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The community gathered at the Farmworker Association of Florida's office on Apopka Boulevard for a Wednesday, May 15, vigil to honor the farmworkers who died in an Ocala bus accident.

Vigil held for eight farmworkers who died in Ocala bus accident

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The community gathered for a Wednesday, May 15, vigil at the Farmworker Association of Florida's (FWAF) Apopka office on Apopka Boulevard to pay respect to the eight farmworkers who died in an Ocala bus accident on the morning of Tuesday, May 14.

Reports indicate that a bus carrying agricultural workers, transporting them

to begin their early morning shift, was involved in a tragic accident, resulting in multiple injuries, and at least eight people who lost their lives.

"Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of the deceased and injured, including all those who were impacted by this devastating tragedy," reads an FWAF statement. "The farmworkers, working in the US with temporary work visas,

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Museum celebrates 55th year

By Teresa Sargeant
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The Apopka Museum is celebrating its 55th anniversary, and the Apopka Historical Society presented a history of the museum and the city of Apopka

at the May 15 City Council meeting at City Hall.

Maribel Brinkle, Apopka Historical Society president, told the City Council, "Why is the historical preservation so important? Our history is the very foundation upon

which our community is built. It tells the story of the people who came before us, their struggles and triumphs, the events that shaped our town into what it is today. These stories

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Photo courtesy of Christopher Bates

The Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts of Wekiva High School has competed in several regional and national culinary competitions, such as the Florida ProStart Competition. Pictured here is the magnet's 2024 Florida ProStart Competition Team.

WHS Culinary Arts Magnet closes successful 2023-24

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The Magnet Academy of Culinary Arts at Wekiva High School is ending the 2023-24 school year on several high notes yet again, such as another recognition for the program director as National Teacher of the Year and a contest the magnet has entered, which will end on August 3.

Described as a working internship, the magnet academy allows students the opportunity to explore professions in the

culinary industry using the National Restaurant Association's ProStart curriculum. Students learn and work alongside professional chefs, restaurateurs, and other experts in a commercial kitchen, learning skills hands on.

Last year Christopher Bates, the magnet program director and lead instructor, won the 2023 Teacher of the Year for the state of Florida. He followed that up with winning National Teacher of the Year in June 2023 and received the James Maynard Award for Excellence in Innovation

from the National Restaurant Association along with a monetary award.

This past April, Bates found out that he won National Teacher of the Year for 2024, an honor awarded by the Center for the Advancement of Foodservice Education. This summer, he will travel to San Antonio, Texas, to receive the recognition.

"It's just coincidence that a different national organization, has another (award) where I'm going to San Antonio in June to

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Emancipation Day at park



The city celebrated Emancipation Day two days early with an event at Alonzo Williams Park on Saturday, May 18. The city's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee organized the event. Pictured presenting event proclamations are (l to r) Mark Wright-Ahern, DEI committee; Alexander Smith, city commissioner; Francina Boykin, Apopka Historical Society board member; Diane Velazquez, city commissioner; Bryan Nelson, mayor; and Sylvester Hall, DEI committee.

Maintenance work may impact Wildlife Drive one weekend

The St. Johns River Water Management District will be performing maintenance work on Laughlin Road just south of McDonald Canal Road from May 28 to June 13.

During this time, pedestrians can bypass the construction area using the Lake Apopka Loop Trail. However, this project may impact the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive during the weekend of June 7-9. Unfortunately, there is no detour available for the drive,

and the District may need to close the drive for the weekend.

The contractor aims to complete the work as quickly as possible and hopes to finish it before the weekend. However, due to the nature of the work, this cannot be guaranteed until the project is underway and progress is assessed.

For updates on the project's progress, check sjrwmd.com/meetings-announcements or follow the District on social media.

Bank experiences second bank robbery this month

Apopka police are searching for a suspect who committed an armed robbery at Fifth Third Bank at 1725 S. Orange Blossom Trail on Monday, May 20, the second Fifth Third Bank robbery happening this month in the city.

On May 20 at approximately 12:15 p.m. Apopka police responded to an armed bank robbery.

According to police, the suspect entered the bank and proceeded to the teller counter and demanded the employee open the cash drawer. The suspect fled the scene on a bicycle.

There were no injuries reported as a result of this incident. This remains an active investigation.

On May 8, police also responded to a Fifth Third Bank robbery at 1459 Rock Springs Road. According to authorities, the suspect entered the bank, walked behind the teller counter, and removed money from an open drawer before fleeing the scene on foot, according to police. There were no injuries resulting from this incident.

This robbery also con-

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The pictured bank robbery suspect at Fifth Third Bank (1725 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka) on Monday, May 20, is a light skinned male, last seen wearing a camo-style bucket hat, a navy-blue long-sleeved shirt, grey joggers, gray sneakers, black and red gloves and is armed with a handgun. He was last seen leaving the parking lot on a bicycle.

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Apopka Event of the Week

The community is invited to join the City of Apopka and VFW Post 10147 to honor the lives and legacy of the nation's fallen military heroes on Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Edgewood/ Greenwood Cemetery, 141 S. Edgewater Dr., Apopka.

Quotable

Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow;

President Eisenhower on the signing of the Memorial Day Proclamation in 1955

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Our position

Prayers for peace are necessary

It is easy to forget events of the past, but being able to commemorate heroism of citizens of the United States of America who sacrificed their lives to keep our country free keeps today's citizens mindful of the cost of that freedom. Prayers are necessary.

Memorial Day started as an event to honor Union soldiers who had died during the American Civil War. It was inspired by the way people in the Southern states honored their dead.

After World War I, it was extended to include all men and women who died in any war or military action.

Pres. Eisenhower signed this
Memorial Day Prayer for Peace

PRAYER FOR PEACE,
MEMORIAL DAY, 1955

BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

WHEREAS this day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the land, having sacrificed their lives that war might end; and

WHEREAS in tribute to these silent dead it is fitting that we lift up our voices together in supplication to Almighty God for wisdom in our search for an enduring peace; and

WHEREAS the Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling upon the

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day. The current name for this day did not come into use until after World War II. Decoration Day and then Memorial Day used to be held on May 30, regardless of the day of the week, on which it fell. In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed as part of a move to use federal holidays to create three-day weekends. This meant that from 1971, the Memorial Day holiday has been officially observed on the last Monday in May.

However, it took a longer period for all American states to recognize the new date.

people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day in that manner:

THEREFORE, I,
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,
President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, Monday, the thirtieth of May, 1955, as a day of Nation-wide prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at eleven o'clock in the morning as a period in which the people of this Nation may unite in beseeching God to guide the nations of the world into the ways of peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-five, and of the [SEAL] Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and seventy-ninth.

DWIGHT D.
EISENHOWER

By the President:
JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
/Secretary of State.



Memories of this year are joyful

Well, here we are at the end of another school year. As we close out the end of the 2023-2024 school year, I want to thank everyone who helped make it a great year.

From our teachers to our parents, everyone had a part in making it a successful year.

This has been a wonderful school year filled with so many amazing activities and accomplishments for the schools and students in our area. As we all know, the past several years have had many challenges and this year I really saw joy coming back into the education process.

From Hawaiian shirts on Fridays to lunchtime games and music, the fun and lightheartedness was reemerging and it was good to see.

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

As we continue to work to improve absenteeism rates, student engagement and connectedness are more important than ever and nothing improves those things than just good old-fashioned fun.

This has been a strong focus for all of our schools. In fact, throughout the school year, the Superintendent had members from her student advisory council present at each board meeting about the things they are doing at their

school to make students feeling more connected to their school.

They shared different activities happening across the district from welcome committees for new students to pickleball tournaments at lunch. All the schools shared the same message, that kids were happier and more involved than previous years in their schools.

So I want to thank all our school administrators, teachers and staff for making our schools happy and joyful for all our students! I can't wait to see what you do next year!

Thank you to all our parents for your unending support of not only your own children but of our schools. Involved and com-

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Clerk's office continues Sat. hours

Orlando –

The Orange County Clerk of Courts continues to offer Saturday hours at two branch locations for the rest of the year to provide more convenient times for customers.

The Clerk's Office began these extra days in June of 2023 as a pilot project to determine if the public would find the hours helpful. Due to the positive response, the Clerk's office is continuing the extra Saturdays until at least December of 2024.

The Winter Park and Ocoee branches are open for services such as mar-

riage licenses and ceremonies, passports, and payments on one Saturday of every month.

These branch offices are open on the following Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.: June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14.

Customers will be able to access the same services offered during the week at our branch locations on these select Saturdays. Appointments will also be available on these days for passports and marriage services.

“Our Saturday hours

have been popular with customers who take advantage of this extra day to do business with us. We all know how busy work and school can be for families, so this is another option to make doing business with us easier,” said Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell.

The Winter Park and Ocoee branches are the only locations open for the extra Saturday hours. The dates were selected to provide Clerk office hours on a Saturday once a month.

For more information on the Clerk of Courts services and locations, go to www.myorangelclerk.com.

This Week In God's Word

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes. — Psalm 37:7

Mema Says

Pleasing others is exactly the way we get in trouble.

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Education today seems to radicalize students to cause dissention

Our institutions of higher learning used to be for education, using common sense, and how to implement those qualities in our society. Debate teams used to learn how to debate and use the power of persuasion to accomplish those things which would allow our society to grow and take care of one another. In other words, our institutions of higher learning were there for the betterment of the United States of America and what she



Ike Hayden

stands for.

The whole world saw the United States as having the best educational system in the world. The education that was given to students of all grades of schools in-

cluded the studies of history of our nation. It seems that today's colleges are hell-bent on radicalizing people to change the greatest nation ever imagined.

Our Bill of Rights, initiated through our constitutional law, is one of the greatest assets of our constitution, and yet it is being bastardized by this administration to fit their own political agenda. The ineptitude of our government is not due to ignorance, but is due to a well thought out

plan. We have but a few years left to undo all the atrocities that have been accomplished by this administration.

In my finite mind, I do not have the capacity to figure out what it's going to take to bring us back to a nation that stands for people that desire to go forward into the future for the good of mankind. We need to return to the basics of educating our children and what it means to belong to a society that has no doubt

as to the ideals, principles, morality, and worth of each individual life.

I see a herd mentality being fostered in our young people today. The fact that someone else does not like something and is going to denounce whatever that is through demonstrations of destruction, and pronouncements of hatred should be foreign to our culture. As a nation, we have always been the most charitable, the most caring, and the most willing

to respond to any need of any nation that finds itself in dire circumstances. We have given assistance, even when that nation or people have called for our demise. And yet, we cannot, or will not, show that kind of commitment and compassion toward each other.

There's a radical group that hates America and hates everything that she stands for that is trying to drive us apart and make us

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Museum: Nonprofit moved through several places

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connect us to our past, fostering a sense of place and belonging.”

Besides the museum’s history, Apopka Historical Society members also presented Apopka’s beginnings, the city’s utilities, churches, baking and lumber industries, and the foliage industry, which gave Apopka’s nickname as The Indoor Foliage Capital of the World.

Museum history

In May 1968, the Apopka Historical Society was conceived by a group of women from the Apopka Woman’s Club Historical Committee to organize a local historical group. This occurred after Pioneer Day was held in the fall of 1967 in connection with the Central Florida Fall Festival.

The society members took three months to apply to the state to file incorporation papers as a nonprofit. Then it took three years to open Apopka’s first museum. The beginning artifacts collection was donated by Edward Minor. The first museum occupied

three rooms on the second floor of this building, City Hall, in 1971.

Since its inception, as the museum continued to outgrow its space, it moved to various venues within the city. The sites were the Carroll Building, the former school site where the current City Hall is located, the Apopka annex, joining the water, information technology and the finance departments; and finally, to the current location of the log cabin building located at 122 E. Fifth St., across the street from City Hall and behind the current utility building.

Once again, the museum is outgrowing its space, and it’s exploring its expansion option.

“It is a torch we carry live by the generations before us and one we pass on with pride. It is about a commitment, our shared pasts, present and future,” Brinkle said. “This celebration is a statement to the dedication of the Apopka Historical Society and all who support his mission. Let’s take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to all the past presidents

and volunteers whose tirelessly efforts brought us to this point. Your dedication is an inspiration.

“As we look forward towards the future, we urge our esteemed Mayor Bryan (Nelson) and our esteemed city commissioners to consider strengthening your support for the Historical Society and the city museum. Remember, we are the only cultural destination in town and the center for creating a Main Street. Let’s ensure it continues to flourish for the next 55 years and beyond.”

Brinkle announced that the Historical Society will attend the June 5 City council meeting to continue the anniversary celebration and announce an invitation.




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Interesting facts related to Memorial Day

Memorial Day is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May across the United States. The proximity of Memorial Day to the summer solstice has led many to view the weekend preceding the holiday as the unofficial kickoff to summer. However, Memorial Day is about more than backyard barbecues and weekend getaways.

Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military. Though Memorial Day traces its origins to the years following the American Civil War in the mid-nineteenth century, it did not become an official federal holiday until 1971. That's one of just many interesting facts about Memorial Day that are worth noting as the United States prepares to commemorate the sacrifices of military personnel who died in service of the country.

•Memorial Day began as something of a grass roots movement. According to History.com, by the late 1860s individuals in towns across the war-ravaged United States began holding springtime tributes to

soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War.

•Among the more notable postwar commemorations was one organized by former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina. That commemoration occurred less than a month after the Confederate forces surrendered in 1865. Despite that, History.com notes that in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day.

•Postwar commemorations also were organized by northern veterans of the Civil War. General John A. Logan, who led an organization of Union veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance in May 1868. General Logan referred to the holiday as Declaration Day and chose May 30 because it was not the anniversary of any specific battle and therefore unlikely to be viewed by some as controversial.

•Early commemorations of Decoration Day, which gradually came to be known as Memorial Day, initially honored only those soldiers who died during the American Civil

War. However, that changed over time as American servicemen fought in various wars, including both World Wars, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

•The red poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. That red poppy can be traced to a poem by Canadian John McCrae, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. "In Flanders Field" notes the red poppies that grew in fields where countless soldiers had been buried in modern-day Belgium. The poem was published in 1915, three years before the war ended. Sadly, McCrae himself was a casualty of the war, succumbing to pneumonia in France in 1918 while still in the service.

•Memorial Day honors service personnel who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday's inspiration and lengthy history merits consideration as the nation prepares to commemorate countless soldiers' sacrifices once more.





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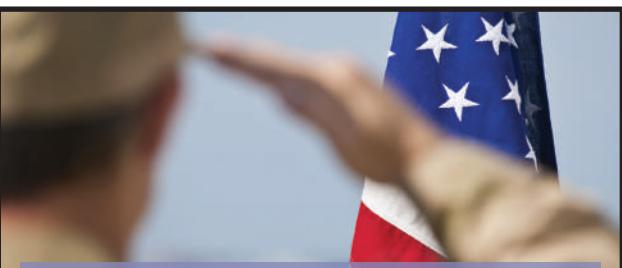
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Please think of them on Memorial Day.
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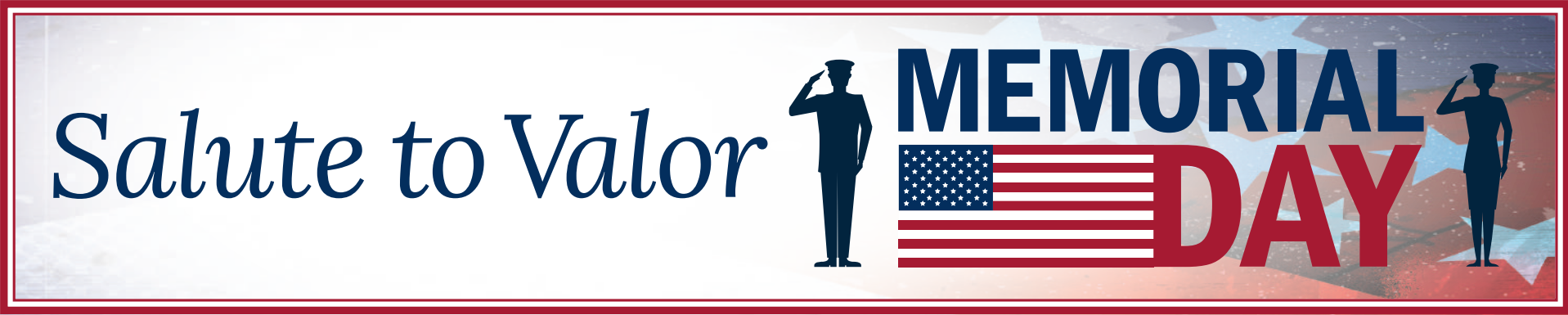
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What families can do to honor fallen veterans

The freedoms people living in the United States are afforded would not have been possible to provide if not for the brave efforts and undying commitment of the many individuals who have served in the nation's armed forces. American military personnel have played vital roles in securing freedoms for their fellow citizens as well as individuals overseas.

Each year on the final Monday in May, the United States commemorates military personnel who lost their lives while serving in the armed forces. Those individuals made the ultimate sacrifice, and Memorial Day is a way to honor them and thank their families for their selfless acts. This Memorial Day, families can embrace various measures to honor fallen veterans.

· Visit a local veterans cemetery. The United Service Organization (USO) notes that most states have national veterans cemeteries. Though some veterans cemeteries are open only to family members of service personnel, others are open to the general public. Visiting a veterans cemetery is a great way to honor fallen military members and ensure the memory of their service and sacrifice is not forgotten on Memorial Day.

· Celebrate veterans over Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day weekend is now synonymous with getaways and backyard barbecues. By taking time out during the weekend to honor fallen veterans, families can ensure the meaning behind the holiday is not lost in the midst of celebrations with family and friends. Take time out during a family barbecue to discuss a family member who served or, if traveling, make an effort to visit a veterans memorial along your travel route.

· Help raise funds for veterans organizations. Fun runs or community Memorial Day walks may benefit local veterans organizations that help service members in need. Many service members may need help dealing with the deaths of friends or family members who died while serving in the armed forces, and veterans organizations may provide such help or direct funds to groups that do. That makes participation in events that benefit veterans organizations a great way to honor current military personnel and those who have served in the past, including those who died in



service of their country.

· Teach youngsters about the role of the armed forces. There's a lot competing for the attention of today's young people, and that can make it easy to overlook the very freedoms that make the United States such a unique country throughout world history. Parents and guardians can emphasize the role the armed forces play in procuring and protecting freedoms in the United States and emphasize the significance of the sacrifices of those who gave their lives to ensure a higher quality of life for all U.S. residents.

Memorial Day commemorates military personnel who died while serving in the armed forces. There is much families can do to ensure those sacrifices are never forgotten or taken for granted.

Memorial Day, May 27, 11 a.m.

The city of Apopka and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 10147) would like to invite the public to join them honoring the lives and legacy of the nation's fallen military heroes, at the Veterans Memorial at Edgewood/Greenwood Cemetery, 141 S. Edgewood Dr., Apopka

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Bill includes updates on how Florida combats human trafficking

By Andrew Powell
The Center Square

Florida will beef up its efforts to stem human trafficking after legislation was signed into law on Monday.

Governor Ron DeSantis signed House Bill 7063, a bill that will make important updates on how Florida combats human trafficking and extends the lifetime of the statewide Council on Human Trafficking within the Department of Legal Affairs.

Under the new law, rest area service plazas, emergency rooms, massage parlors, strip clubs or other known human trafficking hotspots will be required to display human trafficking awareness signs with telephone numbers to both the national hotline and Florida’s hotline. Penalties are also being increased for entities who fail to comply. The bill also requires entities with contracts

with the Florida government to provide assurances to the state that they do not use coerced labor and prohibits a minor from being employed by an adult entertainment establishment in any role.

“The Legislature has over the years I’ve been governor, worked with us to combat human trafficking, and this is a really serious scourge in our society, and because we’re a state that’s a destination state...unfortunately that attracts human trafficking,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis said over the past three and a half years the Southern Border has been inundated with illegal migrants crossing into the U.S. Because of this, the Mexican drug cartels are using this as an opportunity to drive human trafficking.

“So, this is a big, big problem for the United States, and it’s a problem that we have worked to tackle in Florida and are

continuing today with the announcement,” DeSantis said.

DeSantis stated that since 2019, over 50,000 calls have been made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. DeSantis pointed out that according to the Department of Justice, the average age of a trafficked individual is 13 years old.

“Eighty percent of those trafficked are girls, and of those girls, 80 percent are subjected to sexual exploitation,” DeSantis said. “We know that that is unacceptable,

and we need to continue to work hard and today we’re doing even more to uphold the law, and to go after those who are trafficking these children.”

DeSantis noted that Florida has zero tolerance when it comes to the sexual exploitation of children, as the death penalty can now be given to those convicted of pedophilia in the state of Florida, even though the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the practice in a 2007 decision in the Kennedy vs. Louisiana case.

Byrd: Bright futures are ahead

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mitted parents have the power to change a school and we appreciate you.

Finally, thank you to our amazing community who showed up in big ways for our local schools this year. I tell people all the time that we live in the best community and the way I know that is how the community supports the schools. Our schools could not do what they do without that support.

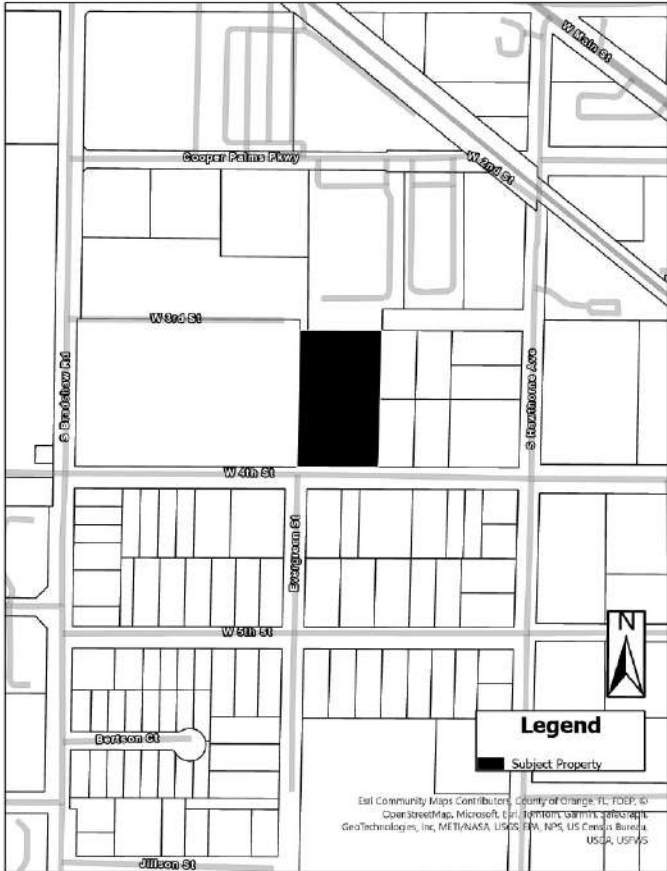
To all our graduating seniors: Congratulations! As our oldest students cross the stage this next couple of weeks, I hope you will reflect on everything you have accomplished with pride. Parents should feel proud as well, as we all know, it is not always easy to raise kids and get them to the finish line, so take a moment to congratulate yourselves also. You deserve it! I wish each senior a fulfilling and bright future

full of possibilities. Remember, the world is there for you to explore. Don’t be afraid to make bold choices and go for your dreams! Best of luck and I can’t wait to shake hands with all of you on that stage! May everyone have a restful summer. Spend time with family and friends, make some memories and have some fun! See you all in August for the 2024-2025 school year!

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ANNEXATION CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044, the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.5.1.A, that **ALBERT IGLESIA** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located north of Fourth Street, east of Bradshaw Road and west of Hawthorne Avenue. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3057
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 SFL PARTNERS LLC AND JFJ REAL INVESTMENTS, LLC; LOCATED NORTH OF FOURTH STREET, EAST OF BRADSHAW ROAD AND WEST OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE; COMPRISING 1.97 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 09-21-28-0868-01-510
Contains: 1.97 +/- acres

NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3057 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, June 5, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** and **Wednesday, June 19, 2024** 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 Annexation can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Magnet: Community can vote for WHS in contest until Aug. 3

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accept that award. So, it's good," Bates said. "It's cool to get that kind of recognition for the work that we're doing here."

The current school year had 375 students in the magnet program. The number has been growing every year since the program was implemented.

For the 2024-25 school year, the magnet students will open up a breakfast café.

"We had 95 students signed up for 24 spots in our breakfast café class," Bates said. "It was a four-to-one; for every one student that I accepted, I had to turn away three. That is pretty common."

Students will also learn how to make, market and sell rolled ice cream, a growing trend in Thailand. The students would bring the rolled ice cream machine to the football field and learn about marketing, customer service, and culinary while distributing the ice cream.

Rolled ice cream is made by pouring ice cream ingredients onto a super-chilled flat surface and freezing it. The ice cream is scraped off using spatulas. When done so, the ice cream rolls up, resembling a burrito.

Achievements

Bates attributed the magnet's several competition wins and widespread recognition to the unique projects the program had launched that aren't found at almost any other school.

"Some of our core program elements are unique to us," Bates said. "We make our own hot sauce that we sell every year. We have our own branded coffee. We're

the only school in the country that roasts and sells its own line of coffee. We have an in-house pizza restaurant where kids learn and operate pizzeria under the guidance of some of our industry partners. Those things are unique. They're different. My kids and I have a lot of drive. We want to do cool things, so we end up doing a lot of cool things."

Among the hallmarks the magnet accomplished were the following:

*A grand opening gala and ribbon cutting ceremony this past January for the magnet's new facilities. The students welcomed elected officials and industry leaders to WHS to tour the place and pledge their support.

*Senior culinary students worked with fourth and fifth grade students to provide a Tacos-for-Teachers Day at Lockhart Elementary in collaboration with Tijuana Flats.

*The magnet opened its on-campus pizzeria in collaboration with Domino's Pizza.

*The magnet opened its on-campus ice cream and gelato lab in collaboration with the Dairy Council of Florida, made possible by a \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy and a \$10,000 grant from the Dairy Council of Florida.

*The magnet hosted the inaugural Sonny's Jr. Pitmaster BBQ competition on campus, in which 10 schools from across the state traveled to Apopka to compete for the Best in Class Smoked Ribs trophy.

*Four of the culinary arts students took first place in the Florida ProStart Invitational Restaurant Management Competition and won approximately \$50,000 in scholarship opportunities each.

*During the 2022-23 school year, the magnet placed Top Ten in the NASA Hunch Culinary Challenge for the second year in a row. This was the magnet's second national title. They headed to Houston, Texas, for nationals.

"We're looking to expand some of our competition teams," Bates said. "The last three years we have broken a lot of records. We were the first school to represent Florida nationally at the NASA competition two years in a row. We were the first Central Florida school to represent Florida at the ProStart National Competition in Washington D.C., which is kind of like the Olympics of food for high school kids. I was the first Central Florida instructor to be recognized as the Florida Teacher of the Year by the National Restaurant Association. Then again, that same year I was recognized nationally and Central Florida instructors. We don't have that distinction because we're very fortunate in the kind of stuff that we're doing here is getting noticed, because our kids, my kids are remarkable."

Favorite Chef competition

The WHS Culinary Arts Magnet entered the Favorite Chef competition.

With voting having opened early this week, the community can vote for the school from now until August 3.

Favorite Chef is an online tournament-style competition that seeks to highlight and celebrate a single great chef while at the same time raising money for the James Beard Foundation. To do this, Favorite Chef partnered with Carla Hall from Bravo's "Top Chef" as a host to help guide competitors through the journey.

The grand prize package is a trip to New York City, cooking experience with Carla Hall, a front cover photoshoot for *Taste of Home* magazine, and \$25,000 in prize money.

The tournament will last two months and is divided into eight, two-week segments.

Every day, each voter can cast one free vote. Each voter can also choose to donate a dollar to the James Beard Foundation so they can cast a second vote. As the weeks go by, the number of competitors keeps getting smaller until there are only two left: Carla's Choice and the grand prize winner.

If WHS culinary arts magnet wins, Bates wants to use the prize package to benefit the WHS culinary arts magnet, specifically to purchase a new rotating

ing deck oven. He also said he would also do his best to get Hall to visit the high school and cook with all of the magnet students.

"I feel pretty good about it. It's very exciting. It would be a great opportunity for the students. It'd

be a good opportunity for us to get some much-needed equipment. So, it's good all around. We'll see how it goes," Bates said.

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The 2024 Hurricane Expo will be on Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Evans High School, 4949 Silver Star Road, Orlando.

Central Florida meteorologist Amy Sweezy will provide updates on this year's hurricane season.

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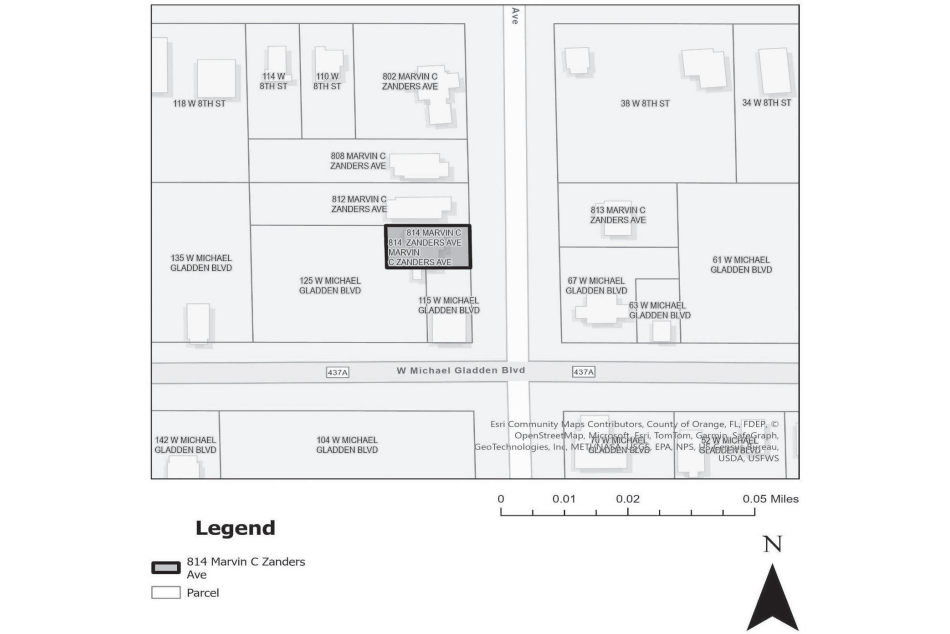
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE SMALL-SCALE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT CITY OF APOPKA

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3) (c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinance, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **CYNTHIA HENDERSON** has made an application to the City of Apopka Planning Commission and the City Council for a **CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE FOR 0.08 +/- ACRES**. This application relates to the following described properties:

ORDINANCE NO. 3506
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 COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE FOR CYNTHIA HENDERSON GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF E MICHAEL GLADDEN BOULEVARD, OWNED BY CYNTHIA HENDERSON, COMPRISING 0.08 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Numbers: 09-21-28-0196-70-384
Contains: 0.08 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 3056 at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 beginning at 5:30 P.M.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 3056 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 17, 2024 beginning at 7:00 P.M.** or soon thereafter.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use 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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Robbery: Police search for suspect

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tinues to be an active investigation, and police are still looking for the suspect.

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“We at the Farmworker Association of Florida stand by those affected by this tragedy. We offer our

support and assistance to those impacted, as well as to the organizations that support the farm workers in North Florida. We are here to listen to the needs of the victims and the community and are organizing and raising funds through GoFundMe to help those who have been impacted throughout the healing process.”

On May 14, the Florida Highway Patrol arrested Bryan Maclean Howard, the driver of the private Ford Ranger truck, on eight counts of driving under the influence-manslaughter,

according to a statement released by Dave Kern-er, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles executive director.

The crash also resulted in the injury of approximately 40 people, the FHP statement says.

The collision happened on May 14 at approximately 6:35 a.m. on S.R. 40, about 500 feet west of SW 148 Court. The collision involved a 2010 international bus that was transporting about 53 employees of a farming company, and a 2001 Ford Ranger private truck.

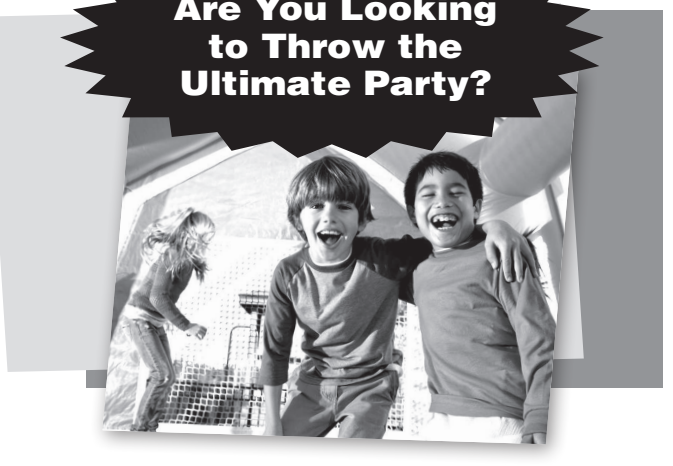
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The world is full of problems, and not a day goes by that we don't have to deal with some of them, whether it is mechanical devices not working, or people getting sick, or problems caused by natural disasters like storms or earthquakes. And it is only natural that much of our waking hours are therefore spent fixing or cleaning up after these problems.

We do well to try to prevent their damage in the first place. An ounce of prevention is indeed worth a pound of cure. There is a reason why everyone who drives a car needs auto insurance and why everyone who has a physical body needs health insurance. But if we spend too much time focusing on the problematic aspects of life our well-being will

be adversely affected and we might even find that we have added unnecessarily to our problems by causing undue anxiety.

We should take time every day to count our blessings, that is, to think about what we can be thankful for. A simple meal or a cup of coffee and a donut can be a real pleasure. And often the things that bring us the most joy cost nothing. A beautiful sunset or a walk in the woods with a friend or loved one can lift our spirits and have a lasting positive effect on our outlook.

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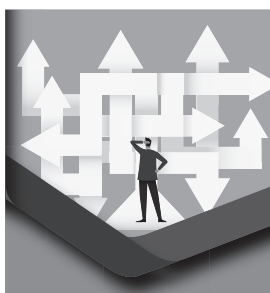
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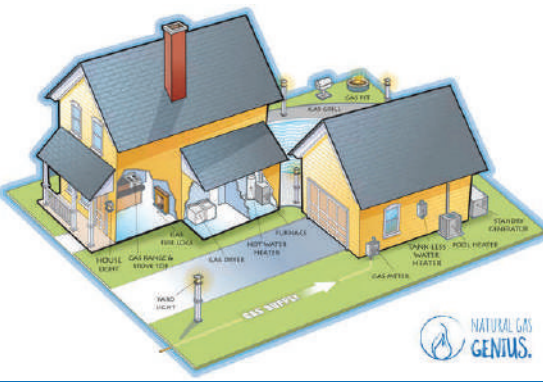
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City to host July Fourth event

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The event will take place Thursday, July 4, 6-9 p.m. at the Apopka amphitheater, 3710 Jason Dwell-e-y Parkway. Fireworks begin after the concert. Activities are at 6 p.m., music at 6:30 p.m., and fireworks at 9 p.m.

The event will include food and craft vendors, face painting, balloon artistry, climbing tower, bounce houses, bungee trampoline, fireworks, music and more.

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area. No tents are allowed.

Event timeline subject to change.

Anyone who wants to learn more about sponsorship opportunities or secure a spot as a vendor at the July Fourth Celebration may reach out by email to the events team at events@apopka.net.

City celebrates National EMS Week


The week of May 19-25 is the 50th anniversary of National EMS Week. The city of Apopka and Apopka Fire Department would like to extend their deepest gratitude to their EMS personnel for their dedication to providing life-saving skills to our community. In 1974, President Gerald Ford auth-

orized EMS Week to celebrate EMS professionals and the important work they do in our nation's communities.

The partners at AdventHealth Apopka provided 4 Rivers BBQ to the Apopka Fire Department first responders in honor of National EMS Week.

Eddranna A. Mason

Eddranna A. Mason, 90 of Apopka, Florida passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at AdventHealth Hospice in Orlando, Florida with her loving family by her side. Eddranna A. Mason, also called "Addie" on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at Winter Oak Funeral Home, 1132 E. Plant Street, Winter Garden, FL 34787. The service will be held at Radiant Life Assembly of God Church 8151 Clara Ocoee Rd Orlando, Florida 32818 at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 with burial immediately following at Orlando Memory Gardens 5264 Ingram Road, Apopka, Florida 32702



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Brenda Ann Smith Ryan

April 11, 1958 - April 11, 2024

Brenda Ann Smith Ryan, was a cherished mother, grandmother, partner, and friend to many.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Evon and Oliver Smith of Camilla, GA. Brenda is survived by her loving partner, Rich Clark of Freeport, FL; her son, Timothy Mark Ryan (Randy) of Defuniak Springs, FL; her daughter, Ashley Ann Caballero (Richard) of Clermont, FL; her granddaughter, Summer Riddell of Tampa; her step daughter, Allison Clark (Cedric) of Orlando; her three sisters, Debra (Jack) Mellon of Clearwater Beach, FL, Beverly (Jimmy) Cutchens of Bainbridge, GA, and A Briggs of Mims, FL; and countless friends she considered family. She also leaves behind her beloved dog and sidekick, Finn.

Brenda will always be remembered for her sense of humor, infectious laugh, love for her family, resilient spirit, the enjoyment she received from playing softball and her prowess on the softball pitcher's mound.

Born in Winter Garden, FL, she spent most of her life in Central Florida, attending Apopka High School. Brenda often spoke of her greatest achievements in life being her children and the love she shared with their partners. She cherished moments with her granddaughter, enjoyed beach relaxation, indulged in shoe shopping, relished Lifetime movies, and delighted in feeding her hummingbirds.

There are certain aspects of life beyond our control, including the days of our birth and our passing.


In Judaism, departing on one's birthday is considered a blessing, signifying completion of one's life mission. Brenda fought bravely and has now finished her journey. Her life imparted invaluable lessons, urging us to believe in ourselves and transcend perceived barriers.

Her memory will continue to inspire and guide those who knew and loved her, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Brenda will be held at the Museum of the Apopkan's, (122 E. 5th St Apopka, FL) on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at 11:00 AM, followed by a reception.

In lieu of flowers, consider doing something special for someone you love today.

Correspondences to the family can be sent to 210 E 5th St. Apopka, FL 32703.



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Shrimp or chicken curry does not take long to make, is served over rice

Next Monday is Memorial Day. Originally known as Decoration Day, this is a day when we reflect on and honor veterans and those in the military who were killed in overseas deployments or in service or training in the US. It is a somber day of reflection, one of honoring those who lost their lives in service to our country, not a "happy" day of celebration.

Having said that, we often spend Memorial Day with friends and relatives while we are honoring the people who have passed while serving our country. Sharing time for courteous regard is honored in our country, and the sharing of food is part of this tradition.

We have dry rubbed ribs from Palmetto Creek Farms which comes from the book titled *From Field to Feast*. This is simple to prepare and absolutely delicious. The ribs are oven baked in heavy-duty foil packets you make and seal around the ribs, great for folks who don't want to fool around with a grill or smoker. I saw the temperature, "250 degrees" and thought I must have made a mistake. But no, the book really says "250 degrees for 2- to 2-1/2 hours."

Arlen Mizell, who was a true friend and mentor to the community of Apopka, dedicated his life to service in the Lord's work. His recipe for Baked Beans which he served many times at First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, follows for your celebrations in the coming season.

From *What's Cookin'?*, we have Shrimp or Chicken Curry. This recipe was contributed by Mrs. Myrtle Womble who suggests serving it over hot, steamy rice.

Zucchini casserole from *Paths of Sunshine* published by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, is wonderful. Try it. You'll like it!

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



From The New York Times *NEW Natural Foods Cookbook*, by Jean Hewitt, we have Apricot Bar Cookies.

PALMETTO CREEK FARMS, AVON PARK, DRY-RUBBED BABY BACK RIBS
Recipe from *Field to Feast*
1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/4 cup paprika
1/4 cup ancho chili powder (dark Mexican chili powder)
4 teaspoons coarse salt
4 teaspoons smoked paprika
4 teaspoons cumin
4 teaspoons cayenne
4 (2-pound) slabs loin back ribs, membrane removed (ask your butcher to do this for you)

For the rub:
Mix brown sugar, paprika, ancho chili powder, salt, smoked paprika, cumin, and cayenne in a small bowl, making sure to break up chunks of brown sugar.

Put ribs bone side up on sheet pan. Season each slab with rub on both sides. Refrigerate at least 1 hour, loosely covered.

Heat oven to 250 degrees Fahrenheit. Cut four (12- by 12-inch) square sheets of heavy-duty aluminum foil. Put a slab of ribs, meat side up, on a sheet of foil. Fold ends to make loose packet around each slab; seal. Put packets on sheet pan. Bake 2- to 2-1/2 hours. Check ribs for doneness by gently pulling on bones. When they begin to pull away from meat, they are ready to serve.

ARLEN'S BAKED BEANS
Recipe from *Treasures and Pleasures*, published 1990 Presbyterian Women, First Presbyterian Church of Apopka
1 gallon B&B beans
1 chopped onion
1/2 bell pepper, chopped fine
12 ounces Grandma's Molasses
1/2 cup vinegar
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1/2 pound bacon
1 tablespoon garlic powder
Salt and pepper

Mix all liquid ingredients. Add to beans, onion and bell pepper; add

salt, pepper, and garlic. Top with bacon strips. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until beans are brown and bubbly. Serves about 25.

MRS. MYRTLE WOMBLE'S SHRIMP OR CHICKEN CURRY
Recipe from *What's Cookin'?*
Published by
The Apopka Woman's Club
3 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup minced onion
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
3 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup chicken broth (or 1 chicken bouillon cube dissolved in 1 cup hot water)
1 cup milk
2 cups cooked, cleaned shrimp or 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken
1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

Melt butter over low heat in heavy saucepan. Saute onion and curry powder in melted butter. Blend in flour and seasonings. Cook over low heat until mixture is smooth and bubbly. Remove from heat. Stir in chicken broth and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Add shrimp or chicken and the lemon juice. Serve over rice. Makes 4 servings.

ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE
Recipe from
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs
Paths of Sunshine Cookbook
4 cups sliced zucchini
2 cups boiling water
2 eggs
1 cup mayonnaise
1 chopped onion
1/4 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup Parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon butter
2 tablespoons buttered bread-crumbs (optional)

Cook zucchini in water until just tender, then drain. In a large bowl, beat eggs, stir in mayonnaise, onion, green pepper, cheese, salt, and pepper. Add zucchini. Turn into a greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. Dot with butter and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until

bubbly. Serves six.
CHARLES' CORNBREAD
Recipe from *Savannah Style*, a Cookbook by
The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.

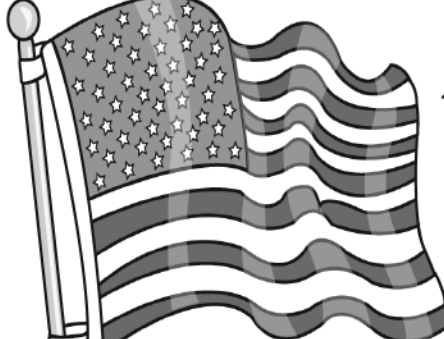
1 cup corn meal
1/2 cup corn oil
3 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1 cup cream style corn, or fresh if available
1 cup sour cream
Preheat oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix ingredients until blended. Pour into a greased 8- x 8- x 2-inch dish and bake for 30 minutes.

APRICOT BAR COOKIES
THE NEW YORK TIMES
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1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup molasses
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1-1/2 cups steel cut oats
1 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup wheat germ
3 tablespoons soy flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 cup cut-up unsulphured apricots
1 cup raisins
1/2 cup sunflower seed kernels or pumpkin seeds
Orange juice, if necessary

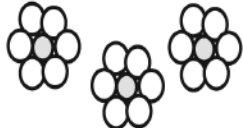
1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. 2. Beat together the honey, molasses, and oil very well in an electric mixer, electric blender, or food processor. 3. In a large bowl, combine the oats, whole-wheat flour, wheat germ, soy flour, and salt. Pour in the honey mixture and stir to moisten the dry ingredients. 4. Add the apricots, raisins, and sunflower seed kernels and mix well. If the mixture is very stiff, add a small amount of orange juice. Press the mixture into a well-oiled 9-inch square baking pan. Bake for 20 minutes. Cool in the pan. Cut into squares. Yield: Sixteen squares.

View Kitchen Kapers by Nancy online at
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MAY 2024 ★ ★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★ ★					
<p>MAY 24, 2024 - :END OF 4th MARKING PERIOD Traffic patterns changed. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those pedestrians... and ducks. DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>UNLESS CHANGED: School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:10 a.m.</p> <p>City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellie Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs, Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Walking Trail, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.</p> <p>11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a fresh-water 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.</p> <p>WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiwa River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 407-884-4311 FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN,</p>	<p>for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION .</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 24</p> <p>ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, FRIDAYS at 9:00 a.m. at 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center.. Call 407-703-1642 for information.</p> <p>CENTRAL FL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings. For complete details of all chamber events, visit cfcchristianchamber.com/events-chamber. Contact: latrondra@cfcchristianchamber.com</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 25</p> <p>VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the the third Saturday of the month on MAY 18, from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$7.</p> <p>MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E. FIFTH STREET, APOPKA. Managed by Apopka Historical Society. Call 407-703-1624 for info.</p> <p>AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER, for birds of prey, 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, hours: 9:30-1:30 p.m., The center is open on Saturdays to the public, weather permitting. Call 407-461-1056 for information.</p> <p>SUNDAY, MAY 26</p> <p>MONDAY, MAY 27 REMEMBER: MEMORIAL DAY AT EDGEWOOD/GREENWOOD CEMETERY AT 11:00 AM</p> <p>FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>CRAFTS & CHATTER: 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave.Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food -- overeating, anorexia, bulimia -- there is a solution for you. For more information, visit OA.org or call Carrie 781-867-1071. .</p> <p>TOASTMASTERS: Forest Lake Church by Zoom. Time: 7 p.m., Open to everyone interested. For information, call 407-761-2943. Club Number: 4899556, District 84, Area D42. Orators of Excellence</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MAY 28</p> <p>THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested community members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.</p> <p>SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave. at Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info</p> <p>ART CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks required. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 29</p> <p>The Altamonte Springs / Apopka VFW POST 10147: is NOW OPEN Wednesday and Saturday Mornings from (TIME CHANGE) 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts. (other hours by appointment only). 3rd Saturday of the month is VFW's fundraising breakfast. Also, evenings of Tribute music are planned. Call 407-889-8266, or email info@vfwpost10147.com for information. The VFW Auxiliary has been formed and is active as well. Don't forget to visit its excellent Military Museum.</p> <p>ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info..</p> <p>SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 10-11 a.m., Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., . Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info</p> <p>CITY OF APOPKA DRC (Development Review Committee) meets every Wednesday at 9 a.m.-10 a.m. (or as long as necessary) at City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka. Check for the online version.</p> <p>BRIDGE CLASS. 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave.Masks required. Temperatures taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, edu-</p>	<p>cation, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in begins at 9:00 a.m. -- meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more information.</p> <p>MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 12 noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 122 E Fifth St. 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>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 information, call 407-660-8811.</p> <p>TOASTMASTERS: still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatostasters.com.</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 30</p> <p>SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.</p> <p>ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings and location.</p> <p>MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, Open from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. 120 E Fifth St. Call 407-703-1624 for info.</p> <p>ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info</p> <p>UPCOMING EVENTS Saturday nights - Saturday Sounds at Apopka Amphitheater, 3710 Jason Dwellie Parkway, 5-7 p.m. Free. Last one was 18th of May. No more until Fall.</p> <p>ONGOING EVENTS Florida Railroad Museum, 101 S. Boyd Street, Winter Garden, is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11-3 each week excluding holidays. For info, call 407-656-0559. . Must see.</p> <p>CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: https://bit.ly/2ABrmbs, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall,</p>	<p>120 E. Main St., Apopka. Subject to change with notice. For info., call City Clerk 407-703-1704. Agenda and minutes of meeting can be found online. Once posted, check for any revisions by Tuesday at 5 p.m. before the meeting</p> <p>FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 10 a.m. at the Billy Dean Community Center at Alonzo Williams Park, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apokatfgca@gmail.com</p> <p>FREE PLANT CLINIC in Apopka is open on Tuesdays. Do you have problems with your plants or lawn? Let a Master Gardener help. Orange County residents can bring their questions and samples to UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener volunteers at the UF/IFAS Mid-Florida Research Education Center (MREC), 2725 Binion Road, Apopka, 32703; 9 a.m.-12 Tuesdays; 407-254-9200.</p> <p>Questions and photos can be emailed to orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu. to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.</p> <p>KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information</p> <p>BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.</p> <p>APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.</p> <p>NWOC FFA Alumni -- Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)</p> <p>MUSEUM OF APOPKANS, 122 E 5th Street, Hours open: Wednesday to Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to www.theapopka-museum.com.</p>	<p>THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422 meets first and third Tuesdays of month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly.</p> <p>GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB, meets at First United Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call 407-880-2111 for more information.</p> <p>CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.</p> <p>BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES: Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit lakeduplicate.com.</p> <p>COMPUTER CLASSES in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab, How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch* for more details.</p> <p>HABITAT VOLUNTEERS: Go to www.habitatseminoleapopka.org, click on volunteers. There are a number of opportunities available at the Restores. Call 407-696-5855 or 407-880-8881 to sign up for information.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. To reserve a space, call 407-835-7323. The library is now open again Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.. and Sunday afternoons</p> <p>*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St, Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441</p> <p>COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR INFORMATION Events, fund raisers, and non-profit organizations Send info: fax 407-889-4121, or email ads@theapokkachief.com Subscribe to The Apopka Chief E-Edition or Home Delivery Call 407-886-2777 or Visit www.theapokkachief.com In County: \$30 with E-edition, or \$25 for just postal delivery. Out-of-County: \$35 with E-Edition or \$30 for postal delivery</p>



Memorial Day Memories!



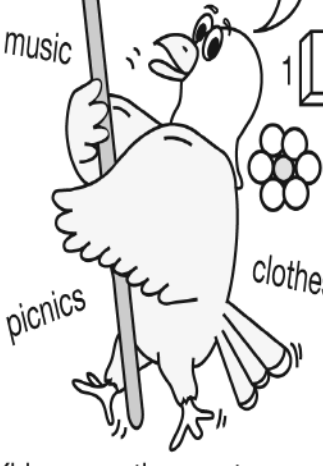
Read the clues to fill in the puzzles:

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- decorating service people's _____ with flags, flowers and wreaths
- raising _____ to full staff at noon
- wearing red _____ in honor of those who died serving our country
- holding a holiday on the last Monday in _____
- sharing stories and _____ of loved ones
- visiting graveyards (Arlington National Cemetery) and _____ like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- honoring all who have died fighting for our _____
- thinking about Abraham Lincoln's _____, called the Gettysburg Address, which honored those who "...gave their lives that that nation might live."
- marching in a _____

It's Memorial Day weekend. I'm honored to carry the flag to our town's ceremony.

A "flyover" of jets – saluting people who have sacrificed so much for our country – is generating lots of excitement. We keep memories alive when we get together and share stories and photos of people we love. How do you celebrate the day?



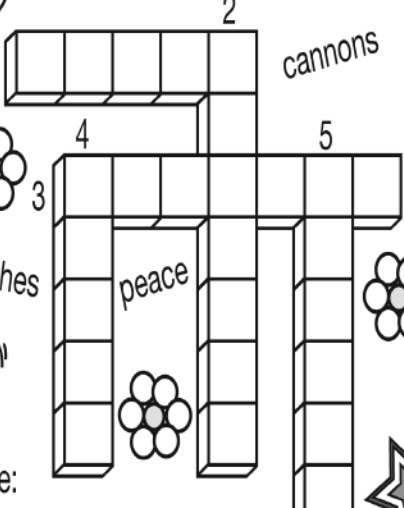
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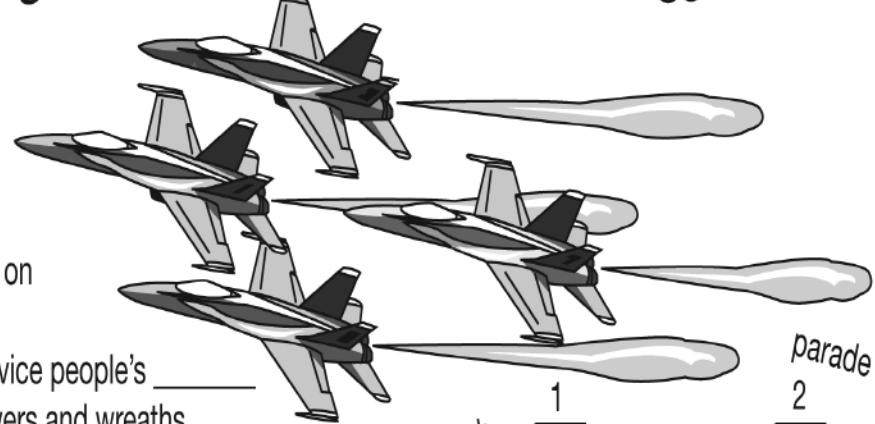
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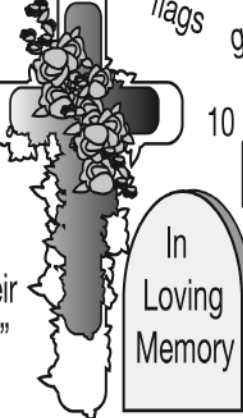
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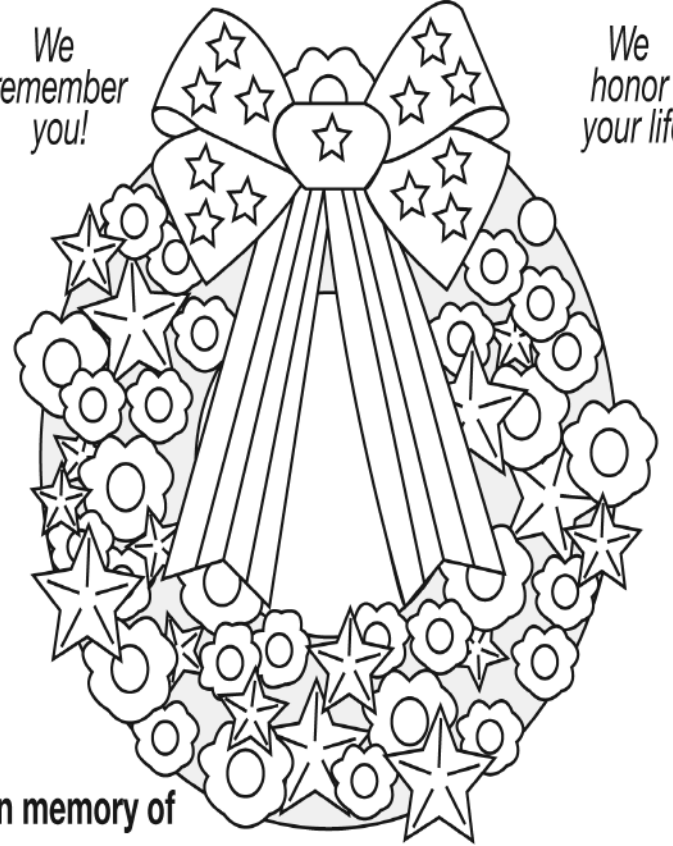
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In Memory of...

Color in this wreath, then cut it out to hang on the refrigerator or to send to someone!



We remember you!

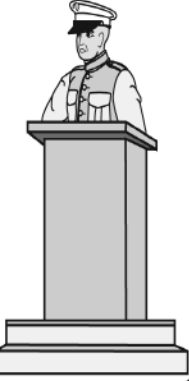
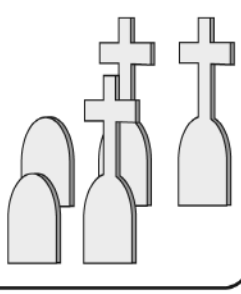
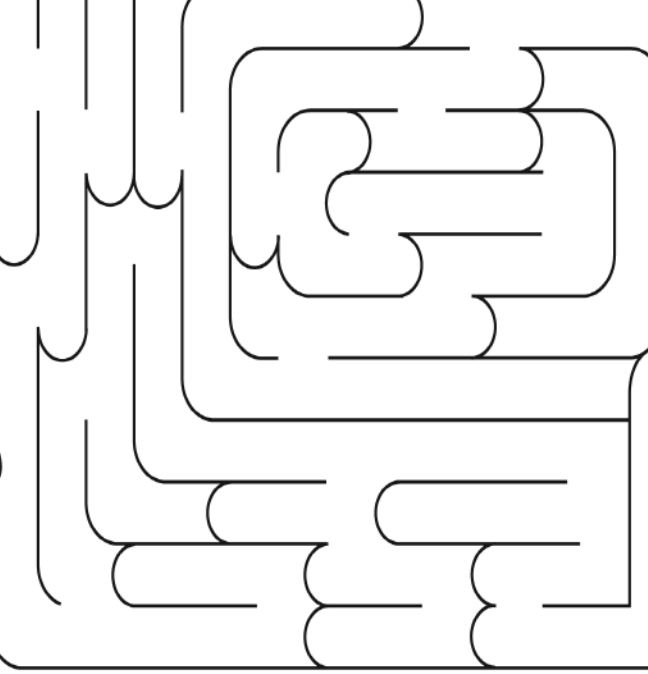
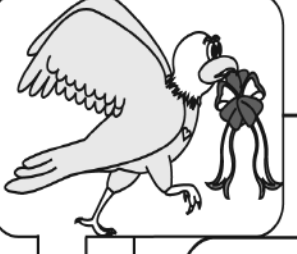
We honor your life!

In memory of _____

Memorial Day

used to be called Decoration Day!

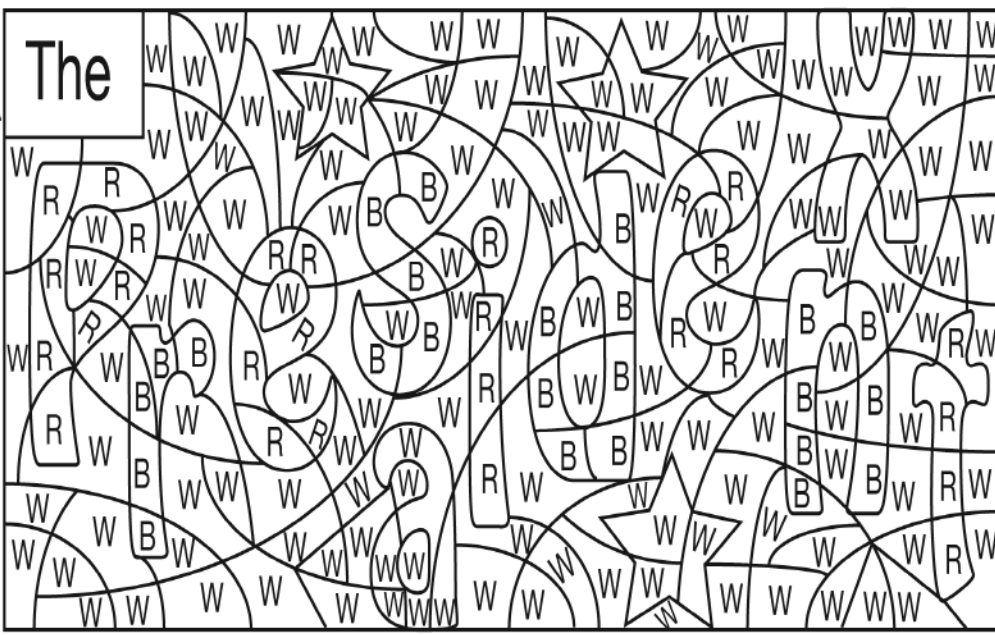
Help Wing find the way to the cemetery to decorate graves and then to the clearing to hear a speech.



Who is the Leader of the Armed Forces?

1. Color in the puzzle:
R = Red B = Blue
W = White

2. Fill in the names of the armed forces using letters in the word "Memorial."



...of the United States is the leader of the Armed Forces:

- _____ F _____ c _____
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