, my mother, her daughter, is. As I thought about what I

learned from my mother, it has been joy in service. My mom moved to Central Florida in her late 50s and started a whole new life. She joined so many community service groups, I couldn't begin to name them all, but dignity and her work with bringing hope to the homeless is her pride and joy.

Joy in service and helping others is what I have learned and try to emulate from my mom.

Well, Mom and "Da," you two raised the first woman to ever serve in the District 2 seat on the Orange County Commission. A job well-done.

So, what does it all mean? This is truly the

beginning of a new journey of servant leadership for me. I hope to be part of the team which addresses the number one issue constituents expressed their concerns about, traffic! Additionally, pedestrian safety, just this week another death on Rock Springs Road, and protecting our strong economy and job markets is vital as we know the foundation of any healthy community is a high-paying job.

Finally, my folks are extremely concerned about septic regulations while still protecting lakes, springs, and water. It is truly going to take a team of dedicated leaders and helpful citizens to address all

these challenges.

As Steve Jobs said, "Great things... are never done by one person but by a team of dedicated people."

As I close, I would like to recognize the team I am fortunate to be working hand-in-hand with these next four years: Mayor Jerry Demings, Comm. Betsy Vanderley, Comm. Mayra Uribe, Comm. Maribel Gomez Cordero, Comm Emily Bonilla, and Comm Victoria Siplin.

It's truly going to be an exciting and productive four years working for my community. Thank you again to the voters and for everyone who made it possible.

Byrd: Impressed with teachers' innovative lessons they were doing

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We were happy to host her and our tours could not have been better. We visited a number of classrooms in each school and were able to see engaged learning and students who were excited to be there.

I was so impressed with our teachers and the innovative and exciting lessons they were doing. We saw an engaging AP art history lesson in Mr. Houvouras' class that had kids waving hands in the air and moving around the classroom and loved Mrs. Restrepo's happy kindergarten Spanish class (that's right, I said kindergarten Spanish).

We saw Mrs. Fooks'

6th grade health science classroom complete with a real hospital bed and we even got a quick preview of the Blue Darter Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Shafer, as they rehearsed for Epcot's Candlelight Processional later that night.

They sounded superb!

Of course, every classroom was a fun place to be and we often joked that we wanted to stay all day.

I was very impressed with Sullivan's engagement during the visits. She asked numerous, thoughtful questions and interacted with many students. She was genuinely interested in the day-to-day operations, as well as the bigger issues facing our schools,

like state and local testing requirements.

She asked every principal what ways they felt the state gets in the way of them doing their job each day. That poignant question I think demonstrates her sincere desire to mold our education system to benefit our local schools. Her desire to learn as much as she could while she was in our schools was evident.

My exciting week continued when I learned the good news that Wekiva High School's very own Zaquan Kemp was recognized by Sonny's BBQ as the winner of the Random Acts of BBQ. Zaquan is a senior at Wekiva High School and works at Panera Bread in Apopka.

His numerous acts of kindness include working with his school's ESE students, working with the Safe Ambassador's club and making survival kits for local policemen and firefighters.

Most importantly, Zaquan shows acts of kindness on a daily basis and he proclaims his love for God and his mom as his number one priority. I was happy to congratulate this wonderful young man this week and

thank him for making our world a better place.

Finally, I want to mention that the Apopka Fire Department and the Firefighters Association are teaming up with Loaves & Fishes this holiday season to coordinate a city-wide toy drive.

In their post, they said they are seeking your assistance in making this Christmas a memorable one for those in our com-

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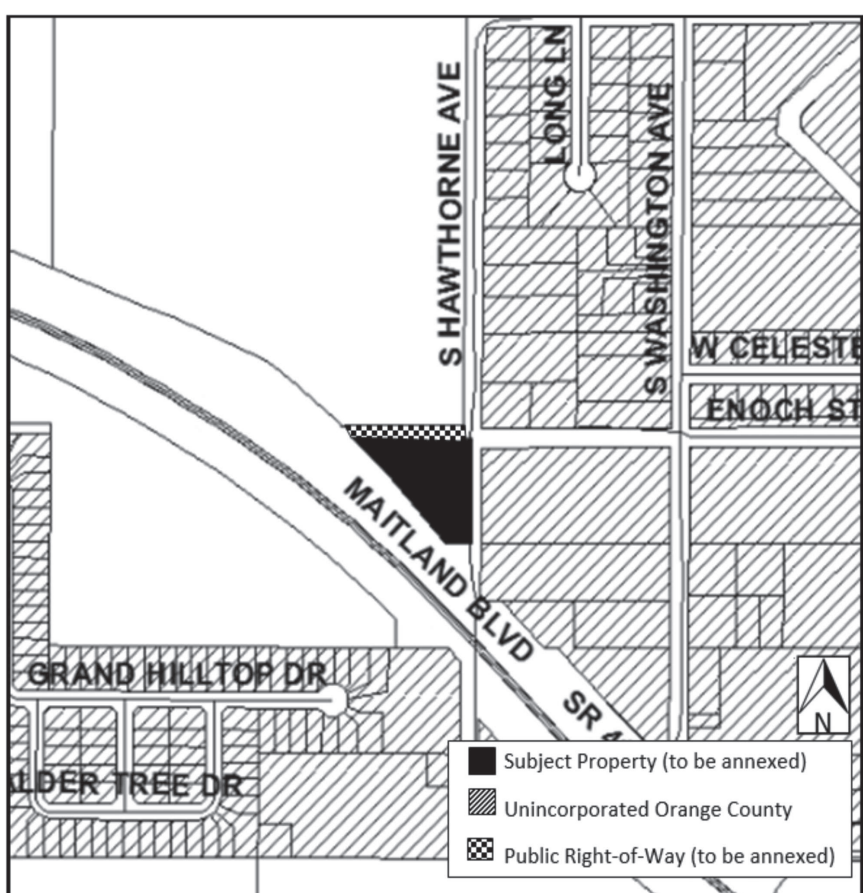
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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the property owner(s) noted below and shown in the attached vicinity map have made application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council, for ANNEXATION of the properties shown in the following map:

ORDINANCE NO. 2701

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO EXTEND ITS TERRITORIAL AND MUNICIPAL LIMITS TO ANNEX PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 171.044 THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED LANDS SITUATED AND BEING IN ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OWNED BY EMERSON POINT PHASE II, LLC, LOCATED AT 1900 SOUTH HAWTHORNE AVENUE; AND THE UNIMPROVED PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE NORTH; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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Parcel I.D.: 02-21-28-9090-00-008

Contains: 1.93 +/- Acres

The proposed annexation, as indicated in the map of this advertisement, may be inspected by the public in the City of Apopka Community Development Department, and/or the office of the City Clerk, at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida (Apopka City Hall).

NOTICE is hereby given that public hearings to consider the future adoption of ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2701 will be held by the City of Apopka City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 East Main Street, on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 P.M. and Wednesday, January 2, 2019 beginning at 1:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. 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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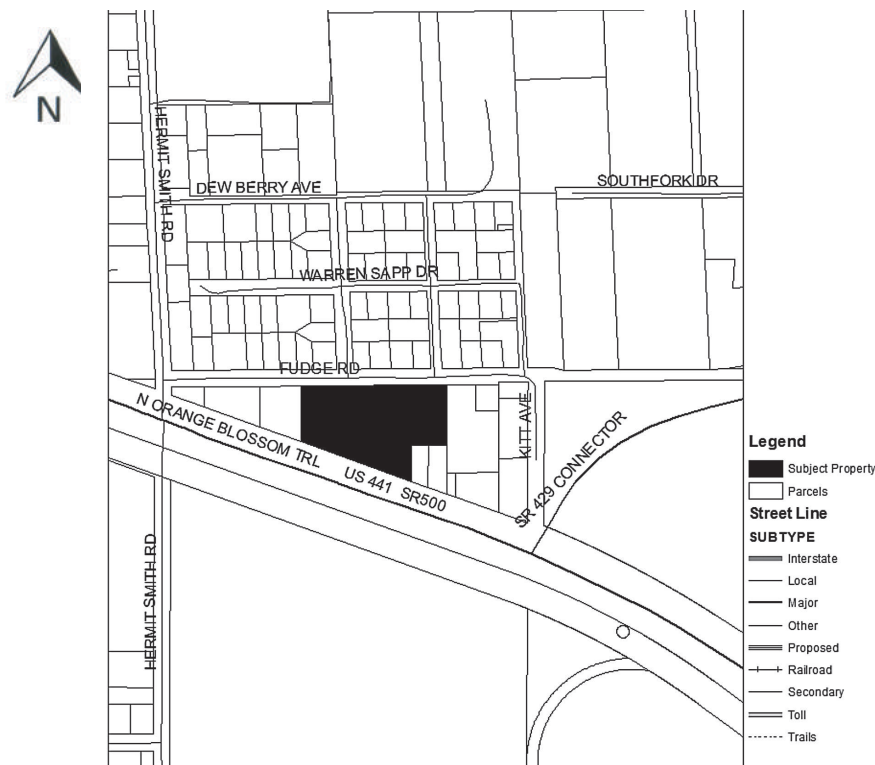
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NOTICE is hereby given that **The City of Apopka** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council for an administrative **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 3.17 +/- acres from Mixed Use to Commercial and a change in Zoning from "County" C-2 (Zoning in Progress) to "City" C-2 General Commercial District**. This application relates to the following described property located north of West Orange Blossom Trail and west of State Route 429.



Parcel I.D.: 01-21-27-0000-00-037

Contains: 3.17 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2676

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM MIXED USE TO COMMERCIAL (MAX. 0.25 FAR) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT NORTH OF WEST ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF STATE ROUTE 429, COMPRISING 3.17 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **RENUKA PRASAD**; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2677

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "COUNTY" C-2 (ZIP) TO "CITY" C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF WEST ORANGE BLOSSOM TRAIL AND WEST OF S.R. 429, COMPRISING 3.17 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **RENUKA PRASAD**; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Application 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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City: Council approves Apopka's first-ever in-house city attorney

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According to Moon, the plans are finalized but the access site is being evaluated, saying that Pittman Road and Mount Stirling are options as access points.

Hank Dunn, a Mount Stirling Avenue resident, told the City Council that he and other Rock Springs Ridge homeowners – some of who were at the meeting – share concerns about the new single-family housing subdivision.

Dunn said city staff and developers may have been planning the subdivision project for weeks or even months. In contrast, he and the other homeowners heard about the project the week before the public hearing.

“Part of this is that the city and the developers know what’s going on; we at Rock Springs Ridge don’t know what’s going on,” Dunn said. “We heard a little bit about it today. We just want more citizen participation. We’re really inviting a dialogue with the developer and prospective builders and maybe even (property owners Carrol and Patricia) Hamrick of what you are doing.”

He clarified that the residents aren’t against the project, but just want more time learning about it.

According to Jason Searl of GrayRobinson law firm, the development team has been “in full compliance” with the city when advertising the public hearing process that included mailing notices to residents and posting signs on site an-

nouncing the public hearing.

Searl said that “we’re not in a position” to table the council’s vote on the transmittal until February.

“We’re not the property owner,” he said. “We’re currently under contract. We’ve invested significant funds both with our seller, but also in the services of planning and in moving forward with the project. so the concept of tabling until February is, from our position, a deal killer. That’s not something we want to do. We want to talk about taking this through the proper steps.”

Searl said the density request increase is in accordance with the comprehensive plan’s requirement of keeping the maximum dwelling per units at two, “which is exactly what we’re requesting here – no

more than that.”

In-house city attorney

The City Council also gave the OK for the first-ever in-house city attorney when it approved Mayor Bryan Nelson’s choice for city attorney. Joseph Byrd of Monroe, Mich., is expected to begin his duties at the city in early January, according to Edward Bass, city administrator.

According to Byrd’s resume, he is a private practice attorney in Michigan and his major client is the Churches of God in Michigan, which number about 100 churches.

Prior to that, Byrd was the county attorney for Bradley County, Tennessee, which is northeast of Chattanooga, Tenn. Byrd has been an attorney since 2004.

He received his law degree from

the University of Toledo (Ohio).

Byrd will replace the law firm of Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand of Maitland.

Board member replacement appointed

The council approved Mayor Nelson’s appointment of William Gusler to the Planning Commission for a three-year term ending December 5, 2021. Gusler is replacing Jose Molina, who has resigned.

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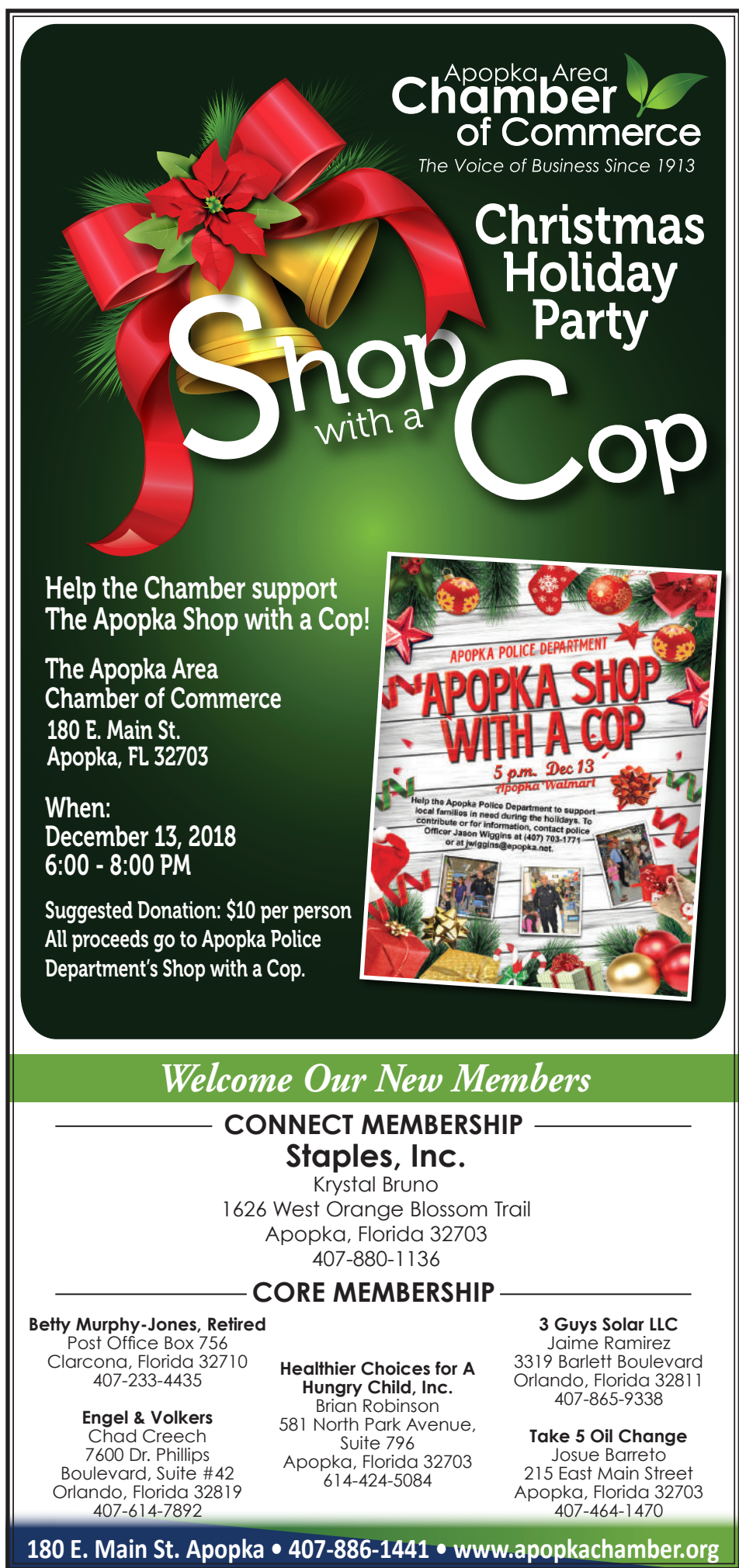
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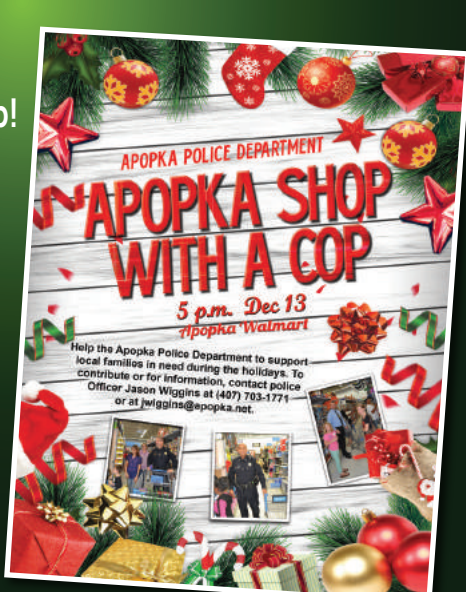
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Magic and Habitat team up to dedicate home to Apopka mom

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The Orlando Magic basketball team and Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County teamed up in dedicating a new Apopka home to a mother and her two small sons.

On Monday, December 3, Shawntia Benton and her sons Daimonee, 4, and infant Nicholas were given the keys to her home on West Ella J. Gilmore Street in Apopka. The family also received gifts such as food from Second Harvest Food Bank and a framed, autographed Orlando Magic jersey bearing the Benton name.

The Bentons' move-in date is January 5, 2019.

Members of Habitat's homeownership program go through, on average, a two-year process that includes applying for an interest-free mortgage loan, contributing 200 to 400



hours of sweat equity in Central Florida communi-

ties, and attending 17 homeowner courses.



Members of the Orlando Magic, Jewitt Orthopaedics, Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, and Second Harvest Food Bank join in to celebrate the Habitat home dedication for the Benton family in their new Apopka home. The Bentons will move there January 5, 2019.

Benton said she first applied to join the Habitat homeownership program in 2016 but didn't get approved. She reapplied and got accepted. The process went by quickly, with Ben-

ton toiling at the Habitat ReStore every Saturday, doing eight hours while pregnant with Nicholas.

"After I had my baby, two weeks later I was out here building my house," Benton said at the ceremony. "They were like, 'What

are you doing out here?'

I was like, 'I have to get my hours done. I'm on maternity leave. I have a goal. I stayed at it. I'm going to do this for five months.' It took months, exactly five months, and I'm done."

Homeownership is another step forward for Benton, who faced obstacles growing up such as her mother abandoning her and her father being incarcerated, prompting her to get placed in foster care at 16

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AHS band holds annual Winter Prism Concert



The Apopka High School band will hold its annual Winter Prism Concert today, Friday, December 7, at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. The school is located at 555 W. Martin Street. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. "The concert is a whirlwind and will have you in stitches throughout," Apopka High band director Jeremy Langford said. "As a prism refracts light into the component parts, this concert will feature all of the components of our program in addition to all of our major ensembles."

Unshaven officers



Throughout November, Apopka police officers participated in an event to raise awareness for prostate cancer and men's health in general. Participating officers donated money to forego shaving in order to evoke conversation and raise cancer awareness. With donations from the community as well as our officers, the police officers were able to raise more than \$1,500 for the cause, exceeding their goal.

Festival of Trees opening



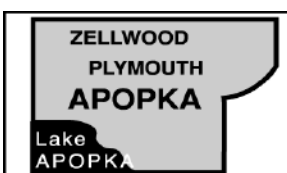
The Festival of Trees was opened on Sunday, December 2, with a tree lighting ceremony at the Museum of Apokans, 122 East Fifth Street. The museum will open Saturday, December 8, at noon until 4 p.m. The silent auction will close at 4 p.m.

Cricket County Christmas and holiday fountain are coming up

The Zellwood Players Drama Team will present "A Cricket County Christmas," a Christmas comedy with the true meaning of Christmas featuring a little singing a lot of laughs.

Performance dates are Sunday, December 9 and Saturday, December 15, at 7 p.m. on both dates. The venue is the stage at the Zellwood Community Center, 3160 Union St., Zellwood.

Guests can listen to music play at 6:30 p.m.



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Holiday Fountain Show: Cranes Roost Park.

Always a crowd favorite, the Plaza fountain features

special shows with dancing water and dazzling lights choreographed to classic holiday tunes. Time: 6, 7, 8 & 9 p.m., New Year's Day, January 1. Location: 274 Cranes Roost Blvd., Altamonte Springs 32701. This event is free and open to the public. Event dates and times are subject to change and are weather permitting. Pets and coolers are not permitted during events when Cranes Roost Boulevard is closed to vehicular traffic.



The Apopka High School Chorale performed at the opening.



Mark Byrd had a performance on the keyboard at the festival opening.



Santa Claus was greeted by a group of attendees.

Asking for Wisdom

(See verse below)

When Solomon was invited by God to ask for whatever he wanted, he asked not for wealth, or long life, or even good health, but for wisdom, the discerning heart to know right from wrong (1 Kings 3). While those other things (wealth and health) are good in their own way, or conditionally good, wisdom is unconditionally good. Wealth and health are only good if they are associated with a person of goodwill, but if the person in question is evil, their wealth only aids them in their evil designs. But wisdom, by its very nature, causes one to be good. The wise man is the man who is concerned, first and foremost, with

doing the right and good actions befitting him. It would indeed be a contradiction to say that someone was very wise but also prone to frequent moral failings. This doesn't mean that the wise person never does wrong. No one except God is perfectly wise or perfectly good. The wise person is always striving to do the right thing, both in the big and small decisions of life. It is noteworthy that Solomon, in the conclusion to Ecclesiastes, a book highlighting the vanity and emptiness of wealth and most human endeavors, including the search for knowledge, says that our ultimate purpose is to fear God and keep his commandments.
— Christopher Simon

Obituaries

SCOTT KING, 55, Apopka, died Monday, November 26. Mr. King was born in Sherman, Texas. Survivors: mother, Jean; brother, Mike. Loomis Family Funeral Home, Apopka.

JUDY ANN FUHRMAN, 61, Sorrento, died Saturday, November 24. Mrs. Fuhrman was born in Wurzburg, Germany. She was a graduate of Apopka Memorial High School Class of 1974. She retired as the senior manager in the Orange County tax collector's office after 40 years of service. Survivors: husband, William; parents, J.D. Gilliard Jr. and Christa Gilliard; siblings, Hannah Teal, Tammy Wood, Deborah Byrd, J.D. Gilliard III, Ray Gilliard, Jerry Gilliard. Loomis Family Funeral, Apopka.

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the Melrose Creative Expo. The \$500,000 endowment will be used to keep the Melrose Center up to date with the latest hardware and software in its virtual reality, photography, video and audio studios, as well as the Fab Lab where the public is invited to get hands on with 3D printers, robotics and more. The good news about the

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Remember to "Shop Local"

Embrace spiritual Christmas traditions by sharing the Gospel

The holiday season is a special and spiritual time of year. It can sometimes be easy to get lost in the more commercial aspects of the holiday season, and there's certainly nothing wrong with shopping for gifts that will show your loved ones how much you love and appreciate them.

For those who want to focus back on the spiritual side of this special time of year, the following suggestions can help in those efforts.

Share the story of Christmas

The Gospels of Mark and Luke offer differing

accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ. Both indicate that Jesus was born to Mary, who was engaged to Joseph, a carpenter. Mary became pregnant through immaculate conception, as she was a virgin when visited by an angel who informed her that she was to carry God's son. At the time of Christ's birth, all Jewish people had to be counted by Roman soldiers for tax purposes. That required people to return to their places of birth.

As a result, Mary and Joseph set out on an arduous journey to Beth-



Focus back on the spiritual side of this special time of year in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

lehem. Upon arriving in Bethlehem, inns had no vacancies, but Mary and Joseph were given shelter in a stable where Jesus was ultimately born.

Attend Mass

Churches traditionally hold religious services on Christmas Eve and Christmas. These services are joyful expressions

of faith, music and community spirit. But Christmas mass is not the only time to head to church. During Advent, the four-week period preceding Christmas, Catholics prepare and repent. Advent calendars help count down the days until Christmas.

Set out a nativity scene

Make a nativity scene the primary focus of Christmas decorations and encourage children to play with the figures and act out the Christmas story.

Focus on gifts for good

Families can focus their energies on faithful

endeavors and the spirit of giving that's synonymous with the season. Do good deeds for others, embrace peace and love and share special time with others.

Sing carols

Spread the holiday spirit through song. Get together with a group of friends or neighbors and go door-to-door, or hold a caroling performance at a centralized location. Select religious hymns, but also include some secular favorites.

The holiday season is a great time of year to reconnect with one's faith and spirituality.

Exercise caution with potential holiday hazards to pets

The holiday season is full of joy. But in the midst of decorating and socializing, pet owners may overlook the needs of their pets. Hectic schedules and homes full of unusual décor can throw pets off-kilter.

No pet owner wants their pet to feel uncomfortable or suffer any injuries, so it's important that owners exercise caution with the following items come the holiday season.

Bones: Is turkey on the menu for the family feast? If so, resist the urge to toss some bones and scraps to dogs or cats. Small bones or bone chips can become lodged in the digestive tracts of pets and cause serious injury. If you want to provide your pet with a holiday treat, choose a safer, store-bought bone.

Aromatic oils: The holidays are not the same without the familiar scent of mint, cinnamon or pine. Some people resort to scented candles or aromatherapy oils to create the perfect holiday ambiance. But some synthetic aromas



Make your space festive, yet safe for your pets as well.

or even natural extracts can be toxic to cats and dogs. Stick to nontoxic items and keep them well out of the pet's reach.

Chocolate and other sweets: An abundance of treats seems to be par for the course during the holiday season. Dogs should avoid all chocolate, but dark chocolate poses a particularly serious threat. Chocolate can cause agitation, elevated heart rate, diarrhea, vomiting, seizures, and even death. In addition, candy or cookies sweetened

with the artificial sweetener xylitol can cause a dangerous drop in blood pressure for dogs.

Pine needles and trees: When ingested, pine needles can puncture the intestines of pets. In search of an easy drink, dogs and cats may be drawn to the fresh water reservoir of live trees, increasing the likelihood that they knock over a Christmas tree, injuring themselves and causing damage around the house. Trees should be properly secured, and fallen needles

should be promptly discarded.

Tinsel and decorations: Skip the tinsel if you have a cat. Felines are likely to mistake tinsel for a toy.

Eating tinsel can cause severe damage to a cat's intestinal tract, as it may get caught in the stomach while the rest of it continues to pass through the intestines. Tinsel also may wrap around the tongue, increasing the cat's risk of choking. Ornaments also are tempting playthings. Cats may pounce on glass ornaments, breaking them and suffering injury. Keep pets in mind when selecting tree ornaments, and opt for unbreakable ornaments when possible.

Electrical cords: The American Animal Hospital Association says holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Secure all cords and keep them out of reach of pets.

Candles: The subtle flicker of a lit candle can add ambiance to a space.

But all it takes is the swish of a tail or the pat of a paw to knock over a candle and spark a fire. Never leave lit candles unattended. If you have boisterous pets, opt for LED simulated candles instead.

Alcohol: Spirits are sometimes a part of celebrations, but alcoholic beverages should be kept out of reach of pets. Alcohol suppresses the immune system, and it can result in significant health issues for pets who consume it.

The holiday season is a time for celebration. Ensure that these festivities are as safe for pets as they are enjoyable.

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The Melrose Center offers access to hardware, equipment, software, support and programming.

Endowment: Creative Expo will celebrate fifth anniversary on Saturday, February 16

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endowment was delivered to Mary Anne Hodel, director of the Orange County Library System, by Kendrick B. Melrose, president and chair of the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation, in October.

"We were quite pleasantly surprised and delighted to receive the very generous gift from the Melrose Family Foundation to the Melrose Center Endowment," Hodel said upon receiving news of the endowment. "Since technology is constantly changing, this lovely gift will help us keep the Melrose Center up to date and enable us to provide new technologies to the Melrose Center in the future."

The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and

Creativity officially opened on February 8, 2014. It was created after the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation made a \$1,000,000 gift to the library in April 2013. Named for Mr. Melrose's mother who had a strong interest in emerging technologies, the Center is located in 26,000 sq. ft. of space on the Orlando Public Library's second floor. The Melrose Center offers access to hardware, equipment, software, support and programming to inspire and invigorate creativity and accomplishment.

In October 2015 the Kendrick B. Melrose Family Foundation made an additional endowment in the amount of \$500,000 in support of the Melrose Center, allowing it to continue offering access to new technology and education.

The Melrose Creative Expo, celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Melrose Center, will take place on Saturday, February 16 at 1 p.m. The winners of the 2019 Melrose Awards will be announced in addition to numerous exhibitors from the community and fun activities for the whole family throughout the Melrose Center.

About the Orange County Library System

The Orange County Library System is a public library system that serves its patrons by providing access to collections, facilities, events and services that connect our community to the evolving world of ideas, information and technology. For more information on the Orange County Library system, visit ocls.info.

Home: Benton put hours in with Habitat for Humanity to help build her own home

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years of age. While in foster care, Benton was assigned to two case managers with whom she is still in contact and considers her "dads."

Benton is employed as a collection specialist at a doctor's office in Oviedo, but hopes to go back to school to become a pharmacy technician.

Through the Magic Volunteer Program (MVP), Magic employees and Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic staff teamed up for the Habitat Orlando and Osceola home build for the Benton family back in September.

Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic serves as team physicians for not only the Orlando Magic, but also the Orlando Solar Bears, University of Central Florida athletics, Rollins College,

and the Orlando Ballet.

Active in the Habitat Orlando and Osceola program, the Orlando Magic has sponsored 10 homes. Each home has been Florida Green Building Coalition Certified and Water Star rated.

"We come together, we do it as a community partner, but at the end of the day, our goal is to be world champion on and off the court, to live legendary moments every step of the way," said Linda Landman Gonzalez, vice president social responsibility for the Orlando Magic. "There's nothing more legendary like being a homeowner. It is the basis of a family and the core piece of being part of your community."

Currently sharing a one-bedroom subsidized apartment, the Benton family has a pressing need for

more space to store their personal belongings, especially the items required to care for a new baby, according to a press release.

The small living space has no designated dining area, making it difficult for the family to share meals together.

There was also the concern for safety. Benton has to travel to a park outside the neighborhood to make sure her sons can play safely.

Though Benton works hard to keep her apartment clean, she couldn't fight off the insect infestations and couldn't get assistance from her landlord for this situation, according to the press release.

Six months pregnant with Nicholas when she was approved for a Habitat home, Benton gave birth to her second son on July 22.

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Judy Ann Fuhrman, 61, of Sorrento, Florida, passed away November 24, 2018. She was born December 22, 1956 in Wurzburg, Germany, she was part of a Military family so at the age of 1 years old, they moved to Apopka, Florida where she then later graduated from Apopka High School Class of 1974.

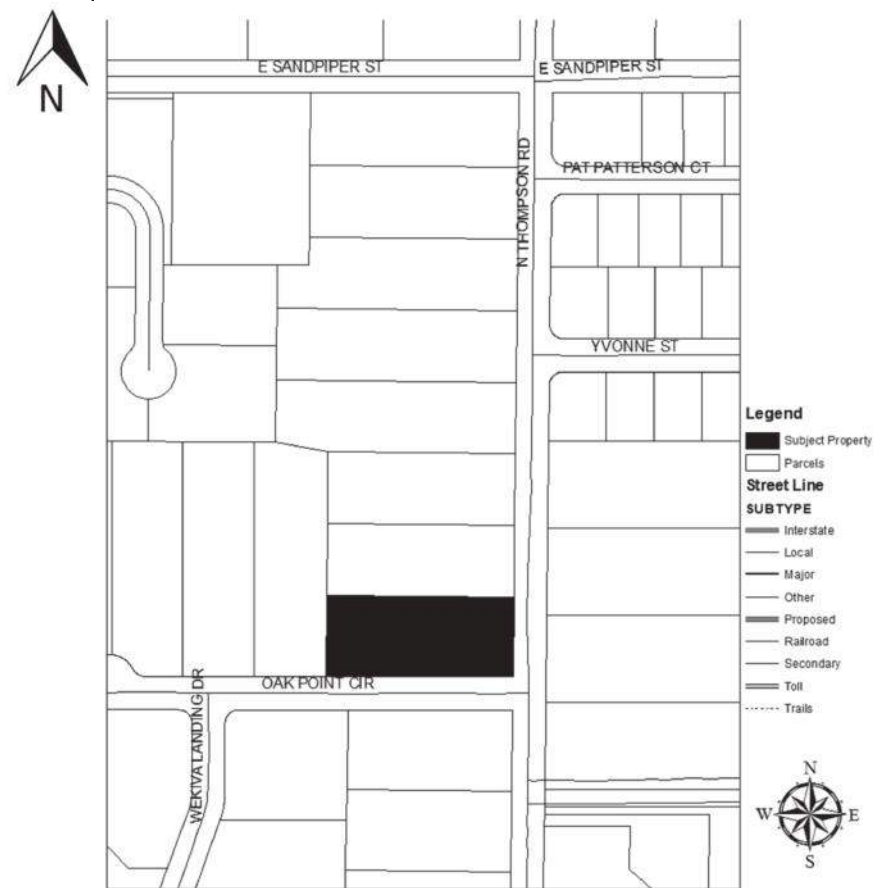
She served the Orange County Tax Collectors office as the manager of the Clarcona-Ocoee office and retired as the Orange County Senior Manager after 40 years of service.

Mrs. Fuhrman is survived by her loving husband William Fuhrman; parents J.D. Gilliard Jr and Christa Gilliard; siblings Hannah Teal, Tammy Wood, Deborah Bird, J.D. Gilliard III, Ray Gilliard and Jerry Gilliard and lots of loving nieces and nephews. She will be missed dearly.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that The **City of Apopka** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council for an administrative **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 1.14 +/- acres from "County" Low Density Residential to "City" Residential Very Low Suburban and a change in Zoning from "County" R-CE (Zoning in Progress) to "City" RCE-1 Residential Country Estate 1 District.** This application relates to the following described property located north of Oakpoint Circle and West of North Thompson Road.



Parcel I.D.: 02-21-28-7328-00-080
Contains: 1.14 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2688
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COUNTY" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO "CITY" RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN (0-2 DU/AC) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1175 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.14 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **CARLOS VERDUZCO**; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2689
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "COUNTY" R-CE (ZIP) TO "CITY" RCE-1 (RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE 1 DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1175 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.14 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **CARLOS VERDUZCO** PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Application 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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Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle are found on page 7A of this newspaper

OCPS Superintendent Barbara Jenkins receives award

Superintendent Dr. Barbara Jenkins of Orange County Public Schools is 2018's "Outstanding Superintendent Communicator," an honor handed out by the Sunshine State School Public Relations Association (SUNSPRA).

The superintendent accepted the award in Tampa Thursday, November 29 during a crowded session of the 73rd annual Joint Conference of the Florida School Boards Association.

Jenkins is only the sixth superintendent to receive this honor. She and her district serve more than 211,000 students with more than 24,000 employees in and around the Orlando area. She received the award because she intentionally places the spotlight of importance on smart communications.

Two years ago, Jenkins saw a need and made dramatic moves by creating



Orange County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Barbara Jenkins accepts SUNSPRA's 2018 Outstanding Superintendent Communicator Award Thursday, November 29 in Tampa. Standing with Jenkins is SUNSPRA President Kevin Christian of Marion County Public Schools (l) and Scott Howat, OCPS chief communications officer (r).

a communications office led by a chief communications officer. This decision elevated the value of communications in her district

and brought together all departments that play a role in the district's storytelling and relationship-building efforts.

Jenkins restructured several departments into one, added a social media manager and media relations director, replaced and

updated the district's 200-plus school websites, and then launched a new mobile app that synchronized with those new websites. She also charged her public relations team to develop a "PR and Marketing Guide" for school leaders.

After implementing these decisions, her school district's Facebook likes spiked 75 percent, Twitter followers grew by 80 percent, pitched media stories increased 34 percent, and positive stories covered by media jumped 22 percent.

Jenkins took over Orange County Public Schools in 2012 but serves far beyond her district boundaries: she's on the National Board of Education Sci-

ences, the Council of Great City Schools, a member of Chiefs for Changes and the Florida Council of 100. She's also past president of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

A judging committee with decades of public relations experience scored this year's entries. Judges included Joe Landon (retired from 40-plus years in the communications industry), Leanne Zinser, supervisor of Communications and Community Engagement for Collier County Public Schools, and Doris Bacon-Elsea, former Public Relations and Human Resources director for Volusia County Public Schools.

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Park Avenue Animal Hospital is not just for dogs and cats

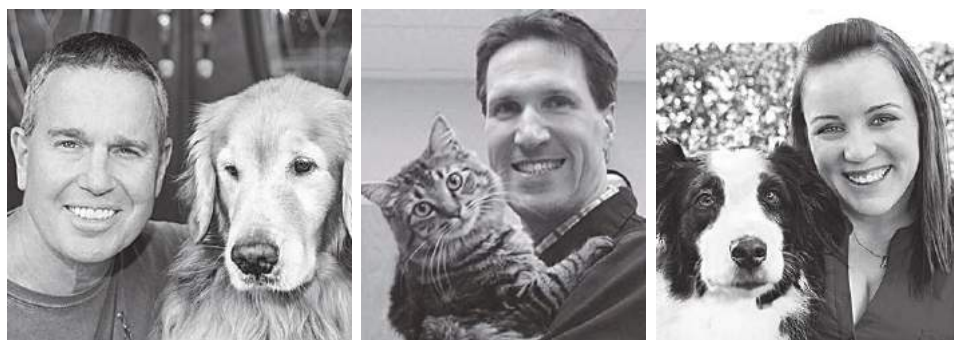
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Veterinary schools expose potential animal doctors to just about every species of animal in the world (except humans!). With such a vast collection of animals to study though, most vet schools lack the capability to include extensive study of exotics in the core curriculum.

There are exotic study courses that can be taken as electives, and vet students can gain lots of real-world experience through internships and study programs. It all starts with a vested personal interest though, and many veterinarians choose to

stick with common species such as dogs, cats, and horses as their primary study.

If you've ever owned a dog or a cat, you know that if your furry friend needs medical care, you can take him to your local vet's office. But what happens when your iguana, parrot or rabbit gets injured? What about when your chinchilla or ferret doesn't feel well?

In the past, owners of exotic pets had to search far and wide to find a veterinarian who was willing to see an exotic patient. Most veterinary offices simply aren't equipped or staffed to take on these animals and will refer you to a specialist, which can get very pricey.

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Holiday Guide

Remember to "Shop Local"

Be prepared for unexpected company and social engagements

Cheese and crackers are filling snacks to have on hand and are easy to serve to unexpected guests.

The latter part of the year is full of social engagements with family and friends. Pew Research Center says 92 percent of all Americans plan to celebrate Christmas as a holiday, with 69 percent using it as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

While many social occasions surrounding Christmas are anticipated for months in advance, unexpected pop-ins are also the norm this time of year. Rather than being caught off guard, individuals can

take steps to prepare for unexpected guests.

Have food available. Even if guests pop in for a little while, it's nice to be able to offer them something to eat. Keep cheese and crackers, fresh fruit, pretzels, and other snacks on hand. Make-ahead, crowd-friendly foods can be prepared and frozen. Casseroles, pasta dishes and stews are hearty and can serve in a pinch when unexpected visitors arrive. Simply take out to defrost and heat up. Keep cookies in air-tight tins and purchase a premade frozen pie to serve, if necessary. In a pinch, you can always order out, but over time the



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cost of having food delivered can add up.

Keep the bar stocked. Toasting to a happy holiday season is the norm during this time of year. Toasting

requires hosts have some spirits on hand. Stock the bar with a few staples, such as red and white wine, vodka, rum, whiskey, and mixers. Also, you may just want

to create a signature or seasonal cocktail that can be served when guests arrive, such as a spiced punch or a holiday eggnog.

Cue the playlist. Put together a playlist of favorite holiday music that will provide the ideal ambiance should guests ring your doorbell. Thanks to services like Spotify, Amazon Music and Pandora, holiday music that fills a home with the sweet sounds of the season is now always accessible.

Keep things neat. Set aside a closet or space that can serve as a catch-all where errant items can quickly be stored should guests arrive. Gather loose

toys, books or stray papers in a basket and then stash the basket in the closet until guests depart. Routinely empty the dishwasher so dirty dishes left in the sink can be quickly loaded before guests arrive.

Create an aromatic atmosphere. Scented candles that evoke the aromas of the season can refresh stale indoor air. Butter cookie-, apple pie- and cinnamon-scented candles can make it seem like you just finished some holiday baking.

Guests tend to drop by on a moment's notice come the holidays. Preparing for the unexpected can make such visits more enjoyable.

Have a wonderful time traveling stress-free this season

Roadways, railways and skies tend to get busy come the holiday season, when millions of people across the globe travel to visit family and friends.

Wherever travelers are headed, be it across the country or across the world, they should realize that many other people are traveling as well. That can

lead to traffic, long lines and other side effects associated with large crowds. But before travelers let the idea of challenging travel conditions deter them, they can consider certain ways to make the process of getting from point A to point B a bit more manageable.

Travel by car
Those traveling by



Stress-free holiday planning required planning, having an back-up plan, and patience.

automobile will have a few extra steps to take to ensure their trips go off with minimal disturbances. One of the more important steps is to ensure the vehicle is properly maintained prior to departing. Have the car checked by a mechanic and take care of any service appointments, such as oil changes or tire rotations.

Map out the route

in advance and have an alternative plan if the route chosen proves to be too congested. One idea is to choose a scenic drive that may be a little longer but has less traffic. In addition, account for rest stops or points of interest that can break up the trip. Apps such as GasBuddy can help drivers find the cheapest gas or the cleanest bathrooms along their routes.

Bring along plenty of snacks so you can eat healthy and aren't forced to rely on foods you otherwise would not eat. This is particularly helpful with keeping kids satiated. Plan for a few treats along the way so that everyone traveling has an end goal, such as an ice cream or a souvenir.

Traveling by plane

One of the key things air travelers can do to make holiday traveling easier is to avoid peak travel dates. Whenever possible, avoid traveling the day right before the holiday, which tends to be the busiest and most expensive. Remember, weekends tend to be more harried and expensive as well, particularly when the holidays fall in close proximity to a weekend.

Weather is a gamble in many regions of the world during the holiday season. Develop a contingency plan just in case foul weather delays or cancels flights. It's much less stressful to put plan B into motion than it can be to rush around trying to make new, last-minute plans.

Always shop around for the best rates, but also the best atmosphere. It may be wiser to fly out of a smaller airport where crowds will be thinner and delays less frequent, or you may prefer a larger airport that's closer to home and offers more amenities.

Another way to avoid delays is to pack minimally. Ship gifts and even travel essentials ahead to your destination, and only bring carry-on bags aboard the plane. This helps travelers sail through security checks and avoid the crowds at the luggage carousels.

Holiday travel requires planning, patience and having alternative plans in place so that everyone can make it home for the holidays.

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Try these great recipes for wonderful and flavorful potatoes

We have some great potato recipes for you this week. Isn't it amazing how that vegetable, so bland all by itself, is so receptive to whatever treatment you wish to give it to taste just wonderful? I must say... potato is probably my favorite food. According to Wikipedia, although the potato originated in southern Peru and northwest Bolivia, more than 99 percent of our current varieties are direct descendants of a subspecies once grown in the lowlands of south-central Chile. On the list of nutrition facts, their potassium content supplies 25 percent of our daily requirement. They also supply 70 percent of vitamin A, and 30 percent of vitamin D. The humble potato seems to be a "wonder" food.

Frances McHale's Italian Roasted Potatoes looks good enough for company or for simply pampering your own family. We found her recipe in (where else?) *Preserving the Big Potato*, put out by the Apopka Historical Society.

Linda Laurendeau's Potatoes or Vegetable Medley looks wonderful. Her recipe is also shared in Apopka Historical Society's *Preserving the Big Potato*.

One of our readers shared her Potato Salad recipe. It has been in Kapers in the past but is good enough for a repeat performance. Here again is Nancy Thomas' potato salad recipe for your enjoyment.

From our friends in Plains, Georgia, *Pot Pourri*, we have Mary Wise's Potato Rolls, which calls for two servings of instant dried potato and two packages of dry yeast. It looks as if it will make a good-sized bunch of rolls.

From *The New York Times NEW Natural Foods Cookbook*, by Jean Hewitt, we have Currant and Rice Pudding. And, I confess, I was tempted to substitute chopped cranberries or raisins for the currants (in my own kitchen, of course). Then I got the bright idea, "Maybe I should look up currants!" I did. True currants, or black currants, are tart, not sweet. And, being berries, not grapes, they grow on bushes. In 1911, their commercial cultivation in the U.S. was outlawed as it was believed they were spreading disease that negatively affected the timber industry. Then Greece began exporting Zante currants, which are small dried grapes. So, if I use Zante currants, which are sweet, I will probably enlarge the measurement to at least 1/2 cup. True currants, being tart, would be a

different taste altogether. I would need to experiment a little first before I play too much.

Check out the Walnut-Vegetable Bread from *The New York Times NEW Natural Foods Cookbook*, by Jean Hewitt. It looks healthful. And... delicious!

FRANCES MCHALE'S ITALIAN ROASTED POTATOES

Recipe from
Apopka Historical Society's
Preserving the Big Potato –
A Collection of Potato Recipes
8 potatoes
7 garlic cloves
2 cups Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup vegetable oil
Salt and pepper to taste

Slice potatoes as if for French fries but a little thicker. Put in a 10" x 2" round or oblong pan (preferably non-stick). Add oil, garlic, cheese, salt and pepper. Sprinkle a little cheese, pepper, salt, oil and 1 clove garlic (sliced or chopped) over top. Bake covered for 2 hours at 375 degrees or until potatoes are done. Uncover and brown potatoes, about 10 to 15 minutes.

LINDA LAURENDEAU'S POTATOES OR VEGETABLE MEDLEY

Recipe from
Apopka Historical Society's
Preserving the Big Potato –
A Collection of Potato Recipes
5 to 6 medium potatoes, skins on,
washed and pierced for microwave
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon seasoning (Everglades is my favorite, but there are many wonderful blends – experiment!)

Microwave the potatoes for 4 to 5 minutes. You want them not quite fork tender. Put olive oil and seasoning into a 1-gallon sealable storage bag and mix. Cut potatoes in chunks and add to the bag. Seal and toss to coat the potatoes. Fry in hot pan or on a griddle, tossing from time to time, until golden and edges are crispy.

VARIATION: When potatoes have crisp edges, add raw, sliced: green peppers, onions, yellow squash, and zucchini coated in a bag with same amount of oil and seasoning. Cook together for a few minutes and serve hot as a vegetable medley.

NANCY THOMAS' POTATO SALAD

Recipe from Reader of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers
Five pounds potatoes boiled in skins till tender
Five or six eggs hard-boiled
Celery, about two ribs

Multicolored sweet peppers, six small
Sweet onion, 1/4 large (not too much)
Dill pickle, large
Salt and pepper
Mayonnaise, 1/2 cup (more if needed)
Dill weed
Dry mustard
Celery seed
Paprika

Cook, drain and cool potatoes. Cook, drain and cool eggs by putting ice on drained eggs. Peel the skins from warm potatoes and set aside. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, chop into pieces no larger than 1/2 inch or so. Salt and pepper the potatoes in big bowl and mix with spatula. Setting aside at least two whole eggs to slice for garnish, peel the cooled eggs, chop, salt and pepper to taste. Dice celery. Setting aside a couple of the peppers to slice for garnish, slice and dice five or six small multi-colored sweet peppers. Slice and dice 1/4 large onion. Fold together in big bowl the potatoes, eggs, celery, peppers, onion, and pickle.

Mix dressing in separate bowl: 1/2 cup, maybe a little more, of the mayonnaise and two tablespoons or so of dill pickle juice. Add to this soupy mixture, 1/4 teaspoon each of following: dill weed, dry mustard, celery seed. Add salt and pepper to taste if more is needed.

Pour the dressing into the potato salad. Fold together. Don't make mashed potatoes out of the mixture!

Place the garnishes on top of the salad: Pepper rings and chopped eggs. Sprinkle beautiful red paprika on top. Cover with plastic wrap and store in refrigerator for enough time to allow the flavors to meld together. Serve.

MARY WISE'S POTATO ROLLS

Recipe from Food Favorites of Plains, Georgia Plains Pot Pourri
2 packages dry yeast
4 to 5 cups all purpose flour, divided
2 servings instant mashed potatoes
1 cup milk
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
2 eggs

In large bowl, stir together yeast and two cups flour.

In saucepan, heat until just barely warm, milk, sugar, salt and shortening, stirring until shortening is dissolved. Add potatoes.

Combine this with the flour and yeast. Add eggs. Beat with mixer three minutes. Stir in the remaining flour, or enough to make soft dough.

Grease dough and place in a well-

greased bowl.

Place in refrigerator for one hour until dough has risen twice in bulk.

Make rolls, let rise about two hours. Bake at 375 degrees. Any remaining dough may be stored for future use.

CURRENT AND RICE PUDDING

THE NEW YORK TIMES NEW NATURAL FOODS COOKBOOK
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3 cups milk
3 eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups cooked brown rice
1/2 cup chopped nuts
2 tablespoons currants
1/4 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, or to taste

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Beat the milk, eggs, vanilla, sugar, and salt together. Add the rice, nuts, currants, nutmeg, and cinnamon. Turn into a buttered casserole and bake for 30 minutes or until pudding is the desired consistency. The longer the pudding bakes, the drier it will become. Yield: Four servings.

WALNUT-VEGETABLE BREAD

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2 cups whole wheat flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1 cup grated carrot (1 large)
1/2 cup finely diced celery
3/4 cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. 2. Mix together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. 3. Beat the eggs with milk and oil and add with carrot, celery, and nuts to the dry ingredients. Mix well, then turn into an oiled 9 x 5 x 3-inch loaf pan. 4. Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. 5. Let stand in the pan on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then turn out and cool completely. Yield: One loaf.

Previous recipes can be found online at www.theapokkachief.com/recipes
Please email your recipes to: news@theapokkachief.com.

December EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ EVENTS

OCPS - SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION. Traffic patterns have changed. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those pedestrians. School zones are in force, even if lights are not flashing.

DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! Children must be five years old on or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old on or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellley 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.

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 - 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. The trail is 11 miles long. Since its opening, the trail has had more than 100,000+ visitors. **FEEDING THE ALLIGATORS MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL.**

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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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.Apopka-toastmasters.org.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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and is open for anyone who is interested in the subject or who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It is free. For more information, call 407-341-1826.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Apopka/Altamonte Springs VFW Post 10147 meets every Wednesday morning at 519 S. Central Avenue, Apopka, from 8:30-10 a.m. New members are always welcome. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com

Zumba Seniors Fitness Class, WEDNESDAYS at 8:00 a.m. at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Avenue. Call 407-703-1642 for information. Classes also held on Mondays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

City of Apopka DRC (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka.

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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.

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City Council normally meets the first **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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Walking Club: SENIORS 8:00 a.m. City

of Apopka. Will meet at Magnolia Park. Call 407-886-4231 for information.

Chair Exercise Class for seniors, 9 a.m., Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Avenue, Apopka. Call 407-703-1784.

ROTARY Luncheon Meeting, 12:00 Noon. Meetings are at the Apopka Community Center/VFW Post 10147, 519 S. Central Avenue. For information call 407-415-6588.

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

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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.**

The FOLIAGE SERTOMA CLUB meets the first and third Tuesday of each 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.

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 am.-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.

"Cookies and Milk with a Cop (Story-time, Too)" every third Saturday of the month at North Orange Branch Library, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, 11:00 a.m. This event is sponsored by APD and McDonald's located at 233 E. Main St

COFFEE WITH A COP is scheduled Saturday, from time to time at McDonald's on 233 E. Main Street. Meet with Apopka Police Chief Michael McKinley and other officers to discuss matters of concern to

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The Altamonte Springs/Apopka VFW Post 10147 is located at 519 S. Central Avenue, Apopka. The post is open Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. (other hours by appointment only). All members and families 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 Auxiliary is being formed.

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Volunteers Needed - The Debbie Turner Cancer Center needs volunteers to help in the office Monday thru Friday from 10-4. Help for an hour or two would be great. Administrative portion is moving to office next door in a couple of weeks. Call Joann at 407-880-2111 or 407-920-2882 cell.

Museum of Apopkans, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Tuesday through Friday, 1:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. For more information, call 407-703-1707. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon.

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.

GFWC Apopka Woman's Club - to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning in September.

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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.

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
City of Apopka Planning & Zon-

ing - 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.

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If you are in a hurry or would rather enjoy your meal at home, take-out orders are also available.

donuts, and ice cream with a carousel of colorful and exciting toppings.

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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 spectac-

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King Buffet Chinese Restaurant believes in the "customer first" principle. You will find that the food is always fresh and tasty, and their friendly staff will make sure your dining experience is the finest. For special occasions or organization parties, King Buffet Chinese Restaurant accepts reservations. Credit cards are accepted.

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See the story and picture at the top right of the page about the search that is underway for the replacement for Apopka Blue Darters football coach Rick Darlington. He has resigned his po-

sition to become the football coach at Enterprise (Ala.) High School. His replacement could be named later this month. A full story about Darlington's move begins on page 1A.

Blue Darters trounce Evans in first district game of basketball season

By John Peery
Apopka Chief Staff

After Evans went on a 9-0 run to pull ahead 18-16 midway through the second period, the Apopka Blue Darters boys basketball team went on its own 9-0 run to end the first half en route to a dominating 53-32 victory over the Trojans on Tuesday, December 4, in the first District 9A-3 contest for both teams.

With the victory, the Blue Darters moved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in both Metro Conference and district action.

"I thought we finished the first half really well. It was 18-all and we were really solid the last couple of minutes of the half, so we go in up seven (25-18)," said Apopka coach Scott Williams.

The host Blue Darters quickly expanded their 25-18 halftime lead and built the lead to 11 early in the third. After the Trojans scored to trim Apopka's lead to 35-26 with 2:31 left in the third period, the Blue Darters' half-court trapping defense resulted in turnover after turnover and bucket after bucket as the Trojans didn't score for a seven-minute period over the late third and early fourth periods.

During that time,



Apopka's Zach Anderson wincing as he collides with an Evans player during the Blue Darters' 53-32 victory over the Trojans.

Apopka outscored the Trojans 11-0 and built its lead to 20 at 46-26.

In the second half, the Blue Darters doubled up the Trojans, 28-14, allowing Evans just five field goals.

"Sometimes, certain defenses work certain nights, and I thought, tonight, the half-court trap was really disruptive. They just never got comfortable against it and that will happen some times," Williams said. "We did a nice job making them pay in transition and getting some easy

buckets.

"Part of why we're trying to trap more is to get in the open floor more and help our offense some as we continue to mature."

On a night when Apopka's top three scorers – Zach Anderson, Nate Louis, and John Latimer III – combined for just 17 points, senior guard Jacob Hall led the Blue Darters with 12 points, his highest offensive output of the young season.

"Without a doubt, tonight was all about Jacob Hall," Williams said. "Ja-

cob was outstanding from start to finish at both ends of the floor. He shot it well and defended well, and I'm just so happy and proud for him."

Coach Williams said that Hall, combined with solid play from fellow guard Rudy Gatling, is giving the Blue Darters some much needed depth on both ends of the court.

"I think it will continue to give us extra weapons," Williams said.

Apopka was able to

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The search for coach Rick Darlington's replacement is already under way.

Search begun for new AHS football coach

By John Peery
Apopka Chief Staff

The search has already begun for Rick Darlington's replacement as football coach at Apopka High School.

Darlington, who was coach of the Blue Darters for 17 years and won three state titles at Apopka High, resigned this week to become head coach at Enterprise (Ala.) High School.

(A story about Darlington leaving Apopka High begins on page 1A.)

Apopka High athletic director Russell Wambles posted the vacancy on the Florida High School Athletic Association website on Wednesday, December 5, after Darlington officially gave his notice that he was resigning as the football coach at Apopka High.

Wambles and AHS Principal Lyle Heinz said they have no deadline in mind for naming the new coach, but would ideally like to have him start at Apopka High in early January at the start of the second semester. However, they are not tied to that timeframe, they said.

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Wekiva girls basketball team handles West Orange

By Neal Fisher
Apopka Chief Staff

The Wekiva Mustangs defeat of the West Orange Warriors by a score of 62-47 last Tuesday, December 4 is not redemption for being knocked out of the FH-SAA postseason tournament last season.

"As said during pre-season practices, we will deal with last season's ending when the time arrives," Wekiva coach Tommie Butts said. "That time is the district championship tournament. Regular season contests do not carry the same weight, even with both teams being ranked further intensifying the atmosphere.

"A huge step towards creating the position from which redemption can be gained was taken by winning though.

Heading into the sec-



Coach Tommie Butts talks to Wekiva players during a timeout. The Mustangs downed West Orange 62-47 in a District 9A-3 contest.

ond half of the District 9A-3 championship tournament final while holding a 20-point lead, a 23-3 record and ranked inside the state's top-three throughout the 2017-18 season, return-

ing to at least the state final-four seemed to be the potential turning into fruition.

However, injuries caught up to the compliment of guards lacking depth. The Mustangs even-

tually lost the contest as well as failed to claim the district championship because injuries created an inability to handle constant and consistent pressure.

Playing at home makes

capturing the district championship tangibly valuable. The loss sent Wekiva on the road to another perennial state championship contender in the form of Colonial, where the season ended.

"While waiting for the opportunity of redemption, we have to take care of business during the regular season," Butts said. "Winning tonight was the first of a series of businesses regardless of who the opponent is. Gaining the number one seed for the district championship tournament is at the top of the list of business to take care of.

"There are five more district contests, but we have achieved as much as possible right now and don't have to overcome a stumble right now. A blueprint of how to defeat the Warriors was also established. Then losing like

we did can build on themselves. Bad losses tend to exponentially become more and more likely. Confidence by cutting off the possibility as soon as possible can't be understated in general. However, this season's district championship tournament is being held at West Orange. Possessing proof of winning at West Orange is possible is invaluable."

Wekiva never trailed. The victory was propelled by two stretches in which seven consecutive points were scored though.

With 1:28 left in the first quarter, the Mustangs extended the lead to 17-11. The lead reached the largest at 28-13 with about five and half minutes left in the second quarter.

An answer of eight consecutive points fol-

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Wekiva basketball splits contests with University and Colonial

By Neal Fisher
Apopka Chief Staff

Energy and the Wekiva Mustangs have walked side by side so far this season.

"Play of the winning sort isn't consistent," Mustangs coach Gersino Lubin said. "We have played well and not as well as capable of over the course of periods so far this season. Determining why doesn't start with looking at the execution though. If a certain amount and level of energy isn't present to begin with, execution is impossible. Strong execution grows out of

playing with energy.

"When energy is strong and above a certain level, we have outscored opponents with force. When the opponent outscored us with force, energy is well below a certain level. The tendency has been in effect since the tip-off of the Preseason Classic."

The season progressed with two contests against the Colonial Grenadiers and University Cougars.

Wekiva 71 University 51

Successive points on two stretches of three consecutive possessions was the difference

during the contest played on Friday, November 30 and against the Cougars. The score was either tied or changed hands 11 times until midway through the third quarter.

With both teams amassing 29 points, the first half came to an end.

"Whether or not the lesson about lacking energy was learned remains to be seen," Lubin said. "There wasn't a repeat for at least this contest though. Unlike the first contest, we understood not only the necessity of playing with energy, but matching the level produced by home

openers. The expenditure of extra energy and effort in order to make up a large deficit didn't occur. And teams are in a much better situation to play their games when ahead."

Terrance McClain drained a trey from the left wing to break the tie for good and began the first run which was made up of seven consecutive points. Then eight more followed, beginning with Latavius Poole tipping in a missed field goal attempt.

The percentage for field goals during the runs was 60 as six of 10 attempts were converted. Five turnovers were turned

into 10 points as well.

After three quarters, Wekiva led 55-38.

"Activeness was very strong with Latavius and contagious for the rest of the team," Lubin said. "The floor was run very well by Latavius. Without any specific sets or plays called for him, Latavius earned a double-double. Latavius' individual statistics were within the context of what special achievements this team is capable of."

Twenty-one points were recorded by McClain as the high-

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NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Andrews McMeel Syndication

Tifft joins Front Row Motorsports for 2019 Cup Series season

NASCAR team owner Bob Jenkins, who has been fielding cars in the Monster Energy Cup Series for 14 years, likely had lofty goals for his team when he chose the name Front Row Motorsports.

After fielding 898 entries over the years, he has two wins — one by David Ragan at Talladega in 2013, and another by Chris Buescher at Pocono in 2016, along with six top-five finishes, 16 top-10s and one pole, at Daytona in 2014 with David Gilliland.

Those numbers may not seem impressive at first glance, but Jenkins has steadily grown his team and remained a part of a sport that has seen others like him come in and leave without finding great success.

On Tuesday, Jenkins announced that he will field a third team for rookie Matt Tifft, who made the Xfinity Series playoffs this year while driving for Richard Childress Racing.

Tifft will drive a No. 36 Ford and join veteran drivers Ragan and Michael McDowell, who are returning to Front Row to drive the No. 34 and 38 Fords, respectively.



Matt Tifft

"Today is a huge moment in my career, announcing my move to the Cup series," said Tifft, a 22-year-old driver who overcame surgery to remove a brain tumor two years ago. "This has been a dream of mine since I was a kid, and I can't believe it's finally coming true."

Ragan, a veteran with six years of seniority at Front Row, said the addition of a third car for Tifft is another step in the team's efforts to improve.

"Bob Jenkins has always grown his race team strategically, and I'm proud to be a part of that growth," Ragan said in a team release. "It's exciting that we're now ready to take the next step with a third car. ..."

"We've made a lot of gains this season with our enhanced program with Ford Performance and our alliance with Roush Fenway Racing, and I think we can make even greater strides next year."

McDowell, who is returning for his second season at Front Row, said he too sees better days ahead.

"This season has been a big steppingstone for me in my career," he said. "We haven't gotten the results we've wanted every week, but we've made huge advances as a team. I've really benefited from having a teammate this year and feel like I've made valuable contributions in return. I'm looking forward to building on that next year and welcoming another teammate in Matt Tifft."

Jenkins, a Dandridge, Tennessee, native whose day job is overseeing 260 Taco Bell restaurants, said he's proud to see his team become a three-driver outfit.

"We've made it clear in recent years that it was our intent to continue to invest in NASCAR and expand to a three-car team," he said. "Not only are we here to stay, we're here to grow."

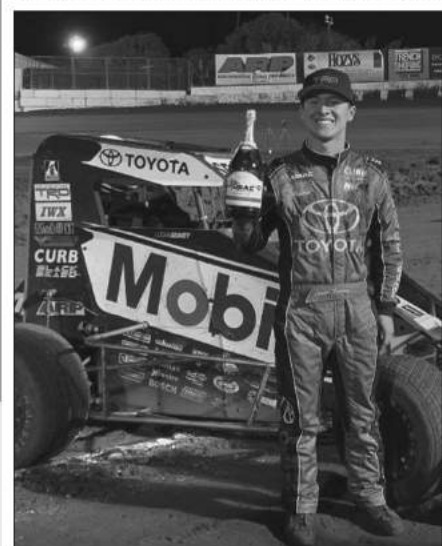
"We already have two proven veterans in our lineup, and now we'll get to add an impressive young talent and championship contender who will inject some new energy into the group. With the introduction of the Ford Mustang into the Cup Series, 2019 is shaping up to be an exciting season for us."

Logan Seavey garners attention after successful 2018 season on the track

Logan Seavey, a young driver being backed by Toyota, has won his second national Midget series championship.

"Not too long ago, I didn't have a Midget ride, and here we are with the best team in the world in Keith Kunz Motorsports, winning the USAC championship," Seavey said in a release from the manufacturer.

Seavey, who had an impressive top-10 run in this year's Dirt Derby, the Camping World Truck Series race on the dirt at Eldora Speedway, won three USAC Midget races this season and ended the year 137 points ahead of his closest challenger, Brady Bacon.



Logan Seavey

The 21-year-old from Sutter, California, also won an ARCA race on the dirt at Du Quion, Illinois, and finished third in the circuit's other dirt race, at Springfield, Illinois.

"Logan is a very talented racer who has quickly become a driver to watch in American motorsports," Laura Pierce, motorsports general manager for Toyota Motor North America, said in the news release. "Not only has he captured his second championship, but he also made his Truck Series and ARCA debut this year, contending for wins in both series. Everyone at Toyota is looking forward to seeing what's next for Logan in the 2019 season."

Jimmie Johnson takes a spin in a Formula One car during 'ride swap'

Jimmie Johnson, at 43 years old, has just concluded the least-successful season of his 17 years of full-time racing on NASCAR's Monster Energy Cup Series circuit. He had just two top-five finishes, 11 top-10s, no poles and just 40 laps led.

He could be excused for ending the year with a lack of enthusiasm for the sport, but if his experiences of the past week are any indication, there's still some fuel in the tank for the seven-time Cup champion and winner of 83 races.

In the first week of his 2018 offseason, he flew to Bahrain and participated in a ride swap with retiring Formula One driver Fernando Alonso.

From every indication, including his own Twitter posts, Johnson was like a kid on Christmas morning. He was pretty fast, too. He ran a total of 28 laps in Alonso's car and was within two-tenths of a second per lap of the time Alonso turned prior to Johnson taking the wheel.

"It's a huge honor to have this opportunity," Johnson said in a story posted by Hendrick Motorsports. "It was literally the experience of a lifetime."

Johnson said the Formula One cars, which are technically superior to the Cup cars, took some getting used to.



Fernando Alonso, Jimmie Johnson and teams from Hendrick Motorsports and McLaren Racing pose for a picture during the teams' car swap in Bahrain.

"The braking is just insane," he said. "I mean, you hit the brakes and you literally lose your vision at max G-force, it's so high. And at the end of the braking zone your vision comes back and your eyes focus and you can see the corner."

He said that on his first run, the aerodynamic forces were lifting his helmet off his head.

"I was staring at the microphone, my helmet was up so high," he said. "I'm like, 'I don't want to stop, but I think I should.'"

Alonso told reporters he was impressed with Johnson's ability to adapt to the car.

"I think he was really gaining time every run he was going out," he said.

Alan Gustafson, normally the crew chief for Johnson's teammate Chase Elliott, made the trip to tend to the No. 48 Chevy.

He said Alonso, who smoked the tires of the No. 48 Chevy on many a turn, showed him why he's been so successful on the elite Formula One circuit.

"I've been fortunate enough to work around some really talented guys, and certainly he's one of them," Gustafson said. "It always is impressive to see how effortlessly those guys can make it look and how effortlessly the speed comes."



Two-time Formula One champion Fernando Alonso, wearing cap, chats with seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson during a ride swap between the two in Bahrain.

Former Truck Series driver sentenced

In his 16 years of competing in the Camping World Truck Series, Rick Crawford of Mobile, Alabama, became one of the circuit's top drivers. He ran in 336 races, winning five of them. He won six poles and posted 75 top-five and 160 top-10 finishes from 1997 to 2012.

But Crawford likely will be remembered most for his post-racing downward spiral, a turn of events that has shocked even his closest racing friends.

Last week, a federal judge in Orlando, Florida, sentenced Crawford, 60, to 10 years and 10 months in prison for attempting to entice a minor-age girl to engage in an illegal sexual activity.

The Associated Press reported that Crawford was convicted in August after being arrested earlier in the year in Lake Mary, Florida.

Crawford was communicating about sex with a federal agent posing as the father of a fictitious 12-year-old girl.

Crawford reportedly said he would not have gone through with sex had the girl actually been underage.

Chase Briscoe secures Xfinity Series ride for 2019 at Stewart-Haas Racing

Former dirt racer Chase Briscoe has landed a full-time Xfinity Series ride in the No. 98 Ford fielded by Stewart-Haas Racing with Fred Biagi.

Briscoe got his first career Xfinity Series victory while driving the No. 98 back in October on the Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway. That win came in his 14th start in the series. Briscoe also won this year's Camping World Truck Series race on the dirt at Eldora Speedway driving a Ford fielded by ThorSport Racing.

"I got a taste of what Stewart-Haas Racing is capable of in the five races I ran with the team this year," Briscoe said in a team release. "Winning at Charlotte was one of the greatest moments of my career."

Team co-owner Tony Stewart said he has high hopes for Briscoe.

"I've been paying attention to Chase since he raced Sprint cars and I saw how well he transitioned to stock cars," Stewart said. "It was obviously great to see him in our Ford Mustangs a few times this year, and Chase didn't disappoint."

"His win at Charlotte showed us a lot. He was patiently aggressive and he did a really good job of managing his tires. He's learned a lot in a very short period of time, and we're really looking forward to seeing what he can do when he's in the same car, working with the same crew, week in and week out."

In addition to his early success on dirt tracks, where, at age 13, he became the youngest winner of a 410-cubic-inch-engine Sprint car race, Briscoe won the 2016 ARCA Racing Series championship with a six-win season.

He was rookie of the year in the Camping World Truck Series in 2017 and won the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway.



Chase Briscoe

Leavine Family Racing names crew chief for the 95 team

Leavine Family Racing confirmed last week that veteran crew chief Mike Wheeler will join its No. 95 team and work with the team's new driver, Matt DiBenedetto.

The team also will switch to Toyota and share an alliance with Joe Gibbs Racing, where Wheeler spent the past three seasons working with Denny Hamlin on the No. 11 Toyota.

"We're thrilled to have Mike (Wheeler) joining our organization because he's had a successful career so far in the crew chief

role," LFR General Manager Jeremy Lange said in a news release. "With our transition over to Toyota this coming season, Mike brings with him a wealth of knowledge in regard to how to build competitive Toyota Camrys, and we're looking forward to his leadership within LFR."



Youth football team competing in national event

The Apopka Raptors 8u football team is competing this weekend in the AAU national tournament in Davenport. The team won the FYFCL regional championship after taking the local title as well. Head coach is Johnnie Saunders and he is assisted by Jeremiah Harvard, Charles Riley Sr., Malik Mitchell, and Dozell Varner. Team members are, Nyzeier Collington, Elijah Walker, Charles Riley, Chase Saunders, Anthony Eldell, Trae Rolle, Dozell Varner, Chaise Burke, Marquise Grayson, Aniyah Eldell, Aiden McMath, Christian Bryant, Kenard Bradford, Eric Solomon, Alexander Brown, Issac Farling, Demarious Hall, Nathaniel Taylor, Champ Terrell, Nicholas Taylor, and Drevon Hubbard. The cheerleaders are, Payton Maynard, Tristan Price, Amara Thompson, KeKe Bradford, Willow Tucker, Caroline Hardy, Kelsey Stinard, Ava Robinson, Natalia Pennock, Sarai Varner, and Janiyah Robinson. Cheerleader junior coach is Taylor Price.



Weather has been playin' havoc with local fishin'

Hello Folks,

Well, we have cooler weather again and the wind has been kinda nasty. With the up-and-down temperatures and the wind blowin' like crazy, lots of folks haven't been fishin'.

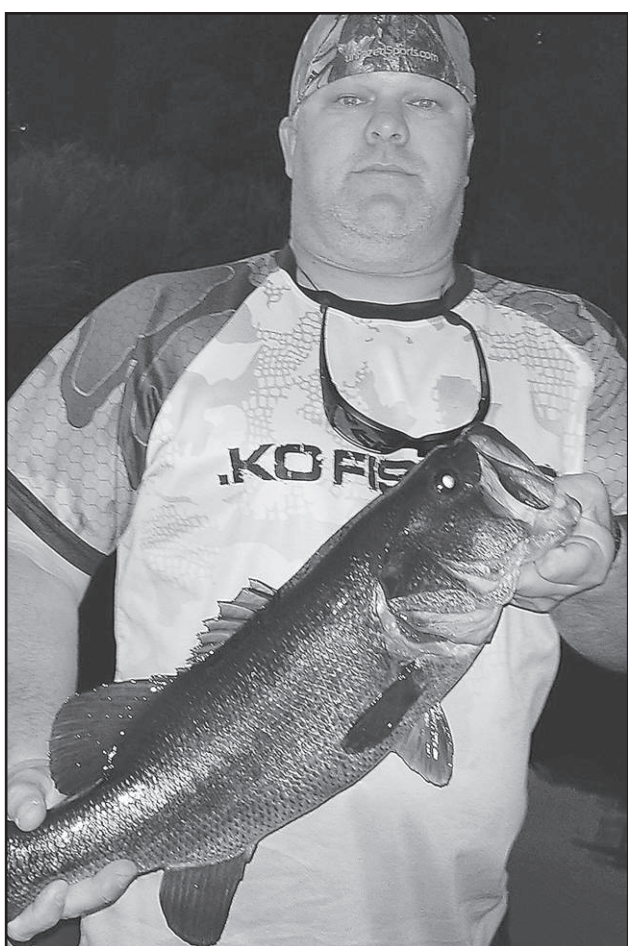
I'm sure some folks are gettin' on the water and catchin' some fish but it has been a little slow lately in our area.

Kyle at Bitters Bait and Tackle reports that he has a few fishermen catchin' some specks in Lake Monroe by driftin' open water with minners. I'm gettin' some reports that they are catchin' a few specks in Lake Woodruff on minners and jigs tipped with minners. You need to fish around the clumps of hydrilla, and the openings in the hydrilla to catch some specks.

The bass fishin' has been kinda' slow as well. Again, the wind and the weather have kept lots of folks from goin' fishin'.

A group of guys from work have been catchin' some bass in Lake Fairview. Most of their bass are bein' caught on plastic worms and slow-sinkin' Senko-type baits.

The bass fishin' on the Butler Chain remains the same. Folks are catchin' some bass along the shoreline cover first thing in the mornin'. You need to



Justin Newby shows off a largemouth bass he caught that weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz., one ounce larger than his previous biggest fish. He landed the big bass in Lake Fairview in Orlando.

use a noisy top-water bait and then switch to plastic worms and slow-sinkin' Senko-type baits.

There have been a lot of schoolers throughout the chain so keep a lipless crank-bait tied on to one of your rods at all times. Once the sun gets up, try fishin' the submerged hydrilla and pepper

grass patches throughout the chain. Some of guides on the chain are draggin' shiners over those same areas and catchin' some nice bass. Of course, that all depends on the weather and the wind.

The Harris Chain has been off just a little for bass fishin'. Again, the weather and the wind have kept a

lot of fishermen off the water. The good news is if you do go fishin', there are a lot of areas of the chain where you can fish and stay out of the wind. So, if you have that adventurous spirit and you want to go fishin', just be safe on the water.

The bass fishin' on the Kissimmee Chain has been a little slow as of late. Once the weather gets settled in, the bass fishin' should pick back up. You can still catch some bass on shiners along

the shoreline cover and around the pads and over the submerged hydrilla beds. You just need to keep movin' around until you locate some bass that want to bite.

The best lures have been plastic worms and speed worms. You can also catch a few specks in open water on jigs tipped with a minner.

Well, that's it for this week. I wish I could tell ya the fishin' is great but it ain't. It's kinda slow right



Jim Keck
Goin' Fishin'

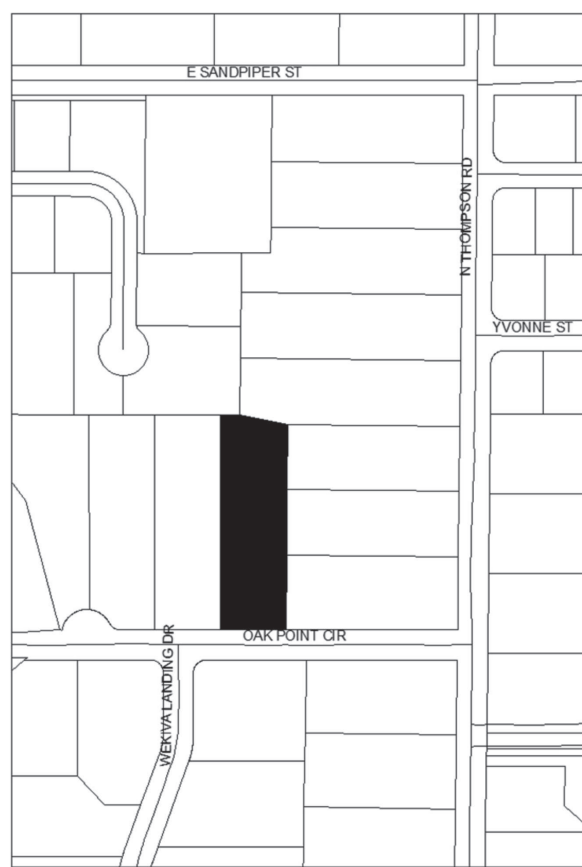
now.

Tip of the week: Go fishin'.

Save a few and good luck!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given that **The City of Apopka** has made an application, in accordance with Florida Statutes 163.3187(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article XII, Section 12.04.00, to the City of Apopka City Council for an administrative **change in the Future Land Use Designation for approximately 1.27 +/- acres from "County" Low Density Residential to "City" Residential Very Low Suburban and a change in Zoning from "County" R-CE (Zoning in Progress) to "City" RCE-1 Residential Country Estate 1 District.** This application relates to the following described property located north of Oakpoint Circle and West of North Thompson Road.



Parcel I.D.: 02-21-28-9090-00-010
Contains: 1.27 +/- Acres

ORDINANCE NO. 2686

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM "COUNTY" LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO "CITY" RESIDENTIAL VERY LOW SUBURBAN (0-2 DU/AC) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1163 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **WILLIAM D COOK AND ROBYN D COOK REVOCABLE TRUST**; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2687

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM "COUNTY" R-CE (ZIP) TO "CITY" RCE-1 (RESIDENTIAL COUNTRY ESTATE 1 DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1163 OAKPOINT CIRCLE, COMPRISING 1.27 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **WILLIAM D COOK AND ROBYN D COOK REVOCABLE TRUST** PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meetings in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, December 19, 2018, beginning at 7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Zoning Application 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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Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is later dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880.

In the period from November 27-December 3, the Apopka Police Department received 1,325 calls for assistance, responded to 41 crashes, issued 69 citations and made 19 arrests. Of the arrests, none were juvenile arrests.

The following were arrested and charged:

Jerry Martel Anglin, 39, 6616 Willow St., Zellwood, disorderly intoxication/disorderly condition alcohol/drugs intoxication.

Lyle M. Barnes, 39, 178 Springwood Cir. #A, Longwood, drugs-possess with intent to sell manufacture/deliver steroids schedule III.

Jermaine Brown, 45, transient, Apopka, burglary-dwelling structure armed, carrying concealed weapon unlicensed, damage property-criminal mischief over \$200 under \$1,000.

Elieshia Shontrilia Mae Cobb, 25, 708 S. Washington Ave., Apopka, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit theft 1st degree property more than \$100 less than \$300.

Mark Allen Cooper, 39, confidential address, Apopka, kidnap-false imprisonment adult.

Corey J. Dauven Sherpf, 30, 622 N. Lake Ave., Apopka, probation violation-order community control relative unknown/felony/misdemeanor/juvenile non criteria.

Jose G. Diaz, 32, 740 W. Pennsylvania Ave., DeLand, out-of-county warrant.

Cody Michael Garcia, 21, 23643 Central Ave., Sorrento, drug equipment-possess and/or use, drugs-possess controlled substance without prescription includes marijuana over 20 grams, marijuana-possess not more than 20 grams.

Alex Lee Gilbert, 35, confidential address, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Adan Hernandez, 34, 9 E. Tahoe St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license, traffic offense-DUI alcohol or drugs.

Bobby Ray Jones, 28, 2003 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, larceny-petit theft from merchant 3rd subsequent

offense, larceny-resist arrest commit theft resist recovery of property.

Nathon Jonathon Matthew, 22, 1617 Valeview Ct., Apopka, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit 1st offense 2nd degree 1st offense.

Oscar Enrique Ramirez-Gutierrez, 19, 464 Dream Lake Dr., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license.

Daniel Joseph Richardson, 48, confidential address, Apopka, aggravated battery-cause bodily harm or disability.

Gary Lee Simmons, 53, 1409 Clarcona Rd., Apt. 1, Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Clemente Claver Ventura-Morales, 24, hit and run-leave scene of crash involving damage to property more than \$50, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license.

Asharitariell Renee Williams, 21, 4312 Lake Lawne Ave., Orlando, battery-cause bodily harm.

Emanuel Chazmon Williams, 36, 662 Lake Dr., Altamonte Springs, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit theft 1st degree property more than \$100 less than \$300.

Christopher Lee Woodcock, 32, 2014 Section Dr., Apopka, smuggle contraband-introduce into county detention facility.

Wekiva girls destroy West Orange while boys fall



Wekiva girls coach Tommie Butts watches as his team annihilates West Orange 62-47 on November 4.



Wekiva's Sedayah Payne pulls up and shoots a jump shot over a West Orange Warrior Tuesday night.



The Mustangs Terrance McClain weaves through the Warrior's defense to take a jump shot.



Wekiva boys coach Gersino Lubin discusses strategy with his team during Tuesday's game. The Mustangs fell to West Orange 71-68.



Wekiva's Malik Dixon (23) and Terrance McClain (1) prepare to leap for a rebound during Wekiva's 71-68 loss to West Orange.



Tristan Bryan guards a West Orange ball handler during Wekiva's double header second game following the girls' game Tuesday evening.

Photos by Neal Fisher



Emmy James dribbles from the back court during Wekiva's 62-47 victory during Tuesday's double header.

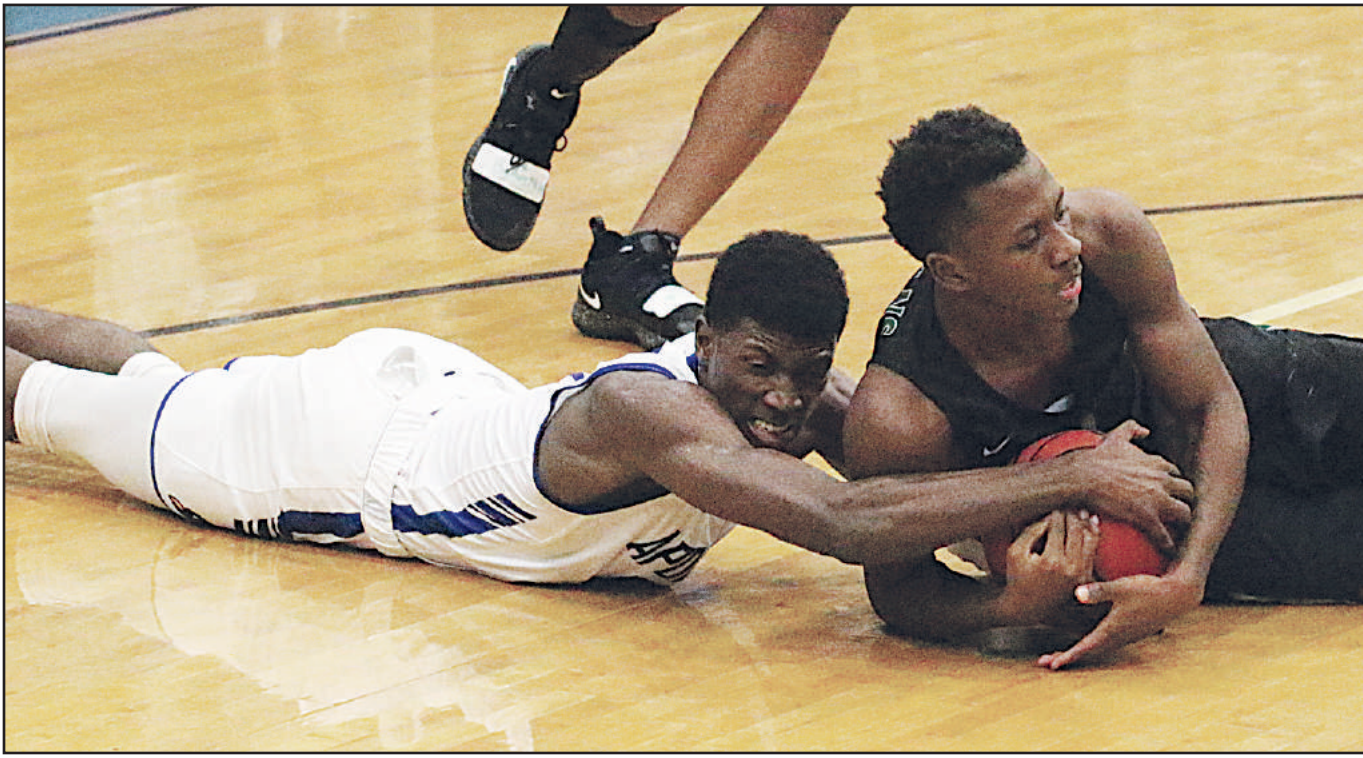


Sedayjah Payne brings the ball down court as the Mustangs cruise to an easy victory.



Nicki Butler shoots a free throw at the Tuesday, November 4, double header before the boys game.

Apopka Blue Darters demolish Evans Trojans 53-32



Apopka's Keiving Etienne wrestles with an Evans player for possession of a loose ball during Tuesday night's 53-32 victory over the Trojans.



Jacob Hall stops and pops a jumper for three points.



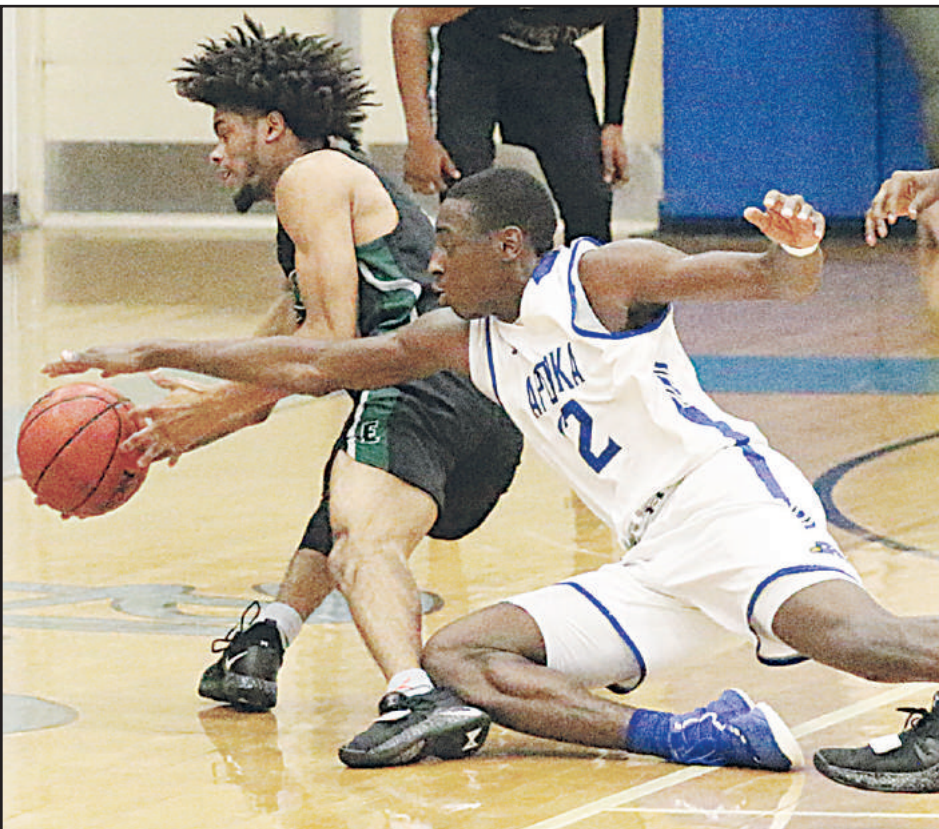
Nathan Louis dribbles and cuts back against the defense during a 53-32 victory Tuesday.



Apopka's Earl Lombardi goes up between two Evans players on Tuesday evening.



Keiving Etienne rises for a shot as Apopka goes on to trounce Evans 53-32.



Apopka's Nate Louis stretches out as he lunges on the ground for a ball in the hands of an Evans player.



The Darters' John Latimer tries to make a basket as he collides with an opposing player as he drives the lane.



Quantary Roberson of Apopka drives to the basket on Tuesday, December 4.



Nate Louis drives past an Evans player at the top of the key as the Darters host the Trojans.



Jacob Hall steals the ball from Evans as Apopka decimates the Trojans at home on December 4.

Photos by John Peery

There are some great memories Darlington leaves with us

While we're heavy into winter sports in our local high schools these days, with the announcement this week that Rick Darlington was leaving as Apopka High School's football coach to take a job in Alabama, it seems entirely appropriate to reflect on his time at Apopka High.

To say that he elevated the program is perhaps the understatement of the year.

Both on and off the field, the Apopka High football program is respected not only throughout the state, but the nation. Those who know about good high school football programs know about Apopka High because of Darlington and the success the Blue Darters have had throughout his career here.

Yes, that career here. It started in 1999 and when the Blue Darters started out 5-0, I thought we might have a keeper of a coach. The train went off its track just a little bit as the Darters lost the next four, including a double-overtime one-point heartbreaker.

But that was the last time that the Blue Darters weren't in the playoffs. If you're counting, that's 19 years in a row that Apopka has participated in the postseason. And the Blue Darters haven't been just participants, they've dominated at times.

Darlington had a 32-13 record in the playoffs as Apopka's coach, with 15 of those victories coming in three seasons as the Blue Darters claimed three state championships while he was coach.

When the Darters won the first one in 2001, I really had no idea what to look for in a state championship team, but that team had it — talent, chemistry, and an ability to overcome any adversity.

You could say the same thing about the 2012 and 2014 state title teams, as well. Those teams had their own issues, on and off the field, to deal with and both of them overcame them in time to hoist the trophy.

The 2001 team was



John Peery
Peery's Extra Points

handling most teams fairly easily, but the light didn't really turn on for that team until the ninth game of the regular season when the Blue Darters waxed Dr. Phillips, 35-0. No, that wasn't as good a team as we think of DP these days, but it wasn't a bad team.

In the playoffs, the Blue Darters really cranked it up, starting with a 57-16 win over district winner Boone in the first round. Apopka led 57-0 at half and obviously put on the brakes in the second half.

The third round was a rematch with Edgewater, a team that had beaten the Blue Darters 21-14 during the regular season in a game that wasn't as close as the score would indicate. In the playoff game between the rivals, Apopka whipped Edgewater in every way possible, winning 48-10.

Apopka would go on to thump Deerfield Beach in a state semifinal before handling Miami Northwestern 34-16 in a game that would end in a fog at Florida State's Doak Campbell Stadium.

That was a special night for Apopka football fans and one that many of us will remember for as long as we have breath. You can only have one first state title and it was a good one.

In 2012, the season started out 1-2 before the light turned on and the Blue Darters whipped all comers, including getting a 38-19 victory over Dr. Phillips in the state semifinal, the team that had opened Apopka's season with a 35-17 defeat.

The state championship game against Weston Cypress Bay was a thriller to end all thrillers. Apopka won 53-50 in a game that literally went down to the wire. It wasn't decided until Rakeem Smith dove to intercept a Cypress Bay

pass in the end zone in the final seconds of the game.

That interception thrilled the thousands of Apopka football fans who filled up one side of what is now Camping World Stadium. It was one of the most exciting games I've ever seen.

In 2014, the Blue Darters really struggled during the regular season, limping to a 6-4 record. Apopka lost three games in October, but then righted the ship really during the first playoff game at Oviedo. Two fourth-quarter touchdowns gave the team new life and after that, it was as if a new team had gotten off the bus each Friday night.

During the regular season, West Orange had beaten Apopka 45-31. The Warriors were talented and took apart the Apopka defense. In the playoff rematch, it was all Apopka as the Blue Darters dominated in all phases, whipping West Orange 42-0.

Then there was the absolute barn burner at Jacksonville First Coast when Apopka won 64-48 on a very chilly night the day after Thanksgiving. That game saw even more offense than the 53-50 win over Cypress Bay.

Apopka's state semifinal 45-14 win over Bradenton Manatee exercised many demons from the Apopka High football program as Manatee had defeated Apopka three straight times in the playoffs in the early to mid 1990s.

In the state title game, Miami Columbus made it close, but Apopka was in control pretty much the entire game, winning 30-23.

Of course, there were 14 seasons under Darlington when the Blue Darters didn't win the state title, but that doesn't mean there wasn't success. In 2013, Apopka set state scoring records, but the offense met its match in the state title game against Homestead South Dade.

I'll never forget Darlington's reaction when he was handed the state runner-up trophy. It lasted no more than five seconds

in his hand as he quickly gave it to then-athletic director Fred Priest.

There are many other games that come to mind when thinking about Darlington's time as Apopka's football coach, but there are also the off-the-field moments.

He always required the players to be gentlemen off the field and behave in the classroom and in life. Some of the players had precious little guidance at home or elsewhere, but they got it from Darlington and his coaching staff.

From an academic and behavioral standpoint at school, all it took was a quick phone call or email from a teacher to quell any disrespect or other issues in class.

On the field, it's apparent that the Blue Darters are required to play hard and with intensity but also to be sportsmen who stay within the rules.

No, players aren't perfect and neither is Darlington or you or I, but you knew that there would be no taunting from Apopka players and that they would shake hands and congratulate the other team no matter the outcome of the game. Unfortunately, the opposite is true too many times these days.

Enterprise High School in Alabama is getting a great coach and man to lead their football program.

For Darlington, he's getting quite a hefty increase in salary and will be financially rewarded for his hard work and passion in ways that just aren't possible here in Orange County.

Things are different in Alabama and he's getting a great opportunity to become more financially stable, which is something we all look for.

I wish Rick Darlington nothing but the best. I consider him a friend, which is somewhat unusual in this line of work, but when I see things done the right way on and off the field, I am attracted to that.

He'll do well in Alabama. Apopka's loss is Enterprise's gain.

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Rick Darlington smiles after the Blue Darters defeated rival West Orange, 27-21, this season.

Next guy?

For those of us who pay close attention to the Apopka High football program, the obvious choice to replace Rick Darlington is James Delgado.

While many casual fans wouldn't recognize his name or face, Delgado not only played on that 2001 Apopka team as a starting offensive lineman, but he was the offensive line coach for the Blue Darters for several years, including during its most successful run from 2012-2014.

He left Apopka High after the 2016 season to become the head football coach at Riverdale High School near Fort Myers. The Raiders had great success this season with a 10-0 regular season before falling in a first-round playoff game.

In addition to being an incredible football coach, Delgado is one gem of a young man. He's a no-brainer for the Apopka football job, but, unfortunately for Apopka, it doesn't look like he's coming back this time.

Although he wouldn't elaborate when I spoke to him this week, Delgado's situation in southwest Florida likely won't allow him to apply for or accept the Apopka coaching job. I'm not sure if it's professional or personal because he wouldn't go into detail, but I know it must be something very important

or otherwise he would be heading back our way to take over the program.

With Delgado not in the picture, there are a few other names that pop in my mind, but we'll see how the application process goes. I'm pretty sure that Apopka High athletic director Russell Wambles already has a clogged email box with coaches sending resumes in hopes of being names to replace Darlington.

Of course, that begs the concern of coaches not wanting to follow the legend. At all levels and in all sports, we've seen good coaches struggle to meet expectations when they took over from a coach who had achieved great success.

However, I think there are enough outstanding coaches out there who would love to try to their hand at continuing the vast success the Blue Darters have had under Darlington.

Hopefully, the process will be fairly smooth and won't take too long to complete. If the new coach is already an employee of Orange County Public Schools, the new coach might start at the beginning of the second semester in early January. If the coach comes from outside the county, it would likely be later in January before he would start.

However long it takes, the right man can continue the success and even add to it.

Blue Darters win two games in early-season tourney

By **John Peery**
Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka Blue Darters boys basketball team finished in fifth place in the eight-team 42nd annual Tip-Off Classic hosted by Winter Park High School.

After a 47-45 loss to Seminole High in the final seconds of the tournament's opening game (reported in last week's edition), the Blue Darters defeated Boone and Lake Highland Prep to take fifth place in the early-season event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Orange County East.

Apopka 34, Boone 27

In typical fashion, the Boone Braves slowed the pace of game, but the Blue Darters overcame Boone's tactics in a Tip-Off Classic consolation bracket contest held Thursday, November 29, at Winter Park High School.

The Braves hit a trio of three-pointers in the first period to take a 10-4 lead over the Blue Darters, but Apopka held Boone to just two points in the second period and Nate Louis scored all seven of Apopka's second-quarter points to pull

the Darters to within 12-11 at halftime.

The two teams then went on a veritable scoring feast in the third quarter and Apopka took its first lead about 30 seconds into the third on Louis' field goal.

Following a bucket by Apopka's Keiving Etienne and a three-pointer by Boone that tied the game at 15-15 about 90 seconds into the third, the Blue Darters took the lead for good on Etienne's field goal as the Blue Darters easily broke Boone's full-court press.

Apopka built its lead to 24-19 late in the third, but the Braves got back to within 24-23 early in the fourth before a five-point streak by the Blue Darters, all from the foul line, built the led to 29-23.

With both teams marching to the free-throw line throughout the final period, each team had just one field goal from the floor. Apopka's was a dunk by Etienne with about a minute to go that gave Apopka a 32-25 lead.

"The Boone game was so important for us because nothing easy was happening for us offensively, but we just refused to allow them to sit and run



The Apopka bench was happy during the Blue Darters' first home game against Evans. A story about that game begins on page 1C.

their stuff," Apopka coach Scott Williams said. "We just kept trapping them in the half-court and trapping them and trapping them, just to basically say, 'We want to make you uncomfortable.' We did it just enough and got just enough stuff.

"You know what, that was a sign of maturity from our club to be able to find a way on a night where it was really a grinding early-season, no-rhythm, no-flow kind of game."

Louis was the only player to break into double figures as he had 14 points for the Blue Darters. Zach Anderson added 9,

while Etienne had 6. Rudy Gatling added 3 and Quantary Roberson had 2.

Neither team shot the ball well as Apopka was just 10-of-26 for 38 percent from the field, while Boone was 9-of-38 for 24 percent. Apopka had 14 turnovers, but the Braves totaled 16.

Apopka 60, Lake Highland Prep 46

The Blue Darters never trailed and built the lead to 17 points in the second period before coasting to the victory in the fifth-place game of the Tip-Off Classic on Saturday, December 1.

After a Lake Highland

field goal pulled the Highlanders to within 9-8 late in the first period, the Blue Darters went on a 13-0 run to take control of the game. Apopka led 31-16 at half.

Apopka shut the door on any chance of a Lake Highland comeback by outscoring the Highlanders 19-7 in the first seven minutes of the third quarter to take a 50-23 lead.

Apopka dominated in every phase of the game, but especially inside where the Blue Darters rebounded the Highlanders, 39-21. Anderson led the way for Apopka with 13 boards. He also had five of Apopka's 15 offensive re-

bounds.

Sharing the ball was not a problem for the Blue Darters as they had 14 assists on 21 field goals. Apopka also had 10 steals.

"What happened against Lake Highland Prep is we figured out who we are again," coach Williams said. "We mauled them on the glass. We were just fantastic on the glass. We were aggressive. We set the tone from start to finish and created turnovers and we hurt them in transition. Then, we were able to get Rudy (Gatling) going and knocked down some shots. That was so big."

Four Blue Darters made it into double figures as Anderson led the way with 18 points. Gatling had 13 with 12 points on four 3-pointers. Etienne added 12 points while Louis had 10.

Other Apopka scorers were: Jacob Hall (4 points), Manne Brennan (2), and Earl Lombardi (1).

The Blue Darters played without starting point guard John Latimer III who had injured his hand in a fall during the game against Boone. Latimer returned to the lineup in Apopka's game this week against Evans High.

Apopka High basketball will host Metro vs. Florida Challenge

Even though the four-day event is a little more than a month away, the schedule for the annual Metro vs. Florida Challenge hosted by Apopka High boys basketball coach Scott Williams and the Blue Darters boys basketball team has been finalized.

Twenty games will highlight the schedule with teams from the Metro Conference (Orange County Public Schools) facing

teams from across the state as far away as Cape Coral, Lake Wales, and Melbourne.

Three games will be played each evening on Thursday, January 17, and Friday, January 18, with seven games each day on Saturday, January 19, and Monday, January 21, which is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

January 18 will be Wekiva's night as the Mustangs' boys basketball team

will play the Vanguard School out of Lake Wales in a 5 p.m. and that will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by Wekiva's girls basketball team's game against the Apopka Blue Darters girls basketball team.

The Apopka High boys basketball squad will hit the court on January 19 for a 6:30 p.m. game against the Eustis Panthers. Then, on January 21, the Blue Darters will tip off the day's contests with

an 11 a.m. game against the Lake Minneola Hawks.

The overall schedule follows:

Thursday, January 17: 5 p.m.-Freedom vs. Windermere Prep; 6:30 p.m.-University vs. Titusville Astronaut; and 8 p.m.-Cypress Creek vs. Master's Academy.

Friday, January 18: 5 p.m.-Wekiva vs. Vanguard School; 6:30 p.m.-Apopka girls vs. Wekiva girls; and 8:30 p.m.-Edge-

water vs. Leesburg.

Saturday, January 19: 11 a.m.-Jones vs. Lakeland Kathleen; 12:15 p.m.-Evans vs. Clermont East Ridge; 1:45 p.m.-Lake Nona vs. Winter Springs; 3:30 p.m.-Olympia vs. Winter Haven; 5 p.m.-Dr. Phillips vs. Melbourne; **6:30 p.m.-Apopka vs. Eustis;** and 8 p.m.-West Orange vs. Auburndale.

Monday, January 21: 11 a.m.-Apopka vs. Lake Minneola; 12:15 p.m.-Co-

lonial vs. Lake Highland Prep; 1:45 p.m.-East River vs. Mount Dora Christian Academy; 3:30 p.m.-Timber Creek vs. Lake Brantley; 5 p.m.-Ocoee vs. Cape Coral Mariner; 6:30 p.m.-Windermere vs. Central Florida Christian Academy; and 8 p.m.-Winter Park vs. The First Academy.

All games will be played at Apopka High School's Joe A. Sterling Gymnasium.

Wekiva: Mustangs led the entire game against West Orange Warriors

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lowed. Sedayjah Payne's 10-foot jump shot from the left side of the paint ended the streak.

On eight occasions after Payne converted the attempt, West Orange scored consecutive points. Consecutive possessions without Mustang points never reached three though.

"Man to man pressure was

the gameplan and created the tangible damage allowing us to win," Butts said. "The passion to win growing from the intensity with which we played was the intangible. From start to finish, lacking that intensity needed to maintain the passion never existed. There wasn't any doubt as to the lesson of a lead can be given up had been learned. Reminders about last season by the coaches

were constant. However, I think the players' intensity would have been the same without reminders."

Scores were 22-13, 36-24 and 45-31 at the end of each quarter.

"Opportunities to create turnovers and force West Orange into low percentage shots were looked for first and foremost," Butts said. "The execution of moving

the ball on both sides of the court stuck out positively as a whole. Converting each and every opportunity to extend the lead was focused on."

Only eight turnovers were committed by the Mustangs.

Field goal percentage was 48 percent as 18 of 37 attempts were converted. Thirteen of 22 two-point attempts were converted. The high percentage was fostered

by 14 attempts taken in transition, including nine off turnovers.

Wekiva grabbed 30 rebounds as well.

Brierra Williams and Payne combined to tally 25 points. The efforts of Emmy James netted seven assists.

"When the players are contributing equally in all aspects the execution is the best," Butts said.

Mustangs: Wekiva fell behind Colonial before rally fell one point short

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scorer. Poole contributed 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Colonial 70 Wekiva 69

In particular, being the opponent for home openers only intensifies the already important role of energy.

An uncontested lay-up put the Grenadiers ahead on the first possession of the contest played Wednesday, November 28. The lead only grew and double digits were reached when the second quarter began. Then adding another six points increased the

lead to 43-27 at halftime. Midway through the third quarter, the lead reached 19 points.

"We didn't come close to matching the energy Colonial possessed," Lubin said. "Trying to win without matching a higher energy level is hard during a regular season contest. However, that energy level is as high as possible when opening the home schedule. Life was much more difficult than needed to be by lacking the energy for the first two and half quarters.

"Understanding the importance of playing with any energy was gained and we came alive

when the threshold of coming back was reached though."

And with ferociousness the Mustangs cut into the lead. Six times the lead exchanged hands after being erased with about three minutes left.

Eventually and with 40 seconds left, possession of the ball was gained by Wekiva while holding a one-point lead. Then Michael James was called for traveling as the Grenadiers set up a double team.

The winning points were scored on a drive and the subsequent lay-up. Colonial's ability to execute a lead pass from the

sideline set up the high-percentage and successful field goal attempt resulting in the lead changing hands for the last time.

Offensive charging was called on Issac Laster with four seconds left and controversy ensued. Defensive blocking was the Mustangs coaching staff's take on the contact. Wekiva was unable to commit a foul and the clock expired.

"Coming from behind was obviously positive," Lubin said. "A resiliency and toughness was displayed. However, displaying that resiliency and toughness because the deficit is 19 points

shouldn't be in the first place. We were able to come within one possession and point of winning after playing an entire first half with as little energy as possible. So if there was just a little bit more energy during the first half, we win and probably by multiple possessions. Scoring on a couple more possessions is the difference.

"And as bad as the percentage for field goals was because energy was lacking, we could still have won at the free throw line."

Only fourteen of 21 attempts were converted by the Mustangs.

Terrance McClain was high scorer with 32 points.

Apopka: Blue Darters will have rematch against Lake Highland Prep

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dominate the Trojans, especially on the glass.

"Our size bothered them a bit tonight. It's always good to play well at home in your district games and get off to a good start in the district," Williams said.

Despite the 21-point victory by the Blue Darters, the Trojans are not to be taken lightly, Williams said.

"They're a really dangerous club and I think they run good stuff. Their pressure is very capable of hurting us and, tonight, we had some turnovers but we were in control. It never felt like we were panicked or discombobulated. I was really proud of our guys for that," Williams said.

What's next

The Blue Darters, who defeated Lake Highland Prep 60-44

in the fifth-place game in the Tip-Off Classic late last week at Winter Park High School, will get another contest against Lake Highland Prep, one that was originally scheduled.

Apopka will host the Highlanders today, Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m.

"Lake Highland's really good. It will be a great challenge to have to play them again," Williams said. "I think it will be a

great test for us to have to come back and do it again on Friday."

The Jones Tigers will visit Apopka High on Tuesday, December 11, for a Metro Conference tilt, the final home game of 2018 for the Blue Darters. The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

Looking ahead, the Darters will play at Masters Academy (December 14), Ocoee (December 18), and Wekiva (December

20). Apopka's final game of 2018 will be December 22 against Bishop Moore in the Execute to Impact Shootout at Atlantic High School in Port Orange.

The Blue Darters will open 2019 with a January 4 game at Central Florida Christian Academy.

The first home game of 2019 will be a huge District 9A-3 tilt against the rival West Orange Warriors.

New: Apopka High officials expect many coaches to seek the position

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They both think they will have high-quality candidates apply.

"We'll hire the best possible person for this job," Heinz said. "We don't think we have to go out there and sell the job. We don't think we're going to have to start calling people, saying, 'Hey, we need you to apply.' We think Apopka football sells itself.

"This program is established. It's known. It's successful, and Apopka High School has a great reputation as a school. I think we're going to get quality, quality candidates for this position and it's just a matter of the athletic director and myself sitting down and finding that best candidate."

Wambles was also AHS athletic director 13 years ago when Darlington returned to Apopka High after being football coach at Valdosta (Ga.) High for three years.

Wambles said he and Heinz are searching for someone who is best for the program on and off the field.

"It's no different than in 2005 when I sat down with (then-AHS Principal) Bill Floyd and we were looking for the right person," Wambles said.

"There are going to be good candidates, but somewhere along the way, the best fit will be there and it will be the person who we feel strongly will give our kids the best opportunity to succeed both on the field and off the field.

Having someone who can bring that together is the most important thing in my opinion.

"We like to win. We sure as heck prefer it over the alternative, but at the end of the day, our No. 1 goal is to have somebody in place who gives these kids a chance to graduate and go on and do whatever it is in life, whether it's in college football or just being a good husband and father, or whatever it is. I believe, as a person who has been an athlete my entire life, there are very few people who have an impact on that than coaches.

"That's a key thing for us, is to find that coach who is the perfect football coach. They don't exist but our goal is to find the best possible fit available."

James Delgado, who played for Darlington and won a state title as an Apopka player in 2001 and as an assistant coach in 2012 and 2014, has been head coach at Riverdale High School near Fort Myers for the past two seasons.

Although he is a popular choice among Apopka High football fans as Darlington's replacement, it's not likely he'll be returning at this time.

Via a phone call this week, Delgado said a situation will likely make it so that he will not apply for the position. Delgado would not expand on that situation, but admitted that he was torn about returning to be the head coach at his alma mater.

Both Wambles and Heinz said Delgado would be a great re-

placement, but that they respected whatever decision Delgado makes.

The bottom line, Heinz said, is that the new coach must not only be great at coaching the X's and O's of football, but also at leading the players off the field.

"That goes along with the tradition of Apopka," Heinz said.

"When we go on the road or when we win big games, we line up and shake hands. We go over to our band (after the game). We do things without taunting the other players, without doing those things that show any sort of disrespect to the game, the opponent, the crowd, anything. I also think this is a draw to these quality coaches to see that this is an established program with integrity."



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Apopka High girls soccer topples Olympia, 7-0



Ally Wilson (6) leaps to control the ball for the Blue Darters in the 7-0 victory over Olympia on Thursday, November 29.



Skyler Comstock (c) watches as her shot gets past the Olympia goalkeeper in the District 5A-4 contest on Thursday, November 29.



Brook Schulz controls the ball during the Blue Darters' 7-0 victory over Olympia.



Apopka goalie Anyka Wilkins kicks the ball away from the goal.



Taylor Ebert kicks the ball to control it on Thursday, November 29.

Blue Darters fall to Olympia in girls basketball



Apopka girls basketball coach Brittany Hardy gestures as she talks to the players on the court.



Elisa Lugo (10) passes the ball to teammate Zoe Spear on Thursday, November 29, during the 58-53 loss to Olympia.



Karee' Thompson hangs on to the ball as she drives toward the bucket during the five-point loss to Olympia.



Savannah McAfee, a freshman, shoots a baseline jumper Thursday, November 29, for the Blue Darters.

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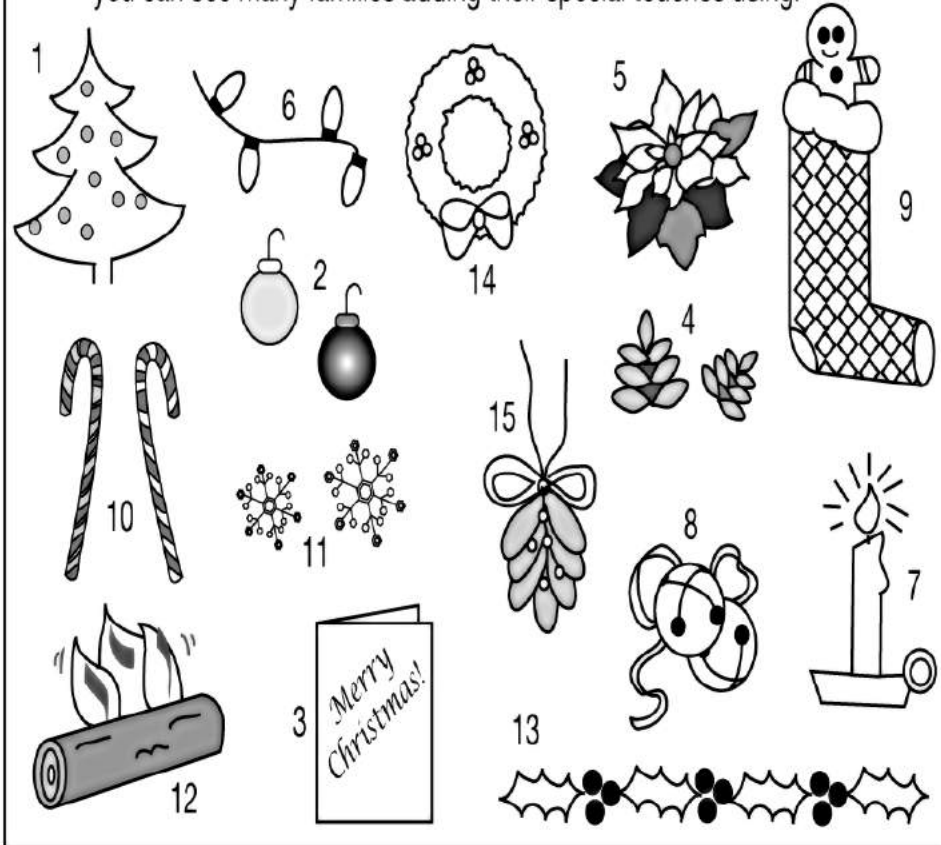
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6 trees
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11 bells
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(A Christmas legend handed down)

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(Unscramble the letters to spell these.)

'Deck the Halls!'

1) Deck the _____ with boughs of _____,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
'Tis the season to be _____,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

3) See the blazing _____ before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the _____ and join the _____,
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| 2014 | NISSAN | 1N4AL3AP6EN339872 |
| 2006 | NISSAN | 1N4AL1D86N433604 |
| 2007 | SUZUKI | KL5JD56237K635228 |
| 2000 | TRIUMPH | SMT800GE6YJ101975 |
| 2011 | CHEVROLET | 2G1FC1ED9B9167977 |
| 2014 | NISSAN | 1N4AL3AP1EC416059 |
| 1988 | CHEVROLET | 1G1BU51H5JR207407 |
| 2002 | FORD | 1FAPF44472F172140 |
| 2012 | FORD | WBABK8C57C965267 |
| 2003 | BMW | 5GZCZ53B13S825243 |
| 2005 | SATURN | 3VWSF71KX5M612305 |
| 1997 | PLYMOUTH | 2P4FP2580VR224440 |
| 2004 | CHRYSLER | 2C8GF68474R580204 |
| 2003 | BMW | SUXFA53513LV98119 |
| 2003 | CHEVROLET | 1GCGF15X331226758 |
| 2000 | FORD | 1FAPF4048YF279471 |
| 2004 | NISSAN | 3N1CB51D44L880086 |
| 2001 | BMW | WBABF33541LH19491 |
| 2008 | FORD | 2FMDK39C78B8A5368 |
| 1991 | SUZUKI | JS2AC3551M5101506 |
| 2002 | DODGE | 1B3ES26C82D589521 |
| 2000 | HONDA | 2HKRL1864YH579425 |
| 2002 | SUZUKI | JS1GR7HA522104169 |
| 2001 | MERCURY | 2MEFM74W81X641727 |
| 2008 | HYUNDAI | 5NPET46C98H349081 |
| 2008 | TOYOTA | JTDBT923781199243 |
| 2004 | SUZUKI | JS1GR7JA542100278 |
| 2005 | HYUNDAI | KMHWF35H5K5A100550 |
| 2007 | HONDA | JHLRE385X7C064861 |
| 1996 | FORD | 1FTDA14U2ZB64447 |
| 2000 | GMC | 1GTD0M19WYB524890 |

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December 7, 2018

Destin Credit

located at 4556 Cambium Ct, in the County of Orange in the City of Orlando Florida 32818, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 4th day of December, 2018.

Dagmar Destin

Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 7, 2018 **162119**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public notice is hereby given that **ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER**, will hold a public auction at ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER, 101 Bay Street, Ocoee, FL 34761. Pursuant to the laws of the state the following vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale Date: 12/20/2018 At 8AM

| 2000 | 2011 | MITSUBISHI TOYOTA | VIN: 4A3AC34G1YE017390 | VIN: 4T1BF3EK7BU177817 |
|------|------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|------|------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|

Terms of the sale are cash and no checks are accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said auto will sold "as-is" with no guarantee.
December 7, 2018

162099

NOTICE OF SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE

Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.585, Mid-Florida Lien And Title Service, LLC. will sell at public sale for cash the following described vehicle(s) located at lienor's place to satisfy a claim of lien. 1989 Niss VIN: 1N6ND11Y4KC418662. Lien Amt:\$725.00. 2002 Chv VIN: 2CNBE13C726938153. Lien Amt:\$ 725.00. Lienor/Andres Auto Sales & Services 2145 W Washington St Orlando, FL 321-231-2875. 2009 GMC VIN: 1GKFK36339R202061. Lien Amt:\$ 856.00. Lienor/Acleay Auto Body Repair 4901 Old Winter Garden Rd Orlando, FL 407-427-4700. 2000 Grea VIN: 1GRAA0626Y5028403. Lien Amt:\$850.00. 1994 Cott VIN: 1C9AZ1479RG148704. Lien Amt:\$940.00. 1993 Boyd VIN: 1B9CS45220P275036. Lien Amt:\$940.00. Lienor/Acme Truck Repair Inc. 9825 Sidney Hays Rd Orlando, FL 407-574-3805. 2006 Niss VIN: 1N4AL11D76C213916. Lien Amt:\$750.00. Lienor/Jr's Auto Repair 13400 W Colonial Dr. Winter Garden, FL 321-276-0404. 1998 Ford VIN: 1FTZ0X07W-0WKB26840. Lien Amt:\$775.00. Lienor/Taft Vineland Truck Services 998 W Taft Vineland Rd Orlando, FL 407-859-9220. 2006 BMW VIN: WBANE735X6CM30209. Lien Amt:\$3201.00. Lienor/Reved Up Creationz 613 Delhi Street Orlando, FL 407-203-4524. 2004 Hond VIN: 3HGCM56304G701561. Lien Amt:\$800.00. Lienor/Miguel's Service & Auto Repair, Inc. 5413 Silver Star Rd Orlando, FL 407-522-9191. 2005 Niss VIN: 1N4BA41E85C837789. Lien Amt:\$825.00. Lienor/Robinson Paint and Body Shop 2201 W Church St Orlando, FL 407-999-9014. 2013 Kenworth VIN: 1XKADP8X9D3J50640. Lien Amt:\$2918.13. Lienor/Central Truck & Equipment Repair, INC. 103 S Orange Blossom Trl Orlando, FL 407-872-1509. 2012 Kia VIN: KN4FW5A3GC581555. Lien Amt:\$770.00. Lienor/Mr. De Auto Sales & Services Inc 2824 S. Orange Ave Orlando, FL 407-843-8666. 2008 Audi VIN: WAUDF78E18A017367. Lien Amt:\$2704.33. Lienor/Full Throttle of Orlando, Inc. 6956 Edgewater Dr Unit # 304 Orlando, FL 407-253-9081. 2003 Chevrolet VIN: 3GNFK16223G160260. Lien Amt:\$1100.00. Lienor/ZC Repair Inc 1035 W Lancaster Rd Ste 16 Orlando, FL 407-844-5821. 2009 Chevrolet VIN: 1GNER23DX9S117907. Lien Amt:\$870.00. Lienor/Greg's Complete Auto Repair and Sales Inc 5210 Old Winter Garden Rd Orlando, FL 407-523-5917. 1978 Gmc VIN: 1Z5E98V101285. Lien Amt:\$ 775.00. Lienor/Cooperative Motor Works 6101 Anno Ave Ste A Orlando, FL 407-857-5777. 2003 Ford VIN: 1FMYU60E23UA4735. Lien Amt:\$770.00. 1992 Gmc VIN: 1GKMK18K5N1705734. Lien Amt:\$770.00. Lienor/United Auto Sales & Repair 202 Palmetto Street Ste. 109 Orlando, FL 407-816-6275. Sale Date: December 24, 2018, 10:00 AM. At Mid Florida Lien & Title Service LLC. 3001 Aloma Ave. Winter Park FL 32792. Said vehicle(s) may be redeemed by satisfying the lien prior to sale date. You have the right to a hearing at any time prior to sale date by filing a demand for hearing in the circuit court. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting a bond in accordance with F.S. 559.917. Any proceeds in excess of the amount of the lien will be deposited with the Clerk of Circuit Court in the county where the vehicle is held.
December 7, 2018

162124

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

ON DECEMBER 27, 2018 AT 8:00 AM AT **JOHNSON'S WRECKER SERVICE, INC.**, 580 WILMER AVE., ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32808, TELEPHONE 407-293-2540, THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE(S) WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH. SOME OF THE VEHICLES POSTED MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED AND NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SALVAGE SALE.

| YEAR | MAKE | VIN# |
|------|-----------|--------------------|
| 2014 | NISSAN | 1N4AL3AP6EN339872 |
| 2006 | NISSAN | 1N4AL1D86N433604 |
| 2007 | SUZUKI | KL5JD56237K635228 |
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| 2003 | CHEVROLET | 1GCGF15X331226758 |
| 2000 | FORD | 1FAPF4048YF279471 |
| 2004 | NISSAN | 3N1CB51D44L880086 |
| 2001 | BMW | WBABF33541LH19491 |
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| 2008 | HYUNDAI | 5NPET46C98H349081 |
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| 2004 | SUZUKI | JS1GR7JA542100278 |
| 2005 | HYUNDAI | KMHWF35H5K5A100550 |
| 2007 | HONDA | JHLRE385X7C064861 |
| 1996 | FORD | 1FTDA14U2ZB64447 |
| 2000 | GMC | 1GTD0M19WYB524890 |

TERMS OF THE SALE ARE CASH. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. SELLER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO FINAL BID. ALL SALES ARE FINAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE. VEHICLE(S)/VESSEL(S) ARE SOLD "AS IS", "WHERE IS", WITH NO GUARANTEES, EITHER EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED.
December 7, 2018

162116

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

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located at 75A Lake Road, #182, in the County of Orange in the City of Congers New York 10920, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orange County, Florida, this 30th day of November, 2018.

Kinetic Business Solutions LLC
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 7, 2018 **162101**

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

All Pro's Barber Shop

located at 8681 W. Irlo Bronson Mem Hwy., Suite 128, in the County of Orange in the City of Kissimmee Florida 34747, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Kissimmee, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2018.

Roberto Muniz
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 7, 2018 **162110**

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

Alpha Transporter

located at 6392 Raleigh St, in the County of Orange in the City of Orlando Florida 32835, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2018.

Kevin Petro
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 7, 2018 **162111**

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 865.09, FLORIDA STATUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of

Alter America

located at 6859 Edgewater Commerce Pkwy, in the County of Orange in the City of Orlando Florida 32810, intends to register the above said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Orlando, Florida, this 3rd day of December, 2018.

New Beginnings Healing Center, Inc
Publish: The Apopka Chief
December 7, 2018 **162112**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public notice is hereby given that **ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER**, will hold a public auction at ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER, 5601 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32839. Pursuant to the laws of the state the following vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale Date: 12/21/2018 At 8AM

| 2014 | 2005 | SUZUKI NISSAN | VIN: JS1SP46A8E2101417 | VIN: 1N4AL11D15C21586 |
|------|------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|------|------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------------|

Terms of the sale are cash and no checks are accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said auto will sold "as-is" with no guarantee.
December 7, 2018

162097

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public notice is hereby given that **ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER**, will hold a public auction at ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS LLC, d/b/a ACE WRECKER, 5601 South Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando, FL 32839. Pursuant to the laws of the state the following vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder. Sale Date: 12/24/2018 At 8AM

| 2006 | KIA | VIN: KNMD233266024562 |
|------|-----|-----------------------|
|------|-----|-----------------------|

Terms of the sale are cash and no checks are accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said auto will sold "as-is" with no guarantee.
December 7, 2018

162098

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

CASSELLBERRY TOWING INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on DECEMBER 20, 2018, 9:00 am at 880 North US HWY 17-92 Longwood, FL 32750, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Casselberry Towing Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

| 1FAPF4441WF130908 | 1998 | FORD |
|-------------------|------|----------|
| 3FAFP37N15R118127 | 2005 | FORD |
| 1A4G45R6B631208 | 2006 | CHRYSLER |

162104

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BARTLETT TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on DECEMBER 19, 2018 8:30:00 AM at 2512 Overland Rd, Apopka, FL 32703 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Bartlett Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

| 1D4PT4GK5AW171879 | 2010 | DODGE NITRO HEAT |
|-------------------|------|------------------|
| 1GCEC19K2RE266370 | 1994 | CHEVROLET C1500 |

162107

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BARTLETT TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on DECEMBER 21, 2018 8:30:00 AM at 2512 Overland Rd, Apopka, FL 32703 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Bartlett Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

| JH2MC2402RK303210 | 1994 | HONDA CB250 |
|-------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 2MELM74W1VX673461 | 1997 | MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS GS |

162108

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

BARTLETT TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on DECEMBER 24, 2018 8:30:00 AM at 2512 Overland Rd, Apopka, FL 32703 pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Bartlett Towing reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

| 2FAHP71WX3X215536 | 2003 | FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INT |
|-------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 1FTHE24Y8PHB40907 | 1993 | FORD ECONOLINE E250 |

162109

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

TRI COUNTY TOWING/LINK'S AUTOMOTIVE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on DECEMBER 21, 2018, 10:00 am at 6366 ALL AMERICAN BLVD ORLANDO, FL 32810, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TRI COUNTY TOWING /LINK'S AUTOMOTIVE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

| 1D4HR58N83F579216 | 2003 | DODGE |
|-------------------|------|------------|
| 1N4AL11D65C189722 | 2005 | NISSAN |
| 2HNYD18213H520656 | 2003 | ACURA |
| 2MEFM75W51X696974 | 2001 | MERCURY |
| 3VWSG71K35M643778 | 2005 | VOLKSWAGEN |

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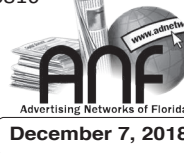
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