

The timing of unforeseen publishing conflicts has created a delay in the presentation of the 2024 Graduation Section. It will be presented in the June 7 issue of *The Apopka Chief*.



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‘Navy Mom Mary’ reminds significance of Memorial Day

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

Whatever you do or say, don’t say “Happy Memorial Day,” according to “Navy Mom Mary” Ingrassia.

An Army veteran herself who is called “Navy Mom” because her son is a Navy veteran, Ingrassia said she intends to teach people about the significance of Memorial Day, a day for honoring and remembering all who died in defense of the nation. She crafts customized pins for every military branch and sends them out nationwide.

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“Navy Mom Mary” Ingrassia serves as the memorial speaker during the ceremony. An Army veteran and veteran advocate, she crafts customized pins for every military branch and sends them out nationwide.



Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10147 do the 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day service at Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery in Apopka.

Apopka High School Class of 2024



Apopka High School graduated its Class of 2024 on Tuesday, May 28, at the Kia Center in Orlando. Wekiva High School had its commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 30, (past press deadline) at the University of Central Florida. More photos will be found in the June 7th Graduation section in *The Apopka Chief*.

Sales tax holiday starts June 1

Consumers can purchase qualifying disaster preparedness supplies exempt from tax during the 2024 Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday beginning this weekend.

Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Saturday, June 1

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City in talks to buy property for homeless resource center



This building located at 932 S. Central Ave., Apopka, is being considered for purchase by the city to convert into a resource center for the homeless.

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

The community may be closer to finding the right property to set up a permanent homeless resource center in, but negotiations for the city to acquire it are still in the works.

Following up on last April’s announcement of finding a property where day services, such as case management, will be offered to the homeless, Pastor David Schorejs asked Mayor Bryan Nelson to give an update at the Tuesday, May 21, Next Step Foundation meeting at Patmos Chapel on Athletes Row in Apopka. Nelson and Schorejs are board members of the Next Step Foundation.

The potential location of the Apop-

ka Resource Center is located at 932 S. Central Ave., Apopka, the 2948 sq. ft., one-story commercial building sits on a 5,671-square foot piece of land. The building was constructed in 1948, according to Orange County property appraiser records. Lamar Hughey is the owner on record.

An expansion of the First Baptist Church of Apopka’s weekly homeless ministry – where Schorejs is the senior pastor – the Next Step Foundation will leverage resources and helping hands of other churches and the general community to further assist the homeless. For years, the foundation has been searching for a permanent location in the city to serve as the Apopka Resource Center.

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OCPS switches to summer schedule

Orange County Public Schools is modifying its operating hours for the summer. The entire district will be on a four-day work week.

All district offices and schools will extend office hours Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The Friday closures begin May 31 through July 26.

Orange County Public Schools is encouraging families who still need to register their children for the 2024-25 school year to

do it now in order to avoid long lines as the summer progresses. Families can go to ocps.net front page under Quick Links to find the icon for Enrollment.

The district’s website will also have summer resources and back-to-school information updated regularly. The 2024-25 school year begins Monday, August 12. The 2024-25 school calendar is also available on the front page of ocps.net.

Man arrested, charged for bank robberies following confession

Police arrested and charged a man with committing the two Fifth Third Bank robberies in Apopka this month after he confessed during police interrogation.

Taylor Cale Mizelle, 45, was booked into the Orange County Jail on Friday, May 24, on one count of robbery with a firearm and one count of third-degree grand theft \$10,000-\$20,000.

Detectives from the Apopka Police Department’s Criminal Investigations Division developed a lead regarding a possible vehicle used in the robbery



Taylor Cale Mizelle

at the Fifth Third Bank, located at 1725 S. Orange Blossom Trail, on May 20. Through their investigative efforts, they identified a suspect, according to an Apopka Police Department

statement.

A search warrant for Mizelle’s residence was obtained and served on the suspect’s residence on Friday, May 24.

During an interview, Mizelle confessed to the May 20 Fifth Third Bank robbery as well as the Fifth Third Bank robbery on May 8, located at 1495 Rock Springs Road, according to the statement.

An affidavit from Apopka police identified a lawsuit, legal fees, and an out-of-state criminal fine as potential motives for the

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SJWWD explains the importance of reclaiming water

Reclaimed water can be safely used for a wide variety of purposes, including landscape irrigation for golf courses, parks, highway medians, playgrounds and residential properties.

In recognition of the critical importance of conserving Florida's water resources and promoting sustainable practices, the St. Johns River Water Man-

agement District Governing Board designated May 19-25, 2024, as Water Reuse Week. Water reuse entails the process of treating and disinfecting wastewater to produce high-quality reclaimed water, which is then utilized for beneficial purposes. Extensive treatment and disinfection ensure that public health and environmental quality are

protected. Florida stands as a national leader in water reuse, as evidenced by the reuse of nearly 900 million gallons of reclaimed water per day. The District alone hosts 135 reuse systems, effectively reusing over 247 million gallons per day for various beneficial purposes, including irrigation, groundwater recharge, en-

vironmental enhancement, and industrial applications.

The proclamation underscored the indispensable role of water reuse in conserving and enhancing Florida's water supplies. With finite water resources and a growing population, water reuse emerges as a pivotal strategy to addressing the state's water demands while preserving freshwater sources.

Over the past decade, the District has championed water reuse through significant financial support, amounting to nearly \$81 million, for various reuse projects. These efforts have

resulted in an additional 74 million gallons per day of reuse capacity, funded studies and pilot programs for innovative treatment technologies, and facilitated the efficient and effective use of reclaimed water.

As part of Water Reuse Week, the District urged every Floridian and visitor to actively participate in conserving our water supply. By embracing water-saving practices and maximizing the utilization of reclaimed water, we can collectively safeguard Florida's water resources for future generations.

For more information

about Water Reuse Week and the District's water conservation efforts, please visit www.sjrwmd.com/water-supply/reclaimed.

REGAL
Fri., May 31, 2024 thru Sun., June 2, 2024
IF (PG) 11:00A; 1:40; 4:10; 6:50; 9:40
FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA (R) 11:10A; 12:10; 2:30; 3:30; 6:10; 7:00; 9:30; 10:00
THE GARFIELD MOVIE (PG) 11:20A; 12:20; 2:00; 3:10; 4:30; 6:20; 7:20; 9:00; 10:10
THE STRANGERS: CHAPTER 1 (R) 11:40A; 2:10; 4:40; 7:30; 10:30
THE FALL GUY (PG-13) 11:50A; 3:20; 6:40; 10:20
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APD: Lawsuit, legal fees may be motives for robberies

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bank robberies.

According to the affidavit, Orange County court documents showed there

was a lawsuit filed against Mizelle and his spouse's company, Mizelle Construction LLC, and that the Mizelles are being sued for over \$100,000. Also, the

day before the May 8 bank robbery, Taylor Mizelle was sentenced and fined \$2,009 for a criminal DUI/possession of marijuana case in Georgia.

Center: Acquisition process to include two Council hearings

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According to the May 21 minutes, Nelson explained the process in order for the city of Apopka to purchase the property, which would include two City Council public hear-

ings.

According to the minutes, Nelson said the whole process could take between 60 and 120 days.

In an interview with *The Apopka Chief*, Hughley confirmed that he and the mayor have been dis-

cussing the property sale. Also, Hughley said it was a "mutual" decision for the city and Hughley to allow the property to be sold to the city and converted into a homeless resource center.



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Apopka Woman’s Club installs new officers at meeting

Nine new officers for the GFWC Apopka Woman’s Club were installed by Beverly Winesburgh at the monthly May 21 meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Apopka. The theme “Sharing with Sharon Fisher” emphasized how much time, talent and treasure the volunteer officers and club members contribute to assist their president each year. The club raises thousands of dollars annually at their popular Art and Foliage Festival and fundraising special events. All monies are given back to the



Photo courtesy of Apopka Woman's Club

community through scholarships, donations, sponsorships and a variety of community volunteering. The new officers pictured (l

to r) are Festival Chairman Joann Castillo, Festival Treasurer Lorena Potter, Board Secretary Geri Unrue, Corresponding Secretary

Jacquelyn Daly, Treasurer Virginia (Ginny) Iafrate, Second Vice President Charlotte White, First Vice President Diane Harrison,

Immediate Past President Susan Bornmann, and President Sharon Fisher.

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Memorial: Famous WWI poem is read

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Ingrassia was the memorial speaker at the city Memorial Day service at Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, May 27. The service included special musical performance by House of Florida District 39 Representative Doug Bankson and his father Roger Bankson, a gun salute by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10147 members, and a wreath dedication for fallen heroes for every military branch.

According to Ingrassia, many people confuse Memorial Day with Veterans Day; the latter is on November 11 when veterans are honored. Ingrassia said it's okay to thank a veteran on any day of the year, but most veterans don't accept or even like to be thanked for their service on Memorial Day.

"We would rather folks say, 'we remember' and 'we honor.' We, as veterans, truly reflect upon all our brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price and offer our condolences to the families, to all those who lost a loved one," Ingrassia said.

To say "Happy Memorial Day" is an insult to our fallen heroes and their families, Ingrassia explained. Gold Star Families date back to World War I when military families displayed service flags featuring a

blue star for every immediate family member serving the armed forces. The star's color would change from blue to gold if the family lost a loved one in the war, hence the term gold star family.

On June 4, 1928, 25 mothers in Washington D.C., orchestrated by Grace Darling Siebold, gathered to start a national organization that would be known as American Gold Star Mothers, a non-denominational, non-profit and non-political group that honors mothers who lost their children in combat and uphold and sustain the values they fought and lost their lives for.

"Now I ask you to place yourself in the shoes of those families who lost a loved one in battle. They're defending the very freedoms that we, as Americans, get to enjoy and share on those beach days or summer barbecues. No one has ever asked anything from anyone where to stop enjoying the three-day weekend. All that is requested is, you take a single moment out of your day on Memorial Day to say a silent 'thank you' to those who gave their life for your freedom, and for some of them was not by their choice," Ingrassia said.

After the ceremony, Ingrassia distributed to civilians small business cards with pins of folded up American flags. She en-



Alice Boria (l), president of the VFW Post 10147 Auxiliary, and Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson participate in the wreath laying honoring fallen soldiers at the Memorial Day service.

couraged civilians to wear the pins which serve as a reminder to civilians of the sacrifice veterans made to the nation.

Alice Boria, president of the VFW Post 10147 Auxiliary, read the poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. Published on December 8, 1915, in the British magazine *Punch*, the poem references the red poppies that grew over the graves and helped popularize the flower as a memorial symbol.

"Most of you probably have heard this over the years, but I don't know if

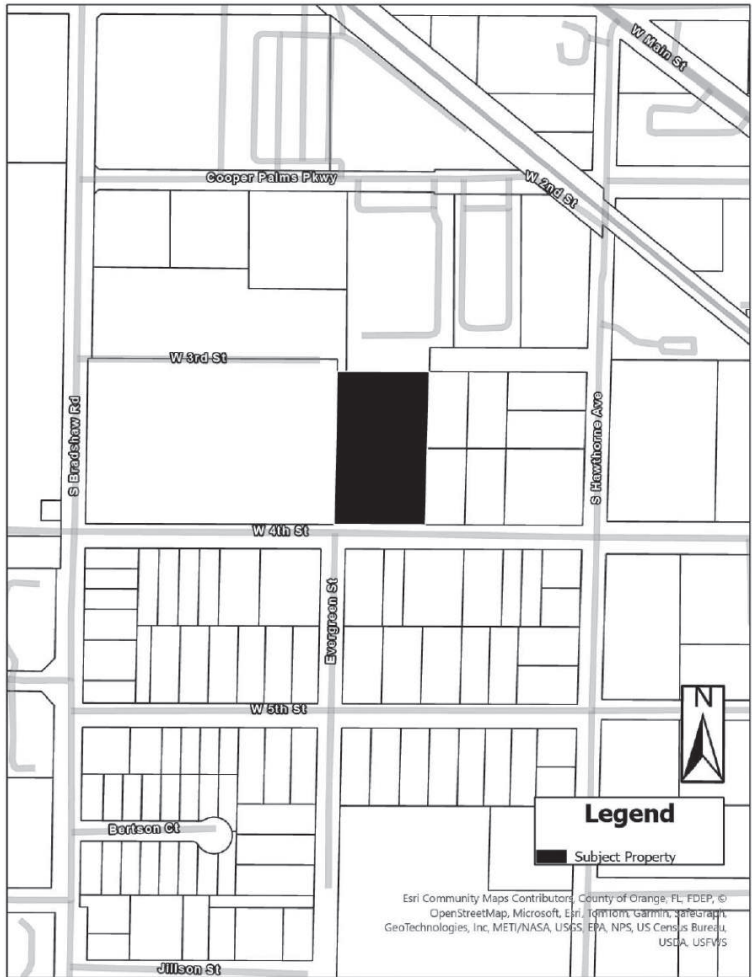
you know, that it was written by a young lieutenant colonel after one of his best friends was killed at Flanders field," Boria said. "Since he was the top officer there at that time, he had to conduct the funeral services saying of the words over the graves. They buried the soldiers that night, during the nighttime. The next morning these poppies had bloomed. They're called papaver poppies and it had been a farm. These poppies just popped up all over the place, the crimson red poppies. So he wrote this poem."

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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Beware of developers’ interest

Editor:

If you don’t want rampant development on top of your own little piece of paradise, don’t sell to developers and *vote no* in November on the half-penny sales tax increase on the ballot in November.

Orange County school board member, Melissa Byrd’s report in the May 17th Chief lets us know that four new schools are slated to be built in the Apopka area in the next 10 years. All of this is based on the current expected enrollment from NEW DEVELOPMENTS. The good news is this happens *if* the school district can fund the new schools, and that depends entirely on the *half-penny sales tax* in Novem-

ber that will fund nearly 50 percent of their capital program for the next decade.

AND, I also learned from the Orange Code website that *there is a pause in effect* from May 28 through November 28 on the acceptance of certain new development applications that involve rezoning, special exceptions, and comprehensive plans text and map amendments. That sounds to me like they are waiting to see if the Sales Tax increase will pass in November.

The pause ordinance only affects unincorporated areas of the county, which includes me and everyone in the Zellwood vicinity, Sadler Road, Round Lake, parts of Kelly Park, parts of Ponkan and I’m sure more areas of unin-

corporated North West Orange County. I don’t know. I’m not an expert on this, but *I don’t believe* the realtors who come knocking on my door offering to buy my little piece of heaven telling me I’m going to get pushed out of my beautiful log home we built 30 years ago because of the development coming my way. Someone from Orange County needs to look into that also!

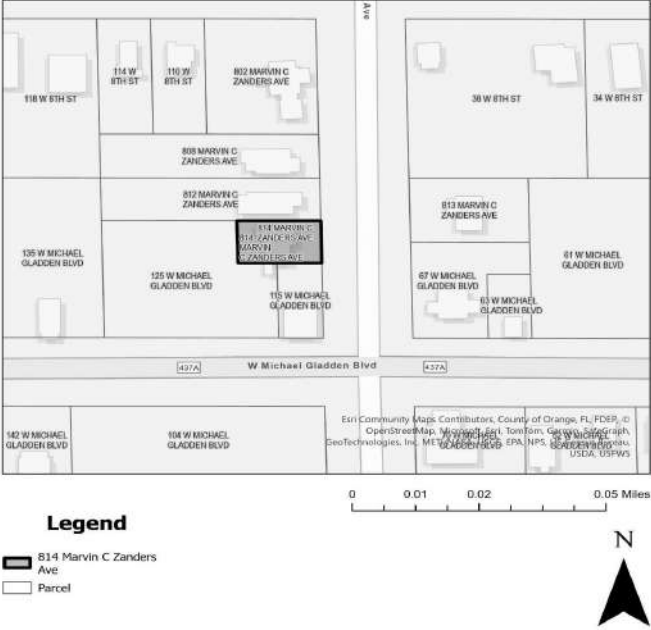
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Thank you.
Ellen Heizman
Apopka

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. 3056
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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To report new sod, or for questions regarding the water restrictions, please contact the Public Services Department at 407-703-1731.

Moore: Use fertilizer responsibly

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septic systems once stood. This is happening now in the neighborhoods closest to the Wekiwa River and Springs.

Any time it rains or when your yard is watered, the potential exists for excess fertilizer to runoff into the stormwater system.

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Finally, on the www.ocfl.net website, go to: <https://www.ocfl.net/Environment/FertilizeResponsibly.aspx>

You’ll find plenty of tips including how to calculate the exact amount of fertilizer to put on your yard and you can request a speaker for your group to explain how the ordinance works.

Byrd: Each road taken is different

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The real question we need to be asking ourselves is “What does my child want out of life and what paths are available for him or her to get there?” Everyone’s path doesn’t have to be the same and there is not one way to get there.

Most importantly, we have to make sure our kids are happy and healthy. The pressure to be the best and achieve at the highest level can be too much for many kids, yet we push and push and forget to check in with them and make sure they are on a path that makes THEM happy, not us.

My advice to parents whose children are just entering high school is to explore all the options.

Meet with the col-

lege and career counselors or guidance counselors at your high school and explore all the different opportunities that are out there, because there are a lot of options.

Listen to your child and ask them what *they* want for their future. What would *they* like to do for a job one day. Then figure out what education or training will be required to get there.

A four-year university is not the only way to get to all jobs and is not the only way to be successful.

Most of all, celebrate all the successes, even the little ones.

For some children who have mental health challenges, getting up and going to school is a reason to celebrate.

For the child who has to work every day after school to help pay family bills, finishing homework is a reason to celebrate.

For a child with a serious health issue who misses a lot of school for medical procedures, keeping up with assignments is a reason to celebrate.

Remember that each of our graduates had different roads to travel to get to that graduation stage. Some roads were bumpy and some were smooth, but all graduates deserve to be celebrated.

To ALL graduates of the Apopka and Wekiwa High School Classes of 2024 – Congratulations on whatever road you traveled to get to the finish line.

You did it and you should be proud!

Hayden: Vote for proven fighters

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love for my precious nation, even though their ideas and long-range goals differed to one degree or another. They never wavered in their defense of our Constitution or our Declaration of Independence.

I had the privilege of speaking to one of our retired Florida Representatives who served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1976 to 1988, and her distinguished, genteel manner reminded me of politics in times past. Former Rep. Fran Carlton was elected to serve, not to *be* served, and many of her achievements still stand today. These are the people we ought to look up to. As I survey those running for the various offices, the first thing I look for is their attitude toward our great nation. I look for American patriotism and a love for serving the people that hire them. If we are going to straighten out our Constitutional Republic form of government, it will be through those we elect to lead in that di-

rection.

By the way, do you know what a true Democracy is? True Democracy is mob rule! That is why our Forefathers set up a Representative Republic, chosen by Democratic vote. We just celebrated Memorial Day in which we remembered those fallen men and women warriors who gave their all, in defense of our way of life, and the freedoms and rights, as written in the Constitution of the United States of America.

We have many men and women who have served in our military that are running for different offices throughout the United States, and our support should be directed their way. Listen to the fervor and the strength of what they say. At one time, they signed a blank check up to and including their life to protect you from all adversaries.

I know they deserve a look-see from “We the People” because they are proven fighters for others, and they LOVE AMERICA!!!

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Z.A.P.T. Elite honors graduating seniors



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Maintenance work may impact Wildlife Drive one weekend

The St. Johns River Water Management District has been performing maintenance work on Laughlin Road just south of Mc-

Donald Canal Road beginning Tuesday, May 28 until 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.

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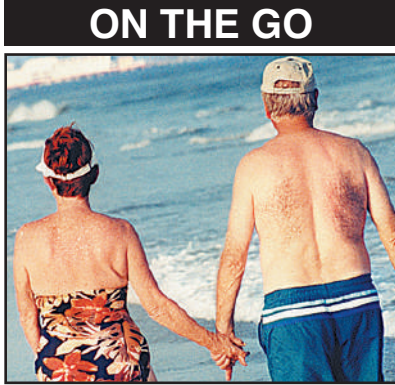
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Dwight Eisenhower remembers this one particular day in his life

There are certain days that we remember for the rest of our lives. Days during which we mark the passage of time by remembering where we were and what we were doing at certain moments. For Dwight Eisenhower, for the United States, and for the world, December 7, 1941 was one of those days, a day when everything changed.

In 1941, December 7 fell on a Sunday. As the Christmas season arrived, many in the United States were worried over the growing tensions between the United States and Japan, as well as the news on the progression of war in Europe. On the evening of Saturday, December 6, President Franklin Roosevelt wrote directly to Japanese Emperor Hirohito, attempting to deescalate tensions and find a way for the two world powers to remain on peaceful terms despite growing friction in the Pacific. One of those who had an eye on the situation overseas was fifty-one-year-old Dwight Eisenhower, who was hoping to spend the day, or at least part of it, at rest. At the time, Eisenhower was posted at Fort Sam Houston, just outside of San Antonio, Texas. It was a familiar setting for Ike. In 1915, fresh off his graduation from West Point, a then twenty-five-year-old Eisenhower received his first army assignment at Fort Sam Houston.

And it was there that autumn, on a Sunday afternoon in October, where he met Mamie Doud, who was traveling with her family and visiting some friends stationed there. Ike and Mamie had an instant attraction—within a year, they were married. Twenty-six years later—with stops all around the United States and the world in between—he and Mamie were back in Texas.

In December 1941, Eisenhower was a Brevet Brigadier General serving as the Chief of Staff for the Third Army. In this role Ike had been instrumental in planning and executing military maneuvers in Louisiana that fall—the largest pre-war exercises done by the United States. The maneuvers not only helped prepare the United States army for war, but also provided Eisenhower another opportunity to distinguish himself. Weary from his work that morning, Eisenhower decided to call it a day around noon. He headed home with a nap in his sights. After eating lunch, he laid down with strict orders that he not be woken for anything. Ike recalled years later, “The biggest thing on my immediate horizon was a planned Christmas leave with Mamie, to visit our son, John, a cadet at West Point.”

By 1:00 pm (Texas/Central Standard Time), however, events transpiring

half a world away were already shaping the future of Eisenhower’s life while he slept. Japanese planes had appeared in the skies above Pearl Harbor, dropping the bombs and torpedoes that would, in the words of Japanese Admiral Yamamoto, awaken the sleeping giant of the United States. Despite his instructions to the contrary, one of Ike’s aides decided he had no choice but to wake the sleeping officer as well, providing him with the news that the country had been attacked by the Japanese. With thousands of Americans killed, and thousands more still wounded, war had arrived. Twenty years later, on December 7, 1961, in a speech to the Century Association in New York City, Ike related that his first thoughts upon hearing this news of the attack on Pearl Harbor were not of war, but of his plans to travel to West Point to see John that Christmas and how he would now have to explain the sure-to-be-cancelled trip to his wife. “Like most others,” Ike remembered, “at that moment I reacted with an instinctive focus on short-term possibilities—and a fleeting hope that this report simply could not be true.” Certainly, Ike noted, he had no “four-year panoramic view of a vast national program that would carry our fighting forces across two oceans from disaster to victory.”

Fort Sam Houston in Texas was the place of two great beginnings in Eisenhower’s life: on a Sunday afternoon in October 1915, he met Mamie Doud, and on a Sunday afternoon in December 1941, he learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor. These two events—his marriage to Mamie and his experiences during the Second World War—perhaps more than any others, were the defining threads of Eisenhower’s life. Without either of them, his road to the White House would have looked much different—perhaps it would not have happened at all.

His peaceful plans now dashed, Ike returned to work. Within days of the attack, Eisenhower received a call from Washington and was told to report to the War Department as soon as possible. He quickly packed and left, not knowing what was in store for him at the nation’s capital. In the 1930s Eisenhower had served on Douglas MacArthur’s staff in the Philippines, where he was able to observe the evolving situation in the Pacific up close. His time in the Philippines, combined with his track record as an excellent officer, led the War Department to summon him. A series of planes and trains got him to Washington D.C. by December 14, where he soon made his way to the War Department and the desk of General George C.

Marshall, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. Marshall laid plain the situation for Eisenhower, then asked him what the country should do. Ike was being asked to play a critical role in forming the country’s first actions of the Second World War, the same “four-year panoramic view” he described in his speech twenty years later. Thus far in his career, he had always been on the outside of major opportunities. Now, finally, he was exactly where he wanted to be. Before he had left to begin his studies at West Point, Ike’s parents reminded him, “Opportunity is all about you. Reach out and take it.” That Sunday morning in the War Department—one week after Pearl Harbor—Eisenhower told Marshall, “Give me a few hours.”

Eisenhower found a desk and quickly began laying out steps for stopping the Japanese advance in the Pacific, one that involved the United States attempting to hold some ground in the South Pacific from which to make a push back against the Japanese. When he had finished his thoughts, he brought his report to Marshall. Among the lines he had written, Eisenhower noted, “We must take great risks and spend any amount of money required.... We dare not fail.” Marshall noted his agreement. Eisenhower was placed in charge of the sec-

tion of the War Plans Division overseeing the Philippines and Far East, exactly where the need was most urgent.

After Eisenhower’s long and winding career, history had provided him his moment in time, at last. When Ike arrived in Washington, his task was to find a way to help build and lead the United States in this daunting new endeavor. The task at hand was immensely challenging, requiring the nation to adopt a unity of purpose and action that stretched from the home front across two major oceans. Looking back on Pearl Harbor twenty years later, Eisenhower recalled not only what it meant for his own life, but the larger lessons the country could draw from the experience when he declared,

“History is not so ancient as to describe for us the beginnings of men’s efforts to work together to perform a piece of work appearing worthwhile to the entire group. But if we come at once to the circumstances of our own time, we have no difficulty in recognizing the strength that is the product of unity among ourselves. Whatever the resources and strength of a nation, it is inevitably made greater and stronger by unity—cooperation among themselves—of its people.”

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/a-day-when-everything-changed-dwight-eisenhower-and-the-attack-on-pearl-harbor.htm>

A brief biography of Dwight D. Eisenhower, president 1953-1961

The biography for President Eisenhower and past presidents is courtesy of the White House Historical Association.

Bringing to the Presidency his prestige as commanding general of the victorious forces in Europe during World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower obtained a truce in Korea and worked incessantly during his two terms to ease the tensions of the Cold War. He pursued the moderate policies of “Modern Republicanism,” pointing out as he left office, “America is today the strongest, most influential, and most productive nation in the world.”

Born in Texas in 1890, brought up in Abilene, Kansas, Eisenhower was

the third of seven sons. He excelled in sports in high school, and received an appointment to West Point. Stationed in Texas as a second lieutenant, he met Mamie Geneva Doud, whom he married in 1916.

In his early Army career, he excelled in staff assignments, serving under Generals John J. Pershing, Douglas MacArthur, and Walter Krueger. After Pearl Harbor, General George C. Marshall called him to Washington for a war plans assignment. He commanded the Allied Forces landing in North Africa in November 1942; on D-Day, 1944, he was Supreme Commander of the troops invading France.

After the war, he became President of Colum-

bia University, then took leave to assume supreme command over the new NATO forces being assembled in 1951. Republican emissaries to his headquarters near Paris persuaded him to run for President in 1952.

“I like Ike” was an irresistible slogan; Eisenhower won a sweeping victory.

Negotiating from military strength, he tried to reduce the strains of the Cold War. In 1953, the signing of a truce brought an armed peace along the border of South Korea. The death of Stalin the same year caused shifts in relations with Russia.

New Russian leaders consented to a peace treaty neutralizing Austria. Meanwhile, both Russia and

the United States had developed hydrogen bombs. With the threat of such destructive force hanging over the world, Eisenhower, with the leaders of the British, French, and Russian governments, met at Geneva in July 1955.

The President proposed that the United States and Russia exchange blueprints of each other’s military establishments and “provide within our countries facilities for aerial photography to the other country.” The Russians greeted the proposal with silence, but were so cordial throughout the meetings that tensions relaxed.

Suddenly, in September 1955, Eisenhower suffered a heart attack in Den-

ver, Colorado. After seven weeks he left the hospital, and in February 1956 doctors reported his recovery. In November he was elected for his second term.

In domestic policy the President pursued a middle course, continuing most of the New Deal and Fair Deal programs, emphasizing a balanced budget. As desegregation of schools began, he sent troops into Little Rock, Arkansas, to assure compliance with the orders of a Federal court; he also ordered the complete desegregation of the Armed Forces. “There must be no second class citizens in this country,” he wrote.

Eisenhower concentrated on maintaining world peace. He watched with pleasure the development

of his “atoms for peace” program—the loan of American uranium to “have not” nations for peaceful purposes.

Before he left office in January 1961, for his farm in Gettysburg, he urged the necessity of maintaining an adequate military strength, but cautioned that vast, long-continued military expenditures could breed potential dangers to our way of life. He concluded with a prayer for peace “in the goodness of time.” Both themes remained timely and urgent when he died, after a long illness, on March 28, 1969.

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The Crossword Puzzle is found on page 3B

Don't Be Indifferent

There are many ways to be indifferent. We can choose to “look the other way” when we see something that needs to be fixed, or that is unjust.

We can be indifferent also by refusing to think about something that calls for serious thought. We might think, for instance, that we really don't need to think about certain moral or existential questions (how should we live?, what is the meaning of life?, etc.)

But to not think about these questions is in some sense to deny an important facet of our humanity.

What does it mean to not be indifferent? It

means to be engaged in life, to think about your purpose in life and to act upon those thoughts. The uncertainty that we often feel about these big questions can sometimes be paralyzing.

We may feel that until we have a definitive answer, we really can't get to work on them, but this is putting the cart before the horse. We must get out there and start working and fulfilling our purpose in life to know what that purpose is.

Be useful, and loving, and start serving others and you will more clearly see that the purpose of life is to love and serve your fellow man.

—Christopher Simon

Obituaries

BILLY DEAN BYRD, 75, died on Wednesday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. in the evening in the presence of his God and his loving wife Beverly at their new home in New Port, Tennessee. He was born to Oma and Floyd Byrd on the 4th of October 1948 in Purcell, McLain, Oklahoma.

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See Obituary on page 13A

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Roman asked Jesus to heal his servant

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In 2 Chronicles 9:21, which was not among the things Solomon's ships brought to emphasize the luxuriousness of Israel? Ivory, Apes, Peacocks, Cedars

3. From Proverbs 30, what will pluck out the eyes of anyone who scorns their parents? Demons, Ravens, Doves, Quails

4. In 1 Timothy 6:10, who wrote, "For the love of money is the root of all evil"? Saint Jude, Isaiah, Moses, Paul



5. From Matthew 8, what Roman official asked Jesus to heal his servant? Marshall, Governor, Centurion, Jailor

6. Who was the father of Hosea? Uzzah, Beeri, Joash, Ahab

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Cedars, 3) Ravens, 4) Paul, 5) Centurion, 6) Beeri

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Don't Be Indifferent

(See message above.)

"The purpose of life is not to be happy—but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, to have it make some difference that you lived at all."
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Corn bake has the added southwestern flavor of green chili peppers

“Shrimp Rice is a very simple dish to make,” says Mrs. Emily Meggett, in her book titled, *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking*, “but it packs the flavor. When you cut your bacon, the slices should be no bigger than a fingertip, and you want your onions chopped fine.”

Carol Ann Heath has a recipe for Black Beans and Rice that she shares with us in *Pot-Pourri of Zellwood* put out by the Zellwood Community Center. It calls for one package of beans which will probably contain 1 pound (about 2 cups) of dry beans. Two cups will produce about 6 cups of cooked beans, drained. There are no instructions for cooking the beans, but normally you would soak the beans overnight and then cook them in 3 parts water to 1 part soaked beans. So, for 2 cups beans, you may need about 6 cups of water. Don't let the beans dry out while cooking; keep an eye on the pot.

Southwestern Corn Bake is also in this treasure trove of recipes. This particular recipe was the 1st Prize Winner of NOCIA's 1981 Zellwood Sweet Corn Festival. Both recipes look delicious.

How about making fresh peach cobbler? It is so good. We have a recipe from Allrecipes.com for Fresh Southern Peach Cobbler for you. This recipe is by aeposey, who said, “This peach cobbler recipe is something I've perfected over the years. It's loved by all. Use fresh Georgia peaches, of course!” It takes 20 minutes to prepare and 40 minutes to cook. Not too bad for a wonderful dessert!

Sis Pitman's Granny's Relish is a wonderful condiment that you can make up in your own kitchen, and the main ingredient can be found in your garden or at the local farmer's markets. It is one of the great 'treasures' in *Treasures and Pleasures* cookbook.

EMILY MEGGETT'S SHRIMP RICE

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

2 pounds small shrimp
6 slices onion
1 large onion, diced



1/4 cup unsalted butter
1 tablespoon seasoning salt, preferably Gold Medal
1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
3 cups long-grain white rice, rinsed
1) Peel, devein, and wash the shrimp. Remove the tails. Set aside.
2) In a large skillet, cook the bacon for about 5 minutes, or until crisp, and chop it into small pieces. Add the onion and cook it with the bacon for 3 to 5 minutes, allowing the onion to become coated with bacon fat.
3) In a separate pan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. Add the shrimp and cook until pink, 2 to 3 minutes.
4) Remove the cooked shrimp from the butter and add it to the skillet with the bacon and onion.
5) Add 4-1/2 cups tepid water along with seasoning salt and crushed red pepper.
6) Bring the water to a boil, then add the uncooked rice.
7) Cook over low heat stirring frequently until the rice has absorbed almost all of the water, 15 to 20 minutes. Stir with a fork to ensure the rice is fluffy and done.

CAROL ANN HEATH'S BLACK BEANS AND RICE

Recipe from *POT-POURRI OF ZELLWOOD*, published by The Zellwood Community Center

1 package black beans
2 tablespoons olive oil (no substitutions)
1 whole tomato
1 bay leaf
1 small onion
1/2 green pepper
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup olive oil
1/2 cup onion
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/4 teaspoon oregano
1/4 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
Hot cooked rice

Mix beans and the next six ingredients. Bring to a boil. Cook with water for 3 to 3-1/2 hours until beans are tender. Discard what is left of the tomato, pepper, onion (and bay leaf). Sauté the onion, pepper, oregano, cumin and salt in olive oil. Add wine vinegar and hot sauce. Stir all into beans. Cook for five minutes. Serve over hot cooked rice.
NOTE: General instructions for cook-

ing dry beans:

A pound of dry beans measures out to two cups. Pick over beans to remove stones, shriveled beans or other debris. Put in large pot to rinse, run clean water over beans, discarding rinse water.

Presoaking will make your beans more edible and digestible. Easiest presoak method is to soak overnight by placing in a large pot and covering with an inch of water over the top of the beans. Alternatively, if you don't have the luxury for overnight soaking, cover with water and bring quickly to full boil. Let beans sit for an hour on the stove in the hot water to soften prior to cooking.

When cooking, place beans in a large pot on the stove, pressure cooker or multi-cooker (refer to manufacturer's instructions for pressure cooker or slow cooker). Add enough water to cover beans. Check from time to time, adding water if it has gotten too low; being too dry results in mealy beans. You can freeze leftover beans within four days after cooking. It takes between an hour and two hours for most dry beans.

SOUTHWESTERN CORN BAKE

Recipe from *POT-POURRI OF ZELLWOOD*, published by The Zellwood Community Center

1 dozen ears corn, cut cream style (cut and scraped)
2 eggs beaten
3/4 cups yellow corn meal
1 teaspoon garlic salt
6 tablespoons salad oil
1 4-ounce can green chili peppers, finely cut
2 cups grated cheddar cheese

Mix together all ingredients except chili peppers and cheese. Divide mixture in half. Place one half in a greased 8 x 8 x 2-inch baking dish. Mix together chili peppers and cheese; lay on top of corn mixture in the dish. Cover with the remaining corn mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes.

AEPOSEY'S FRESH SOUTHERN PEACH COBBLER

Recipe from allrecipes.com

8 fresh peaches, peeled, pitted and sliced into thin wedges
1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
2 teaspoons cornstarch
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup white sugar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small pieces
1/4 cup boiling water
3 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1) Gather all ingredients.
2) Pre-heat the oven to 425 degrees F.
3) Combine peaches, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, nutmeg, lemon juice, and cornstarch in a large bowl; toss to coat evenly and pour into a 2-quart baking dish. Bake in preheated oven for 10 minutes.
4) Meanwhile, combine flour, 1/4 cup white sugar, 1/4 cup brown sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Blend in butter with your fingertips or a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse meal. Stir in water until just combined.
5) Remove peaches from oven, and drop spoonfuls of topping over them.
6) Mix 3 tablespoons white sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon together in a small bowl; sprinkle over entire cobbler.
7) Bake in the preheated oven until topping is golden, about 30 minutes.

SIS PITMAN'S GRANNY'S RELISH

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, *Treasures and Pleasures*

11 cups ground green tomatoes
4 cups ground green peppers
2 cups ground onions
4 tablespoons salt
3 cups vinegar
6 cups of sugar
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon celery seed

Mix tomatoes, peppers, onions and salt together and let stand one hour. Drain and transfer to a large kettle. Add vinegar, sugar, mustard, and celery seed. Bring to a boil, lower heat and simmer, uncovered for 20 minutes. Seal in sterile jars.

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MAY / JUNE 2024				★ ★ EVENTS ★	WEEKLY ★	UPCOMING ★	ONGOING ★ ★
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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.				FRIDAY, MAY 31 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. . CENTRAL FL CHRISTIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 1806 S Bay St., Eustis, has Fellowship Friday meetings. For complete details of all chamber events, visit cflchristianchamber.com/events-chamber. Contact: latrondra@cfchristian-chamber.com	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	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.	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: apopkafgca@gmail.com
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.				SATURDAY, JUNE 1 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.	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.	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. TOASTMASTERS: still meeting every WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., by zoom. For more information, call 407-765-2629 or visit www.Apopkatoastmasters.com.	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.
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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 duck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.				MONDAY, JUNE 3 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.	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.	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.	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.
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				TUESDAY, JUNE 4 FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN, THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the	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.	APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.	***** (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
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Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive maintenance work scheduled

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 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.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate the community's patience and understanding as we undertake these critical improvements.

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

About the St. Johns River Water Management District
St. Johns River Water Management District staff are committed to ensuring the sustainable use and protection of water resources for the benefit of the people of the district and the state of Florida. The St. Johns River Water Management District is one of five districts in Florida managing groundwater and surface water supplies in the state. The district encompasses all or part of 18 northeast and east-central Florida counties. District headquarters are in Palatka, and staff also are available to serve the public at service centers in Apopka, Jacksonville and Palm Bay.

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Beloved family man has gone home

Billy Dean Byrd was born to Oma and Floyd Byrd on the 4th of October 1948 in Purcell, McLain, Oklahoma, USA.

He spent most of his youth in Shawnee, Pottawatomie, Oklahoma where he, his father, and brother were talented masons and farmers.

Billy was selected in the lottery four times during the Vietnam war and finally sent by the Army to guard nuclear missiles in Germany for a year. It was a very hostile time for the men.

He had a great taste for travel after Germany and was an independent and gentle soul. He built steel mills in Nebraska and North Carolina, and erected cranes on Mobile Bay, Virginia Beach, and Maine. He worked in New York, New Hampshire, and Bangor, Maine as a welder.

In 1986, he was the ranch manager for a multimillion-dollar show and racehorses. He tended the horses, the facilities, and the pastures. One day a woman teaching about the Seventh Day Adventist religion was visiting the ranch owner. Billy overheard the conversation and followed the faith right down to Florida.

He became a deacon at the Cocoa Church. Beverly's best friend had been talking her up for months to him and talking him up to her at work. Finally, they were lured to dinner together. And that was that. He later told her he fell in love with her that very night.

The rest of the story . . . they married on the 17th of April 1992. They shared their love



for their Lord, the children, caring for and helping others. Bill was an incredibly loved man who had a passion for helping others and would do anything for anyone. He even worked tirelessly caring for his mother-in-law during her last years.

They lived on their farm south of Apopka before moving to New Port, Tennessee to join their children after Beverly's mother died.

Billy died on Wednesday, May 22nd at 5 p.m. in the evening in the presence of his God and his loving wife Beverly at their new home in New Port, Tennessee. He was 75 years of age. He died of adenocarcinoma of the lung. He was only diagnosed the prior Tuesday.

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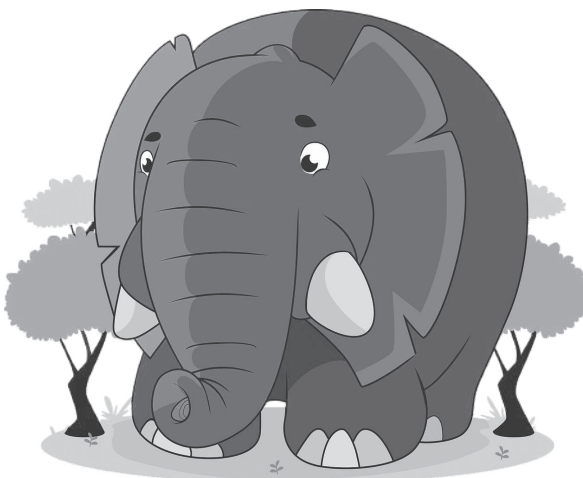


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