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2025 millage rate decision tabled to July 10 meeting

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

In separate votes, the Apopka City Council voted 5-0 to set the proposed millage rate at 4.6876 and the rollback rate at 3.8384 for the city's fiscal year 2025 budget.

The City Council tabled its decision to set the FY 2025 millage rate from last week at its special July 10 meeting.

Blanche Sherman, city finance director, presented the number at the special Wednesday, July 17, meeting for setting the FY2025 millage rate. The city of Apopka has had one of the area's lowest millage rates at 4.1876. According to Sherman, other cities in the region are looking at increasing their millage rate, too.

The key revenue increases that the city has incorporated in the budget amount to \$12.9 million, without the millage rate increase.

The increases are as follows: ad valorem taxes, \$4.9; utility tax for the electric, about \$1.1 million;

building permits, \$1.9; state revenue sharing, \$628,000; sales tax, \$1.9 million; engineering fees, \$1.2 million; recreation activity and programs, \$159,000; and interest in dividends of money, \$1 million, for a total of \$12.9 million.

The city began with the general fund of about \$89.8 million, and with the use of reserves about \$8.1 million, Sherman said. The city is incorporating another \$1.7-million increase in the millage rate increase going to the 0.25, which is for a contingency for the firefighters union; and another \$1.5-million increase in the millage to have additional funds transferred to the streets fund.

Other items that have been incorporated as a result of this month's city budget workshops and input from the mayor and commissioners is an additional \$455,000.

"Any additional changes at this point comes as a result of an increase in the use of those reserves. And these are excess reserves

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John Ricketson, longtime Apopka Chief/Planter publisher, dies at 84

By Pat McGuffin
Special to the Chief

The long-time owner and publisher of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers passed away Tuesday, July 16, at the age of 84.

Over his 45-year ownership of *The Apopka Chief*, John Ricketson left his mark on this city and thousands of lives. Ricketson had been battling liver cancer for a year.

His family bought *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* from WR "Mac" McGuffin in 1979. As publisher, Ricketson helped steer the city of Apopka through its massive growth period.

In addition to owning *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers, John and his wife Eileen have owned Apopka Office Supply for 45 years.

"John was truly a community leader who just happened to be the publisher of the award-winning *Apopka Chief*. He dedicated his life to making sure that the news was covered without bias for anyone who was interested in Apopka," noted Mayor Bryan Nelson.

During his tenure as

owner/publisher of the Apopka newspapers, Ricketson's team won hundreds of journalistic awards through the Florida Press Association, including Best Newspaper of its circulation size in the state over several years.

Ricketson was a member of the Florida Press Association for dozens of years, and served as its president from 1990-1991.

"My memories of John are so vivid. He was a passionate believer in the Apopka community and its future. And of course, he loved talking fishing and family when we were done talking business," said Andy Gardiner, past president of the Florida Senate, and past president of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ricketson has been the past chairman of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce from 1984-1991 and was named Businessman of the Year in 2002.

He served as past president of the Apopka Rotary Club, as well as past president of the Foliage Sertoma Club, which puts on the annual Apopka Christmas

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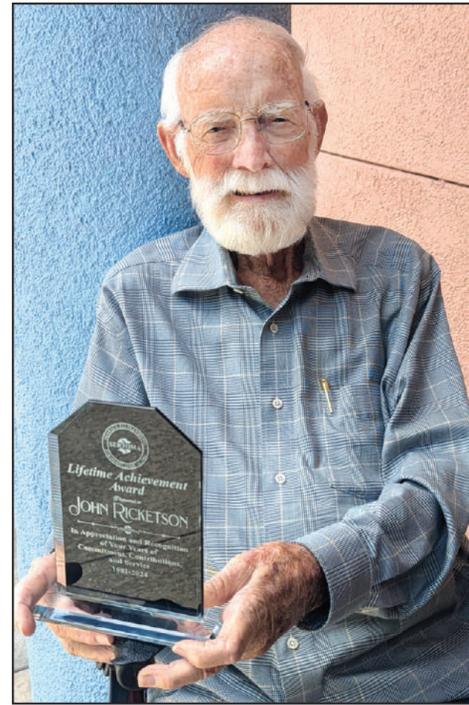


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John Ricketson, publisher of *The Apopka Chief*/*The Planter* for more than 45 years, died on Tuesday, July 16, at the age of 84. An indelible part of the Apopka community, "JR" – as he was fondly called by many who knew him – volunteered for and chaired many organizations and boards, such as being past president of the Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka. On June 25, the club honored JR with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of service.

Snowy egret flies over Lake Apopka



A snowy egret makes its home among the marshes of the Lake Apopka North Shore and Wildlife Drive, located on the North Shore of Lake Apopka. The drive is free and open to the public each Friday through Sunday and federal holidays. The entrance gate to the 11-mile, one-way drive is located at 2850 Lust Road, Apopka, and is open 7 a.m.- 3 p.m. The exit gate on Jones Avenue in Zellwood closes at 5 p.m. Photo courtesy of St. Johns River Water Management District.

City Council votes to approve grant, award contracts

The Apopka City Council voted 5-0, across the board, on 10 consent agenda items at its Wednesday, July 17, regularly scheduled meeting. Below are some of the items that fall under the consent agenda.

DOT grant

Under the consent agenda, the City Council voted to authorize the police chief to accept a Department of Transportation (DOT) grant that the Apopka Police Department applied for and has received.

The \$10,000 grant is for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety High Visibility Enforcement and Support Program.

Administered by the Institute of Police Technology and Management at the University of North Florida, the grant will provide overtime funding for enforcement in the following areas: East Main Street from Park Avenue south to Semoran Boulevard, West Main Street from Brad-

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Fire chief to retire after 22 years with city

By Teresa Sargeant
Apopka Chief Staff

Apopka Fire Chief Sean Wylam will retire after serving 22 years in the Apopka Fire Department that includes five years in his current post. His retirement is effective October 31.

Wylam made his announcement on Tuesday July 16, at Fire Station No. 3 on Piedmont Wekiwa Road in Apopka before his colleagues, family, and elected officials.

Mayor Bryan Nelson gave Wylam a golden axe as a retirement gift for his

22-years of service with the Apopka Fire Department.

"Over the past 22 years, I have had the privilege to witness our department's growth and resilience, facing numerous challenges together. It is with a mixture of pride and nostalgia that I look back on our collective accomplishments.

There have been incredible changes in the department since I first arrived in 2002. The challenges and changes will undoubtedly continue as the occupation evolves, but I

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Fire Chief Sean Wylam (l) holds the golden axe that Mayor Bryan Nelson (r) presented to him as a retirement gift for the chief's 22 years of service to the city.

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Apopka Event of the Week

On Saturday, July 20, from 10:15-11 a.m., at the North Orange Branch Library, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., in the computer lab, is the Microsoft Excel-Formulas and Functions. Use the Function Library to find the best fit for your project. Insert financial, logical, lookup, math and text functions. Ages 13-Adult. Must know Microsoft Excel 4. Required skills: None.

Quotable

When you consider all that he has done for the community and individuals, it is inspiring and right to honor his legacy.

Guest editorialist on importance of remembering John Ricketson

Opinion

The Apopka Chief A weekly newspaper founded in 1923

Publisher John Ricketson, Reporters Teresa Sargeant, Marshall Tempest, Neal Fisher, Marketing Director Jackie Trefcer, General Mgr Emeritus Neoma Knox, Mar. 28 1956 - Oct. 12, 2023, Feb. 12, 1929 - Sept. 18, 2021

Our position

Chief Publisher 'JR' helped shape Apopka for generations

By Patrick McGuffin, Guest editorialist

Long-time publisher and owner of The Apopka Chief and The Planter newspapers, John "JR" Ricketson, passed away at the age of 84 and moved into his eternal reward on July 16, 2024.

His family bought the newspapers in 1979 from my dad, WR McGuffin, and began immediately helping to shape the greater Apopka area into the amazing community that we have today. John and his wife Eileen hit the ground running, and built The Apopka Chief into one of the most award-winning newspapers of its circulation size in the state of Florida.

But it wasn't the awards that drove the excellence of The Apopka Chief, but JR's commitment to the people, businesses, schools, and City of Apopka.

When Ricketson bought the newspapers, Apopka had a population of less than 13,000, and today its population within the city limits is 57,000 and roughly 100,000 people in the immediate area. People... ordinary people that make up our schools, civic service organizations, the governmental players... all were part of this growth that the newspapers helped build and report on during a generation.

JR was a man of community leadership, and great courage in the face of opposition to change for improvement. He shared vision with community leaders, and reported on their children's activities in schools. One of his most common comments was "the community owns the newspaper, and I just have been entrusted as its caretaker." That always struck me - his overarching concern for the community, and not his own welfare.

He had the uncanny ability to remember most faces and names of people in town that he met, much like former Mayor John Land. Children, adults, young, older, any cultures - he just cared for people with his great big smile on a white-

bearded face. Literally thousands upon thousands of people over those 45 years have been written about and had photos in the local newspapers he owned.

Some people care about and hang with those who are like them. John rubbed shoulders with a whole community of unrelated people who called the Apopka area home, and he did it with grace.

Early in life, I knew him as an employer, then later as a fellow business owner, but most of the time, I, along with thousands of others knew him as a friend. When you consider all that he has done for the community and individuals, it is inspiring and right to honor his legacy.

So how do you measure a man like John Ricketson?

- By his discipline in doing hard work day after day.
• By his ability to trust God, in the face of conflicts.
• By how he honors his wife and shares life with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.
• By how many times he continues to show kindness when done wrong or spoken unkindly of.
• By how many times he resists the easy way out of tough situations.
• By the attitude he keeps when rightly swimming upstream against the flow of popular opinion.
• Or by his faithfulness in doing the ongoing, redundant things in his daily life... like publishing 32,485 editions of his Apopka newspapers without missing one week of publishing!

Honestly, I don't know how you honor a man like John Ricketson, for his impactful life well lived. He was and is a dear friend of the greater Apopka community who will be missed by us all, as he walks into his heavenly reward with his Lord Jesus.

Thank you, John, for both who you were to us all, and what you did to make our lives better while you were on this planet. You were a gift!



Vision 2050 is in planning stages

Balancing the varying needs of healthy communities is required in good governance. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will likely submit two constitutional amendments regarding protecting rural lands and controlling excessive annexations to the citizens for their consideration this November. This is an attempt to reduce costly sprawl and utility expansions into important environmentally sensitive areas. Additionally, property owners should have surety as to what development may be allowed nearby. The county is also developing a new comprehensive plan, known as Vision 2050. State law and county ordinances require developers to preserve 35 percent land in passivity in the Wekiva River Basin area.

County Commissioner District 2



Christine Moore

Then on the other side of things, I am working hard on finding a location for a homeless shelter as many are upset finding chronically drug-addicted and mentally ill people camping nearby. The county also funds rental assistance to prevent homelessness. Yet, we know that for every increase in rents and home prices we will see more unhoused. We must find a place for these folks, other than in the jail system, which is an extremely

costly approach.

Don't we all wish that fewer people would move to Central Florida? Growth hasn't paid for itself, yet Orange County has so much opportunity for career and personal advancement. I recently returned from Tallahassee and drove through some impoverished areas along the northern section of US 27. Once I reached Lake County the view drastically changed. Growth and investment was noticeably greater. We live in a great community, with thousands moving to our county.

Therefore, to make sure we are increasing new housing options, I asked for an update on all pending projects in District 2 from our planning department.

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Schools need up-to-date info

As usual, summer is flying by and we are quickly approaching the start of another school year. The 2024-25 school year will begin on Monday, August 12. As that day draws near, I know many of you will soon begin preparing for the start of school.

If you are not already doing so, please follow your child's school on social media and make sure your contact information is up to date with the school. That way, you can stay connected and receive all the important announcements

Orange County School Board, District 7



Melissa Byrd

that are beginning to be shared.

We are already seeing many schools share their "Meet the Teacher" dates, as well as new student orientations and device distri-

but ion dates.

These next few weeks are a good time for parents to prepare their students for the upcoming school year while still enjoying the last few weeks of summer.

One of the best places to start is by re-establishing a regular bedtime and wake schedule. Many kids, especially preteens and teens, get on a pretty wacky sleep schedule over the summer.

Sleep is one of the most important factors for a healthy brain and the abil-

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This Week In God's Word

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12

Mema Says

Are you part of the solution?

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Plan was to make women, children dependent on government

The great Greek philosopher, Democritus (470-370 B.C.) wrote that "cheats and hypocrites are those who do everything with words and nothing with actions." That statement, although written many centuries ago describe Joe Biden precisely. Joe Biden has been suckling from the government teat for the past 50 years, first as a congressman, and then as a senator, and I defy anyone to find one piece of legislation or one singular action that has helped



Ike Hayden

the American people positively.

He's been called many names such as the "great healer," et cetera, and he's built his reputation on "reaching across the aisle," but in truth, Joe Biden is

none of these. Philosophers say there are three signs of a hypocrite, and they are: 1. whenever he speaks, he lies. 2. he never keeps his promise, and 3. he betrays his trust whenever he is trusted.

According to this yardstick, Joe Biden qualifies as a hypocrite. Our borders have been left wide open for all kinds of intruders and illegal aliens to bring all manner of contraband, weapons, and drugs into our nation to assist with the ruination of our culture,

and the American dream. This isn't something that just happened, but has been planned and executed by design.

I believe this was planned long before Lyndon B. Johnson became president through the assassination of John F. Kennedy. I believe that LBJ's Great Society promoted and propelled this globalist agenda, and greatly damaged the nuclear families.

The main plan was to make women and children completely dependent on

the governmental handouts, from cradle to grave... and it is working!

Almost 500 billion dollars of our federal budget is committed to housing and welfare. Where are the men of these homes, and why are they not being held accountable for their own children? This situation is similar to the fact that we cannot find illegal aliens to send them back, but you can always find them to give them money.

Same way with irresponsible fathers. They find

ways to buy new cars and go to all the action parks, enjoy the lives of the rich and famous, while the taxpayers take care of their children and their old girlfriends, or wives. There's an old adage, "if you kick a dog long enough, sooner or later, he will bite." That is exactly how the American taxpayer feels now. We are ready to bite. There has never been so much division in our nation since the civil war. We have Dem-

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Fire: Duran's death isn't reason for retirement, Wylam says

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know the men and women of Apopka Fire Department are up to the task," Wylam said.

"As I move into this next chapter of my life, I am confident that the department will continue to thrive and excel under new leadership. I am committed to ensuring a smooth changeover, and will be happily assisting in the transition."

Wylam began his firefighting career at the Eatonville Fire Department in 2001 and joined the Apopka Fire Department in October 2002. In Apopka, he finished the paramedic program in 2004, was promoted to lieutenant in 2007, and then to assistant fire chief in 2014. In 2019, Wylam succeeded Charles "Chuck" Carnesale as fire

chief. Wylam holds positions with several professional organizations and boards including the Center for Public Safety Excellence, Orange County Operations Chiefs Group, Orange County Emergency Response Team, Orange County EMS Advisory Board, and State Emergency Response Team.

He holds several certifications with the Florida Bureau of Fire of Fire Standards and professional qualifications with the National Board on Fire Service.

Nelson highlighted a few of what he said were over 90 accomplishments that Wylam and his team have done in the last five years for the department's ensured safety, operation efficiency, and administrative effectiveness.

"So out of all these 90, those are the ones I just came up with that were presented to me by the team," Nelson said. "But not only has he accomplished a lot, he's been a mentor to a lot of firefighters here at the city of Apopka. We couldn't be more proud of his service to the city of Apopka and the fire department here in Apopka. He will long be remembered for some of the accomplishments he's given to our community and to our fire department."

Wylam is not "someone who's boisterous with his words. He's not going to get up there and lay it out that way, but he does it with his actions," said Representative Doug Bankson of Florida House 39, Apopka Fire Department chaplain and former city commissioner.

Thanking Wylam for

his service, Bankson acknowledged what the chief did for the department, "...the efficiency that you brought in, the increase to the city just simply by doing your job, working hard, sharpening the pencil, working to try and make everything work, to balance all that goes on here in a very rapidly growing city with lots of change."

Wylam decided that five years would be the limit for his time as chief. "I think one of the biggest things I've always tried to instill, again, this is not about one person, my first officer meeting I ever had, I promised five years (as chief) and the reason for that is because this position, the fire chief position, deserves changeover. It really deserves that fresh look of eyes."

Wylam claimed that

the ensuing matter surrounding firefighter Austin Duran's death in summer of 2022 and the city's subsequent handling of it didn't play a role in his retirement decision.

"As a fire chief, you're faced with numerous tasks and ups and downs and challenges throughout your career. Even the Covid pandemic to dealing with a firefighter's death is never easy, but it's the right way," he said. "It's a part of your job as the chief to handle things like that. And it, certainly again, is more of the five years versus dealing with those things because next year there will continue to be numerous challenges throughout the tenure of the departments."

He said he will help the city transition to a new fire chief adding that his post-retirement plans are to

find employment in the private sector, possibly doing some teaching and working with children's non-profit organizations.

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The Ricketson family on Christmas Day: John is in the back row with son Jerry, granddaughter Payton Ricketson and son Jamey. Pictured in the front row are (l-r) son Joey, granddaughters Madison Strong and Michaela Strong Duytsche, Logan Carney, wife Eileen, and daughter-in-law Lori Strong Ricketson.

Ricketson: Several awards highlight his success in career, community service

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Parade. He was the founding chairman of the Florida Hospital Apopka Foundation from 1984-1987.

The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka honored John Ricketson with its Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of service at the club's June 25 luncheon.

"John, known as JR to most all of Apopka, was the club's stalwart Sergeant at Arms, a position we all know is like a Supreme Court Justice – pretty much for life!" said Beverly Winesburgh, Foliage Sertoma Club member, in an email to *The Apopka Chief*. "A club member

since he first came to Apopka close to a half-century ago, his public support via his newspaper, *The Apopka Chief/The Planter*, has contributed to the club's program successes in so many ways. Not only has he earned a lifetime achievement award from Sertoma National, but John Ricketson truly is owed one for all he continues to contribute to the Apopka community."

Ricketson was vice president of the John Land Apopka Community Trust from 2015-2016.

"I had the pleasure of getting to know Mr. Ricketson (as most called him, JR) through my involvement with the John Land Apopka Community

Trust," said Misty Taylor, president of the John Land Apopka Community Trust. "He was a long-time and dedicated board member. It didn't take long for me to learn that he was a loving and devoted husband, a proud father, and loved his community immensely, for which he was a dutiful and tireless civic servant. The world could use more people in it like John Ricketson and he will be greatly missed by so many."

Ricketson served as chairman of the city of Apopka's 120th anniversary year-long celebration. Representative Doug Bankson of Florida House District 39 recalled first meeting Ricketson when

asked to serve with him on the city's 120th anniversary committee. Bankson said he saw Ricketson as "a servant leader that made everyone feel valued and included," and someone who exemplified life, service, and character as a Christian.

"Every life is important and makes an impact, but none more than our dear friend John Ricketson. I say dear friend not just for myself, but for the city of Apopka. His influence and impact is so deep and varied as to be an iconic treasure to all, even if you had never directly met him. He was a true Southern gen-

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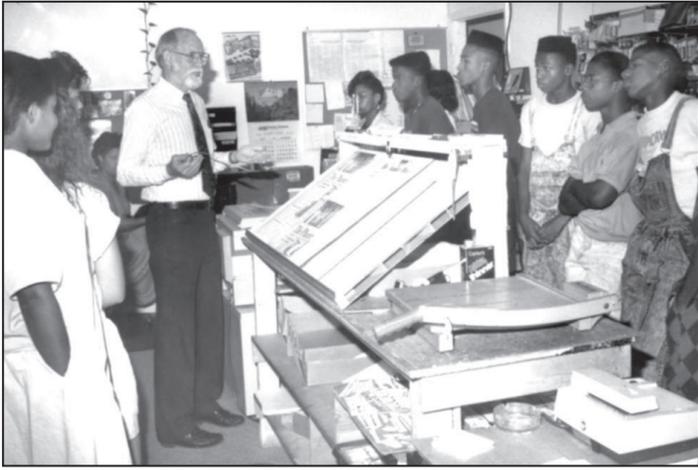
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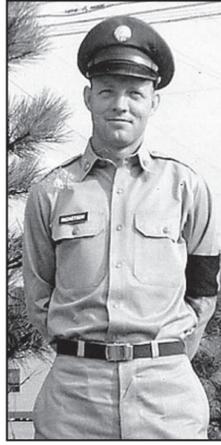
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John Ricketson gives a tour of the previous Apopka Chief building, located on U.S. Highway 441 in Apopka, where Wawa is now located.



John in uniform as a service man for the U.S. Army.

Ricketson: Several awards highlight his success in career, community service

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tleman in every sense of the word, and his wisdom graced everything he put his hand to.”

In 2004, he was honored as the grand marshal of the Sertoma Apopka Christmas Parade, which annually attracts over 20,000 Apopkans.

“I was fortunate enough to have known

John for almost 40 years. He was full of energy and a tireless advocate for Apopka. I can’t think of a single community initiative that he wasn’t involved with in one capacity or another. Without question, he’ll be missed,” said David Rankin, executive vice president of One Florida Bank in Apopka.

In 2006, the Apopka Christian Ministerial Alli-

ance chose Ricketson, together with former Mayor John Land, as recipients of the organization’s first annual Pillar Award.

Born in Dixie Camp, Florida, on March 5, 1940, John moved to Apopka in 1958. He graduated high school in Winter Park, and enlisted in the Army to become a paratrooper. He married his bride Eileen of 60 years, in 1964 and they

have three sons, Jamey, Jerry, and Joey, several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The publisher started his newspaper career in 1965, and worked with newspapers from Ocala and Gainesville, to Galveston and Beaumont, Texas, back to Clearwater, Florida, for five years before landing in Central Florida.

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Assassination attempt was made

Editor:
We humans love to sanitize words, make them more palatable. Acceptable. Less threatening.
Assassinate is one of those words that just can't be sanitized. It is what it is defined as: "to murder (usually a prominent person) by sudden or secret attack often for political reasons to injure or destroy unexpectedly and treacherously."
That's what happened this weekend ... someone attempted to kill President

Donald Trump.
I'm not here pretending to break some news story. That event became a major news story right before our very eyes.
I don't know where one had to be to have missed it. Nevertheless, there are, and will continue to be, multitudes of reports about it for a long time to come. And rightly so.
I guess what I'm doing is thinking out loud, trying to make sense of a senseless act. Something that's

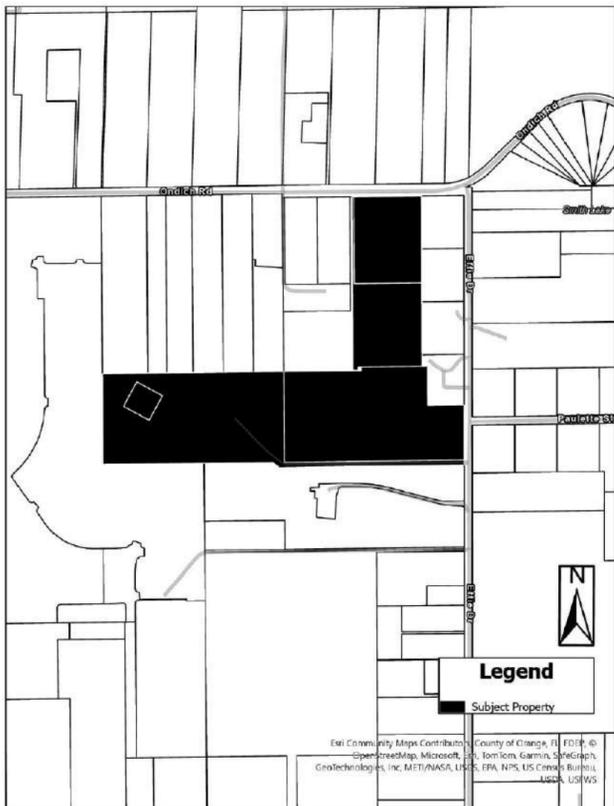
been possible, but ...
I called it shocking, but not surprising.
Who can be surprised that a young man who may, or may not, be able to separate himself from all the anti-conservative, anti-Donald Trump rhetoric and absurdly "real" events we've watched play out on a world-wide stage?
The shooter may have been "sick," who knows? There is one thing I do

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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 **APPIAN ENGINEERING, INC. C/O LUKE M. CLASSON, P.E.** has made an application to the City of Apopka City Council for an **ANNEXATION** of a property located on the southwest corner of Ondich Road and Effie Drive. This application relates to the following described property:

ORDINANCE NO. 3066
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 PM S-1 REO, LLC; LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ONDICH ROAD AND EFFIE DRIVE; COMPRISING 54.85 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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NOTICE is given that public hearings for Ordinance No. 3066 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, August 7, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M. and Wednesday, August 21, 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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Byrd: Consider shopping, sharing

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ity to learn new information. Making sure your kids aren't shell-shocked the first week of school when they have to get up early for the first time in a while, can be really helpful for your child and the teachers!

This is also the time to make sure your child has any required sports physicals or immunizations for school. For instance, the state of Florida requires all seventh graders to have the Tdap vaccine.

OCPS requires all high school student-athletes to get an ECG/EKG, a basic, non-invasive heart test once during their high school career. These tests have been offered at many schools for \$20 from our health partners if your pediatrician doesn't perform them. There are also sports physicals being done at various sites around the district. If you need help

finding a resource for a physical or ECG, please reach out to your school.

Another important thing to do in the next couple of weeks is make sure that your students have the important supplies needed for a successful year. Many schools have already released the supply lists.

Please check out local non-profit organizations or contact your school if you need help obtaining school supplies. There are many backpack and supply drives throughout the community to help families during this time. Be sure to like my Facebook page @ MelissaByrdOCPS, where I share these events when I see them.

And, if you are able, please consider purchasing twice your child's school supplies and donating the extra set to one of the organizations putting together these drives or to your local school directly. There is

so much need in our community and you can make a difference in a local child's educational success.

Don't forget about the Florida Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, July 29 - August 11, 2024. The following qualifying items are exempt from sales tax during this time: Clothing, footwear, and accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less; school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less; learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less; and computers and related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for non-commercial home or personal use.

It's a great time to get your child back into the swing of things and excited to start a new year. But until that new year starts, continue to make memories, have fun and read together. The time is sure to fly by!

Moore: Housing projects are needed

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ment. Initial entitlements, construction plans, platting, and horizontal and vertical construction all take time. I'm anxious because I do believe a lack of housing supply leads to higher home prices and rents. The reviews for a new subdivision are detailed and costly. Anything local government can do to expedite projects will go a long way to creating much needed new housing.

I have five projects moving on towards completion in all of District 2:

Wekiva Reserve Subdivision on Votaw Road (71 units), Thompson Heights (26 units), Plymouth Sorrento - Affordable House Project (300 multi-family and 180 senior living units), Sable Village on Beggs Road (24 units), and Grassmere in Zellwood (153 units - left 70 percent of land passive)

Remember, impact fees are not paid until the very end of the project. Thus, unfortunately, it is impossible to add capacity before the folks move into the homes. This is like what happens with new schools

and portables. In a perfect world with all the money necessary, these things wouldn't happen.

I am blessed, as are many of you, to live in a suburban subdivision with large lots. However, I'm learning that none of us want to pay enough taxes to keep the necessary roads in good condition in these suburban areas. We are in tough times to make it all work out. I look forward to partnering with you and sharing enough information for you to help me make the best decisions possible.

Enjoy your summer!

Hayden: Wars won by Americans

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ocrats against Republicans we have Independents against everyone else, and it goes on and on and on. They seem to forget that we sent them to Washington to work for the American people, not the party of their choice.

It seems as though their main concern is revenge against the other party or how they can get re-elected without doing anything for their constituents. It used to be that you could look over the field of nominees and find people with your concern in mind, in both parties.

They are so focused on trying to change things that they cannot see the things that are working for the American people and have been since our Republic's founding. It's time We the People remind politicians they are to represent our

desires for our country and not for a certain political party, or their agenda. We need to remind the different political parties that they are to work as a team for us, their employers. They need to remember that neither Democrats nor Republicans won World War One or World War Two - it was we Americans that won the victory in both those wars.

Our politicians need to get over themselves and start acting like representatives of We the People. The Democrats are in power now, and they want to make their presence felt, but they're going about it the wrong way.

We have an election coming up on November 5 that will hopefully change the way America is being run.

If the different political parties can't get along, then we are going to have to be like a mommy and daddy

and separate our children when they start fussing and fighting together. The rhetoric and name calling that is going on by the different parties is not good for the United States of America, nor is it good as an example to the rest of the world.

I want our nation to be recognized again as the "city on a hill," and I want to show the rest of the world that we Americans can and will govern ourselves.

By the grace of GOD, we have just averted a tragedy, and the candidates for the Presidency of the United States of America should be aware of the consequences of talking trash!

Please keep the United States of America in your prayers and remember those that are running for office.

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Millage: Rate change needed to cover wages, benefit increases

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over our 25-percent reserve per policy," Sherman said.

During public comment of the meeting, Alex Klepper, Apopka Professional Firefighters representative, said that the city of Apopka doesn't need to raise the millage rate because of the city firefighters.

Rather, he said the need to raise the millage rate is due to the entire budget including competitive wage and benefit increases for general employees and the Apopka Police Department over the past three years. This included a significant pay raise for Fire

Chief Sean Wylam, his fleet of new F-150 take-home vehicles, as well as the mayor's salary adjustments, and the future pension he's about to be eligible to take, according to Klepper.

"Our firefighters haven't seen a paramedic pay increase since before some of them were even born. It's incredibly disheartening for them to know that they're the lowest paid employees in the city. While an intentionally misleading narrative by the guy who's supposed to have their backs suggests they're overpaid, we cannot continue to balance the budget on the backs of hardworking firefighters," Klepper said.

Klepper brought up the retirement announcement Wylam made on Tuesday, July 16, at Fire Station No. 3 on Piedmont Wekiwa Road in Apopka.

"The top-secret surprise retirement ceremony was a perfect summation of the beleaguered run of our fire chief," Klepper said. "You dragged us through the dirt for two years. You came up here and you said, 'I want to fix this. It's my chance to make this right.' And you did nothing but buy time until you could retire with your pension and sail off into the sunset, no plan for these guys. No plan for the future. No plan for a succession. It's disgusting. In

your email, you said you prayed about the decision. You prayed to collect a check and you're a public servant that looked out for yourself first. That's your legacy."

Klepper said he "(doesn't) stand to earn a single dime from that contract 'that I'm fighting for, for these guys. I'm not part of that bargaining unit. I am fighting for them because it's the right thing to pay your employees a fair wage, which we decide to do for every city employee."

The first FY2025 city budget workshop, which occurred on Monday, July 8, covered administrative, legal services, city clerk, human resources, community de-

velopment, and economic development budget.

The second budget workshop, on Tuesday, July 9, covered information technology and public service. The third budget workshop, on Wednesday, July 10, covered fire and police. The special City Council meeting, for the purpose of setting and approving the millage rate, followed this workshop.

The new fiscal year begins on October 1 and runs through September 30, 2025. The meeting for the public hearing on the FY2025 city budget is Wednesday, September 4, at 5 P.m. in the Apopka City Hall Council Chamber.

Letter: Politicians have been at war with Constitution, Bill of Rights

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know, and it is that there is an overwhelming sickness that has been running rampant in our government(s) for far too long.

It's gone Unchecked, and Approved of, by "leaders" and media.

If you listen to political press events, or liberal talk show hosts, they've looked, and acted, like sharks smelling blood in the water, eager to throw their weapons into the fray.

If you followed the attempts to assassinate President Trump and anyone who dares to support him, you've seen that sickness... one that leads people to use

their political, economical power, and fame to keep those of us who don't see things their way in line. Silenced. Threatened.

That ugliness and threat has come out of the mouths of people like Maxine Waters encouraging people to assault citizens merely trying to have a dinner out with family and friends... like Chuck Schumer, who had the audacity to threaten members of the Supreme Court... like President Biden saying he'd like to take President Trump out behind the shed and beat him. An administration labeling Conservatives as, basically, enemies of our country.

That's just a drop in the bucket ... I don't have time or room for more.

If there's anything good coming out of all this, it's seeing people begin to stand up to the bullies ... refusing to be silenced ... refusing to vote "the party" because that's what's been expected of them historically ... breaking ranks to think about what they believe is good for this country.

Maybe even following through and actually voting their conscience in this next election.

This attempt to murder a front-running presidential candidate should be telling all of us that it's

time for each of us, on our own, to realize that being an American doesn't necessarily mean receiving "gifts from the government" in exchange for our vote ... it's more about realizing that politicians have been at war, for some time now, with our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. Our freedoms.

The decision this election isn't about closing your eyes and throwing a dart at the ballot and putting an X wherever it lands, it's about being informed and intentional.

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City: Annual funding agreement with MetroPlan is approved

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shaw Road to Hawthorne Avenue, East Main Street from Drage Drive to Vick Road, and East Semoran

Boulevard from Semoran Commerce Place to South Wekiwa Springs Road.
City/MetroPlan funding agreement

The City Council voted to approve the annual funding agreement between the city of Apopka and MetroPlan Orlando for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$29,147.

The city of Apopka is a member of MetroPlan Orlando, a federally mandated transportation planning organization that is responsible for implementing the transportation planning process in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

MetroPlan's board has 20 voting members and five

non-voting advisors comprised of elected officials from the three-county area, the largest cities in the region, and representatives from the region's transportation operating agencies. Apopka is one of five cities in the tri-county area that is a voting member of the board.

MetroPlan receives most of its funding from federal grants, state grants and local per capita assessment and manages an \$8 million annual budget. This local per capita assessment

is paid by the eight local government agencies that have voting members on the MetroPlan Board. The revenue from this funding source is used primarily for general operations and staff salaries.

The annual assessment is calculated using the current University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research population estimates and applying \$0.50 per capita. The total annual local per capita assessment is \$1.5 million. The city of Apopka's as-

essed amount for FY2024-2025 is \$29,147. The assessment is paid on October 1, 2024. Payment will be made from the city's 2024-2025 budget.

Columbaria contract

The City Council voted to award a contract to Quality Vaults and Monuments, Inc. to purchase and install two more columbaria for the city cemetery.

The city expects to install these two new colum-

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City: Company hired for installation of more columbaria at cemetery

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baria, which will be of the same size and dimension as the first two that were installed this past March, by the end of 2024. Quality Vaults and Monuments was the company that installed the first two columbaria.

The contract is in the total bid amount of \$55,680 including a 10 percent contingency of \$5,568, for a total of \$61,248.

The Finance Department received electronic

bids on June 18, 2024.

The city of Apopka maintains and operates the Edgewood-Greenwood Cemetery located at 141 Edgewood St., Apopka.

Northwest Water Treatment Plant 1.0 MG Ground Storage Tank

The City Council awarded a contract to Prime Construction Group, Inc. for the Northwest Water Treatment Plant 1.0 MG Ground Storage Tank (GST).

The awarded contract in the amount of \$3,169,717.00 will include a 10 percent contingency of \$316,971.70, for a total of \$3,486,688.70.

The finance department received electronic bids on June 4. The purpose of this project is to construct a new 1.0 MG ground storage tank and all appurtenances. CHA Consulting, Inc. is the professional engineering consultant under contract for the design and assistance with

this project.

The submittal for Prime Construction Group, Inc. has been reviewed to include their bid, history, and references. Staff and CHA Consulting, Inc., recommend the full bid contract award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, meeting specifications to Prime Construction Group, Inc., in the amount of \$3,169,717.

The funding source is the FY2024 water impact fees.



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The Crossword Puzzle is found on page 2B

Lazy Day Pot Roast will make your kitchen smell good for hours

In his book, *Hearty Country Cooking*, Mark Sohn, says: "To 'pot-roast' is to braise. Using several cups of liquid and a covered pot, I steam a poor cut of beef slowly until it is tender. The moist heat inside the closed pot will draw out every drop of natural juice. I solve the problem of a dry roast by slicing the roast thinly and across the grain and then moistening it with gravy. In addition to the potatoes, carrots, and onions that I use in this recipe, consider adding cabbage, tomatoes, turnips, sweet potatoes, and celery. For flavor, add whole cloves of garlic, ground cinnamon, leftover coffee, green peppers, and hot banana peppers." Mark calls the recipe "lazy day" pot roast because you may do half of the work the first day. But he adds, when rating the recipe as easy, moderate, or difficult, "No doubt, however, I also think this recipe is rather difficult."



wonderful. She says, "I think of Fried Zucchini as vegetable chips. I slice my zucchini thin (but not TOO thin, as you'll want to taste the vegetables, not just the breading), and season them with some salt before dipping them in a light batter and dropping them into the frying oil. You should fry these until they're golden brown and serve them immediately. When you are going to fry anything, the oil must be hot enough so that whatever you put in there does not absorb the oil, but not so hot that it smokes."

POT ROAST (LAZY DAY POT ROAST)

From: Mark F. Sohn's *Hearty Country Cooking*
One 5-pound rolled and tied bottom round or chuck roast
2-1/2 cups beef broth
10 large carrots, peeled
10 medium potatoes, peeled
4 medium onions, peeled
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup sour cream
Yield: 10 servings

1) Preheat the oven to 275 degrees Fahrenheit. Place the roast in a very large roasting pot.

Add the broth, cover, and bake for 4 to 7 hours. Add the carrots, potatoes, and onions, cover, and bake another 1-1/2 hours. Separate the vegetables, roast, and stock. Cool and refrigerate. 2) The next day, or when the roast is cold, make the brown gravy. Remove and discard the fat from the stock. Pour the broth into a measuring cup, and if needed, add water to make 3 cups. In a small bowl, make a cold roux by moistening the flour with broth, adding 1 tablespoon of broth at a time. Do not add more broth until the flour is smooth. Continue adding cold broth to the flour until it is as thin as tomato juice. Add this back into the broth, and pour into a saucepan. Boil for 1 minute, and remove from the heat. Stir in the sour cream. 3) Lay the chilled roast on a cutting board, and slice it across the grain, about 1/4-inch thick. Cut the potatoes in half and the carrots into thirds. Arrange on a platter, top with half of the gravy, and reheat, covered in the microwave or a warm oven. Reheat the remaining gravy, and serve.

Healthy choice alternative: Omit the sour cream.

Note: This is a meal in one pot. Serve on a platter and offer rolls, real butter, and a green salad. For a big group, add green beans and corn bread.

COUNTRY CAPTAIN CHICKEN

The New Low-Country Cooking
 by Marvin Woods

1 cup plain yogurt
1/2 cup tomato paste
3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint leaves
2 tablespoons minced garlic
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon curry powder
1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
One 4-1/2- to 5-pound chicken, cut into pieces, rinsed and patted dry
1/4 cup vegetable oil (for oven-fry method only)

1) In a large bowl, stir together all of the ingredients except for the chicken and the oil. Add the chicken and toss to lightly coat with the marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 12 hours and up to 48 hours. 2) To grill or broil: Remove the chicken from the marinade, letting the excess run back into the bowl. Grill or broil the chicken for 12 to 15 minutes per side, turning occasionally, until it is cooked through and the juices run clear when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife. 3) To oven-fry: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat the vegetable oil in a large skillet. Remove the chicken from the marinade, letting the excess run back into the bowl. Add the chicken to the skillet skin side down, one piece at a time. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Turn the chicken and brown the second side for 5 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a baking sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until it is cooked through and the juices run clear when pierced with the tip of a sharp knife.

DIRTY RICE WITH SPICY PORK SAUSAGE

Recipe from *GREAT FOOD FAST, Bob Warden's Ultimate Pressure Cooker Recipes*

2 tablespoons olive oil
8 ounces spicy ground pork sausage
1 small yellow onion, diced
1 small green bell pepper, diced
3 stalks celery, diced
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 cups long-grain white rice (uncooked)
1 teaspoon dry oregano

1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2-1/4 cups chicken stock or broth

1) With the cooker's lid off, heat oil on HIGH or "brown," until sizzling. 2) Place the sausage, onion, bell pepper, and celery in the cooker, and sauté until sausage has browned, about 5-7 minutes. 3) Stir in garlic, rice, oregano, chili powder, paprika, and papper, and sauté 1 additional minute. 4) Add the chicken stock and securely lock the pressure cooker's lid. Set for 4 minutes on HIGH. 5) Let the pressure release naturally for 10 minutes before performing a quick release to release any remaining pressure. Depending on the salt content of the sausage and chicken stock, you may need to salt to taste before serving.

EMILY MEGGETT'S FRIED ZUCCHINI

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

3 medium zucchini, sliced into rounds about 1/8-inch thick
1 tablespoon salt
1 large egg
1/3 cup milk, whole or 2-percent
1/2 cup self-rising flour
2-1/2 cups vegetable oil

1) Sprinkle the salt evenly onto the zucchini (use more salt if you like veggies a bit more salty). Set the salted zucchini aside. 2) In a large mixing bowl, combine the egg and milk. Add the zucchini slices, and make sure that every slice is coated in liquid. 3) Place the flour in a large paper bag (a grocery bag will do). Remove the zucchini slices from the wet mixture and add them to the bag with flour. Close the top of the bag and shake, shake, shake! Toss the ingredients back and forth, enough to where all of the zucchini slices are coated in the flour. 4) In a 12-inch cast-iron skillet, heat the cooking oil to a high temperature. Drop each zucchini slice carefully into the hot oil, make sure there is enough oil so the zucchini slices will float; cook in batches. Brown the zucchini on both sides until crisp. This should take no more than 5 minutes total. 5) Line a plate with two paper towels, and place the zucchini on the paper towels to allow the oil to drain. Serve immediately.

View Kitchen Kapers by Nancy online at www.theapokkachief.com/recipes

JULY 2024 ★★ EVENTS ★ WEEKLY ★ UPCOMING ★ ONGOING ★★

SCHOOL IS OUT Traffic patterns changed. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those pedestrians... and ducks. DONT TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

Children must be five years old or before September 1 to start kindergarten. To enter first grade, a child must be six years old or before September 1 and must have successfully completed kindergarten (Florida Statute 1003.21). Immunizations must be current.

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

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

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL. If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is 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.

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, THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION .

FRIDAY, JULY 19

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 cfchristianchamber.com/events-chamber. Contact: latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com

SATURDAY, JULY 20

VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the third Saturday of the month (JULY 20) from 8-10 a.m. at 519 S. Central Avenue. Cost is only \$7.

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.

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

MONDAY, JULY 22

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.

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.

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

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.

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.

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

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

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

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THURSDAY, JULY 25

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline is September 6 for applications to be received from students who are interested in becoming a member on the Apopka Youth Council. Visit apopka.gov Apopka Youth Council

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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS are public and will also be broadcast on this shortened link: <https://bit.ly/2ABrmb5>, 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, 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

FOLIAGE GARDEN CLUB OF APOPKA, meets the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 9:45 a.m. at the Alonza William Park / Billie Dean Community Center, 225 M.A. Board St., Apopka. Contact: apokkfagca@gmail.com-NO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

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Obits

DEBORAH ANN HOUSTON, NÉE CROTEAU, 75, of Apopka passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2024. She was born in Lillington, Harnett County, North Carolina in 1949 to Andrew and Mary Croteau. She is survived by: mother, Mary G. Kosinski; sister, Wanda Miller; husband, Mark R. Houston; daughter, Shelly A. Houston; two grandsons.

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL MCGEE, 27, passed away on July 9, 2024. He was born on December 3, 1996, in Orlando. Chris is survived by: wife, Darian; mother, Angela; brother, Dylan (Kylie); grandmothers, Anna and Barbara; in-laws, Pam and Billy. He is also remembered fondly by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and his beloved animals.

JOHNNIE ELTON RICKETSON (JR, JOHN), 84, passed away on July 16, 2024. Born in Dixie Camp, outside of Steinhatchee, on March 5, 1940 to James Ricketson and Annie Lee Cook Ricketson. He is survived by: wife, Eileen; three boys, Jerry, Joey and Jamey; brother, Tom; Sandra Gibbs; and several nieces, nephews, grandkids, and great-grandkids.

See Obituary on page 12A

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Many intelligent people struggle to reconcile their faith in God with their knowledge of science. I was educated to respect the truths of science, and to believe that many of the achievements of the modern world are due mainly to science. In the physical realm, things work pretty much the way science says they do. Billiard balls behave like Newton said they do, and atoms act as Einstein described them. But the realm of spirit is a wholly different thing. If we expect the world of spirit to work according to the laws of science we're bound to be disappointed. Once we realize that in the realm of spirit, there is a completely different logic, we'll soon come to understand that we have one foot in the physical realm and one in the spiritual realm. And these two realms are often opposed to each other. As we mature spiritually, we begin to see that the realm of spirit is the eternal and more important one. We will all someday leave this physical world behind and therefore we should prepare a place in the spiritual world before we actually go there.

- Christopher Simon

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL MCGEE

December 3, 1996 — July 9, 2024

Christopher Michael McGee, born on December 3, 1996, in Orlando, Florida, passed away on July 9, 2024, at the age of 27. Chris shared his birthday with his late father, who passed away in 2021, a bond that always held a special place in his heart.

Chris is survived by his loving wife, Darian; his mother, Angela; his brother, Dylan and his wife Kylie; his grandmothers, Anna and Barbara; and his beloved in-laws Pam and Billy. He is also remembered fondly by several aunts, uncles, cousins, and his beloved animals, who were a significant part of his life. He was an amazing "fur dad" to his babies, always ensuring they were cared for and loved.

Chris graduated from plumbing school and became a licensed plumber, a profession in which he took great pride. He had a passion for the outdoors, enjoying activities such as camping, hiking, fishing and

kayaking. His love for animals was evident to all who knew him, and he found joy in their companionship.

Known for his quick wit and sense of humor, Chris was a joker who could always bring a smile to those around him. He played football in his younger years, showcasing his athleticism and team spirit. Despite his many talents and accomplishments, Chris remained humble and kind-hearted, endearing him to everyone he met. Everyone that met him loved him.

Chris was not only an amazing husband but also a dedicated provider and Darian's soulmate. His unwavering love and support for his family were the cornerstones of his life, and his legacy of love, laughter, and kindness will live on in the hearts of his family and friends. His presence will be deeply missed, but the memories he created will forever be cherished.



A celebration of Chris's life will be held at Loomis Family Funeral home in Apopka, Florida on July 27, 2024 at 9:00am. In Lieu of flowers please make a Meal Train donation to help Chris's wife with funeral expenses and future household needs <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gmr7v/>

Immediately following the service there will be a reception held at Angela's house in Sorrento, FL. We ask that those who attend the reception, please bring a covered dish or dessert to share. You can sign up for your dish by emailing Shelly Bradley @ shellbrad32@hotmail.com and she will send you the sign-up link.

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Two Worlds

(See message above.)

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want." Galatians 5:16-17 NIV



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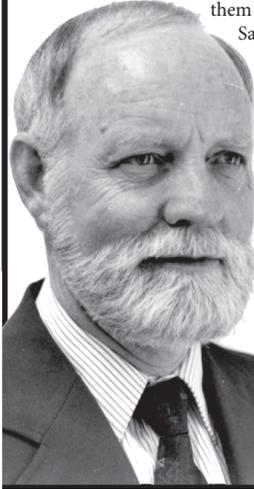
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Johnnie Elton Ricketson (JR, John) passed away in Hospice care on July 16, 2024 at the age of 84. He was born in Dixie Camp, a railroad camp outside of Steinhatchee, FL., on March 5, 1940, to Monroe Ricketson and Annie Lee Cook Ricketson.

He leaves behind his loving wife Eileen of 60 years, and three sons; twins Jerry, Joey, and younger son Jamey. He also has several incredible nieces, nephews, grandkids and great grandkids that adored him and he loved them dearly. As well as his brother Tom, Lake City, and Sandra Gibbs, Dade City.



JR was the publisher of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers. He served in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division. He worked at several newspapers during his career from Florida to Texas and back to Florida. He was active in the Apopka community as a member of the Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Apopka and the Foliage Sertoma Club, as well as participating in many city events. JR was passionate about Apopka.

He was a believer in Christ and that was very evident in the way he lived his life and raised his family. An avid fisherman, he spent any moment he had on the local lakes, and he knew the lakes and waters of Central Florida like his own backyard. There was no one better on or off the water.

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Magically Unlocking Meanings



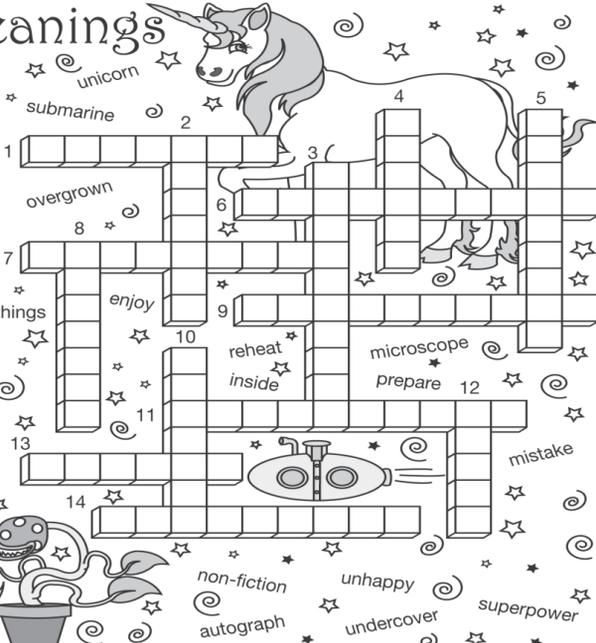
Have you ever seen a magic trick performed? Did you figure out how it was done? One key to performing a trick smoothly is to break it into parts, think about each part, and then put the parts back together into one, complete trick.

It's the same with understanding words. Whenever I read a book with hard words, I look at the parts of those words to see if I understand them. Then - Presto! - I "magically" can reveal the meanings of those pretty tricky words!

If looking at parts of words can help **me** unlock their meanings, it can help you too. It's almost like magic!

Use my tips to fill in the crossword:

1. What word would make good sense in this sentence?
2. Look at pictures for clues.
3. Small groups of letters that are added to the beginning of a root word are called **prefixes**. For example: "un" = not
Un + happy = unhappy so **unhappy** means that someone is *not* happy.
4. You can check for small groups of letters added to the end of a root word too. These are called **suffixes**, and they can also help unlock new words.



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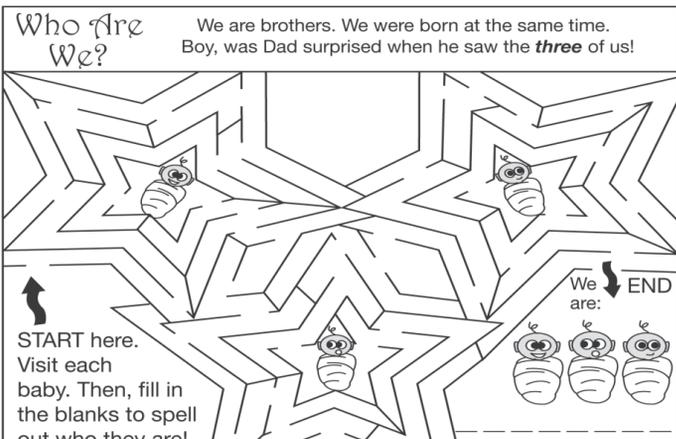
That cat is so **unhappy**.

1. sad (un = not)
2. get ready (pre = before)
3. in a disguise (under = beneath)
4. the inner part (in = in, into)
5. your signature (auto = self)
6. not made up (non = not)
7. underwater boat (sub = under)
8. single horned horse (uni = one)
9. tool to see tiny things (micro = small)
10. accident (mis = wrongly)
11. great strength (super = above)
12. to like very much (en = cause to)
13. warm once more (re = again)
14. sprouting out of control (over = too much)

What do you mean that I'm too big?

Who Are We?

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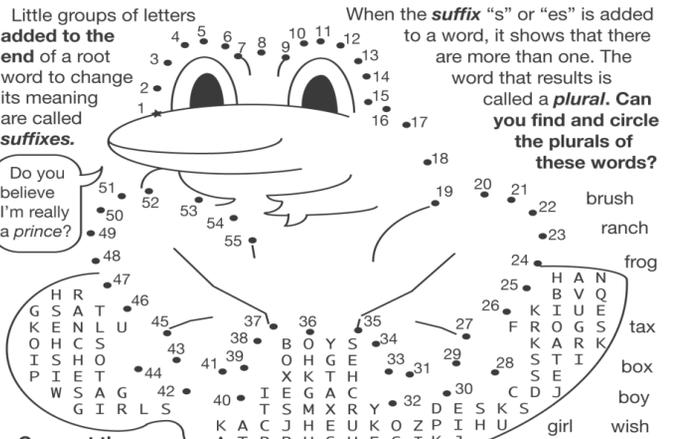
START here. Visit each baby. Then, fill in the blanks to spell out who they are!

We are: _____

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Little groups of letters added to the end of a root word to change its meaning are called **suffixes**.

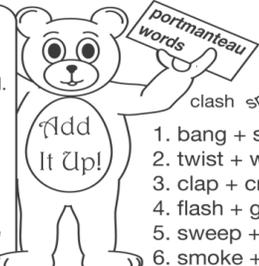
When the suffix "s" or "es" is added to a word, it shows that there are more than one. The word that results is called a **plural**. Can you find and circle the plurals of these words?



brush, ranch, frog, tax, box, boy, girl, wish, desk, church

I know that you have heard of "compound words." They are two whole words "added" together to make one new word. For example: water + fall = waterfall.

Now I'm going to tell you about words that are created when two words are "smashed" or blended together into one word, but the one word still means two things. An example of this is the word "motel." Motel is made up of two words "motor" + "hotel." A motel is a hotel where you motor (drive) right up to the door!



portmanteau words

clash splatter glimmer flurry swipe brunch camcorder squiggle flush smog bash twirl

1. bang + smash = _____
2. twist + whirl = _____
3. clap + crash = _____
4. flash + gush = _____
5. sweep + wipe = _____
6. smoke + fog = _____
7. breakfast + lunch = _____
8. glitter + shimmer = _____
9. camera + recorder = _____
10. squirm + wriggle = _____
11. splash + spatter = _____
12. flutter + hurry = _____

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