

See the stories and pictures at the top of the page about the Apopka Blue Darter and Wekiva Mustang Football teams' games from the last week. Apopka beat the Evans Trojans 6-0 and Wekiva fell to West Orange 33-14 and Edgewater 43-6 in a make up game.

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Wekiva starts the season 0-2 after loss to Edgewater

By Neal Fisher
Apopka Chief Staff

When state blueblood – Edgewater Eagles defeated the Wekiva Mustangs by a convincing score of 43-6 on Tuesday, September 3, two schools of thought were confirmed once again.

Championship contending teams get stronger as the contest progresses.

The difference between championship contenders and average teams is consistently turning opponents' mistakes and scoring opportunities into positive results.

Wekiva had possession inside the Edgewater 40-yard line three out of three times during the first quarter but were unable to score.

As quickly as the Mustangs' offense created the potential of delivering a kick-to-the-gut blow, the Eagles' defense stiffened. In the process and most importantly, the plays with the biggest impact were seized by the Edgewater defense.

Sacks were the primary weapon for the Eagles as nine were recorded.

All three of the possessions ended with a turnover on downs.

"The opponents have something to do with the two multiple touchdown losses," Wekiva coach Doug Gabriel said. "However, the most damage to our attempt to win and biggest enemy has been caused by ourselves."

After an 11-yard gain on the first play of the contest and the score at 0-0, the Mustangs were handed as golden a positive break as there is. Josh Perry fumbled the ball and Wekiva recovered at Edgewater's 31-yard line.

Score was still only 7-0 during the second and third possessions.

The Mustangs' second possession ended after moving the ball from the 15 to the Eagles' 40-yard line.

After moving the ball from the 43 to the Edgewater 22-yard line the third

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	Wekiva	EHS
First downs	8	18
Rushes-yds	27-61	21-143
Passing yds	78	102
Total yds	139	245
Com-Att-Int	7-17-2	7-11-0
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-yds	8-90	10-90

Wekiva	00	00	06	00	-	06
EHS	07	33	03	00	-	43

Scoring Breakdown:
1st E: Perry 2 run (Kirven kick); 6:48.
2nd E: Carter 31 pass from Emanuel (kick failed); 8:35; E: Prime 11 run (Kirven kick); 7:14; E: Denmark 25 fumble return (Kirven kick); 5:12; E: Moore Jr. 15 interception return (2-PAT failed); 4:02; E: Fleming 14 pass from Emanuel (Kirven kick); 1:21. 3rd W: McNish 1 run (2-PAT failed); 10:30; E: Kirven 40 yard field goal; 1:46.



On Tuesday, September 3, Wekiva's quarterback suffers a big hit while scrambling against Edgewater.



On Tuesday, September 3, The Wekiva Mustangs gather on the sideline to discuss adjustments and assignments during their loss to Edgewater.

Mustangs fall on the road to a strong West Orange team

By Neal Fisher
Apopka Chief Staff

Quarterback Brian Dillard announced his presence to the high school football landscape with a performance of 241 total yards and against the Wekiva Mustangs. In his debut at the varsity level for the West Orange Warriors on Friday, August 30, Dillard left little doubt as to the dual-threat ability possessed. The 241 total yards gained by Dillard certainly catches the eye for a debut and was at the Mustangs expense.

Deciding factor was

not the 241 total yards gained in itself during the West Orange victory though. The final score of 32-14 in the Warriors' favor was built upon the consistent and effective impact with which Dillard gained the 241 total yards. Victory was a team effort as another 166 total yards were accumulated. However, Dillard was certainly first among equals while setting the stage for the direction taken by West Orange throughout the contest.

"Dillard had a strong

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	Wekiva	WOHS
First downs	9	17
Rushes-yds	14-114	36-282
Passing yds	185	125
Total yds	299	407
Com-Att-Int	10-18-2	11-16-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-yds	3-20	8-60

Wekiva	00	07	00	07	-	14
WOHS	13	00	06	13	-	32

Scoring Breakdown:
1st WO: Anderson 27 run (Bondurant kick); 8:51; WO: Dillon 80 run (kick failed); 5:37. 2nd W: McNish 1 run (Fritchley kick); 5:31. 3rd WO: Dillard 7 run (kick failed); 9:19. 4th W: McNish 5 run (Fritchley failed); 6:40; WO: Delgado 17 pass from Dillard (kick failed); 5:10; WO: Anderson 72 interception return (Bondurant kick); 2:46.

Wekiva looks to turn season around against Horizon

By Neal Fisher
Apopka Chief Staff

The story accompanying the Horizon Hawks and Wekiva Mustangs when meeting tonight, Friday, September 6, is much different than during the 2023 season. Taking care of the first chronological tangible order-of-business, winning the first contest is yet to be

achieved. Earning a playoff berth was still a possibility when meeting last season even if at a later date in the regular season schedule.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Mustang Field.

"We've just got to get better," Wekiva coach Doug Gabriel said. "Strategy and X's and O's don't matter when the biggest enemy is within. Far more in-

consistency than consistency and way too much on our part."

The Hawks remained on the Mustangs' schedule even after moving to different districts with realignment.

Opening four seasons ago, Horizon has posted a better record than a significant

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Apopka is 2-0 after second shutout of the season



TEMPEST'S TIMEOUT

Marshall Tempest

By Marshall Tempest
Apopka Chief Staff

Once again, our Blue Darters squeaked by with a narrow 6-0 victory over the Evans Trojans last week Friday, August 30. There was just one scoring drive in the entire game as Apopka's offense continued to struggle to find their footing and move the chains and once again the Apopka defense saved the day.

Points came at a premium last Friday as you can tell by the score. Apopka stuck to the ground nearly all game collecting 141 of their 142 total yards on the ground. The Blue Darters quarterback Tyson Davison threw the ball just three times and with just one ending in a completion.

Evans' offense was much more productive but had their own problem to deal with – the Apopka defense. The Trojans collected 237 total yards with 122 coming on the ground and 115 through the air. With numbers like that, it's hard to imagine how they could've left Roger Williams Field with no points, but Apopka's defense coupled with a few fourth-down drive-ending stops kept the Trojans from touching the scoreboard. Even with two shutout performances in a row, Apopka's head coach Jeff Rolson was less than enthusiastic about the turnout last Friday but happy with the win.

"I mean we didn't play great on defense we got a shutout but... when we had to make plays, we made plays, but we made a million mistakes. But we won, and that's what's important. The game was scoreless until the second half, but Evans' first drive was nearly a scoring one. A less-than-ideal kick return placed the Trojans at their 8-yard line to start their



On Friday, August 30, Apopka's Emir Brinson celebrates a tackle on fourth and goal that forced a turnover.



Apopka's Judah Harvey tries to get to the edge and turn up field in Apopka's 6-0 win over Evans.

drive. Evans marched down the field quickly bouncing from the pass to run effectively moving the chains with ease.

The Trojans moved the chains on a third and ten with a 13-yard rush and a fourth and four with a six-yard completion. After 17 plays, 66 yards, and finding themselves on Apopka's 26-yard line Evans went for it on fourth instead of going for a field goal – something they would choose to do multiple times throughout the night – and couldn't convert.

After the turnover Apopka started their drive on their 24-yard line – but the drive didn't last long. After a ten-yard penalty from Apopka on the first play Apopka fumbled the ball away on second down. The Blue Darters went with a toss to the right side but the running back knocked the ball in the air while going to catch it which allowed an Evans' defensive back to catch it. This gave

Evans another scoring opportunity on Apopka's 10-yard line.

The Trojans were once again in perfect scoring position but had to seize the opportunity after failing to on their last drive. On first down they went with a run that gained four yards setting them up for second and six on Apopka's four-yard line. On second down they stuck to the ground again but Apopka's defensive line and linebackers swarmed the Evans back and tackled him for a loss of two yards.

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	Apopka	Evans
First downs	13	19
Rushes-yds	35-141	32-122
Passing yds	1	115
Total yds	142	237
Com-Att-Int	1-3-0	12-20-1
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0

Apopka	00	00	06	00	-	06
Evans	00	00	00	00	-	00

Scoring Breakdown:
3rd AHS: Davison 4 yard rushing touchdown (kick no good)

Apopka hosts Panthers for Metro conference game

By Marshall Tempest
Apopka Chief Staff

Today, Friday, September 6, the Apopka Blue Darters will host the Dr. Phillips Panthers slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff looking to extend their win streak to three. Last week in week two of central Florida high school football, Apopka beat Evans 6-0 and Dr. Phillips beat University 54-0.

Both teams come into the game undefeated in the regular season, but Apopka is sporting a preseason

loss that Dr. Phillips is not. The Panthers defeated the Boone Braves 39-12 in preseason and defeated University 54-0 last week. Apopka defeated Ocoee 10-0 in week one and last week they beat Evans 6-0, but in preseason Apopka fell to Tampa Bay Tech.

As of Tuesday, September 3, Apopka is ranked 71st in the state, 11th in Division 7A, and 18th in Orlando by FHSAA. Dr. Phillips is ranked 116th in the state, 20th in Division 7A, and 25th in Orlando. In the 2023 season Apopka

traveled to Dr. Phillips and beat the Panthers 18-14.

The Panthers defeated Boone in preseason and the Braves are currently 1-1 on their season with a 47-35 loss to Mars High School from Pennsylvania and a 49-28 victory over Hagerty. Boone is currently ranked 140th in Florida, 23rd in Division 7A, and 31st in Orlando.

Apopka's offense has been struggling as of late with just 389 yards over the past two games and

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X-treme Bass Tournaments are being held on September 8

Hello Folks,

I hope everyone had a great weekend and hopefully you got a chance to get on the water. I know lots of folks enjoyed the weekend with family and maybe you got to wet a line.

I went over to my daughter’s house for a cookout and when we left for home after the rains, I did notice a slight change in the weather. It seemed to be a little cooler. Even my wife noticed it as well. So, with that in mind, I’m prayin’ for some cooler weather. I’m just over this hot summer we had!

I talked to Kyle at Bitter’s Bait & Tackle and he reports that the freshwater fishin’ has slowed way down. Kyle says that folks were gettin’ the children ready for back-to-school, and just a few folks were fishin’. The panfish have slowed down due to the heat and no one is willin’ to endure the heat for bluegills. The bass fishin’ has been good to kinda slow.

X-treme Bass Series will be holdin’ a tournament this comin’ weekend on Johns Lake. The tournament will be on September



Jim Keck
Goin’ Fishin’

8, if you are interested.

X-treme will be havin’ a tournament on the Kissimmee Chain the same weekend, September 8, out of Camp Mack. If you need more information you can go to their website Xtremebassseries.com for times and dates for future tournaments.

Folks, we are just a few weeks away from Speckle Perch time here in Central Florida. Of course, we do need some cooler weather to get the water temperatures down in our lakes to get those ole specks to bite. Hopefully that will happen real soon. We do have a full moon in a couple of weeks, so hopefully that will get the bass to start bitin’ better.

I would like to share a story about my good friend, JR. This story was told to me by Chip Dover, JR’s fishin’ buddy. It seems

that at every fishin’ tournament they fished together, when they came to the scales to weigh in their fish everyone wanted to know what lure or bait they used to catch their bass on. JR and Chip always told everyone they caught all their bass on a bubblegum jiggin’ spoon. They always had this spoon on the deck of the boat when they came to weigh-in. It became the fish story within the tournament when they fished together.

I have a picture of that spoon and you can see all the teeth marks on that ole spoon. I’m just kiddin’, folks. They never used or caught a bass on the ole spoon. JR and Chip just wanted to have some fun with all the anglers that they fished against. Chip still has that ole spoon and he carries it now in his boat to remember his buddy JR.

Well, that’s it for this week. I hope you have a great week and I hope to see you on the water real soon.

Tip of the week: Go Fishin’.

Save a few and good luck!

yard rush at the 5:37 mark of the first quarter served as the highlight reel play for Dillard. However, the biggest play by far in terms of the distance most importantly upped the Warriors’ lead to two touchdowns (14-0) at the time. The West Orange lead remained between one and two touchdowns for most of the contest’s remainder.

Completing nine of 12 passes for 111 yards and running for another 50 on seven plays certainly provides the why. Even without including the incomplete pass attempts and 80-yard rushing touchdown, Dillon’s statistics add up to an average of 8.5 yards

gained per play. Or the Warriors needed to gain an average of only 1.5 yards for a first down and keep possession after Dillard touched the ball.

“Even the best devised strategy will not win contests if the effort is lacking,” Gabriel said. “Overall effort was simply not at the level which wins contests.” Consequently, a 17-9 margin in first downs and 52-32 in plays run was held by West Orange. Then, whatever opportunity to overcome Dillon’s performance was eliminated by committing a higher number of self-inflicted mistakes than the Warriors.

West Orange opened the scoring on the first possession of the season and second overall of the contest. Five plays and 67 yards were needed to move the ball into the end zone. The possession ended with Devonte Anderson rushing 27 yards and 3:09 into the contest.

A seven yard rush by Dillon (19-7) and 17 yard pass completion to Edison Delgado (25-14) completed the offensive touchdowns scored by the Warriors.

Isaiah McNish accounted for all of Wekiva’s points, bullying into the end zone from one (cutting the lead to 13-7 score) and five yards (19-14), respectively.

Victory was secured on a 72-yard interception return by Anderson running along the right sideline with

Police Beat

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

In the period from August 25-31, the Apopka Police Department received 1,596 calls for service, responded to 47 crashes, issued 40 citations, and made 18 arrests. Juveniles were charged with other agency warrants.

The following adults were arrested and charged: Marquon A`Marion Brown, 19, 1510 Marden Ridge Loop, Apopka, burglary-unoccupied structure unarmed; resist officer-obstruction without violence; burglary tools-possession of burglary tools with intent to use; fraud-impersonating false ID given to law enforcement officer; larceny-other theft.

Amanda Nichole Fiorelli, 25, 32745 Wolfs Trail, Sorrento, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Larry Jerome Griffin, 53, 324 E. 14th St., Apopka, drugs-possession of

controlled substance without prescription (MDMA); drug equipment-possession and/or use; resist officer-obstruction without violence; out-of-county warrant.

Anthony Harris, 61, transient, Apopka, battery on specified personnel; resist officer with violence; simple assault on specified personnel; resist officer-obstruction without violence; trespassing-occupied structure or conveyance.

Jelani Marquis Harris, 33, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Chavez Rafael Hugo, 30, 2411 W. 55th St., Chicago, no drivers license, never had one issued.

Terrance Bernard Ingram, 33, 311 W. 17th St., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol or drugs, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Hannah Ann Isbell, 23, Apopka, confidential, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Lawrence Ishmael Larrier, 30, 8451 Milano Dr., Orlando, larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000.

Krystle Renae McCray, 38, 316 Summerset Dr., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Paulo Josue Miranda, 38, 1151 Pebble Beach Ct., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Pamela J. Olivieri, 53,

1604 Ison Ln., Ocoee, larceny-other theft; damage property-criminal mischief over \$200 under \$1,000; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more.

Donald Ray Padgett, 34, 203 S. Christiana Ave., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine); drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Uriel Secundino-Martinez, 28, 242 E. 7th St. Apt 7, Apopka, moving traffic violation-driving while license suspended revocation or revocation equivalent status; other agency warrant; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (MDMA); drug equipment-possession and/or use; neglect child without great bodily harm.

J`Quevius Jaquan Tanner, 19, 316 Summerset Dr., Apopka, simple assault on specified personnel; resist officer-obstruction without violence.

Douglas Antonio Urbina-Ramirez, 37, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Garry Wagner, 66, 424 W. 13th St., Apopka, other agency warrant.

Cassie Marie Wehling, 30, 30 E. Albatross St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (Adderall); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine).



An Apopka coach speaks with the Blue Darters’ quarterback Tyson Davison on the sideline between plays on Friday, August 30.

Evans: Trojans wouldn’t kick

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Evans was now facing a third and goal needing eight yards for points. Evans drew up a passing play but the Apopka defense broke into the pocket immediately forcing the Evans quarterback to scramble. As he left the pocket he was brought down by Trevon Williams after a gain of just a yard.

And, once again instead of going for a field goal, the Trojans went for it all on fourth down. They tried to draw Apopka off-sides at first before calling a timeout and drawing up a real play. Evans decided to stick to the air attack on fourth and threw to a receiver who dropped the

pass in the endzone. Apopka once again stopped the impending points of the Trojans’ red zone drive.

The next four drives ended in punts or turnovers with Evans continuing to go for it on fourth down. In the second half, Apopka scored their only touchdown of the game and secured their victory by keeping Evans scoreless for two more quarters.

Apopka and Evans’ first drive of the second half ended in punts but Apopka’s second drive ended in six points. A seven-play 66-yard drive that ended with a four-yard touchdown run by Apopka’s quarterback Davison. The touchdown was possible because of Apopka’s

Kion Maxcean who broke through to the second level and kept going. Maxcean ran for 38 yards on third and two bringing Apopka to the Evans 10-yard line setting up the touchdown. The Blue Darters were up 6-0 after a failed extra point.

Evans’ next drive was another would-be scoring drive but thanks to Apopka’s defense and the Trojans’ unwillingness to kick a field goal, Apopka was able to stop them.

A nine-play 74-yard drive ended in a fourth down stop on Apopka’s ten-yard line making it the second red zone stop Apopka made in the game

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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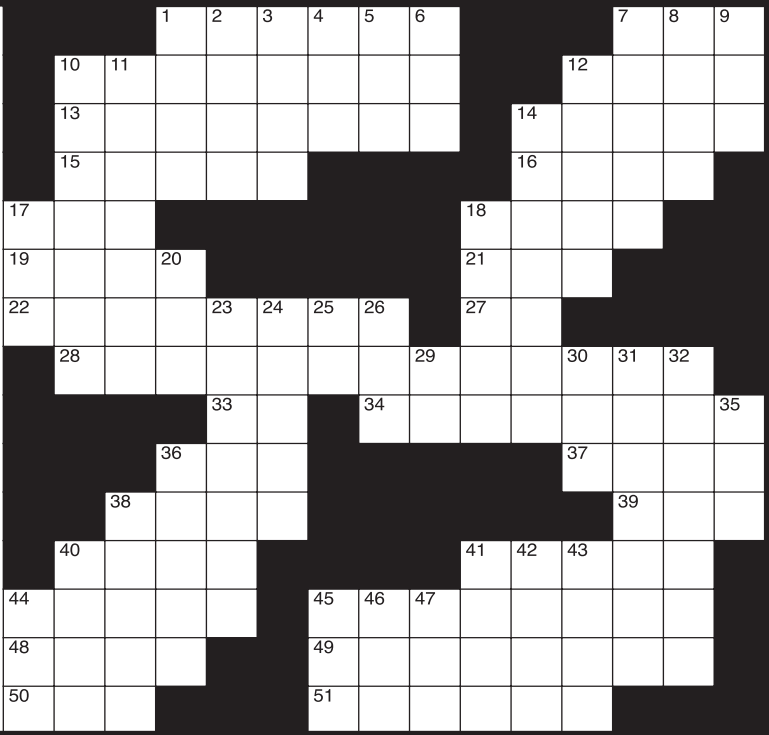
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- Body part
- Nucleic acid

Solutions can be found on page 6A of this newspaper.



Blue Darter defense saves the day in 6-0 win over Evans Trojans



On Friday, August 30, The Apopka Blue Darter student section fills up before the game against the Evans Trojans.



On the top, The Apopka cheer team, dance team, and band do their pregame routine. In the bottom, Apopka’s quarterback Tyson Davison takes off on a run.



Apopka’s Christian Bryant (28) jumps for a tackle on a Trojan ball carrier during Apopka’s 6-0 win over Evans on Friday, August 30.



The Apopka defensive line breaks through the Evans front line and meets the running back in the backfield.



Apopka’s quarterback Tyson Davison lets a pass go just before an Evans pass rusher can get a hit on him.



The Apopka student section uses their phone flashlights and wave as they sing “Na Na Hey Hey Kiss Him Goodbye” to jest the Evans Trojans after the 6-0 loss.

Wekiva falls to Edgewater Eagles and drops to 0-2



A Wekiva running back goes straight up the middle of the box during their loss to Edgewater on Tuesday, September 3.



An Apopka defender gets low to secure a tackle on an Edgewater ball carrier before the first down marker.



The Wekiva defensive sets up and lines up across from Edgewater’s offensive line before the snap.



On Tuesday, September 3, Wekiva’s quarterback Jackson Kelliior tries to evade a sack by scrambling away from pressure inside the pocket.

Evans: Focus is on securing points when inside the 40-yard line

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so far. The drive was propelled by two plays. A 24-yard rush and then a 55-yard rush right after that. Those two runs brought the Trojans to the Apopka five-yard line.

After no gain on the ground on first down they stuck with the ground game and gained no yards again on second down. Now facing a familiar third and goal with five yards to go the Trojans stuck to the ground game but were pushed back five yards for a huge loss. Facing another fourth and goal with now 10-yards to go Evans chose to go for it once again.

The Trojans drew up a bunch formation with three receivers stacked next to each other for a quick pass that would split Apopka’s zone defense. But, the receiver was unable to hold on to the ball dropping another would-be touchdown in the endzone giving Apopka the ball back.

Apopka’s offense had no luck for the rest of the night being forced to punt on their next drive. But Evans didn’t do much better facing a fourth and three in their first set of chains they went for it again. They stuck with the ground game and gained just two of the three yards they

needed for the conversion which gave Apopka the ball back.

With just minutes left in the game up by six Apopka had to control the clock by sticking to the ground and moving the chains. Unfortunately, Apopka was only able to move the chains once and brought out the punt team facing a fourth and five on Evans’ 39-yard line.

Then like something straight out of a nightmare the snap for the punt goes right by our punter’s hands, hits him in the chest, and bounces away. Apopka’s punter Michael Wells went to pick it up and fumbled the ball again going farther back losing more field for the Darters before finally going down with the ball at Apopka’s 40-yard line.

The message from coach Rolson to his defense was as simple as it could get.

“We gotta go out and earn it. You know whatever we did before doesn’t count. Now we know that we got to tackle them in bounds, make them get up slow, keep them out of the endzone because a field goal can’t beat us but a touchdown can. So you gotta go earn it and you got to make plays.”

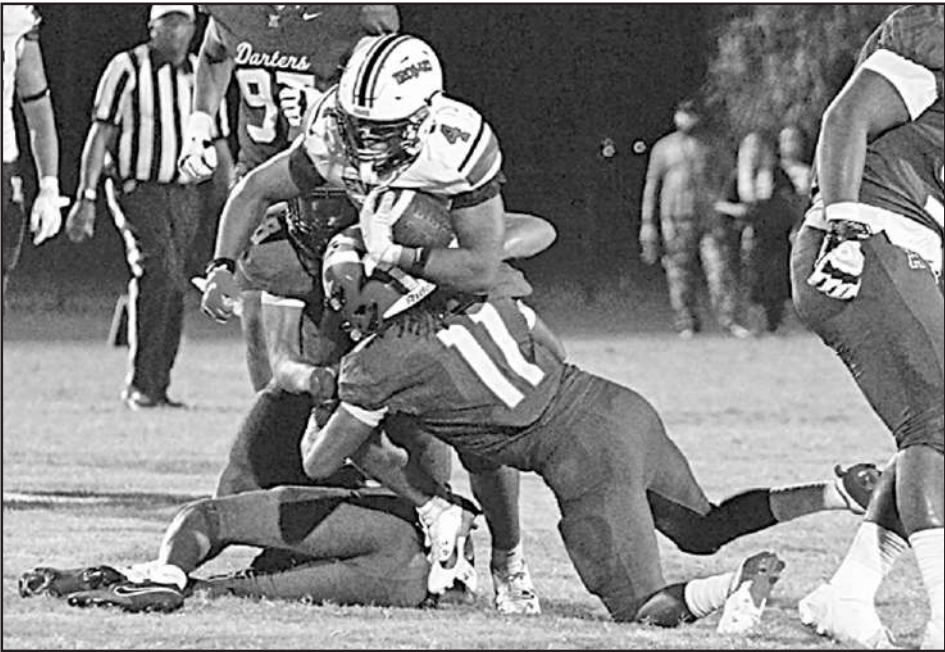
After seemingly be-

ing in a winning position Apopka was now on red alert with the Trojans right outside of their red zone. It was a grueling 11 plays that seemed to last forever. The Trojans converted two fourth downs and found themselves inside of the Apopka red zone with no timeouts and less than a minute on the clock.

Evans was facing a first and ten on Apopka’s 18-yard line. The first play was a pass that hit an open Evans receiver right in the chest but he didn’t catch it. On second down Apopka’s Ashton Sylvian and Kingston Shaw combined for a sack and a loss of three yards. Now facing a third and 13 Evans drew up a pass play looking for a first or the end zone. But after being forced out of the pocket by pressure and scrambling Williams comes from behind and sacks the Evans quarterback and ends the game as the time runs out before Evans can run another play.

After the game Apopka’s head coach Jeff Rolson said that it was one crazy game.

“I mean... that was a crazy game. They (Evans) got some good players, and they made some great plays. And we did our job on defense when



On Friday, August 30, Apopka’s Donovan Muldrow (11) finishes a tackle on a Trojans’ running back during Apopka’s 6-0 win over Evans High School.

we had to, we just had way too many mistakes. We gotta capitalize on short fields and we gotta be able to score points. It’s that simple.”

When talking about the lack of offensive production Rolson blamed it on growing pains in Apopka’s offensive line.

“I mean it starts up front – you got to be able to block. And our guys are working hard and are trying to get our offense dialed in. And I’m confident that at some point they’ll get it squared away – but we’re not there yet.”

Rolson also talked

to me about redzone and fourth down stops which Apopka had plenty of.

“I’m just proud of them (Apopka’s defense) you know? We got turnovers down there (on Apopka’s side of the field) and we got to go out there and play defense backed up. I mean it’s crazy that we were in the situation that we were in. Some of it was that our offense put us there, and some of it was that we put ourselves (the Apopka defense) there by being undisciplined or whatever. But, at the end of the day that (stopping a team multiple times

in the redzone) is hard to do. It’s hard to stop them, stop them, stop them, stop them. It’s hard to do, and they found a way to get it done, so hats off to them.”

Apopka faces off against the Dr. Phillips Panthers today, Friday, September 6, slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff at Roger Williams Field at Apopka High School. The Panthers are coming off a 54-0 victory over University High school and will be pretty confident in their abilities. Read the preview story on that game for more information.

Hawks: Horizon at disadvantage with such a young program



The four pictures above are of the same play. Wekiva’s quarterback Jackson Kellior scrambles after a play breaks down looking for a first down but is met by three Edgewater Eagle defensive backs and suffers a big hit on Tuesday, September 3.

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cant number of schools during infancy at 2-8, 7-3 and 5-5 (respectively). A stretch of 10 wins over 12 contests from the middle of the 2022 to 2023 seasons was included in the record. Schedule was among the less challenging though.

A pattern of losing to the three district rivals and also significantly higher ranked opponents on the schedule repeated as well during the last two seasons. All of the losses to district rivals were convincing. During each run, the Mustangs were the first opponent chronologically. Then the successful stretch and potential of earning a playoff berth came to an overwhelming end with the losses to Wekiva both times as well. Scores of the contests against the Mustangs were 34-7 and 60-2, respectively.

Decisive outcomes have continued into the 2024 season by scores of 14-0 against the Olympia Titans and 28-3 against the Lake Nona Lions. As is often the case at the high school level, a lack of returners has been a significant reason. Only one play-

er at the skilled positions returned.

Nonetheless, Horizon can win if the opponents’ play is below capability.

“Preparation for the Hawks is no different and establishing a can strike for the play of big impact doesn’t change,” Gabriel said. “Nor does what we do best and how we win change. We have been our biggest enemy and reason for not consistently playing to the strengths possessed.”

At least providing a challenge if taken lightly has been carved from what might seem the logical and old-school, but often overlooked approach. Although not as high, number of rush plays are still dominate over passing at 65-35. The featured individual player remains intact with Kaio Oliveira.

In particular, most teams competing for less than five seasons are at a disadvantage in all tangible measurement areas. Every team can pursue the concept of outnumbering the opponent at the point of attack though. Other concept pursued is get the ball to Oliveira as much as possible and in the simplest manner. The closer to, the easier

getting the ball into Oliveira becomes. Nor is a complex or advanced understanding required to execute the concepts together.

Unlike during the stretch of success, Oliveira has gained 115 yards on 39 carries and averaging three per carry. The average is good enough to create potential for keeping the chains moving and the score within a couple touchdowns, but half the amount during the stretch of success. Oliveira also leads the team with 13 receptions and 61 yards.

Supplement to the rushing attack, Emmanuel Blackwell is responsible for another 43 yards on 12 carries.

The good news is the lone position filled by a starting returner is quarterback. Andrew Harris has completed 15 of 23 pass attempts for an impressive percentage of 62. However, an average of only seven yards is gained per completion.

Horizon uses the Wing-T Apopka ran so effectively for about two and half decades as the model.

– Point of attack is off and behind tackles at the edge of the line

–A H-Back and two inside receivers are used as lead blockers

–Flow of the play is behind the line scrimmage until the ball carrier reaches the edge of the line

–ball carrier then turns upfield at a 45 degree angle behind the point of attack

–location of the rushes are equal, preventing defenses from loading to one side of the field

The offense also lines up in the same basic formation as in the pre-spread era, five linemen, a tight end, two receivers, two backs and a quarterback. About a quarter of the time, two tight ends line up with only one running back.

In order to gain the advantage in numbers at the point of attack though, the Hawks often line up in a heavy formation. One side of the line has more personnel.

About 15 percent of the plays are run out of the spread formation.

The 3-3 and cover four with two high safeties and two cornerbacks is employed on defense. As a rover, the Nickelback position is also used. Blitzing is often and along the entire line. Linebackers walk up

to the line during the snap-count when blitzing.

Concept of creating significantly more personnel carries into the defensive strategy with the constant linebacker blitzes. Secondary is a bend but don’t break unit, keep the ball in front.

Perhaps the most important direct tangible goal of modeling the offense after the Wing-T is ball control. However, ball control also has a hand in preventing the defense from physically wearing down. The more time, an offense has possession, the less time the defense spends on the field.

Defensive back Miles Watson stands out on the defensive side.

The lone common opponent is Olympia and a victory for Wekiva by a score of 36-0. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, the Titans were the opponent for the Preseason Kickoff Classic. Thus, the outcome does not count on the record.

The regular season began by stepping up in weight class so to speak, facing the West Orange Warriors and Edgewater Eagles. Combined score of the losses is 75-20.

As has been the case

throughout most of Wekiva’s history, the 55 point differential is not the result of lacking talent or skill. Potential to return to the level of six consecutive FH-SAA playoff berths (2015-2020) still exists.

“The most damage to our attempt to win has been caused by and biggest enemy has been ourselves,” Gabriel said. “Mistakes prevent opponents from having to create advantageous and scoring situation in the first place. When a team never has to create and is starting possessions (on both sides) in the advantageous and scoring situation, winning is always far easier.

Gabriel’s philosophy as a coach falls under running multiple sets and formations, a specific combination of pro, spread and Power-I formation on offense.

The even front with movement on defense is employed. The use of four down lineman is the basis of the even front.

Cover three is also common for how the secondary covers the passing game.

Catfish and cornbread – an example of the best in Southern meals

The *Savannah Style* cookbook's recipe looks like a wonderful way to fix chicken drumsticks. If not using a broiler, this would probably work great on an outdoor grill. Watch it, though, if grilling. Sugar burns easily. Serves 12.



Fried Catfish! Don't you love it? We have a recipe from *Southern Living's All-Time Favorites* for fried catfish. You need to be sure and have all your other side dishes ready and steaming on the table when you get the catfish out of the cooking oil and drained for serving. There is nothing much to recommend cold fish!

We have Amanda Henke's Southern style cornbread that will perfectly complement the Fried Catfish! We thank Amanda, who is a long-time reader of our newspaper.

Emily Meggett says, "I always want you to cook with your own tastes in mind. This vegetable soup is a great chance to do just that. Though I list vegetables like bell peppers, tomatoes, butter beans, and carrots, you should feel free to use the vegetables you enjoy, and determine how many vegetables you need for the amount of soup you want. It's very easy to change the measurements here, and this soup works best when you use vegetables that are seasonal and are the best in whichever region you live. I suggest serving this soup with my homemade biscuits, saltine crackers, or toast."

From Betty Moss, we have Mississippi Mud Pie, a recipe she shared in *Plains Pot Pourri*, our friends in Plains, Georgia.

LEMON DRUMSTICKS

Recipe from *Savannah Style*, a Cookbook by The Junior League of Savannah, Inc.

- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons cracked pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 cups oil
- 18 drumsticks

Bring vinegar, pepper, salt and sugar to a boil. Remove from heat and add lemon juice and oil. Marinate drumsticks several hours. Place on a rack over broiler pan and broil, basting with marinade, about 10 minutes on each side. Serve with soy sauce, if de-

sired.

FRIED CATFISH

Recipe from *Southern Living's All-Time Favorites*

- 6 (4- to 6-ounce) catfish fillets
- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon seasoned salt
- 2 teaspoons pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Vegetable oil
- Garnish: lemon wedges

Place catfish fillets in a single layer in a shallow dish; cover with milk. Cover and chill 1 hour. Combine cornmeal and next four ingredients in a shallow dish. Remove catfish fillets from refrigerator and let stand at room temperature 10 minutes. Remove from milk, allowing excess to drip off. Sprinkle evenly with 1 teaspoon salt. Dredge catfish fillets in cornmeal mixture, shaking off excess. Pour oil to depth of 1-1/2 inches into a large skillet. Heat to 350 degrees. Fry fillets in batches about 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown. Drain on wire racks over paper towels. Garnish, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

AMANDA HENKE'S CORNBREAD, SOUTHERN STYLE

Recipe from Reader of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers

- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash* of garlic powder (*a dash is defined as 'less than 1/8 of a teaspoon' but I just do a couple of shakes)
- Dash of cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon baking powder or... **see below for alternatives to using baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk (if you are out of buttermilk, plain milk with a teaspoon of vinegar will curdle the milk in five minutes and you don't need to run out for buttermilk.)
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup butter or shortening... to be melted and poured into the batter... or, if you want to do it the old-fashioned way, use hot bacon grease instead! Daddy slowly pours while Mama quickly stirs it into the batter.
- 2 tablespoons butter for

greasing the skillet (plus a tablespoon cooking oil to increase the butter's smoke point)

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Mix the dry ingredients together in a bowl: cornmeal, flour, salt, garlic, cayenne, and baking powder. Set aside.

Combine and mix buttermilk and milk with an egg. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon baking soda. Immediately pour this wet mixture into the dry cornmeal and flour mixture. Stir until well combined.

Melt the 1/4 cup of shortening and add to the batter slowly, mixing together until just combined.

Heat the skillet in hot oven or on top of the stove for a few minutes until hot. Add two tablespoons shortening or butter making sure it covers the surface of the hot pan. Pour the cornbread batter into the heated skillet. It will sizzle and make it a lovely crispy brown on the bottom and sides that smells so good. Carefully place the heavy skillet back into the oven and bake for 20 to 25 minutes until brown. Butter and serve immediately.

**For folks who can detect the bitter taste of baking powder in baked goods (as my family members can), in place of one tablespoon of baking powder, use 3/4 teaspoon baking soda (also called bicarbonate of soda) plus 1 tablespoon vinegar. The baking soda will neutralize the vinegar taste so it is virtually undetectable. Add the dry baking soda with the other dry ingredients in your recipe and add the vinegar with the liquid ingredients.

Alternatively, 3/4 teaspoon baking soda and 1-1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar equals 1 tablespoon baking powder. This is what I use in this cornbread recipe in place of 1 tablespoon of baking powder. You can simply buy baking powder without sodium aluminum sulfate contained in some baking powders.

Actually, plain old buttermilk mixed with baking soda is a wonderful leavening agent for quick breads such as cornbread. The buttermilk itself provides the acid that reacts with the baking soda to make baked goods rise.

EMILY MEGGETT'S VEGETABLE SOUP

Recipe from *Gullah Geechee Home Cooking* by Emily Meggett

- 10 large tomatoes quartered or cut in half
- 1 large white or yellow onion, chopped
- 1 large bell pepper, chopped

- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano, chopped
- Seasoning salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- Crushed red pepper
- 1 cup canned butter beans
- 2 cups chopped or sliced carrots
- 1 large potato, diced
- 1-1/2 cups corn kernels
- 2 cups green beans
- 1-1/2 cups sliced or diced yellow squash
- 1-1/2 cups sliced or diced zucchini

1) In a large pot over medium heat, cook the tomatoes with the onion, bell pepper, basil, oregano, seasoning salt to taste, sugar, and crushed red pepper to taste for 20 minutes. 2) Add the butter beans, carrots, and potato. Cook for 5 minutes. 3) Add the corn, green beans, yellow squash, and zucchini. Cook for 5 more minutes. The total cooking time should be about 30 minutes, unless the vegetables are still too crunchy. If so, then cook for 5 minutes longer.

TIP: If the base of the soup is too thin, thicken by mixing 1 teaspoon cornstarch with 1/3 cup water. Stir the mixture into the soup at the end of cooking and continue to cook for a few minutes longer to thicken.

BETTY MOSS' MISSISSIPPI MUD PIE

Recipe from *Food Favorites of Plains, Georgia*. Plains Pot Pourri

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 sticks margarine
- 4 eggs
- 1-1/2 cups plain flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 3 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 of a 10-ounce package miniature marshmallows

Cream sugar and margarine. Add eggs. Sift flour, cocoa, and salt together. Add to creamed mixture. Mix well. Add nuts and vanilla. Bake in a 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan for 35 minutes at 300 degrees. Remove from oven. Pour marshmallows over top and return to 350-degree oven for 10 minutes. Cool 1 hour, and then frost.

FROSTING:

- 1 box confectioners sugar
- 1 stick (1/4 pound) margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 cup nuts

Mix well and spread on cake.

SEPTEMBER 2024



EVENTS

WEEKLY



UPCOMING

ONGOING



SCHOOL BEGAN AUGUST 12 –

Traffic patterns will change. Stormy weather comes and goes! Be careful with your umbrellas. And always watch out for those school children ... and ducks. DON'T TEXT WHILE DRIVING - Please! YOU WILL PAY A FINE.

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.

UNLESS CHANGED: School Start Times for Elementary School & K-8: 8:45 a.m., Middle School: 9:30 a.m., High school: 7:20 a.m.

City of Apopka's Northwest Recreation Complex, 3710 Jason Dwellley Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs.

Amenities at the complex include: Soccer Fields, Softball Fields, Baseball Fields, Multi-Purpose Fields, Sand Volleyball Courts, Outdoor Basketball Courts, Tennis Courts, Walking Trail, Amphitheater, Playground, Concession Stands.

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binlon 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.

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, for seniors - senior activities at

Fran Carlton Center.
Call 407-703-1642
FOR INFORMATION

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday on September 21** 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, SEPTEMBER 8

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 FALL IS COMING MAYBE COOLER WEATHER?

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.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 601 S. Highland Avenue. If you have a problem with food – overeating, anorexia, bulimia – there is a solution for you. For more information, visit OA.org or call Carrie 781-867-1071.

TOASTMASTERS: Apopka Foliage Toastmasters #840, meets Wednesdays promptly at 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in person and zoom at the Museum of Apokpans, 122 E. 5th St., Apopka, 32703. Call 407-765-2629 for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

THE SERTOMA CLUB meets the first and third Tuesday of each month, beginning at 11:30-noon, at Beef 'O' Brady's in The Back Room, 1410 Rock Springs Rd., Apopka. Interested community members are encouraged to attend and get acquainted. Meetings have resumed on first and third Tuesdays. Masks are encouraged.

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

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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. Temperature taken. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

TOPS CHAPTER #646. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). TOPS, a non-profit organization, will help you reach a weight goal with support from friendly, caring members, education, and rewards. Each Thursday weigh-in

begins at 9:00 a.m. – meeting ends at 10:15 a.m.. Come to its NEW location 220 W. Horatio Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751 to meet with others who have a like-minded goal to lose weight. No products, no specific diet to follow, no meds. Call 407-580-0897 for more information.

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.

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.Apopkatostmasters.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks not required while exercising, but are when socializing before and after class. Temperature taken on entry. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

ROTARY CLUB OF APOPKA - For information, call 407-415-6588. Call for updated information on meetings and location.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Deadline is today, 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/2ABrmbs>, and are normally held the first Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and third Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall,

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: apopkafgca@gmail.comNO MEETINGS JUNE-AUGUST.

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. Questions and photos can be emailed to orangeomgv@ifas.ufl.edu. to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.

KIWANIS CLUB OF APOPKA IS now meeting MONTHLY on the 3rd Tuesday at 8 a.m. at Seacoast Bank, 345 E Main Street, Apopka. Contact 407-464-4606 for information

BROWN BAG LUNCH - Third Saturday of each month, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Highland and 6th St., Apopka, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., offer to all who come a brown bag lunch. In addition, men's socks, flip flops, stuffed animals, some clothing, children's books and pet food which is donated by My Pet World, Apopka, may be available. If interested in volunteering, call Debbie at 407-620-5081 for information.

APOPKA FOLIAGE TOASTMASTER'S CLUB, Monday, 7 p.m., on Zoom, Apopka. 407-765-2629.

NWOC FFA Alumni – Monthly meetings (usually the 4th Monday evening in a month during the school year) are open to anyone. (Looking for more information)

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.theapokkamuseum.com.

THE APOPKA ELKS LODGE 2422 meets first and third Tuesdays of

month, 201 W. Orange. For more information, call 407-886-1600 or email apopkaelks@aol.com Bar Bingo every Monday night at 7 p.m. promptly.

GFWC APOPKA WOMAN'S CLUB, meets at First Methodist Church, 201 N. Park Avenue. Call 407-880-2111 for more information.

CITY OF APOPKA PLANNING & ZONING - usually the second Tuesday of the month. 5:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 120 E. Main St., Apopka. All meetings open to the public. Subject to change with notice. For info., call David Moon, 407-703-1739.

BRIDGE GAMES AND CLASSES: Every Monday and Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., at the Lake County Duplicate Bridge Club, 510 W. Key Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-315-9934 or visit lakeduplicate.com.

TEMPORARILY CANCELLED: COMPUTER CLASSES in both English and Spanish: Available daily or weekly at OCLS North Orange Branch.* Classes are: Computer Basics, Excel, Word Resume Writing, Email for Seniors, ELLIS English Lab, Word, Online Job Searches, Power Point, Internet, Open Lab. How to use a mouse and keyboard, etc. Call OCLS North Orange Branch* for more details.**BUILDING CLOSED. PERHAPS IT WILL OPEN IN OCT.**

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.

***** (OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. www.ocls.info. **This branch library has been temporarily closed (beginning July 2024) due to inclement weather damage.**

*Apopka Area Chamber of Commerce, 180 E. Main St., Apopka. For more info, call 407-886-1441

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR INFORMATION

Events, fund raisers, and non-profit organizations Info: fax 407-889-4121, or email ads@theapokkachief.com Subscribe to The Apopka Chief E-Editon or Home Delivery Call 407-886-2777 or

Visit www.theapokkachief.com In County: \$30 with E-edition, or \$25 for just postal delivery. Out-of-County: \$35 with E-Editon or \$30 for postal delivery

Panthers: Focus is on scoring inside of the 40-yard line

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only 16 points to show for it. Most of this can be attributed to the very young core of the Blue Darters especially the offensive line which is inexperienced, young, and undersized. Over the season this will improve but it will take time. More importantly, it will take reps and comprehension.

A major thing that head coach Rolson has

stressed to me is that he and the team are always talking about is seizing scoring opportunities. There have been multiple times over the last two games where Apopka failed to score when they could, or even should have.

Being able to create an offensive consistency that allows Apopka to score whenever they pass their opponents 40-yard line is what Rolson is looking for. Rolson has made it clear

that not every drive has to be a scoring drive but there should always be a potential for at least a field goal if inside an opponent's 40-yard line.

While the lockdown Apopka defense is showing up on the scoreboard and in big moments there is definitely a lot to improve between penalties, coverage, and run fits for the Darters. Although allowing 0 points and playing great defense in their

red zone – Apopka has had some issues on defense but more so in the passing game than on the ground.

The Blue Darters have allowed 336 yards with 246 of them being passing yards. In week one Apopka beat Ocoee and didn't give the Ocoee ground game an inch in fact the Knights left that game with negative rushing yards. Ocoee did however have 131 passing yards in that game. In week two against Evans

Apopka gave up 115 passing yards and 122 rushing yards. The rushing yards look a little inflated because of two huge runs that Evans had break through for huge gains.

For the most part Apopka had the run contained. But discipline while reading keys as well as frustration allowed for too many conversions on third and fourth down over the past two weeks. Apopka has given up three third

down conversions and five fourth down conversions in two games.

I see Apopka winning tonight but I see a lot of growth ahead for the Darters. The Blue Darters need game experience at every level of their roster and once that is done this team will come into its true form.

Warriors: Wekiva couldn't get offense moving for a come back

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2:46 remaining.

Zero fumbles were committed by the Mustangs compared to the Warriors with two. The list of self-inflicted mistakes began with the three interceptions and on the wrong side of the turnover count. Then the first interception was as

lethal as the third (returned for the victory-securing touchdown).

Tangibly, West Orange was provided the opportunity to run more plays. However, the Mustangs never established an ability to move the ball with enough voraciousness to threaten the lead again. The ball had been moved

from Wekiva's 17 to West Orange's 36-yard line (69 yards) while trailing by a 7-0 score when the first interception occurred.

Two touchdowns were scored on the possession subsequent to turnovers (including the return for a touchdown) by both teams as well.

Ten of 18 passes were

completed by Jackson Keilor while debuting for the Mustangs, a solid 56 percent. The interceptions had the bigger negative impact than the positive of the 56 percent though.

As a team, Wekiva gaining 299 total yard was also a solid number and in particular for the first contest of the season. However

and again, still 108 yards less than the Warriors or a difference of the field's entire length.

"Effort not good enough to win is the result of several specific, underlying characteristics," Gabriel said. "Sum of the specific, underlying characteristics is letting teammates down. However, the coach-

es did a poor job as far as the effort, too. There is a lot to learn about when effort is lacking. After losing 32-14, we should be paying attention to the lesson. Will we seriously pay attention to the lesson though?"

Eagles: Edgewater scores 33 points in the second quarter

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Wekiva possession ended.

Then the second quarter began and ended with a 33-point blitzkrieg by the Eagles. The defense was as much a contributing force to the 33 points scored as the decisiveness with which Wekiva's three first quarter possessions ended.

Plays run by the Mustangs dropped from 22 to

12 between the first two quarters.

A two-yard rushing touchdown by Josh Perry provided Edgewater with the 7-0 lead and enough points to win. Time of the touchdown was 6:48 remaining in the first quarter.

Points scored during the second quarter were by means of a 31-yard pass from Carter Emanuel to Tyson Carter (8:35), 11-yard

Julian Prime rush (7:14), 25-yard fumble recovery and return by Azavier Denmark fumble return (5:12), 15-yard interception return by Damian Moore Jr. (4:02) and 14-yard pass from Emanuel to Sir Samaj Fleming (1:21).

Five of the Eagles' six sacks were during the first half and on third or fourth downs.

"No different than last

week (versus the West Orange Warriors), we aren't forcing the opponent to have to create the scoring situation in the first place," Gabriel said, "When a team never has to create and is starting possessions (on both sides) in the advantageous situation, winning is always far easier. When a team is as good as the Eagles, having legitimate aspirations of deep runs into

the postseason, the result is 43-6."

Wekiva's lone touchdown was set up by Lawrence Pipken's spectacular 98-yard return on the second half kickoff, featuring two juke and jive maneuvers. The last yard was traversed buy Isaiah McNish via the ground.

A 40-yard field goal by Kinley Kirven upped the final score to 43-6.

Total yards were 245-139 in favor of Edgewater.

"We just got to get better," Gabriel said. "Strategy and X and O's don't matter when the biggest enemy is within."

The contest was postponed fro August 16 due to inclement weather.

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