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Early voting began March 4



Early voting for Apopka City Council Seats 3 and 4 began on Monday, March 4, and will end on March 17, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Precincts are at the Apopka Community Center (pictured) and the Northwest Recreation Complex. For mail-in ballots, the last day to request one for the March 19 election is March 7. The general election will be on Tuesday, March 19 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the same precincts.

City launches measles vaccination initiative

By Teresa Sargeant Apopka Chief Staff

The city of Apopka is collaborating with several partners to implement a measles vaccination initiative in the Apopka area, where vaccination events will take place this week and the next.

With a focus on making the commu-

nity aware of this issue and assist in the prevention of the spread of measles in the community, the city has partnered with the Florida Department of Health in Orange County, Orange County Public Schools, Farmworker Association of Florida, Hope CommUnity Center, and the Apopka Fire

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County approves \$3M for affordable housing project

By Teresa Sargeant Apopka Chief Staff

On Tuesday, March 5, the Orange County's Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved \$3 million of local Housing Trust Fund and federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to assist the

195-unit planned Southwick Commons, an affordable housing development planned for downtown Apopka at the Apopka City Center.

The total allocation amounts to \$1 million from ARPA resources and \$2 million

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Discover rides, car show, family fun at Apopka Fair

By Neal Fisher Apopka Chief Staff

For 23 years, when spring comes the feeling of "that time of the year" pervades the Apopka area as the Apopka Fair draws near. And the arrival is finally here. Organizers completed the final touches this week after planning for the last year.

Then on Thursday, March 7, the Apopka Fair took its place front-and-center as the noteworthy weekend began at Kit Land Nelson Park. First and Orange Streets border the park. Closing time is 8 pm on Sunday, March 10.

Organized by the Rotary

Club of Apopka and with the city of Apopka's support, the fair is a symbol of the kind of environment the area promotes.

"Progression of executing the plan has advanced steadily over the past few weeks," Chris DeClue, Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club, said earlier this week. "Organizing the fair has continued on time and moved forward. Right now and this week is about executing the finishing touches, putting up the tents and parking set-up for example. Such as new locations for the rides and midway games, the minor changes have been execut-

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On Thursday, March 7, the Apopka Fair took its place front-and-center as the noteworthy weekend began at Kit Land Nelson Park. First and Orange Streets border the park. Closing time is 8 pm on Sunday, March 10. Pictured is a file photo of a ride at the 2023 Apopka Fair at Kit Land Nelson Park.

School donates to food pantry



The second-grade students at Trinity Christian School had a contest between girls and boys to see who could bring in the most items to Loaves & Fishes; girls had macaroni and cheese, and boys had deodorant. The girls won by a close margin. They delivered all the items to the Loaves & Fishes facility on Thursday, February 22. They also presented Loaves & Fishes with a check for \$1,242.35.

Move clocks one hour ahead on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m.

Daylight saving time will begin on Sunday, March 10, at 2 a.m. local time, when clocks will spring forward by one hour. This year's daylight saving time (sometimes erroneously called daylight SAVINGS time) ends on November 3, when clocks fall back by an hour.

In most of Europe, daylight saving time, or British Summer Time as the U.K. calls it, begins on the last Sunday in March, which is March 31, and ends on the last Sunday in October (October 27).

These spring and fall time changes continue a tradition started during World War I.

In 2022, the U.S. Senate overwhelmingly voted to make daylight saving time permanent, but the legislation stalled in the U.S. House. On March 2, 2023, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL) reintroduced the Sunshine Protection Act of 2023 to the 118th Congress, but it has idled since then.

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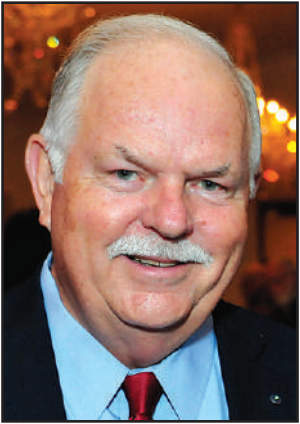
Bill Arrowsmith retires after 50 years as banker

By Beverly Winesburgh Guest correspondent

Apopka has a rich history of business and civic leaders who commit to community service at a young age and are still going strong after 50 years or more.

William J. (Bill) Arrowsmith who retired after 50 years as an Apopka banker Friday, March 1, is the most recent example.

Calling Apopka his home for 68 years, loyal to his alma maters, Apopka Elementary and Apopka Memorial High School, and winning a seat on the City Commission at the age



Bill Arrowsmith

of 26, he professes to be a loyal, grateful, and proud community cheerleader today.

When asked to reflect on his most memorable

business and community service highlights he said, "I was so fortunate that participating in volunteerism, clubs and organizations, family and church were considered a requirement for the executives of the only bank in Apopka, back in the day. It gave me the opportunity to make such wonderful friends and associates, while giving back to the growing community. Many, like me, are still around to enjoy the Apopka we live in today."

Arrowsmith's banking career started in 1968 at the State Bank of Apopka and lasted for 11 years there. He joined the new-

ly formed Bank of Central Florida in 1981 and opened the Apopka office in 1982 remaining there until its acquisition by Seacoast Bank in 2014. And, most recently, he was instrumental in bringing the now five-year-old One Florida Bank to Apopka serving as senior vice president.

Remembering highlights of his early business years in Apopka, Arrowsmith spoke of the mentors who led by example and selflessness.

"Mayor Land taught me true devotion to the citizens of Apopka," he said. "He was a visionary before his time. Arlen

(Coz) Mizell recruited me to join JAYCEES. Before I knew it, I was president. Ed Lockeby sponsored me to join Rotary where I was president, became a Paul Harris Fellow and remain active today. Mac McGuffin, Police Chief Tom Collins and Dr. Akerman pulled me in as a founding member of Foliage Sertoma Club that produces the Christmas parade. What a group of inspirational leaders. And along with several others, I was a founding member of Apopka Elks Lodge where I guess I'm the longest serving mem-

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Apopka Event of the Week

VFW's fundraising breakfast will be held Saturday, March 16, from 8-10 a.m. at a cost of \$7 for a meal consisting of scrambled eggs, sausage links, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, orange juice, coffee and water. Also at 519 S. Central Ave., there will be a yard sale organized by the VFW Auxiliary for Sat., March 16 and Sun., March 17

Quotable

We also published a Voter's Guide on March 1 with answers from each candidate to specific questions.

The Apopka Chief on voting  
March 19 for candidates for Seats 3 and 4 of City Council

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Our position

Your vote in the March 19 city election is important and necessary

Traditionally, The Apopka Chief has always endorsed candidates in the various elections. This year, we gave you information to enable you, the reader, to make your decision.

The two seats in question this year, Seat 3 and Seat 4, each have two candidates. Seat 3 candidates are Nadia Anderson and Darryl Richardson. Seat 4 has incumbent Nick Nesta and candidate Eric Mock.

We have covered the debates and given you, the readers, an opportunity to read answers from each candidate at the different debates. We also published a Voter's Guide on March 1 with answers from each candidate to specific questions. Each candidate submitted answers to these questions, and hopefully, reading the answers has enabled you, the reader, to become aware of the candidates' understanding of each question. The Voter's Guide can also be found at the-

apopkachief.com homepage.

The winners of each race will work for our community for four years.

In addition, Pursuant to Section 112.3142, Florida Statutes, Florida's Constitutional officers are required to "complete four hours of ethics training each calendar year which addresses, at a minimum, s. 8, Art. II of the State Constitution, the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, and the public records and public meetings laws of this state." Beginning January 1, 2024, each elected local officer of an independent special district, as defined in s. 189.012, and each person who is appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term of such elective office, must complete the four hours of ethics training each calendar year.

It is necessary for the winner of each race to understand the responsibilities of their office and to act accordingly.

Apopka's Rep. Bankson agrees with having internet gatekeepers

(The Center Square) -

Legislation banning Floridians under the age of 16 from signing up for a social media account has been vetoed by Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis.

The former presidential hopeful said a better law is coming in other legislation this year.

"I have vetoed HB1 because the Legislature is about to produce a different, superior bill," DeSantis said of House Bill 1. "Protecting children from harms associated with social media is important, as is supporting parents' rights and maintaining the ability of adults to engage in anonymous speech. I anticipate the new bill will recognize these priorities and will be signed into law soon."

The proposal would have required social media companies to verify the age of anyone setting up an account, and prohibited anyone under 16 from signing up.

"We have to have a safeguard," said Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka, one of the sponsors of the legislation told The Center Square.

Social media is "addictive" especially to young people, the legislator said.

"It's dangerous and it is harmful," he said. "We just need to make sure there are good gatekeepers on anything."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida was among the opponents.

"HB1 is a blatant government censorship bill," Kara Gross, the group's legislative director, said in a statement. "It is an affront to the constitutional principle of freedom of speech."

The law goes against support for parental rights, she added.

"Banning young people under 16 from having social media accounts even with the consent of their parents shows that the claim of 'parents' rights' of the last two legislative sessions had nothing to do with parental rights and everything to do with government censorship of viewpoints and information the government doesn't like," Gross said.



Add lively 'edges' to public spaces

Author Jeff Speck in his book about the Walkable City shares 101 ways to make your community more walkable and safer. In fact, ideas 31, 32, 33, and 34 are all about safety. Speck says to improve walkability, safety must be "front and center". The general theory of walkability explains that for a place to be walkable; the walk must be simultaneously useful, safe, comfortable, and interesting.

Of those four, the categories of usefulness, comfort, and interest are generally due to the buildings that line the street. In our case, consider the entrance-

County Commissioner District 2



Christine Moore

ways to our subdivisions in suburbia. Speck asks these questions: do they shape the public space well and have lively "edges"? These are qualities a city or county can control better through plans and codes.

Yes, let's make subdivisions offer better entranceways. I'm sick of

long walls. Boring!

He lists tools to help communities make progress on safer roadways. The first idea is adopting the federal Vision Zero Program. The county has adopted this program and I hope our municipalities will as well. It is a powerful program and framework with numerous tools and "countermeasures" to make areas safer. I'm trying raised crosswalks in the Lockhart area. I'm not as successful as I would like and hoping to partner with Orange County Sheriff's Captain Ashley Strange,

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Expanded technical campuses are here

This week I had the opportunity to tour the new Orange Technical College that is under construction in Ocoee next to Ocoee High School. The beautiful sprawling campus exceeded my expectations and is sure to be a beacon for so many who look to gain valuable workforce skills when it opens in the coming months.

This campus is the first of the five Orange Technical Colleges to have a complete rebuild or renovation. The Orange Technical Colleges are the last of the 136 schools that have been rebuilt from the original half-penny sales tax referendum by the school district.

This campus will be accessible to not only the neighboring Ocoee High

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

School students who will be able to walk to the campus but will also be used by our dual enrollment students from Wekiva High and Apopka High who will be brought by bus from their home schools.

The school will also provide skills training at night for adults looking to change careers or who are interested in learning a new marketable trade. Each of our five Orange Techni-

cal Colleges now focuses on certain trade areas. The new west campus will focus on the building trades and human services.

This new campus will allow for the expansion of the programs already offered at the current west campus location in Winter Garden and offers the advantage of a building that is custom-built for the programs it will house, unlike the current campus that is a former school retrofitted for those programs.

The front of the campus will offer a walk-up salon for the public to receive cosmetology services like hair, nails, and facials from students. There are two stories of several classrooms

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This Week In God's Word

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

Mema Says

You never look good trying to make someone else look bad.

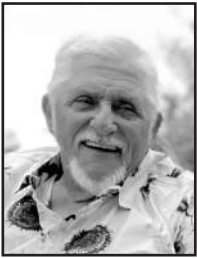
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If you see light at the end of a tunnel, you should not buy more tunnels

They say the darkest time of a twenty-four-hour day is just before dawn. I believe that to be true. I have spent time in the wilds and just before the dawn, you can almost feel the darkness.

The one thing that increases my feeling of despair is that we are in one of the darkest times of our nation's history. We have politicians who do not concern themselves with the very people who put them in office, and their only concern is staying in the



Ike Hayden

position they have gained through promises made to gullible, greedy, "me first" people.

Integrity, ethics, patriotism ... none of that matters anymore as being

qualities necessary to be considered for public office (local or national). We have the notion that if our pockets are lined with prosperity, and our babysitter "schools" allow us the freedom from the responsibilities of parenthood, the government allows the freedom from financial responsibilities, and the administration that we now have has freed us from following the laws set forth by our Constitution.

Chaos reigns in every state because of the tur-

moil stirred up by President "Sleepy Joe" Biden and his failed policies, both foreign and domestic. Let us get one thing straight: it is not his age that hinders his leadership. The old man is suffering from what used to be called senility, but is now referred to as dementia. It is not his age; it is his mental degradation.

There is a light at the end of the tunnel. (Reminds me of the joke: when the politicians see the light at the end of the tunnel, they go out and buy more tun-

nel)! But people are starting to wake from their indifference, and they are taking notice of what is going on.

It brings to mind the husband and wife that tackled one of the alleged shooters at the celebration of the Kansas City Chief's Super Bowl win. I have been wondering when Americans are going to wake up and become protectors of themselves and others that have been injured or maimed by law breakers who, for some

time now, have run roughshod over law-abiding citizens.

I am not talking about taking the law into their own hands, but I am talking about situations where professional assistance is not available at the time. In the past, we have seen people stand and shoot videos of someone being mauled or beaten by a mob or gang without a thought of going to the aid of the person in trouble.

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# City: MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella

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Department to provide vaccinations.

The city of Apopka kicked off the initiative with a press conference on Monday, March 4, at the Farmworker Association of Florida Apopka office.

"We're very happy to be partnering with the Orange County Health Department to offer this to the community," Jeannie Economos, coordinator, Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Program for the Farmworker Association of Florida, said in an interview. "We want to make sure that everyone knows that it's open to people that, whether they have health care or health insurance or not, whether or not their immigration status doesn't matter. This is for anybody and everybody to help get their children vaccinated so that they can protect themselves, their children, their families, and also the community because the more people that are vaccinated, the more we'll be able to stop the transmission of measles in the community and make sure that people stay healthy and avoid any possible hospitalizations or other consequences of the spread of measles."

Following the kickoff

press conference, measles vaccination events are being conducted at the Farmworker Association of Florida and both Hope Community Center campuses.

Measles can be prevented with an MMR vaccine, which protects against three diseases: measles, mumps and rubella.

According to the Orange County Department of Health (DOH), measles symptoms appear seven to 14 days after contact with the virus and include high fever up to 105° F, red, watery eyes, cough, and runny nose.

The most common symptom of measles is a rash that often develops on the face and neck, but can spread to the entire body. Measles rash appears three to five days after the first symptoms, according to the DOH.

Apopka Fire Chief Sean Wylam presented information on the city's measles vaccination initiative at the March 6 City Council meeting.

"That was the biggest thing out of DOH's mouth was an opportunity," he said. "Obviously with the heightened sense going through a pandemic in the past couple years and the recent things on the news, it's an opportunity to provide information and op-

portunity. I think that's the biggest thing is to educate, disseminate the information and then provide that opportunity, if there isn't an opportunity out there."

Commissioner Diane Velazquez said she noticed that the Hispanic community is being targeted for the vaccinations. She asked Wylam whether public schools have been informed about the initiative.

"It is trending on Facebook through Farmworkers, but it's in Spanish, so it almost feels like it's only targeting one particular community," Velazquez said.

Wylam said the vaccination program is targeting everyone, and the DOH released information in four different languages: Haitian Creole, English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Mayor Bryan Nelson explained that to enter kindergarten, the child must have an MMR or a religious exemption. The city is attempting to target children under kindergarten age only because there is a chance they haven't been immunized yet since they haven't gotten to where kindergarten.

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## Though fun, lotteries are addictive

TALLAHASSEE –

This month, the Florida Lottery (Lottery) joins the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) to acknowledge the significance of problem gambling. Throughout March, our focus is on raising awareness about the available prevention, treatment, and recovery services for those impacted by gambling.

“At the Florida Lottery, we recognize the importance of ensuring that playing our games remains a form of entertainment within healthy limits. We are committed to working diligently each day to raise awareness about responsible play practices and to provide valuable resources for our players,” Florida Lottery Secretary John F. Davis said. “By actively promoting awareness and offering support, we aspire to empower players to make informed choices, play within their means, and enjoy the playing experience responsibly.”

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## Byrd: Campus is very beneficial

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with adjoining labs that will house student stations to practice pedicures and manicures, hair and make-up as well as facials. All leading to certification by the state of Florida.

The other half of the campus is dedicated to the construction trades. I was blown away by the vast spaces dedicated to each specialty area like welding, electricity, HVAC and plumbing and carpentry. Each space is a giant warehouse-type area with a roll-up door to allow for semi-truck access and specialized stations for students to hone their skills.

Within the boundaries of the campus will be a beautiful courtyard that connects to a dining

area that will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to students provided by our OCPS Food and Nutrition Services. There will also be a campus store that will have various supplies for the students.

When you walk through this campus you will get a college campus feel.

I have been writing the last few weeks about the importance of exposing our students to all the options for their future including pursuing skill training in a trade.

I believe that it is so important for us, the adults supporting our children, to change the narrative around the trades, and this stunning, high tech campus does just that. Students will feel like they are a part of

something special here.

I know our partners within the community’s building industry are very pleased to see such a state-of-the-art training facility in our area. Adult general education classes like the GED and ESOL will be offered at this campus, as well.

This facility will be unlike any other career and technical training facility in the state. It, along with the other four rebuilt campuses, is sure to be a jewel in our communities and will help our community develop and train highly skilled workers.

This is how we lift up our communities and change lives. I am so proud of our school district for being a leader in this mission

## Moore: Slow downtown speed limits

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sector chief for our area.

Another idea that Speck suggests is downtown speed limits - as they are effective in reducing crashes and injuries, but only if they are adequately publicized and enforced. I’m not sure how well this idea would be accepted. It always amazes me that people get angry about lowered speed limits and installation of new sidewalks. Perhaps if individuals bought into the value of walkable communities and reducing fatalities, receptivity would grow.

There are multiple ideas about reducing the cost of housing that I think would work well in District 2, particularly the municipalities. Speck says there are two main problems with housing in that

too few people can afford homes now, and they are segregated by type and income. He says the affordable housing problem is really an “affordable living” problem. Speck suggests techniques for integrating more attainable housing into our areas: inclusionary zoning, backyard apartments (granny flats), and leveraging existing parking lots to improve affordability.

Requiring projects to offer a percentage of smaller, lower cost units has been effective. We all know concentrating poverty in entire areas is when social problems begin. I recognized this in elementary schools. It was helpful for each zone to have a mix of students from various income levels. Orange County in its Vision 2050 program is encouraging access-

sory dwelling units. I love this idea: Leverage Housing with Parking Lots. We have way too many large parking lots with nearly empty storefronts. Amazon has taken a toll on malls and shopping centers.

Speck says that parking spots are assets worth tens of thousands of dollars, and they are wasted if empty. Why not allow developers to build some apartment buildings in these shopping centers creating shared parking? I can think of multiple shopping centers in Clarcona-Ocoee and Apopka that would be good candidates. I bet you can, too. Safer roadways and affordable housing are key tools creating more walkable, bikeable downtowns. As always, I’d love to hear your thoughts on the subject.

## Hayden: Vote for your worker

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I was raised to protect the innocent and to stand up for the law. If I would have been present when those police officers were being beaten in the subway, I would have entered the fray to protect the police who were doing their job. We are beginning to see more people getting involved with stopping shoplifters, breaking up fights, and just getting involved when intervention is needed.

It is about time we stood with our first responders and let them to know we support their efforts to protect and serve we the citizens. When the opportunity arises, we ought to thank them publicly for their service, and dedication. In every situation, there is always an opportunity to make a difference. (Sometimes, in cases of domestic abuse or family squabbles, the opportunity is there to be extremely quiet and let professionals take care of it).

We should, as Americans, be ready to stand together to fight for the righteous cause. In the not-too-distant past, we had our young men and women putting their lives on the line for you and me in combat circumstances, and even today our military folks are being killed by cowardly attacks on our bases in overseas places. Illegal aliens have overrun our southern border, and the “get-aways” number over a million, most of whom are of military age and physique.

We are seeing increased numbers of Americans being molested, raped, and killed by these aliens that have not crossed the border to enrich America, but to strip it of her wealth, her resources, and her sovereignty. The only thing they are true to is their belly and ungodly desires. We need to heed those who warn us of things to come if we do not act.

If your age prevents you from physical involve-

ment (like me), then do what you can: **VOTE**.

We have occasion to choose whom we want to control our business (*the United States of America*) and it does not call for a political party, an ideology, or someone that hates our business. We need to search out the people who want to work for us, “We the People,” and who love our nation more than themselves.

The best form of government is a monarchy where the king loves the people more than himself. And that will not happen until Jesus Christ rules during His thousand year reign.

Therefore, we must then vote for those who love our “business” and who will take all steps necessary to ensure our posterity, our prosperity, and our position as a “light upon a hill” as an example of a Constitutional Republic and the freedoms it provides continues.

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# City: CDC has more info on disease

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ten is requirement.

Wylam explained that the initiative's most important role is educating the public. The Apopka area hasn't experienced an outbreak but the public is still "vulnerable," he said.

"We've had initiatives in the past with Hepatitis A. We've assisted Department of Health with Covid vaccinations. So as a city, I know we've been very proactive in helping out in situations and that's the biggest thing they want to see, is us to be able to prevent something from happening. So again, education and opportunity."

Additional information about measles (rubeola) can be found on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, [cdc.gov/measles/](https://www.cdc.gov/measles/)

## Measles vaccination events

\*Measles vaccinations at Farmworker Association of Florida: Friday, March 8, 2-7 p.m. at the Farmworker Association of Florida

\*Measles vaccinations at Hope Community

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**Fri., March 8, 2024 thru Sun., March 10, 2024**

**CABRINI** (PG-13) 11:50A; 3:20; 6:40; 9:50  
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**THE CHOSEN: SEASON 4 EPISODES 7-8** 11:30A; 2:50; 6:10; 9:30  
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## City: More from City Council meeting

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Center South: Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and March 12, 2-7 p.m. at Hope Community Center South, 800 S. Hawthorne Ave., Apopka.

\*Measles vaccinations at Hope Community Center North: Thursday and Friday, March 14 and March 15, 2-7 p.m. at Hope Community Center North, 1016 N. Park Ave., Apopka.

### Fire union meeting

The City Council had an executive session with the fire union. This session was closed and confidential pursuant to Florida Statutes Section 447.605.

Alex Klepper, secretary of the Apopka Firefighters Association, thanked the City Council for conducting the executive session meeting for fire negotiations. He apologized to the

public for waiting an extra hour while the closed session was in place.

"But it shows some initiative to hopefully get some things done, to get some issues we have, sitting on the table collecting dust, resolved," Klepper said. "The guys at the stations also appreciate you guys taking this extra time to have these meetings to get this resolved potentially."

## Loaves & Fishes has annual fundraiser

Loaves & Fishes' only annual fundraiser, March Match Madness, began on Friday, March 1 and will end on Sunday, March 31. An anonymous donor will match up to \$50,000 all donations that are received during this time.

Serving the community since 1984, Loaves & Fishes

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each other as friends and individuals, and spend time interacting as a church family. Their teachers and deacons are committed to help the hurting and to help those who want to grow spiritually through God's word.

**Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church** invites you to join them Sunday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy the extraordinary music ministry of The Duncans. Visitors and congregation alike will enjoy many southern gospel songs. Everyone is invited to attend and after the concert there will be a free lunch for everyone in their recreation hall.

As people gather on Easter Sunday, **Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church** staff encourages all to remember the impact of the resurrec-

tion of Jesus Christ is not confined to a one-day celebration. The risen Christ is our motivation for evangelism, missions, discipleship, and every other aspect of the Christian life.

Randy Cobb is the **Wekiwa Springs Baptist Church** Minister of Music. He coordinates the musical and creative aspects of worship services and loves old time gospel music, which shares the gospel of Jesus Christ through song and encourages believers in their Christian walk. Randy works with the lead pastor in creating and coordinating special services and productions. He does a magnificent job leading and conducting the choir and regularly books gospel concerts.

One of their favorite ministry programs is

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# Southwick: City, developer have been in conflict over project

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from the County’s Housing Trust Fund, which was established in 2020.

According to a news release from Orange County government, Southwick Commons “has encountered higher-than-expected construction costs.”

The Housing Trust Fund is part of Orange County’s Housing-For-All initiative, which is intended to incentivize the construction and preservation of affordable and attainable housing, and is projected to produce or preserve at least 11,000 certified affordable units in Orange County by 2030. Southwick Commons

was one of four projects approved for funding in the first year of the Trust Fund.

“I knew they would do it,” Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson said about the BCC’s decision to approve \$3 million for Southwick Commons.

The county has set aside federal ARPA funds for affordable housing gap financing.

The city and the Wendover Housing Partner, the Southwick Commons developer, have butted heads over the project.

Wendover Housing Partner sued the city in June 2022 after the City Council voted to deny Southwick’s application, saying

that the proposed development didn’t meet the development agreement that the city has with Taurus Apopka City Center, Inc., which required all housing to be luxury and non-subsidized.

In November 2022, a circuit court judge ruled that the city of Apopka cannot restrict the type of housing in the Apopka City Center solely based on the source of financing for the

housing.

Nelson wrote a letter to the Florida Housing Authority – with no success – requesting the agency to take the affordable housing funding away from South-

wick Commons if the Wendover can’t meet the city’s standards for the development.

The Apopka Chief reached out to Wendover for a comment.

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In cooperation with the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, Orange County, Florida, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), has prepared a Tier 2 Environmental Assessment (EA), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, for the proposed replacement of approximately 13.13 miles of vintage steel and vintage plastic polyethylene (PE) pipe in multiple areas of the system with modern polyethylene pipe. PHMSA published a Tier 1 Nationwide EA for the Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant Program (NGDISM) on November 9, 2022. The stated purpose of NGDISM is for municipality or community owned utilities to repair, rehabilitate, or replace its natural gas distribution pipeline system or portions thereof or to acquire equipment to (1) reduce incidents and fatalities and (2) avoid economic losses by providing grant opportunities to municipality or community owned utilities. The Tier 1 EA is available at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/sites/phmsa.dot.gov/files/2023-07/Tier-1-PHMSA-2022-0123-0001.pdf>. The Tier 2 EA is available for review and comment on the web at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/about-phmsa/working-phmsa/grants/pipeline/tier-2-site-specific-environmental-documents> and a copy is available at Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, 1320 Winter Garden Vineland Road, Winter Garden, FL 3478. Please submit all comments to: [PHMSABILGrantNEPACComments@dot.gov](mailto:PHMSABILGrantNEPACComments@dot.gov) and reference NGDISM-FY22-EA-2023-20 in your response. Pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, PHMSA has issued a No Historic Properties Affected finding which is available for review in the Tier 2 EA. Comments on the Tier 2 EA are due by March 11, 2024.



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# Arrowsmith: He led movement against proposed state prison in city

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ber still around today. This town continues to be an inspiration to me after all this time.”

Arrowsmith headed up a variety of community initiatives during his business and service career.

In 1966, a Florida state community taxing district was formed to build the original North Orange Memorial Hospital at the 201 Park Avenue site adjacent to today’s medical office building. Arrowsmith’s daughter Natalie was born there, so it held a special meaning to him and his family. In 1973, he was appointed to the hospital board by the Florida governor and chaired a fundraising effort to successfully fund an added emergency room operation, which improved the fiscal viability of the facility and attracted the attention of Florida Hospital to purchase.

The hospital purchase

from a tax bonded state board was complicated but with Arrowsmith and other board members like Flo Nelson, a deal was struck that would allow all bonds to be satisfied leaving \$800,000 in trust to support scholarships for students who lived in the taxing district and were studying for medical, dental, EMT and other medical related careers. A number of these recipients returned to Apopka to practice as a result. The agreement was for 30 years and then the original \$800,000 was returned to Florida Hospital.

In 1975, Arrowsmith led a movement against the State of Florida Prison proposed to be built on Rock Springs Road in the area across from the current entrance to Rock Springs Ridge. He chaired a committee to lobby Tallahassee, present a petition against the plan and garnered enough support from elected officials to stop the

prison build in Apopka.

As chairman of the Apopka Chamber of Commerce in the early 1990’s, Arrowsmith was active in recruiting new businesses and restaurants to the city. At the time, Apopka had strict liquor ordinances that restricted sales, service and consumption when all new restaurants were serving liquor. He was criticized for speaking for more reasonable alcohol service hours to help attract chain and fine dining restaurants at the time. Today, it is obvious that the ordinances eventually did change.

As many who serve in public office are business leaders and serve as officers of various organizations, Bill Arrowsmith offers sage words of advice to remember, penned by an anonymous source: “*I guess the real fact of the matter is, we don’t know what tomorrow will bring, and the only thing we really have is RIGHT NOW. So*

*don’t stay mad for too long. Learn to forgive and love with all your heart. Don’t worry about people who don’t like you. Enjoy the ones who love you.*”

When asked how does one retire from a lifetime of 50 years in business and service to Apopka, Arrowsmith was clear.

After reflection of his past, he commented on his future as a retiree: “I’m not going anywhere. We love living in Errol Estate. I’m still active in a lot of groups in town. I’ll be assisting in the family’s real estate business as much as I can. We will still be enjoying our Mount Dora weekend getaway. And I’ll have more time to spend with my great wife of 29 years, three children and six grandchildren. Maybe I can even get together with my sisters and brothers more often. I am truly grateful for the past 50 years Apopka has embraced my family and my businesses.”

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# Obituaries

LLOYD TAYLOR BROWN, 90, of Apopka, passed away on March 3, 2024. Mr. Brown was born on May 2, 1933 in Libertyville, Illinois. He is survived by his loving wife Sylvia Ann Brown; children: Russell (Kirsten) Brown, Debra (James) Thornton, Jeffrey (Sheryl) Brown, and Alan (Barbara) Pinkerton; 10 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren. He will be missed by his many loved ones and friends.

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CHARLES CLIFFORD HOOD (CLIFF), 87, of Lakeland, passed into the loving arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 21, 2023. Cliff was born on July 28, 1936, in Augusta, GA to the late Margaret Crumpler and Charlie Alton Hood. Cliff is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley; his dear sister, Phyllis Hood of Orlando; his son, Tracy (Barbara) Hood of Tampa; and 2 granddaughters. He was predeceased by his son, John Hood, and his brothers Billy Hood, and Phil Hood.

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MORRIS L. DURRANCE JR, 95, of Apopka, passed away on February 14, 2024. Mr. Durrance was born on March 1, 1928 in Chiefland, Florida. He is survived by his loving wife Frances Joann Durrance; daughter Donna DeMeritt; son-in-law Russell DeMeritt; as well as several nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by his many loved ones and friends.

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There is usually a whole host of other admissions that come along with this, such as admitting how we had wronged others. Many of us have secrets which we simply cannot admit to others—or sometimes, even ourselves—and sadly,

those are the secrets which keep us imprisoned and isolated from our families and friends.

Working with recovering substance abusers has taught me that most substance abusers live very lonely lives. Many say that they have no close friends, or very few, and they are often alienated from family by their habits. They have to be alone in order to keep up their addiction, and while it is tempting to think this is something that only alcoholics or drug addicts are afflicted with, we all have areas of our lives which imprison us.

Reflect on the areas of your life which are imprisoning you and consider unburdening yourself once and for all and truly being free.

– Christopher Simon

But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

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# Miss Apopka launches new toy drive for children fighting cancer

Miss Apopka Reilly Cardella is announcing the start of a new toy drive to further the work of her non-profit organization Love for Ladybug. Through Love for Lady, toys and gifts are collected and distributed to courageous kids fighting cancer.

From Saturday, March 9, through Monday, April 1, Cardella welcomes community members to visit one of her community partners and contribute a new toy or gift. These items will then be presented to the kids and teens fighting cancer at AdventHealth for Children in Orlando.

Drop off locations include Propagate Social House, Stephanie's Pub and Irish Eatery, Apopka Elks Lodge No. 2422, and Pretty in Pink Tea Room.

At the age of 13, Cardella's best childhood friend Kassie passed away from leukemia.

"Kassie's family nickname was 'Ladybug' and it quickly became a symbol of hope for myself, her family and friends," Cardella said. "Because Kassie had such a positive attitude, I remind myself to keep this charity as positive as possible to uphold her optimistic legacy while still acknowledging there is nothing positive about cancer."

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## City Council seats 3 and 4 candidates report donations for Jan. - Feb. 2024

The following list is of contributions received by the candidates for the Apopka municipal election that will be held Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

The list covers contributions made during January 13 to February 16.

Two of the five seats on the City Council will be on the ballot.

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Isadora Moye Dean-\$100.-C  
Alex Rozier-\$50.-C  
Denese Tarver-\$100.-C  
Rose J Morris-\$100.-C  
Nadia Anderson-\$2,400.-C  
Nadia Anderson-\$375.-I  
**Report: cash total-\$4,150.**  
**Report: In-Kind total-\$1,875.**  
**Total of Contributions**

### Reported: \$10,950.

Darryl P. Richardson

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Brian Headley-\$100.-C  
Lou Haubner-\$500.-C  
Kaufman & Lynd, Orlando-\$1,000.-C  
James Arrowsmith-\$500.-C  
Todd Bengston-\$700.-C  
Stacy Greenhut-\$20.-C  
Randy/Krista Taylor-500.-C  
The Smoke Exchange-150.-C  
Fred & Debra Gorchess, Paisley-250.-C

Dan Ryan-50.-C

**Report: cash total-\$3,970.-C**

**Total of Contributions Reported: \$6,320.**

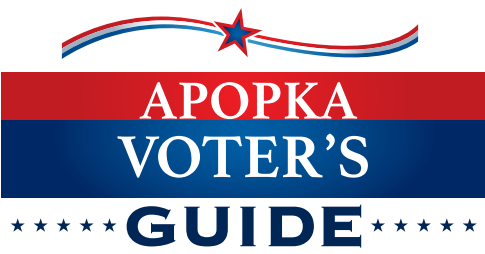
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Eric Mock

Note: C-cash, check, on-line; I-In-kind; L-loan  
Sandra Moffett-\$48.06-C  
James Arrowsmith-\$500.-C  
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Bob Elmquist-\$100.-C  
Diann Haubner-\$500.-C  
Jeff Bromme, Longwood-\$242.28-C  
Robert Duncan-\$250.-C  
**Report: cash total-\$1840.34**  
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Nick Nesta

Note: C-cash, check, on-line; I-In-kind; L-loan  
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Jerry Duffer-\$100.-C  
Richard Lippert Jr, Altamonte Springs-\$100.-C  
Chris Smith-\$6.48-I  
Andie Delgado-\$1,000.-C  
Goliath Ventures, Inc.-\$1,000.-C  
Jay Wheeler, Kissimmee-\$100.-C  
Fred Gorchess, Paisley-\$250.-C  
Rogers Beckett-\$50.-C  
Nikki McGuire-\$30.-C  
Rodney Olsen-\$50.-C  
Chris Smith-\$686.03-I  
**Report: cash total-\$3530**  
**Report: In-Kind total-\$692.51**  
**Total of Contributions Reported: \$8,238.89.**



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# Fair: Annual event offers 50 rides, beer and wine garden

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ed. Proceeds from the fair are donated to local charities, service organizations, schools and other community institutions.

“Events held with the intention of reflecting an area for a substantial amount of time is exciting and a blessing to the particular area,” DeClue said. “For 20 plus years now, the Apopka Fair has been a source of pride for the Rotary Club. The bigger pride is for bettering the community through the fair though. The fair for 21 years is not only good for the Rotary Club, but even more so for the city of Apopka and residents.

“Twenty plus years have gone by quickly though. And we couldn’t deliver a fair once without involvement from other entities, let alone over 20. Thanks to all entities who have supported and gotten involved with the fair.”

The fair was originally organized as a part of the 150th anniversary celebration for Apopka as a city. However, during the 23 years of operation, the fair has matured within the context of the area’s uniqueness while also presenting the theme of family first.

Woven throughout the anticipation and eventual highlights are the fingerprints of the idealism associated with the fair now established in a third decade.

“Focus on family has always been at the top of what makes the fair successful list,” DeClue said. “The conduciveness to raising children and grow-

ing family themes makes this area unique. Apopka’s way of life is centered on the family and the values are family-based. If the fair represents Apopka and the area, family themes should be the driving force. We try to put on a better fair within the context of Apopka’s uniqueness driven by those family themes every year.”

Fostering those family themes representing Apopka’s uniqueness will once again be through a healthy dose of the tried-and-true.

Newer additions over recent years have only increased what was an already high level of anticipation in promoting the area as well.

Consisting of about 50 combined rides and games, the midway will be run by Paradise Amusements.

The sounds, smells and shining chrome of automobiles will also return as a further expression of

the fair’s purpose. Held as a part of every Apopka Fair, the 23rd annual Rotarian Lowell Swanberg’s Classic Car Show at the Apopka Fair (presented by the Rotary Club of Apopka) takes place on Saturday.

Anniversary Antique, Classic and Special Interest automobiles will be on display as well as featured.

Automobiles participating in the 2023 show totaled over 125.

Awards have grown to roughly double the amount presented at the end of the first show. People’s Choice Awards, Chairman’s Choice, President’s Choice and the Rotarian Lowell Swanberg Awards have become staples of the show. Dash plaques to the first 100 cars registered, a 50/50 drawing and neat door prizes will be included again.

Another anticipated staple of the show, Butch Johnson of WJBJ Cruisin’

with the Classics will handle the Master of Ceremony/Deejay duties again this year.

Registration before the show is encouraged with a cost of \$15. Day of show registration is \$20 and begins at 9:30 am. Opening ceremony is scheduled for 10 am. At 2:30 pm, the awards presentation will take place.

Another stalwart mak-

ing the fair special is the assortment of food vendors. However, the focus remains on a variety of choices.

Other miscellaneous vendors will be present as well. The Beer and Wine Garden quickly became a featured as well as looked forward to component of the fair when introduced seven years ago.

“Growth has been steady since the first fair in

conjunction with organizers providing more aspects of relaxation for attendees every year,” DeClue said. “Organizers felt the time to provide attendees with a directly-for-the-purpose of relaxing area had come six years ago though. We try to stick with what has been done in the past and rely on the more tradition-

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**Charles Clifford Hood (Cliff)**, 87, of Lakeland, beloved husband, brother, father, and grandfather, passed into the loving arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 21, 2023.

Cliff was born on July 28, 1936, in Augusta, GA to the late Margaret Crumpler and Charlie Alton Hood. When Cliff was around ten years old, the Hood family moved to Apopka, FL. Cliff had an amazing childhood, especially enjoying boating, fishing, skiing, and camping on the St. Johns River. Cliff also played basketball in high school and was the captain of the Apopka Blue Darters Basketball team, who were runners up in the State Championship his senior year. While in high school, Cliff met and courted the love of his life, Shirley Rae Smith of Orlando. Cliff attended the University of Florida, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity and majored in Business Administration. After dating for five years, Cliff and Shirley were married on December 30, 1957, and together embarked on a life of adventure. Upon graduation from UF in June of 1958, Cliff enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Kinross (which became Kincheloe) Air Force Base in Sault Ste. Marie Michigan, where he served for four years.

While in Sault Ste. Marie, the young Hood family welcomed the addition of sons John Alton and Tracy Alan. Upon Cliff’s discharge from the Air Force in 1962, the family moved back to Florida, first to Deland, then to Lakeland, where Cliff worked in accounting for various local firms ranging from banks, to manufacturers, to retailers. Despite many offers to relocate to work at larger, more prestigious firms, Cliff chose to stay in Lakeland to raise his family and contribute to the community. His family especially appreciated his involvement in the annual Kiwanis Pancake breakfast at Joker Marchant field.

Cliff lived 62 happy years in Lakeland, where he and Shirley made many lifelong friends. He and Shirley were active members at Gibsonia Baptist Church, then First Baptist Church, teaching Sunday School classes and serving in various roles in their church. Over the years, they had groups to play Bridge, Bunco, Farkle and virtually anything that allowed talking and playing at the same time. The self-proclaimed “Dirty Dozen” was an especially close group of twelve couples, whose passions were food and fellowship, otherwise known as eating and talking!

Cliff loved to camp and hike, taking his family on many adventures to the National Parks starting out in a Volkswagen camper van, and graduating to a pop-up camper. Later, he and Shirley upgraded to different forms of recreational vehicles, traveling all over the country, but finally settling at the Sundowner RV Park in Hayesville, NC. For many years, Cliff and Shirley were fortunate to spend their summers in Hayesville, where they attended McConnell Baptist Church in Hiawassee, GA and made many close friends. Cliff was happiest when fishing, biking, or any other activity where he was spending time with his family and friends.

Cliff is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley; his dear sister, Phyllis Hood of Orlando, FL; his son, Tracy (Barbara) Hood of Tampa, FL; and his granddaughters Katie and Ellie. He was predeceased by his son, John Hood, and his brothers Billy Hood and Phil Hood.

A private family interment is planned. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Cliff’s memory to McConnell Baptist Church, PO Box 235, Hiawassee, GA .



## Lloyd Taylor Brown



Lloyd Taylor Brown, 90, of Apopka, Florida passed away on March 03, 2024. Mr. Brown was born on May 02, 1933 in Libertyville, Illinois. He is survived by his loving wife Sylvia Ann Brown; children Russell (Kirsten) Brown, Debra (James) Thornton, Jeffrey (Sheryl) Brown and Alan (Barbara) Pinkerton; grandchildren Andrew (Amanda) Brown, Sarah (Tim) Langham, Justin (Vanessa) Thornton, Jake Thorn-

ton, Forrest Buchanan, Jarrett Buchanan, Kayla (Ray) Passaro, Austin Maxwell, Alan (AJ) (Carina) Pinkerton and Trevor Pinkerton; great grandchildren Mason Brown, Aiden Brown, Gavin Brown, Samuel Passaro, Emmalyn Passaro, Anthony Oliveira and Michael Clay. He will be missed by his many loved ones and friends.

Flowers accepted or donations can be made to the Apopka Firefighters Association or First Baptist Church of Apopka

Visitation: Loomis Funeral Home 5:00PM-7:00PM on Friday, March 08, 2024 Funeral: First Baptist Church of Apopka 2:00PM-3:00PM Saturday March 09, 2024

Interment: Highland Memory Gardens 3:00PM-3:30PM Saturday, March 09, 2024

## Special Spinach Salad sounds both nutritious and delicious

Baked Fish by Sharon Ustler is simple and quick. And is tasty! We thank First Presbyterian Church of Apopka for their *Treasures and Pleasures cookbook*.

We have a quick and easy recipe for tartar sauce from allrecipes.com to complement the baked fish.

A recipe from Jane Bradley is in *Southern Style* for hush puppies which are traditionally served with fish and other seafoods.

And here is an Instant Pot recipe for you. (Any pressure cooker will work.) The recipe is titled Chinese Pork and Cabbage Wraps, and it comes from Bob Warden’s book, *Great Food Fast*. I haven’t tried it yet, but it sounds interesting.

Oriental Rice is rice cooked with onion soup, mushrooms, and water chestnuts, all canned to make it extremely convenient to put together and stick in the oven for an easy dish for your family’s supper. This recipe is from *Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*.

We found a great recipe for Spinach Salad from Allison Chase in New Vision Community Church’s *Feeding the Flock*.

From *The Original Country Cookbook* published by Paragon Products, Inc., in Pompano Beach in 1976, here is Maple Layer Cake, a very simple and easy dessert or for your anytime coffee break.

### SHARON USTLER’S BAKED FISH

Recipe from Apopka First Presbyterian Church’s *Treasures and Pleasures*

**1 pound fish fillets**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**Dash of pepper**  
**1 tablespoon grated onion**  
**2 tablespoons lemon juice**  
**2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine**

If fish are large, cut into five or six serving pieces. Sprinkle both sides with salt and pepper. Mix margarine or butter, lemon juice, and onion. Dip

fish in mixture. Arrange in ungreased 9 x 9 x 2-inch pan. Pour remaining mixture over fish. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees until fish flakes easily with fork or about 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired.

### TARTAR SAUCE

Recipe from ALLRECIPES.COM

**1 cup mayonnaise**  
**1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish**  
**1 tablespoon minced onion**  
**2 tablespoons lemon juice (optional)**

**Salt and pepper to taste**

1) Mix mayonnaise, relish, and onion together in a small bowl. Stir in lemon juice; season with salt and pepper. 2) Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

### HUSH PUPPIES

Recipe from *Southern Style* Jane Bradley

**1-1/2 cups fine white cornmeal**  
**3 tablespoons flour**  
**1 teaspoon sugar**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon baking powder**  
**1/2 teaspoon baking soda**  
**2 tablespoons butter, lard, or shortening, melted**  
**2 eggs, beaten**  
**1 cup buttermilk (additional may be needed)**  
**2 tablespoons finely minced onion**

**Oil or shortening for deep frying**

1) In a medium bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Stir to blend. Add melted butter or lard or shortening; beaten eggs; buttermilk; minced onion, and stir to blend. Mixture must be moist but must also hold its shape on a spoon. 2) Heat oil to 375 degrees Fahrenheit in a deep-fat fryer or large saucepan. Oil needs to be about 2 to 2-1/2 inches deep. 3) Dip spoon into the oil or shortening, scoop up about a tablespoon of batter and push batter into the hot oil with another spoon. Don’t crowd the fryer or saucepan; the hush puppies will fry more evenly and will float and stop sizzling when cooked through. 4) Turn frequently until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. You can keep

warm in a 250-degree oven until all the mixture has been cooked.

**NOTE:** If too much liquid is used, the hush puppies will not hold their shape and won’t cook through. If not enough liquid is used, the hush puppies will be irregularly and roughly shaped and will not be light and fluffy. Test your mixture by cooking one hush puppy and either add another tablespoon of cornmeal or another tablespoon of water or butter-milk, as needed. Serves: 6 to 8.

### MOO SHU PORK

**Chinese Pork and Cabbage Wraps**

Recipe from *Great Food Fast* Bob Warden

**2 tablespoons sesame oil**  
**1 pound boneless pork loin chops, cut into strips**  
**1 large yellow onion, thinly sliced**  
**1 (16-ounce bag) shredded coleslaw mix**  
**1 tablespoon minced garlic**  
**1/4 cup beef stock or broth**  
**3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce**  
**1/3 cup hoisin sauce**  
**4 scallions, thinly sliced**  
**2 tablespoons cornstarch, mixed into 2 tablespoons water**  
**Flour tortillas**

1) With the cooker’s lid off, heat oil on HIGH or “brown,” until sizzling. 2) Place the pork and onion in the cooker, and cook until pork is lightly browned, about 5 minutes. 3) Add the coleslaw mix, garlic, beef broth, and soy sauce. Securely lock the pressure cooker’s lid, and set for 3 minutes on HIGH. 4) Perform a quick release to release the cooker’s pressure. Remove lid and set cooker to HIGH or “brown.” 5) Stir in hoisin sauce, scallions, and cornstarch mixture. Let simmer 2 minutes. 6) Serve wrapped in tortillas, spread with additional hoisin sauce, if desired.

**TIP:** Hoisin, a sweet and smoky Chinese plum sauce, can be found in jars in the Asian foods section of your local grocery store.

### ORIENTAL RICE

Recipe from Florida Federation of Garden Clubs  
*Paths of Sunshine Cookbook*

**1/2 cup butter or margarine**  
**1 cup long grain rice, uncooked**  
**1 (10-ounce) can onion soup**  
**1 can water**  
**1 (6-ounce) can mushroom stems and pieces**  
**1 (6-ounce) can water chestnuts, thinly sliced**

Melt butter in casserole dish, set aside. Mix: rice, soup, water, mushrooms and water chestnuts. Pour into casserole with melted butter. Bake covered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Remove cover and continue baking for 15 additional minutes.

### ALLISON CHASE’S SPECIAL SPINACH SALAD

Recipe from New Vision Community Church’s *Feeding the Flock*

**1 bunch spinach, washed and torn**  
**1 can bean sprouts, drained**  
**1 can water chestnuts, sliced**  
**3 or 4 hard-boiled eggs, sliced**  
**6 to 8 slices bacon, cooked, drained and cut in pieces**  
**1 cup light olive oil**  
**3/4 cup sugar (less, if desired)**  
**1/3 cup catsup**  
**1/4 cup vinegar**  
**1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce**  
**1 grated onion**  
Mix and serve.

### MAPLE LAYER CAKE

Recipe from Paragon Products, Inc., *The Original Country Cookbook*

**3 eggs**  
**1 cup soft maple sugar**  
**1 cup flour**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon baking powder**  
**1 cup cream**  
**1/4 cup grated maple sugar**

Beat egg yolks till light. Add the soft maple sugar and flour sifted with the salt and baking powder. Fold in whites of the eggs beaten very stiff, last. Bake for 30 minutes in two greased and floured layer cake pans at 320 degrees. Put together with the cream, whipped and sweetened with the grated maple sugar. Sprinkle top layer with powdered sugar.



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## Fair: Ride armbands are available Sunday

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al activities. Again, the fair shouldn't be entirely about offering the same exact activities over and over every year. We want to include diversity and new experiences for everyone."

The menu is as follows: 16 oz Beer: \$8; 6 oz.-Wine: \$8

Musical artist Casey Brents will also perform at The Beer and Wine Garden.

However, "The Beer and Wine Garden is supposed to be an area where those over 21 can relax and enjoy themselves, take a load off so to speak," DeClue said. "A good value is also included to further cre-

ate an atmosphere of relaxation and enjoyment. Security is present at all times to make sure that purpose remains the same and the garden isn't abused."

Family Night was once again held on Thursday.

Armbands for the carnival rides are available this Sunday. By purchasing an armband for \$25, attendees can ride the rides an unlimited amount. A \$2 off coupon for armbands purchased from 5-9 pm on Thursday and from noon-2 pm on Sunday can be found in the Apopka Fair flyer. However, armbands are valid throughout Thursday and until 4 pm on Sunday. Family ticket packages are also available at a cost of \$20. Prices for and numbers of tickets for each ride are set by Paradise Amusement as well as subject to change at any time before the fair.

On Friday, the fair opens at 5 pm and closes at 11 pm. Saturday hours are 2 pm to 11 pm. Noon until 8 pm are the hours of operation on Sunday.

Admission into the fair is free. However, parking is \$5 for an entire day. Except service, animals are not allowed on the property.

"Assisting local charities and showcasing the beautiful city of Apopka is very important to the Rotary Club," DeClue said.

One example is multiple organizations volunteer as parking lot attendants and receive a portion of the fees.

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Management, First Methodist Church of Apopka, Stephanie's Pub and Irish Eatery, First Card Merchant Services, Belben Realty Group.

"To last this long is an accomplishment in itself and more reason for the excitement," DeClue said. "However, the community is just as responsible for the fair's success extending into third decade. The fair is a massive undertaking, far more people than the organizers are needed.

"Every year organizers are excited to hold and run the fair, no different than previous years."

For more information log onto [www.apopkafair.com](http://www.apopkafair.com). The Apopka Fair Flyer is located on the website as well. For information specifically about the car show on Saturday call the director, Donnie Williams at 407-509-6742.

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