

See the stories and pictures at the top of the page about the Apopka Blue Darters' loss to the West Orange Warriors

and the Wekiva Mustangs' loss to the Oviedo Lions. Apopka is now 3-3 this season and Wekiva is 2-4 this season.



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## Blue Darters fall to .500 on the season after loss at West Orange



### TEMPEST'S TIMEOUT

Marshall Tempest

By Marshall Tempest  
Apopka Chief Staff

In what started as a game of great expectations slowly slipped out of Apopka's grasp in last week's loss to West Orange. The Warriors scored 22 points in the second half to secure their 25-7 victory over the Blue Darters bringing Apopka to 3-3 this season.

"Ahhhh... we didn't execute. I think we played hard in the first half defensively. I think last week we scrapped on defense. I just think we're worn out. We gotta find a way to score points and it just isn't happening... We gotta convert third downs, we gotta complete passes, we gotta catch passes, and we're just not doing very good. So put it on us, put it on the coaches," said head coach of the Apopka Blue Darters Jeff Rolson after the game.

This was the best game I've seen Apopka play all season on the defensive end, especially the first half. We came out on the field on a mission – especially on defense and special teams collecting a blocked punt and onside kick. But on offense, we looked better too. Offensively that may have to do with some of the changes coach Rolson put in place this week – like creating some two-way players on his roster.

In the game against the Warriors, Apopka got the ball first but had a quick three and out highlight-

ed by a would-be touchdown play that didn't come to fruition due to a slight overthrow. But it was Apopka's defensive rally after the punt that would surprise the West Orange offense.

Facing an early third and 16 on their 30-yard line the Warriors were looking to find the conversion through the air. But the three-man rush from Apopka broke through the Warriors' offensive line with ease forcing West Orange's quarterback, Brian Dillard, to scramble but he didn't get far after Apopka sacked him for a six-yard loss.

But Apopka wasn't

finished yet and set up to block the punt. Apopka's Donovan Muldrow and Christopher Clayton were responsible for the block as another Blue Darter secured the ball, giving Apopka possession at West Orange's 32-yard line.

Looking at near-perfect field position for a scoring drive, Apopka just needed to secure a couple of conversions and focus on coming away with points on their first drive inside the 40-yard line. Sadly, the lack of a passing offense left no dilemma for the West Orange defense as

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Apopka's Donovan Muldrow carries the ball as a running back in Apopka's 25-7 loss to the Warriors.



On Friday, September 27, Apopka's Tyson Davison launches a pass to an open receiver down field.

## Wekiva couldn't keep up with the Lions in loss

By Neal Fisher  
Apopka Chief Staff

The Oviedo Lions scored early and often against the Wekiva Mustangs en route to a convincing 52-27 victory. The contest was the opener for District 6A-4 competition.

Held on Friday, September 27, the Lions tallied the first 25 points of the contest as well at 17:38. A lost fumble prevented Oviedo from scoring on the second possession and kept the score at 8-0. However, Wekiva was also held during the first 17:38 to only 25 total yards.

The bombardment

of points was amassed by means of a two-yard rush from Brock Joyce, a 29-yard field goal attempt converted by Logan Calder, a 12-yard run from Dashon Febres and a 14-yard rush from Emiliano Galarza, respectively. Calder converted three field goals and five points after touchdowns.

Then whatever opportunity to wipe away the blood from the punch-to-the-mouth start of the contest was eliminated with no time remaining in the first half. Samari Chisolm recovered and returned a Mustangs' fumble 37 yards for a touchdown and 35-7 lead.

Rushing with purpose and Wekiva's defense trying to prevent rushing plays with big impact, Oviedo seized the tone and direction the contest took from the first play. Six yards via the ground were gained by Chance Nixon. The possession consisted of seven plays and 73 yards. The more specific tone and direction of plays with big impact was set by quarterback Jerome Curry on a 53-yard rush during the first possession.

However, the worst starting position the Lions began with for the next four possessions was at the Lions' 42-yard line. Oviedo began only two of nine possessions in total beyond the 42-yard line.

With 1:01 remaining in the third quarter, the Mustangs began a possession at the Lions' 30 yard line. Wekiva's 25-yard line was the next best starting position among the 10 other possessions. The biggest value of Calder's work might have been on kickoffs though. Seven of Calder's eight kickoffs resulted in touchbacks (kicking the ball into the end zone). Subsequent possessions started at the Mustangs' (the receiving team) 20-yard line.

Total number of plays run, total yards and average gained per play reflected the advantage in field position. Wekiva ran 75 plays compared to 45 for Oviedo. Advantage for the Lions in total yards was only 366-364. Yet, at 8.1-4.85 yards gained per play, Oviedo's advantage was close to double.

The Mustangs ran only three plays inside the red zone. The explosive, lightning strike gain was the prominent source of moving the ball in comparison to long, sustained possessions. Seventeen gains were of at least 10 yards.

Jackson Keillor threw three touchdown passes

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A Wekiva defender gets under a Oviedo player for a tackle on Friday, September 27.



A Wekiva ball carrier slips by Oviedo defenders as one dives to tackle him during the Mustangs' 52-27 loss.

## Bye week for Apopka means more time for practice preparing for Cocoa



On the left, Apopka's Noah Morgan lines up in the red zone against a West Orange defensive back. On the right, Apopka's Christopher Clayton brings down a West Orange receiver.

By Marshall Tempest  
Apopka Chief Staff

Next Thursday, October 10, the Apopka Blue Darters host the Cocoa High School Tigers. The Tigers will be the Blue Darters highest rated opponent so far this season sitting at ninth in the state of Florida and 27th in the nation.

This game will be an absolute offensive show-

case and the only way I can see Apopka coming away with a win is by figuring out all of their offensive problems in the time they have because of the bye week this week.

The Tigers have scored 196 points so far this season for an average of 39.2 points a game while also only allowing 111 points for an average of 22.2 points a game. Cocoa has done this all while



playing some of the best schools in the state as their average opponent rank so far this season is 56.8.

The Blue Darters have scored 75 points so far this season for an average of 12.5 points a game while only allowing 66 points for an average of 11 points a game. Apopka has played some very good teams and will continue to play some of the best teams in the state but not at the level

Cocoa does. Apopka's average opponent rank so far this season is 126.67.

The Tigers also have some of the best players in the country on their team: edge rusher Javion Hilson who is the seventh-ranked recruit in Florida and wide receiver Jayvan Boggs who is the 46th-ranked recruit in the state via

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## Apopka girl, 13, is recognized as eighth ranked swimmer in the nation

A few weeks ago, we covered Apopka High School's swim team but this week we will look to the middle school level for what could be a future star in the making. A 13-year-old Apopka swimmer named Keira Druck will be receiving an award from the Florida Swimming Association for being ranked eighth in the nation for 1500-yard freestyle.

This Saturday, October 6, Druck will be recognized for being ranked eighth in the nation for her 1500-yard freestyle during her 2024 Long Course 12-year-old Age Group Season. Druck recorded a time of 18 minutes and 34 seconds and came in fifth in a meet against competitors who were 16 and even 19 years old.

A 1500-yard swim is 30 laps in an Olympic-sized pool. In her time of 18 minutes and 34 seconds Druck averaged a lap every 37.13 seconds at just 13 years old. Something like this doesn't happen overnight – it takes a lot of work.

Druck has been swimming since she was eight years old and practices two hours a day six days a week while loving every minute of it. Her mother, Kristin Herman-Druck told me "I know she has a huge passion for swimming as she never complains, she hates missing practice, and always looks forward to going to the pool to see her coach..."

Druck swims for Patriot Aquatics out of Lake

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# 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 September 22-28, the Apopka Police Department received 1,224 calls for service, responded to 27 crashes, issued 12 citations, and made 27 arrests. Juveniles were charged with burglary-dwelling/structure cause damage \$1,000+ (X2); damage property-injure destroy remove, interfere with firefighter equipment (X2); damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more (X2).

The following adults were arrested and charged:

Tabitha Cassandra Binder, 22, 200 Milford Haven Cove, Longwood, burglary-dwelling/structure cause damage \$1,000+; damage property-injure destroy remove, interfere with firefighter equipment; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more.

McNeil Fling, 22, 573 S. Washington Ave., Apopka, larceny- grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Christopher Cole Greenen, 19, 1213 Jaguar Ct., Winter Springs, burglary-dwelling/structure cause damage \$1,000+; damage property-injure destroy remove, interfere with firefighter equipment; damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or more.

Brittany Talia Harrell, 27, 1951 Peak Cir. #112, Apopka, health-safety nui-

sance injurious to health; resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Reginald Everett Hawk, 58, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Jose Hernandez, 26, 201 W. Tanglewood Dr., Apopka, battery on specified personnel; resist officer with violence; larceny-other theft.

Keshawn Jerrell Hodge, 25, 131 W. 20th St., Apopka, burglary with assault or battery (state of emergency); larceny-grand theft \$10,000 less than \$20,000.

Richard B. Holder, 36, 1573 Canterbury Cir., Casselberry, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine); drug equipment-possession and/or use.

Willie C. Johnson, 32, general delivery, Apopka, larceny-other theft.

Samuel Unique Jordan, 42, general delivery, Apop-

ka, out-of-county warrant (X2).

Wilson Edferson Lopez Perez, 20, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Ronaldo Darinel Lopez, 33, 909 E. Sandpiper St., Apopka, moving traffic violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license 1st conviction.

Alisa Michelle McClellan, 36, 972 Brentwood Dr., Apopka, larceny-other theft; trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

Rodney Walter McElwain, 59, 1430 Ustler Rd., Apopka, out-of-county warrant.

Marvin Jamal Marcus McGuire, 31, 489 Clemson Dr., Altamonte Springs, larceny-grand theft \$750 less than \$5,000.

Joshua Adam Mixson, 28, 22 Seminole St., Clearwater, other agency warrant.

Jesus Morales-Rodriguez, 33, 224 N. Lake Pleasant Rd., Apopka, no driver's license never had one issued.

Gina Marie Mullins, 36, 565 Sundown Ct., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Everardo Isaías Orozco Matias, 41, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike (domestic violence).

Narkeith Keon Payne, 33, 45 W. 10th St., Apopka, trespassing-occupied structure or conveyance; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Brian Anthony Rivera, 19, 372 Dream Lake Dr., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; burglary with assault or battery (state of emergency).

Brianna Antonia Rivera, 27, 372 Dream Lake Dr., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; burglary with assault or battery (state of emergency).

Rene Antonio Rivera, 30, 372 Dream Lake Dr., Apopka, battery-touch or strike; burglary with assault or battery (state of emergency); damage property-criminal mischief \$1,000 or

more.

Ramon Rodriguez-Rodriguez, 35, 613 E. 1st St., Apopka, drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use; obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding.

Rakeem Deon Smith, 29, 131 W. 20th St., Apopka, larceny-grand theft \$10,000 less than \$20,000; burglary-dwelling/structure/conveyance armed (state of emergency).

Eddie Studstill, 52, P.O. Box 2663, Apopka, other agency warrant (X5); drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription; drug equipment-possession and/or use; obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding.

Daniel Alfonso Vargas Rondon, 35, 825 Wy-more Rd. #14B, Altamonte Springs, trespassing-failure to leave property on order of owner.

## Xtreme Bass Series held tournament on Harris Chain after Hurricane Helene

Hello Folks,

I'm back from vacation and I'm glad to be back. I got back just in time for Hurricane Helene. I hope and pray everyone made it through the storm and you didn't have too much damage. Please keep our neighbors around Cedar Key and to the North of us in your thoughts and prayers. I have never seen so much damage in the mountains that we have seen this past week.

Well, the hurricane didn't stop folks from goin' fishin' over the weekend. There were a couple of tournaments over the weekend and some folks decided to go fishin'.

The Cracker Boys tournament trail held a tournament on the Harris Chain over the weekend. The team of Carr and Bur-



Jim Keck  
Goin' Fishin'

roughs hit the scales with 5 bass that weighed 16.30 pounds to take first place

The team of Crouse and Peters caught the big bass that weighed in at 5.03 pounds. It's still kinda hot and the weights for this tournament were low, but I'm sure as soon as we get some cooler weather, the fishin' will get better.

This past weekend the Xtreme Bass Series held their tournament on the Harris Chain as well. Congrats to the team of Rick

Bak and Jonathan Semento on their win. They had a 5 bass limit that weighed in at 22.45 pounds.

The big bass for the day went to the team of Colbie Cagle and Braden Robinson. Their big bass weighed in at 6.64 pounds. This was the last tournament of the year for the Harris Chain Division.

I talked to Kyle at Bitter's Bait & Tackle and he reports that a lot of folks aren't fishin'. He is sellin' a few minners to folks that are tryin' to catch a few specks in Lake Monroe. They haven't been very successful due to the high water.

The water is high in Lake Monroe and it's high in the St. Johns River. Also due to the high water, the Butler Chain ramps are still closed. Kyle also reported that the ramp to the Conway Chain is still closed due to the high water.

The Maitland Chain ramp has been closed, but Kyle reports that the ramp to the chain is open again.

It looks like we might get some more rain this week, so you might want to check and make sure the ramps are open before you go fishin'.

I wish I had more to report about the fishin', but sometimes it gets a little slow this time of the year.

Well, ya'll have a great week, and I'll see ya next week.

Tip of the week: High Water

Save a few and good luck!

## Warriors: Model defense early on



The Apopka defensive line celebrate a huge sack deep in the Warriors' territory on Friday, September 27.

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they stacked the box and didn't allow much breathing room.

The Blue Darters were able to find themselves in the red zone and even inside the ten-yard line but were unable to secure any points by going for it on fourth and seven and turning over the ball.

The Apopka defense went out determined to give their offense another shot though. Three pass plays and three incomple-tions thanks to the Apopka secondary putting in great work and the defensive line keeping the pressure on the Warriors' quarter-back. The Blue Darters did great to hold the Warriors

to a three and out forcing another punt deep inside their territory.

The punt from West Orange was poor which meant another opportunity for Apopka to get ahead as they started another drive from inside the 40-yard line. Starting on the Warriors' 34-yard line Apopka needed this drive to end in points.

The first play is a great breakaway run from Noah Morgan on the sweep where he grabbed 13 yards and a first down. The second play, another sweep but this time to Apopka's Judah Harvey, is fumbled during the handoff and was recovered by the Warriors' defense taking away another scoring opportunity.

After that West Orange put up one of their biggest plays of the night. A 42-yard completion that was snagged out of the air by a smothered Warriors receiver on a rolling throw from Dillard flipped the field putting West Orange on Apopka's 28-yard line just outside the red zone. After that though, the Apopka defense shut down the Warriors' offense again.

Facing a third and ten West Orange went with a pass but was only able to get four yards out of the completion setting them up for a fourth and six. Sitting on Apopka's 24-yard line the Warriors went with a field goal attempt but were

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## Lions: Quarterback's first start

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es with Jabari Smith (21 and 32 yards) and Naeem Woulard (29 yards) on the receiving end. The other Wekiva touchdown was

scored by Isaiah McNish on a five-yard rush.

For the first time at the varsity level, Naeem Woulard started as the quarterback for the Mustangs. Jackson Keillor was insert-

ed into the lineup with 7:57 remaining in the first half.

Overall records are now 4-1 for Oviedo and 2-4 for Wekiva.

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
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**SUDOKU ANSWERS: PAGE 10A**

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- Volunteer school groups
- Cash machine
- Title of various Muslim rulers
- Indian hand clash cymbals
- Scarf
- Easily manageable
- Cry
- Financial term
- Reactive structure in organic chemistry (abbr.)
- Clean out a riverbed
- Seaport (abbr.)
- English seascape painter
- Bring back again
- Subtracted from
- Related on the mother's side
- Mooches
- Commotion
- Boer War general
- Silklike nylon fabric
- CNN's founder
- Sarcastic in a bitter way
- Minute reproductive unit
- Nourishment
- Large predatory tropical fish
- Small, rich sponge cake
- Drink a small amount
- Golfer Rodriguez
- Norse personification of old age
- Large flightless bird
- Capsized
- Convicted American spy
- Music genre
- Makes tractors
- Undergo cell disintegration
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Selfs

### CLUES DOWN

- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Goat-like mammal
- Swiss river
- Slithered
- Humiliate
- Tumbled
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- Small round hole in a leather cloth
- Fertilizer
- State of affairs that seems deliberately contrary
- Count on
- One who discriminates against
- New Hampshire city
- One who cares for teeth
- Sent off
- Mutual savings bank
- Initial public offering
- Denial
- Northeastern institution of higher learning (abbr.)
- A doctrine
- Consumed
- Trent Reznor's band
- Perform in a movie
- Schoolhouse implements
- Mathematical term
- Man who behaves dishonorably
- Expression of regret
- Martens
- Approval
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- The Eurasian hoopoe
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- Engineering organization
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- Type of sandwich
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# The Blue Darters fall to the Warriors on the road



The Apopka Blue Darters enter the West Orange field before the game on Friday, September 27.



The Apopka defensive line close in on the Warriors' quarterback leaving him no escape resulting in a sack for the Blue Darters.



On Friday, September 27, Apopka's Elijah Henry (55) is just barely out of reach of the Warriors' quarterback as he rolls out looking to run or pass.



The Blue Darters' punter, Michael Wells, moments before making contact with the ball.

# The Wekiva Mustangs now 2-4 after loss to Oviedo Lions



The Wekiva Mustangs come out in a "heavy" or "full house" offensive formation focused on strength and size to get a first down.



A Mustang ball carrier falls forward and reaches for extra yards as he goes down in Wekiva's loss to the Lions on Friday, September 27.



Wekiva's quarterback Jackson Kellior gets hit hard by multiple Lions while trying to scramble, then fumbles the ball.



On Friday, September 27, the Wekiva defense work on bringing down a Lions' return man.



On the left, Wekiva's punter does his best to punt the ball away before being tackled by a Lion because he fumbled the snap. On the right, A Wekiva quarterback scrambles looking for an open receiver while being tracked down by the Lions' defense.

Staff photos  
by  
Marshall  
Tempest  
& Neal Fisher



# Warriors: An inability to convert starves the Blue Darter offense



Apopka’s Myles Fieldings (5) nearly blocks what would have been the team’s second punt block of the night against West Orange on Friday, September 27.



Apopka’s Tyson Davison (12) slides in order to avoid contact on a scramble out of the pocket that moved the chains during Apopka’s loss to the Warriors.

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unable to secure the three points.

Apopka got the ball back starting on their 20-yard line and went with another sweep, this one ending in a one-yard loss. After an incompletion on second down Apopka was in danger of another three and out facing a third and 11. Apopka drew up a deep pass play that pulled the secondary away from the line of scrimmage and opened up a lane in the slot for quarterback Tyson Davison to run. Davison grabbed 24 yards bringing the Darters to their 43-yard line with another set of downs.

Sadly, the Blue Darter offense was stopped in its tracks not much longer after that. After a loss of two yards and an incompletion, Apopka was facing a third and 12. On a great drawn-up play an Apopka receiver got wide open for the first down but the pass went over his head and right into the hands of a Warriors defensive back behind him.

The interception was taken all the way back to the Apopka 14-yard line and the energy in the Apopka stands and the sideline was drained in a single instant. The energy from our guys on both ends was beginning to deflate because it seemed every time the defense would do something amazing and give the offense a chance, it couldn’t take advantage of the opportunity.

That mixed in with a lot of our key guys on our defensive line and line-backer core were playing on both sides of the ball all night. Defensive linemen Kingston Shaw, Elijah Henry, Trevon Williams,

Ashton Sylvian, and Muldrow all played their normal positions on defense but also filled in on offense. Our defensive linemen had functioned as offensive linemen for most of the game and Muldrow even was Apopka’s leading back for most of the night, especially in tough situations.

“I mean we are just trying to move the ball. We’ve had issues up front and it’s a lot to ask of those guys (Shaw, Henry, Williams, and Sylvian) but it is what it is. We got to do something; we can’t just sit here and let it be the same thing week in and week out.

I was hoping it would give us a push in the right direction – and ya know, we played great on defense in the first half and we had the blocked kick and we gotta score those points,” Rolson said about the players playing both ways on the line of scrimmage. But even with all of these hindrances, the Blue Darters went out and got it done the best they could. After a penalty from the Warriors and two incompletions, they faced a fourth and 14 and went for the field goal. This time it was good and the first points of the game came for the Warriors as they took the lead 3-0 near the end of the first half.

Apopka and West Orange both were unable to score on their final drives of the first half, and Apopka went into the locker room still in good spirits being just three points down from a top 50 team in the state of Florida at the time.

But the third quarter ended up being the nightmare Apopka had been expecting from the Warriors’

explosive offense.

It was an immediate punch to the gut from West Orange coming out of the locker rooms at halftime. An 18-play 86-yard drive ending with a 12-yard passing touchdown and a successful two-point conversion put the Warriors up 11-0. The drive was fueled by the Warriors’ efficiency while jumping between the pass and the run and their ability to convert third downs as they converted on third down four times during the drive. The Warriors had a 71.4 percent third-down conversion rate.

Apopka’s next drive ended with them going for it on fourth and two on their 29-yard line and turning over the ball. The Blue Darters gave West Orange back the ball way too quickly allowing them to ride their momentum from the last touchdown.

And in one play, the Warriors were once again in the end zone as the sidelines lost all of its energy. A 26-yard completion to a receiver in one-on-one coverage brought the Warriors to 18-0 after a successful extra point.

Apopka’s next drive ended in their only touchdown of the night. It happened with haste and did have an effect on the bench and the stands as the Blue Darters began to believe in their ability to win.

A four-play 65-yard drive that ended in a 8-yard rushing touchdown from Muldrow in the backfield, and Apopka was now trailing 18-7 after the successful extra point.

Apopka knew they needed at least two more possessions to win the game and time was not on their side so they decided

to go with an onside kick. It was textbook – the ball was kicked perfectly and was spinning like a top when the Warriors went to recover it, but it ricocheted back to a Blue Darter who secured the ball.

Now with the ball, and maybe their last chance to get on track to win the game, Apopka’s offense took the field again after their quick touchdown drive.

The drive started on the Warriors’ 49-yard line and Apopka converted their first set of downs quickly on the ground. On the next set of downs, Apopka faced a third and six and went with a pass. The pass was incomplete, and once again, Apopka lined up to go for it on fourth down.

Needing six yards to convert and keep their chances at a win alive, Apopka drew up a pass play for their all-for-nothing-fourth-down-play. But West Orange sent a blitz leaving Davison with little time in the pocket to make a decision, and he threw an incompletion.

The momentum was gone and just to make sure, West Orange capitalized and scored in just two plays. After a small gain on the ground, West Orange hopped back to the passing game for a huge chunk play.

In what was their biggest play of the night, the Warriors scored a touchdown off a 63-yard completion. A touchdown was manufactured solely by the Warriors’ receiver who caught the ball about seven yards away from the line of scrimmage and out ran and dodged the entire Blue Darter secondary.

“Once you get down

10 points... it’s – it’s over... I mean in the kids’ minds anyway. They just don’t believe we can score points. So, it’s tough and I feel for them,” Rolson said about the Warriors’ lead.

The Warriors were up 25-7 and Apopka had little time on the clock to make any sort of comeback but still did not give up. As Apopka tried to move down the field, the offense looked aggressive and poised but after converting their first set of downs Davison threw an interception on second and nine that effectively ended the game for Apopka.

On their next drive, the Warriors ran out the clock and ended the game in victory formation for a 25-7 victory over the Blue Darters.

Apopka ended the game with 184 total yards with 125 rushing yards with the rest coming through the air. Davison, Apopka’s quarterback, went 5-for-16 through the air, collected 59 passing yards, and threw two interceptions. Apopka gathered 125 rushing yards averaging 3.9 yards a rush and one rushing touchdown in 32 carries.

The Warriors ended the game with 277 total yards with 187 of those yards coming through the air. The Warriors’ quarterbacks went 9-for-20 through the air, collected three passing touchdowns, and threw zero interceptions. West Orange also collected 90 rushing yards and averaged 4.3 yards a rush in 21 carries.

The difference in this game came down to converting inside of the 40-yard line, something the Blue Darters have had trouble with all season.

This has been a major focus for Apopka according to my discussions with coach Rolson. We looked great out there on offense and defense but we seemed to be shooting ourselves in the foot whenever we had an opportunity to score whether it was something unfortunate like a penalty or an interception or just not being able to move the ball and convert.

Coach Rolson told me that he hopes that all of this turmoil and emotion will fuel his guys to work harder and compete harder so they can feel like winners again.

“All of this emotion and upset right now, that passion needs to be taking place in practice and it’s got to be exhibited in practice with their play and their effort. And it’s not. Not right now it isn’t. But it’s maturity, it’s the want to do it, and it’s accountability – that’s all it is.”

Apopka now sits at 3-3 on the season, 2-1 in district play and is currently ranked 103rd in the state of Florida. This week Apopka has a bye week and hopefully, they can use this extra time to rest, and figure out problems on offense like protection and their completion percentage.

But next week the Blue Darters face off against the number nine ranked school in Florida, and the 27th ranked school in the nation, the Cocoa Tigers. This will be a home game and is slated to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Roger Williams Field. Read the preview story for Apopka vs. Cocoa to learn more about the matchup.

# Cocoa: The Blue Darters are Cocoa’s worst nightmare – a trap game



Apopka’s Noah Morgan (2) slides out of bounds looking to avoid contact after collecting a first down on Friday, September 27.

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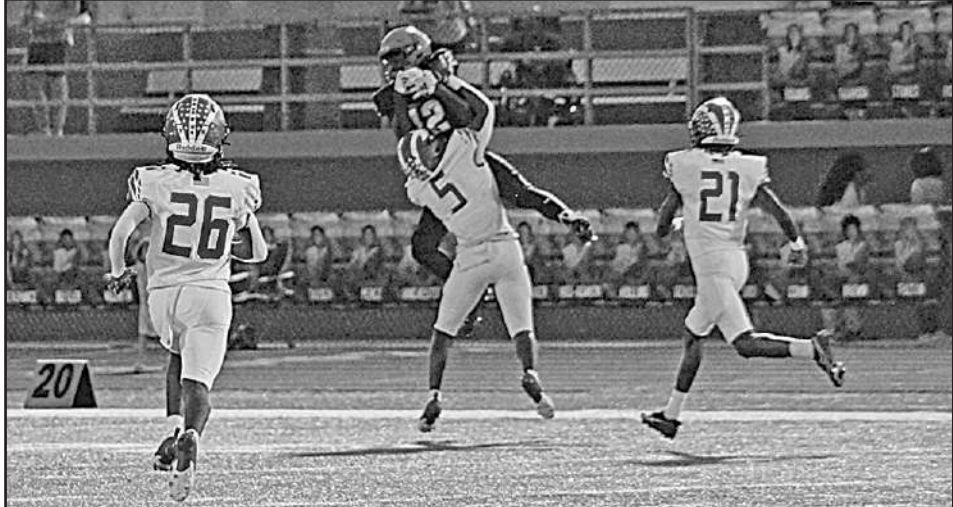
247sports.com. Cocoa has five players on its roster in the 250 recruits in the state of Florida.

While Apopka doesn’t have any of these things, I’m sure they are ready for the challenge. Not only that, but I’m sure the Blue Darters see this as an opportunity to shock everybody. This is one of those

games where Apopka is on the other side of a “trap game” because Apopka is the trap. If Cocoa loses to the Blue Darters, it would be a huge deal. That could save the Blue Darters’ season and get us the mentality that we need to keep moving this season.

If there is one thing I am very positive about it’s Apopka’s possibility of keeping the two-way line-

men philosophy that we ran against West Orange. With another two weeks of practice, Kingston Shaw, Trevon Williams, Elijah Henry, Ashton Sylvian, and Titus Terrell could all look as phenomenal up front on offense as they do on defense. I think with those guys, if nothing else, we have a lot of power and strength over other teams, and with a little bit of prac-



Myles Fieldings of the Apopka Blue Darters battles a West Orange receiver in the air for a ball that the Warriors come down with.

tice and learning the footwork more, Apopka’s running game could be brutally consistent.

We’ve heard it all season from coach Rolson, but the offense needs to be able to score. In order to score, we have to convert. In order to convert, we have to be able to move the ball. And if we want to move the ball, we have to find a way to either push

forward with the run or protect our quarterback for the pass.

I think this two-way lineman philosophy could be a fix to our problems up front but could also take a toll on their efficiency in their primary role on defense from the increase in snaps and physical exertion.

It’s a dual-edged sword, but as Rolson told

me after the game last Friday, they have to change something. It can’t be the same thing week in and week out and expect a different result. Apopka has a chance to prove to themselves and the rest of the state that their season is not over and that they can bounce back. It won’t be an easy task by any stretch but would be what is necessary for a playoff run.



# Sweet Potato Custard Pie would be delicious as a holiday dessert

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Chicken Breasts is an oven dish you will love. It comes from Margaret Reynolds in First Presbyterian Church of Apopka's *Treasures and Pleasures*. It calls for some sugar, which you may be able to omit if you don't use sugar.

Apple and Pecan Acorn squash from *Southern Living* will be delicious. The biggest challenge is in halving the squash. Be very careful.

From Sally Benton who attended Apopka Memorial High School, graduated in 1968, married and moved to Melbourne (but she still reads *The Apopka Chief*), we have Vegetable Medley. This is delicious as I can attest. Sally says she just throws stuff in the pot and is guessing at the amounts, so use your best judgment.

We have a wonderful recipe for Pasta E Fagioli from Michele Boudalis, a friend of my daughter, whom we thank for her lovely authentic recipes. This one is a traditional Italian soup whose main ingredients are pasta and beans.

From *Southern Living's 1996 Annual Recipes*, you will want to try Lee Ann Robinson's Twin Mountain Muffins. Lee Ann is from La Grange, Georgia. There are three additional flavors for this basic recipe: Basic; Pepper-Cheese; Bacon-Cheese; Herb.

*Preserving the Big Potato* from the Apopka Historical Society is where we find Miz' Belle Gilliam's sweet potato custard pie. It is not only a wonderfully delicious pie, it is quite simple to put together and bake.

**MARGARET REYNOLDS' BAKED CHICKEN BREASTS**  
Recipe from  
1990 Presbyterian Women  
First Presbyterian Church of Apopka  
*Treasures and Pleasures*  
**4 whole chicken breasts**  
**1/2 cup melted butter or margarine**  
**1 cup flour**  
**1 teaspoon garlic salt**  
**1 teaspoon seasoned salt**  
**2 tablespoons sugar**  
**1 teaspoon savory**  
**1 teaspoon basil**  
**1 (10-1/2 ounce) can chicken broth**  
**Slivered almonds**



Bone chicken breasts and cut in half. Allow one or two halves per person. Dip breasts in slightly cooled melted butter. Roll in flour mixed with other seasonings. Dip in melted butter again. Tuck ends of breasts under and place skin side up in baking dish. Pour chicken broth about two-thirds way up in baking dish. Bake for about three hours at 250 degrees to 275 degrees. Sprinkle with almonds during last hour of baking. Serves four to five.

**APPLE AND PECAN ACORN SQUASH**  
*SOUTHERN LIVING'S ALL TIME FAVORITES, 2009*  
**2 medium acorn squash, about 1-1/4 pounds each**  
**1 cup peeled, chopped cooking apple**  
**1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar**  
**1/4 cup butter, melted**  
**1/4 teaspoon apple pie spice**  
**1/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted**

1) Cut squash in half crosswise, and remove seeds. Cut a thin slice from bottom of each squash half to sit flat, if necessary. Place squash halves, cut sides up, in a 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Add hot water in dish to depth of 1 inch. 2) Combine apple and next 3 ingredients; spoon evenly into squash halves. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until squash is tender. Sprinkle with pecans.  
Makes 4 servings.

**SALLY THOMAS BENTON'S VEGETABLE MEDLEY**  
Recipe from reader of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers  
**2 or 3 each zucchinis and yellow squash**  
**2 fresh vine-ripe tomatoes, diced...**  
**OR... 1 pint of grape tomatoes, whole...**  
**OR... a can of diced tomatoes**  
**3 slivered garlic cloves**  
**Thinly sliced onion**  
**Bell pepper**  
**Broccoli**  
**Cauliflower**  
**2 teaspoons basil**  
**1 teaspoon tarragon**  
**1/3 to 1/2 cup lemon juice**  
**1/2 teaspoon sugar (optional)**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt (to taste)**  
**Pam Spray (or other cooking spray)**  
Any other spices you prefer in addition to or as a replacement for the ones suggested here. For instance,

some Mexican spices like cilantro, cumin, chili powder, etc., might be fantastic... OR... Italian spices... OR... Asian spices such as Oriental 5-spice, soy sauce, etc.

If you like, add whatever YOU enjoy: green beans, edamame, celery, baby raw spinach, mushrooms, and water chestnuts. Get wild with it!

Sliver the garlic, onion, and bell pepper. Spray them lightly with Pam Spray. Spray a frying pan lightly. Heat pan. Sauté. While they are sautéing, cut squash into small chunks. Squash will cook faster than more solid veggies, so if you're adding broccoli or raw cauliflower, thin-slice them as well and toss in at the end of sautéing.

Turn down heat. Add a tablespoon or two of water to deglaze the bottom of pan and to steam the veggies. Add the herbs and any spices you might want. Add a little salt and sugar to taste, if desired. Add lemon juice. Cover with lid. When the steaming veggies are to your desired tenderness, throw in tomatoes. They don't have to cook.

Preparation time is 30 to 45 minutes.

**MICHELE BOUDALIS' PASTA E FAGIOLI**  
Recipe from reader of *The Apopka Chief* and *The Planter* newspapers  
**2 pounds ground beef**  
**1 tablespoon olive oil**  
**1-1/2 cups chopped onion**  
**2 cups chopped carrots**  
**2 cups diced celery**  
**28 ounces canned diced tomatoes**  
**2 cups canned red kidney beans**  
**2 cups canned white kidney beans (or any other white bean)**  
**96 ounces (or 3 quarts) beef broth (3 boxes)**  
**1 tablespoon dried oregano**  
**2 teaspoons pepper**  
**1-1/2 teaspoons Tabasco or hot sauce**  
**48 ounces marinara sauce**  
**8 ounces Ditalini pasta (or shell pasta)**  
**1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons parsley**

1) Sauté the beef in oil in 10-quart or larger pot until the beef starts to brown. 2) Add the onions, carrots, celery and tomatoes. Simmer for about 10 minutes. 3) Drain and rinse the beans and add to the pot along with the beef broth, oregano, pepper, tabasco sauce, marinara and pasta. 4) Add the

chopped parsley. 5) Simmer until the celery and carrots are tender. 6) Takes about an hour.

**TWIN MOUNTAIN MUFFINS**  
Recipe from *Southern Living's 1996 Annual Recipes*  
**1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened**  
**1/4 cu sugar**  
**1 large egg**  
**2 cups all-purpose flour**  
**4 teaspoons baking powder**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 cup milk**

1) Beat butter and sugar at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; add egg, beating just until blended. 2) Combine flour, baking powder, and salt; add to butter mixture alternately with milk, ending with flour mixture. 3) Spoon batter into greased muffin pans, filling two-thirds full. 4) Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes. Remove from pans immediately, and cool on wire racks. Yield: 1 dozen.

Pepper-Cheese Muffins: Reduce the sugar to 2 tablespoons; stir in 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers with the flour mixture.

Bacon-Cheese Muffins: Reduce the sugar to 2 tablespoons; stir in 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese and 3 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled, with the flour mixture.

Herb Muffins: Reduce the sugar to 2 tablespoons; stir in 1 teaspoon instant minced onion, 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes, 1 teaspoon dried oregano, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper with the flour mixture.

**BELLE GILLIAM'S SWEET POTATO CUSTARD PIE**  
Recipe from  
Apopka Historical Society's  
*Preserving the Big Potato – A Collection of Potato Recipes*  
**2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes**  
**1 cup evaporated milk**  
**2 eggs**  
**1/2 cup sugar**  
**1 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon grated lemon rind**  
**1 tablespoon butter or oleo**  
**Unbaked pie shell**

Combine first seven ingredients. Pour into unbaked pie shell and bake at 350 degrees until custard is done. Serves 6 to 8. **(30-35-40 minutes)**

## OCTOBER 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 Dwellery 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 Wekiva 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, OCTOBER 4**  
**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 [christianchamber.com/events-chamber](http://christianchamber.com/events-chamber). Contact: [latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com](mailto:latrondra@cfchristianchamber.com)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
2024 'Apopka Proud' concert set for October 5 at the amphitheater beginning at 5:30 p.m. with John Anderson and Dallas Tyler performing. Tickets available at [eventbrite.at/shorturl.at/Ex4Ci](http://eventbrite.at/shorturl.at/Ex4Ci)

**VFW POST 10147** continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday on October 19** 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, OCTOBER 6**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**FITNESS CLASS, MONDAYS** 9-10 a.m. 11 N. Forest Ave at Fran Carlton Center. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**CRAFTS & CHATTER:** 9:30-12 noon. Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks not required. 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](http://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 Apopkans, 122 E.

5th St., Apopka, 32703. Call 407-765-2629 for information.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
**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 no longer required. 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, OCTOBER 9**  
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](mailto: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 no longer required. 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 are no longer required/ 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.** 10:15 a.m.-1 p.m. (approximately) at Fran Carlton Center, 11 N Forest Ave. Masks are no longer required. 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.Apopkatoastmasters.com](http://www.Apopkatoastmasters.com).

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
**SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE**, 9-10 a.m., 11 N. Forest Ave., at the Fran Carlton Center. Masks are no longer required. 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 are no longer required. Pre-register. Call 407-703-1642 for info.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**HALLOWEEN IN KIT LAND NELSON PARK**, Sat., Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-12 noon, a free family-friendly event sponsored by City. Infant-12 years costume contest. Trick-or-Treat. [Events@apopka.net](mailto:Events@apopka.net)

**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/2ABrmsb>, 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: [apopkatgca@gmail.com](mailto:apopkatgca@gmail.com). NO 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 [orangecmgv@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orangecmgv@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**, Wednesdays, 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.theapopkamuseum.com](http://www.theapopkamuseum.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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.

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(OCLS) Orange County Public Library North Orange Branch Address: 1211 E. Semoran Boulevard, Apopka 436 (Semoran) and Thompson Road. [www.ocls.info](http://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](mailto:ads@theapokkachief.com) Subscribe to The Apopka Chief E-Edition or Home Delivery Call 407-886-2777 or Visit [www.theapokkachief.com](http://www.theapokkachief.com) In County: \$30 with E-edition, or \$25 for just postal delivery. Out-of-county: \$35 with E-Edition or \$30 for postal delivery ....



## Druck: Long journey ahead for Druck as she looks to the future

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Brantley High School and attends monthly swim meets all over Florida from Ft. Lauderdale, to Jacksonville and everywhere in between. She is registered with both the USA and Florida Swimming Associations. There are two swim seasons per year: Short Course and Long Course. The main difference is in the name – the length of the pool.

Short-course swimmers swim the short length of the pool in 25-yard increments. Druck just recently swapped from sprint swimming to distance swimming which is swimming the long length of the

pool with laps being in 50-yard increments.

Druck said that she prefers distance swimming to sprint swimming because, “I can get in the pool, get in front of everyone, get in my zone, and just keep building my lead.”

During her 2024 long course season, Druck achieved every FLAG (Florida Age Group) time cut, 13 in total, and was invited to the State Championships in Ocala. And now she is being recognized for her overall performance and being ranked eighth in the United States in the 1500-freestyle.

Druck’s parents said they were surprised by her ranking. They said, “We

knew she had the ability to do distance but had no idea she could swim alongside 19–20-year-old girls and hold her own. We are very excited to see what she can do over the next few years and where she can take her love for swimming. We definitely see a bright future for her in this sport!”

Druck’s goals for the upcoming season are already mapped out. She wants to achieve Zones and Future Champs time standards. To do this she will have to shave 54 seconds off of the time that she is being recognized for. But further than that, the sky is the limit for Druck, and she has big goals in mind for herself as well.

## Darters In Pursuit!



On Friday, September 27, the Apopka Blue Darter defense chases West Orange’s Jayden Ammons as he looks for a gap to shoot. Apopka only allowed the Warriors to collect 90 rushing yards. This was a seventy yard disparity from their average of 160.25 rushing yards per game in their first four games.



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