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November 8. Seniors Jude Angervil, Jahi Bowden, Jermichael Johnson, and Larson Taylor lead the team.

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# Apopka will face West Orange in round one, not Plant City

By Marshall Tempest  
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Last week due to my carelessness and inattention to detail I provided you all with some false information regarding the 2024 FHSAA Class 7A Football State Championship Tournament. Apopka will not be playing Plant City and we are not the seventh seed in the Region Two bracket. The information I was basing this on was more than a week old because I wasn't careful enough to check when the last time the FHSAA's rankings were updated on their website. Because of this, I made faulty predictions. I will do better in the future to be more attentive.

Getting to who Apopka does play today, Friday, November 15, the Blue Darters are set to face the West Orange Warriors in an away game in the first round of the Class 7A Region Two Regional Playoffs. The FHSAA officially released the playoff brackets for Florida high school football last Friday, November 8. The official seeding was Venice (1), Plant City (2), West Orange (3), Newsome (4), Sumner (5), Apopka (6), Riverview Sarasota (7), and Haines City (8).

With this seeding, the



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first round is set with Venice facing Haines City, Plant City facing Riverview, West Orange facing Apopka, and Newsome facing Sumner. With the Blue Darters set to face the Warriors for the second time this season, can they do

what they were unable to in their last matchup and come away with a win? During the regular season, Apopka traveled to West Orange and fell 25-7. While the score doesn't show it, this was one of Apopka's best performances of the season. What could have been an overwhelming victory was stunted by a struggling offense that could not capitalize on the opportunities given to them by the defense. But for the last few weeks, Apopka's offense has been coming into its own – not only that but so has its quarterback, Tyson

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Tyson Davison moments before letting a pass fly during previous game with West Oange on Friday, September 27.

# The new and improved Blue Darters basketball team shows out in blue and white game

By Marshall Tempest  
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Last Friday, November 8, I attended the Apopka High School men's basketball team's blue and white scrimmage. I will say this year is going to be fun to watch. The team looks faster, stronger, better at finishing, and better at shooting. And yes, if you come to a game, you are guaranteed to see some high-flying action from airwalkers like Apopka's 6'4" Jude Angervil, 6'3" Jermichael Johnson, and 6'1" Jahi Bowden.

"We have a lot to work on; obviously it's still very

early. But we like our guys, we feel like that we are really unselfish, they play well together, and this is a good start and we hope to keep making progress every day. Also, it was really cool to see so many students, parents, and just members of the community come out for this because it is something that we want to make bigger and better every year so we are very excited," said the head coach of the men's basketball team Scott Williams after the scrimmage.

The scrimmage was simple really, five 10-minute matchups between Apopka's best guys. The

core four for this year's team are Jude Angervil, Jermichael Johnson, Jahi Bowden, and Larson Taylor. Those four guys will control the game on both ends of the floor. So, this scrimmage was about seeing who else's game fits well with those four guys. Williams was hoping to find some idea of rotations and what five work best together in what scenarios. "We think that all 13 of the guys that played tonight are capable of winning varsity basketball games with us. Clearly, our top seven, because they played

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Head coach of the Blue Darter basketball team Scott Williams smiles when looking to his players on the bench talking over defensive adjustments on Friday, November 8.

# A talk with Jeff Rolson about the season and a playoff run

By Marshall Tempest  
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This week I sat down with Apopka High School's head football coach Jeff Rolson and talked about the upcoming matchup with West Orange and how he and the team are preparing for it. We also talked about the season as a whole and squeezing into the playoffs. The beginning of our conversation started with Rolson talking about some players having the "injury bug," and being unable to practice. "I mean, we got a bunch of guys that seemed to have been bitten by injury bugs so it's hard for them to finish practice ... which isn't a good sign. They only

practiced three out of the five days last week, they had a three-day weekend, they came back and we're still not 100 percent. Monday wasn't a great practice either, but we have a good plan for West Orange. We just got to execute it." Rolson said the game plan is to shut down West Orange's two best players – their quarterback Brian Dillard #2 and defensive back Ivan Taylor #0. "We can't let their quarterback beat us and then defensively you've gotta stay away from number zero. They've got two really good players that we have to worry about. Other than that... we should be able to win, I think we can beat these guys."

Rolson also said that Apopka should've beaten West Orange the first time but didn't due to not being able to move the ball and collect first downs while on the opponent's side of the field. "We should've beat them the first time. But we couldn't get a first down or score a point. But, hopefully, that will change." When we talked about practice and what specifically the team is focusing on this week ahead of West Orange is discipline and containing the quarterback. He also talked about being aggressive in the kicking game and building an offense that will attack the

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On Friday, September 20, head coach of the Apopka football team Jeff Rolson talks with his defense during a timeout.

# Wekiva falls to Jones in final regular season game

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Nature of the performance created by the Jones Tigers during the regular season finale was as authoritative and in control as the 28-6 margin of victory would assume. Jones is one of only eight teams in the state to win all 10 regular season contests. However, the seventh and final loss of the 2024 season for Wekiva was not unfamiliar. Opponents consistently scored early and often against the Mustangs, most of the time without an answer. Trailing by at least a 21-0 deficit midway through the second quarter occurred four times this

season. When Wekiva scored for the first time during five losses, the deficit was at least 20-0. In five games the deficit was at least 21 points at halftime. Consecutive scores given up totaled at least four during six different losses. Only once were the Tigers pressured into a bad decision and forced to execute a negative play by the Mustangs. On first and goal from Wekiva's six-yard line, Jabari Smith picked off an inaccurate, Dereon Coleman pass in the front, right corner of the end zone. The possession was the first of the contest with the Tigers

moving the ball from their own 43 yard-line. The reprieve was short lived though. Jones scored on the next three possessions, accurately executing scoring drives back to back. Distances covered were 80, 52 and 48 yards, respectively. Touchdowns were scored by means of the ground attack, a six-yard touchdown from Jaquail Smith, a 10-yard touchdown from Smith and a four-yard touchdown from Daunte Wallace. The Tigers then drove 62 yards to cap off their scoring and up the lead to 28-0 with 1:10 remaining in the third quarter. A 22-yard pass completion

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## Mustang basketball is back



The Wekiva men's basketball team played their first game as a squad on the first day of the Wekiva Tip-off Classic on Tuesday, November 13, The event had two games on day one with the first being Apopka vs Jones followed by Wekiva vs East River High School.



# 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 November 3-9, the Apopka Police Department received 1,493 calls for service, responded to 32 crashes, issued 24 cita-

tions, and made 21 arrests. Juvenile was charged with battery-touch or strike.

The following adults were arrested and charged: Carl Edwin Anglade, 25, confidential, Orlando, other agency warrant. Omorie Rashad Barnes, 35, confidential, Orlando, aggravated stalking-follow/harass/cyberstalk credible threat to person.

Willie Kris Busby, 50, 446 Gilman Cir., Orlando, assault-aggravated with intent to commit a felony; aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Alex Cardona Santiago, 49, 1767 Deanna Dr., Apopka, trespassing-not structure/convey/violate posted notice; drug equipment-use possession of manufacture paraphernalia to transport drugs; drugs-trafficking fentanyl/fentanyl analogues 4 grams+.

Lisa Ann Catron, 53, 3000 Clarcona Rd. Lot 209, Apopka, resist officer/obstruct without violence; drugs-possess controlled substance without prescription (methamphetamine).

Casey Larry Cherry, 40, confidential, Mount Dora, burglary with assault or battery; damage property-criminal mischief over \$200 under \$1,000; battery-touch or strike; kidnap-false imprisonment of

person.

Teri Joyce Cobb, 40, general delivery, Orlando, trespassing-structure or conveyance.

Silas Rodelbi Coronado Aguilar, 21, 734 Rolling Green Dr., Apopka, DUI-unlawful blood alcohol, DUI-influence of alcohol or drugs.

Millard Bradley Davis, 58, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Robert Dexter Dennis, 58, 611 Business Park Blvd #101, Winter Garden, drug equipment-possession and/or use; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription (cocaine).

Mauricio Rene Garcia, 31, confidential, Apopka, simple assault-intent threat to do violence.

Zariah Keshay Hall, 24, 1165 Comanche St., Jacksonville, out-of-county warrant.

Alexander Cordell Jackson, 37, confidential, Apopka, battery on person 65 years of age or older.

Freddie Merchant, 51, 219 W. 7th St., Apopka, burglary of occupied dwelling unarmed; drug equipment-possession and/or use; obstructing justice-tamper with evidence in criminal proceeding; resist officer-obstruct without violence; drugs-possession of controlled substance without prescription.

Donald Ray Padgett, 34, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Cyd Chetram Paul, 68, confidential, Apopka, bat-

tery-touch or strike.

Claire Ann Reed, 52, 187 Lakebreeze Cir., Lake Mary, other agency warrant.

Andrew Deshaun Roberts, 36, E. 15th St., Apopka, crimes against person-abuse elderly or disabled adult without great harm.

Jose Luis Salgado, 34, confidential, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

Rose Marie Simboli, 22, confidential, kidnap-false imprisonment of person; battery-touch or strike.

Rhonda Monique Vaught, 47, 441 S. Highland Ave., Apopka, trespassing-occupied structure or conveyance.

## Inaugural Harris Chain of Lakes Newsletter available now

Hello Folks,

I hope you are havin' a great week, and, hopefully, you got a chance to do some fishin'.

I wanted to let everyone know that there is a newsletter titled "Inaugural Harris Chain of Lakes Newsletter." This is the first ever edition of the Harris Chain newsletter. You can go on the FWC's website and read the attached newsletter and get information about all the lakes in the Harris Chain.

You can get information about aquatic plants, wildlife, habitat, and



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the fisheries. These surveys will cover plant surveys, Alligator Surveys, Trawl Surveys, Specks Age, Creel Surveys, Fish Community, Bass Samples, and Vegetation Mapping'. All the information done on these surveys was

completed from July 2023 'til June 2024. If you have any questions, please go to myfwc.com website or call them at 1-850-488-0331.

We are still dealin' with some high water issues on the St. Johns River. We are havin' some problems with high water right here as well. I talked to Orange County Parks and Recreation and they are sayin' R.D. Keene boat ramp is still closed due to high water. They are waitin' on the water to go down before they open the ramps back up.

I also just talked to Lake County's Park and Recreation and they told me that Johns Lake ramp is not open, either. The ramp will be closed until the end of the month. So, the only ramps open to fishin' would be West Lake Toho in Kissimmee and the Harris Chain of Lakes. Also, the ramps are open at Buzard Beach on Lake Eustis and Hickory Point on Big Lake Harris. I just checked with the folks at Trimble Park, and the boat ramp is open on Lake Beauclair. That ramp is open 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day.

They are on their winter schedule.

If you want to go speck fishin', the Downtown Sanford Marina is open to launch your boat. The folks there reported that they were open and so is the ramp. The ramp is open from sunup until sundown. There is no overnight parkin' allowed at the Marina. With so many ramps bein' closed due to the high water, your places to fish are kinda' slim.

I got a report from West Lake Toho, and they are catchin' plenty of bass on shiners. You need to

fish in the open holes in the hydrilla. Folks are catchin' 10 to 15 bass per trip. You can catch some bass in the Harris Chain of Lakes. Most folks are fishin' around the submerged hydrilla.

Hopefully, we will start gettin' some cooler weather so those ole speckle perch will start bitin'.

Well, that's it for this week. I hope to see you on the water real soon.

Tip of the week: Full Moon

Save a few and good luck!

## Warriors: Davison showing steady improvement in final games

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Davison. In the last three games (Osceola, Madison County, and Wekiva) Apopka has scored more points (33) than it had scored the whole season (27) excluding the 49 points scored on West Port.

Now, Davison has been getting very comfortable these past few weeks being not only explosive on the ground but through the air. In the game against Madison County, Davison had 105 rushing yards and

a rushing touchdown on just 14 carries while throwing for 106 yards completing eight of his 15 attempts. Against Wekiva, he collected 144 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown while also tallying 108 passing yards and a passing touchdown. Davison is now averaging 100.4 rushing yards and 63 passing yards a game.

In our first game against West Orange in the regular season, Apopka came out quick and caught the Warriors offense off

guard with a four and out and then a punt block giving Apopka great field position. But, because of our offensive deficiencies, we were unable to come away with points. This was the story for Apopka the rest of the night with the defense doing everything they could to help the offense but to no avail. Apopka was only able to turn one drive into points when they had three trips to the Warriors' red zone.

Since the Warriors' win over Apopka, they have lost two contests –

39-13 to Jones and 33-11 to Dr. Phillips. In both of those games, the Warriors' run game was kept under 100 yards and their passing game was also subpar. West Orange is averaging 156 rushing yards and 153 receiving yards a game for a nearly perfect 50/50 offense.

Both Apopka and West Orange are defensive juggernauts so this game, like the last one, will be decided by whose offense can be more effective. Apopka has allowed 109 points this season and scored 108.

West Orange has allowed 164 points and scored 269. So, while Apopka has the edge, statically, on defense West Orange has a huge edge offensively.

One thing to look at when analyzing the difference between these two teams is the level of competition or strength of the schedule. According to FHSAA, as of Friday, November 8, Apopka has a strength of schedule of 8.93 while West Orange has a 2.59. When looking at this a different way, Apopka's average oppo-

nent rank this season was 126.44 with five top 100 opponents and two top 50 opponents. West Orange's average opponent rank this season was 205.3 with two top 100 opponents and one top 50 opponent.

So, can Apopka show that they have grown since their loss to the Warriors in September? Or will they fall again and the Cinderella story that is the 2024 Apopka Blue Darter season finally come to an end?

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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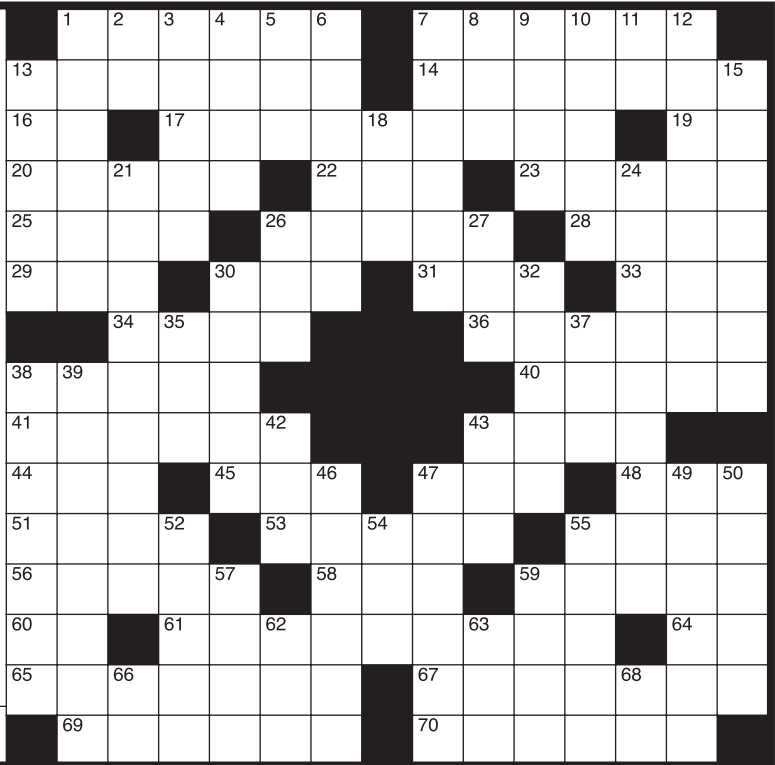
On Friday, September 27, The Apopka defense celebrate a tackle for loss on third down forcing West Orange to punt from deep in their own territory.

#### CLUES ACROSS

- Spiritual leaders
- A solution
- Fortified wine
- Edible mollusk
- Blood group
- A way to compare
- Gov't lawyer
- Actor Ciaran
- Calendar month
- Very willing
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- Satisfies
- Type of berry
- Distinctive practice
- Popular pickup truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A situation you can be in
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- Belgian composer Walter
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Musical or vocal sound
- Yankees' great Judge
- Dickens character
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Former Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Hospital unit

#### CLUES DOWN

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Containers
- Investment vehicle
- A way to greet in a friendly way
- Bulged downward
- "A Day Without" singer
- Lay about
- Intestinal
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- Caused to be loved
- Prominent in Islamic eschatology
- Sincere
- Not in
- Number above the line in a fraction
- Bill Murray chased one
- Pouch
- Swedish krona
- Start over
- Wild white or yellow flower
- Fourteen
- Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
- Up-to-date
- Campaigns
- Touch lightly
- "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
- Violent seizure of property
- One who supports the Pope
- Malaise
- Body fluid
- Inauthentic person
- Title of respect
- Chilean city
- Central Japanese city
- Garment
- Draw from
- Automobile
- The man
- Top government lawyer



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# Seniors show huge growth in blue and white scrimmage



Jude Angervil kicks the ball back out to a shooter during Apopka's blue and white scrimmage on Friday, November 8.



Apopka's head basketball coach, Scott Williams, discusses the game with players from the blue team during a timeout.



Jude Angervil picks up a charge as he drives to the hoop against a player on the blue side during Friday's game.



During Apopka basketball's blue and white scrimmage on Friday, Jahi Bowden uses his speed and strength to get to the rim through defenders.



Larson Taylor (r) tries to guard the basket from a layup by an Apopka player during the blue and white scrimmage on November 8.



Jude Angervil puts down a slam on a fast break showing off his athleticism in the blue and white scrimmage.



At the November 8, blue and white scrimmage Jahi Bowden finds himself at the rim after a fast break.



# Hoops: Angervil, Bowden, Johnson, Jean, Taylor make up starting 5

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last season, have a certain sense of toughness that we hope the other guys get to very quickly. But, we think that we're going to play 10, 11, or more guys every night. So, you saw a little bit of that tonight.

When talking about the starting five, Williams said that without a doubt it's Jude, Jahi, Jermichael, Larson, and then Trent Jean. But he then said that Rafael Betancourt and Noah Ferrer will be playing really big roles as secondary ball handlers that complete that top seven. And then for spots eight through 11, the team kind of have an idea but it's still being sorted out.

Our seniors look phenomenal! Each one of them has shown tremendously noticeable improvement in each aspect of their game. Things like patience, shooting, finishing, defense, communication, and unselfishness.

The player I was most surprised and impressed by was Angervil. Last season, Angervil was a force to be reckoned with inside the painted area and had some skill on the perimeter. This season, he looks like he's dropped twenty pounds and found a new gear in

his engine when driving on the fast break. He is explosive, strong, and smooth. He's got a good handle, and great defensive and offensive instincts, he is always looking for an open man, and his off-ball offense looks great too, always finding a spot where he can score on the floor.

"You know he worked really, really hard this summer and fall on getting in better shape. With a lot of that work being done on his own. And, I think he is poised to have a really great year," said coach Williams after the scrimmage.

"I just made a choice that I wanted to get in shape this year. So I put in the time, I put in the work, and have been working on my athleticism trying to get more athletic every day," said Angervil after the scrimmage.

During the summer, I wrote a spotlight piece on the four seniors. When I interviewed Angervil, he told me he likes to play flashy. He doesn't want to be a traditional big man and sit in the post waiting for a pass and posting up his opponent for a score. Well, I think he can say that his playstyle has become dramatically more flashy in the short time

he's been working on it.

Angervil got high up for a slam multiple times during the scrimmage, and it looked effortless. So I asked him if this new playstyle is one that he enjoys.

"I mean I'm looking to punish the rim every time I go up. An energetic finish every time."

He also talked to me about his improvements in shooting and praised Coach Williams for all the help. He also talked about how now he's in better shape, has better stamina, and doesn't have to rush when he has the ball. He can allow the game to slow down so he can be more efficient.

Last season, Jermichael Johnson was the number one option on offense and he still may very well be, but with Angervil and Bowden turning into shot-makers anywhere on the floor, he won't have to force it every night. Anybody who's ever played a sport has had an off night. Last season, when Johnson was having an off-night Williams and the team needed him to keep shooting or push through it. Now, Johnson can pass it around and leave it up to Angervil and Bowden and not have to shoot through a slump.

"You know what, those four guys, our seniors, are all really good about being great teammates and sharing the ball. They support the younger guys and build them up because they know they will count on them down the road," said coach Williams.

But, like I was saying Angervil is not the only one who has shown amazing improvement. Jahi Bowden looks like a guy who has just figured it out. He looked amazing on the floor on both ends. Last season, Bowden was the two-way savant for the Blue Darters. He could drive and get you a bucket no matter how tough the shot with his finishing and close-range jumpers while also guarding anyone on the floor effectively. This year, he shows even more disruption on defense and a level of explosiveness I didn't see last year on offense. His shooting was also lights out all night so hopefully we get to see that transition into the season and watch him only get better.

I will say Jermichael Johnson didn't have the best games but showed his basketball IQ all night. I have no question about Johnson's ability to play

after the feats I saw him perform last year. I also know from my experience that even he falls victim to off nights. So, I don't have any worries about his improvement, I just didn't get to see much of it in action. But, like I said I'm sure we will very, very soon.

Someone I haven't talked about a lot but who is still very much important to this team is Larson Taylor. Now with Angervil slimmed up and transitioning into a point forward role, Larson is the lone traditional big man for Apopka, so his responsibilities in a way doubled since last season. He's going to be the anchor. He alone now is the big guy in Apopka's paint who has to block, contest, or at least change the shot of a driving or posting-up attacker.

Last year, Taylor showed on multiple accounts his ability to dominate down low and on the glass, most noticeably the offensive glass. This in turn gave Apopka a huge amount of second-chance opportunities from their misses. This year, I have a feeling there won't be as many offensive rebounds for him due to better shooting – but that ability will still come in handy. This year, I see Tay-

lor really leaning into his role of being the post guy. Which makes sense; everything about his game and his frame speaks to that. I think Taylor could very well have more than a handful of double doubles this season. And that is so valuable.

I also got to talk to Johnson and Bowden after the game a little bit about the season and their hopes.

"Getting to Lakeland," said Johnson. Followed shortly by Bowden who said, "Final Four!"

The boys told me the key to getting there would be staying humble, hard work, dedication, and playing with confidence every day. They also told me they have been in the gym every day since the end of last season.

Bowden emphasized on what he told me over the summer about being able to dunk after pulling one off in the scrimmage. He told me there is plenty more to come with hopefully at least one a game.

Johnson told me for him it's all about consistency and never being complacent. He works every day at being his best so he can be his best when he needs to be in a clutch-moment on the floor.



On the left, Rafael Betancourt finds himself open and goes for three points as a group of Blue Darter defenders attempt to contest the shot. On the right, Jermichael Johnson finds space in the corner and takes a shot with a defender incoming. These photos were taken on Friday, November 8.

# Rolson: Disappointed with record, but a chance to save the season

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weak spots in the Warriors' defense they showed in our last matchup.

I asked Rolson how he and the team feel about how the season turned out considering it was not Apopka's expectation to finish with a losing record. He was just disappointed.

"You know, I don't know how the team feels about it... From me, I've told you – we're 4-5, I'm glad we beat Wekiva, but we should be 8-1. I don't care who you talk to, or whatever, we should be 8-1. Having said that, if we're 8-1 but won those games by the skin of our teeth – I still wouldn't feel excited about how we played this year. I'm just going to tell you. But I think being four and five and being in the playoffs... that's nothing to crow about. The only thing we have going for us is that this group this year is not the one that broke this playoff streak. That's about all we can say."

Rolson said that there is still a chance to salvage the season though. If the team can turn it around and win a few games – a deep playoff run or even a championship run could clear the dirt from the regular season.

"If they want to ral-

ly and make a run by winning two or three games in the playoffs, then you salvage your season a little bit. But, if you don't, then you don't. So, I mean, I'm a realist. So like I said, sitting where we are, as the head coach, I take full responsibility. I have to."

Rolson also talked about the deficiencies on the other end of the team – the coaching side.

"But there are definitely some coaching things we didn't do well this season. We didn't get enough out of the guys, we didn't get things done, So we have coaching deficiencies without question. We also have leadership deficiencies and skill deficiencies. But if we can rally, then all will be in the rear-view mirror. If not – then it's pretty easy to look at the season and see why we are where we are at."

I asked Rolson if this matchup will once again be based on how well either team's offense plays because each team has a strong defense. His response was enlightening.

"I mean, personally, I don't think either of us have a 'great' defense right now. That's how I feel. I think the only well-rounded quality team that we have played is Edgewater. I think programs are just down.

I mean we scrap, and we play hard you know – but I got two sophomore line-backers, I got sophomore defensive linemen rolling in. We just have a lot of young dudes so we're not going to be elite. We're solid on defense... they (West Orange) had elite secondary personnel and that's what makes their defense pretty good. I mean they play hard, but they don't have any game-changers or any power five guys in their front seven. And neither do we – so you know, I think the defensive prowess showing up in the stats for some of us is an indicator of the kind of offenses that we are facing."

Rolson ended that by saying, "I mean they gave up 39 to Evans... we gave up... nothing. You know what I'm saying?"

Rolson went on to say that Apopka's weak spot on defense is our secondary. He said that our guys have a tough time matching up with tall and athletic receivers. But he maintained that Apopka's biggest threat is West Orange's quarterback.

"He (West Orange's quarterback) is an elite athlete. So we gotta keep him corralled and then not let him throw it over our head. So we'll see."

When talking about

the offense and what we will see against West Orange, Rolson said that they will be sticking with what's been working. If that's run-heavy jumbo esque sets focused on collecting first downs and possession, then that's what Apopka will do. But he also talked about how our play-action ability is getting noticeably better.

"I mean we have some other things that we have been working on but yes I think our best bet is to keep the football, move it, and get first downs. I don't think that we're all of a sudden going to be able to throw it 30 times – I'm sure of that. But if you can run it successfully, that gives you an opportunity to pass. And I think in the last couple of games we've shown that the few play-action and vertical plays have been successful and gotten touchdowns. And to get one of those here and there is helpful. But, like I said, we have looked better throwing it, we've looked better running it at times, but our front line hasn't been all together this week, so I don't know. Hopefully, the mental reps will make them ready to go."

We also talked about the lack of players with the ability to start and the need for two-way players.

"I mean we've got de-

fensive linemen and other defensive guys that are having to come in and play offensive line and tight end and even at half back. So I mean, I think that has helped obviously. And we're going to have to continue to do that because that's where we're at.

We're a school of 3,500 that has to play guys both ways because we don't have enough players that can function at this level. Which is not something we have dealt with much in the past but it's here now."

Rolson and I ended our talk going over the keys to winning this game for Apopka. Rolson said that it's like he said before and all season, "Don't let them run the ball, and don't let them throw it over your head."

"For us, defensively, it's always the same for us. Don't allow the opponent to run the ball and don't allow them to throw it over your head. The last time we played them, they didn't run the football. And they threw it over our heads a couple of times.

One was our five-seventh kid against a six-five kid and you know it was contested and he made a play on it. And then we had a couple of breakdowns in coverage. But a lot of those were due to just the quarter-

back being able to buy time and run around away from our guys. We can't allow him to do that. They have tall kids but I don't think they have elite receivers – they just got a couple of tall kids. But their quarterback is very dangerous. He can run for a lot of yards and he is very capable of throwing it.

And then offensively, we just can't get behind the chains, we can't take negative plays, and we got to have a plan you know? So if we get the ball like last time with whatever amount of minutes to go then we have to have a plan. When we were in Madison County, we got the ball with six minutes to go and three timeouts and ended up with nothing and having to punt. We gotta have a plan and we can't burn time in those situations."

Rolson left me with one final statement before our talk was done.

"If it's a high-scoring game we're going to lose. That means we've given up too many chunk plays and points.

If we can hold them under 17 points, then it's a 50/50. If we hold them to 13 or less and we don't win – well, I don't know what to say."



# Thanksgiving dinner recipes that may bring back memories

This recipe from a woman who was large in my life, my husband's aunt whom we all lovingly referred to as "Aunt Maggie," is only one of her recipes that has become a staple in our annual holiday celebrations: Sweet Potato Casserole. I guess we all have our family hand-me-down recipes for sweet potato casserole. This is mine.

We have Melinda Stokes Allanson's Greek Chicken Salad. It looks wonderfully refreshing and change of pace. This is from our friends in Punta Gorda's book, *A Taste of Heaven*.

Southern Living's *All Time Favorites 2009* Southern Sausage-Rice Dressing uses Basic Cornbread, which recipe is included below.

This is the time of year we start preparing yummy edibles for all the people we love to pamper. (I include myself in that group!) I think Magic Cookie Bars are terrific. The recipe is printed on the Aldi Company's Baker's Corner Sweetened Condensed Milk can. This is one of those recipes kids (and adults) love that they can do in the kitchen together. Kids are great at making crumbs from graham crackers. And they can measure ingredients. They may need a little help, but it can be fun to do together.

We found Linda Insley's Gingersnaps in *The Jones-Morris Family Treasury*. Gingersnaps are so good with coffee. And milk, of course, for the younger set.

## AUNT MAGGIE'S SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

from Maggie Roland's index card recipes

**Sweet potatoes, 4 or 5, cut up, boiled and mashed (enough to make 4-1/2 cups)**  
**1 cup milk**  
**4 eggs**  
**2 teaspoons lemon juice**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**



**2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice**  
**1 cup white sugar**  
**1 cup coconut**  
**1/2 cup butter**  
**Topping:**  
**2 cups pecans, chopped**  
**1/2 cup butter**  
**1-1/4 cup brown sugar**  
**1-1/4 cup flour**

Crumble up together and sprinkle mixture over sweet potato mixture

Boil and mash sweet potatoes. Mix together. Add milk, eggs, lemon juice, spices, sugar, coconut, and melted butter, mixing as you go. Pour into casserole dish. Sprinkle topping mixture over sweet potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees until straw comes out clean, maybe 45 minutes or longer.

## MELINDA STOKES ALLANSON'S GREEK CHICKEN SALAD

Recipe from First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda's *A Taste of Heaven*

**3 cups cooked chicken, cubed (about three breasts)**  
**2 medium cucumbers, peeled, seeded and chopped**  
**1-1/4 cups Feta cheese, crumbled**  
**2/3 cup (or 1 can) black olives, sliced**  
**1/4 cup fresh parsley, snipped**  
**1 cup mayonnaise**  
**1/2 cup plain yogurt**  
**1 tablespoon dried oregano**  
**3 cloves garlic (or to taste)**  
**Lettuce**

Combine chicken, cucumber, Feta, olives and parsley. Set aside. In a small bowl, mix mayonnaise, yogurt, oregano and crushed garlic. Use much less garlic if salad will stand more than a couple of hours before serving. Add to chicken mixture. Toss to coat. Cover and chill. Serve over lettuce. Also very good over toasted French rolls.

## SOUTHERN SAUSAGE-RICE DRESSING

*SOUTHERN LIVING'S ALL TIME FAVORITES, 2009*

**2 garlic bulbs**

**2 teaspoons olive oil**  
**2 cups cooked rice**  
**1 recipe Basic Cornbread, crumbled**  
**1 16-ounce package ground pork sausage**  
**3 tablespoons butter**  
**1 medium onion, diced**  
**1 medium-size red or green bell pepper, diced**  
**1 large carrot, diced**  
**1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley**  
**1 tablespoon poultry seasoning**  
**1-1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh or 1 to 2 teaspoons rubbed sage**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1/2 teaspoon pepper**  
**4 cups chicken broth**

1) Cut off pointed end of garlic bulbs; place garlic on a piece of aluminum foil, and drizzle with olive oil. Fold foil to seal. 2) Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes; cool. Squeeze pulp from garlic cloves into a large bowl. Add rice and cornbread. 3) Cook sausage in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring until it crumbles and is no longer pink; drain sausage on paper towels, and wipe skillet clean. 4) Melt butter in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion, bell pepper, and carrot, and sauté 3 minutes or until tender. 5) Stir sausage, vegetables, parsley, and next 4 ingredients into rice mixture. Add broth; stir to moisten. Spoon into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Cover and chill 8 hours, if desired; remove from refrigerator, and let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. 6) Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Makes 12 servings.

## BASIC CORNBREAD

*SOUTHERN LIVING'S ALL TIME FAVORITES, 2009*

**2 cups buttermilk self-rising white cornmeal mix**  
**1/2 cup all-purpose flour**  
**1/4 cup butter, melted**  
**1 large egg, lightly beaten**  
**2 cups buttermilk**  
1) Heat a well-greased ovenproof skillet at 450 degrees for 5 minutes.

2) Stir together all ingredients in a bowl. Pour batter into hot skillet. 3) Bake at 450 degrees for 20 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 1 9-inch cornbread, about 5 cups crumbled. Makes 6 servings.

## MAGIC COOKIE BARS

Recipe from BAKER'S CORNER SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK

**1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted**  
**1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed**  
**2 cup graham cracker crumbs**  
**1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips**  
**1 cup shredded coconut**  
**1 cup coarsely chopped pecans**  
**1-2/3 cup Baker's Corner Sweetened Condensed Milk**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place butter in 8-inch square pan, heat in oven until melted. Combine brown sugar and graham cracker crumbs in a bowl and sprinkle evenly over melted butter. In layers, add chocolate chips, coconut and pecans. Put sweetened condensed milk over top. Bake 30 minutes. Allow to cool completely before slicing.

## LINDA INSLEY'S GINGERSNAPS

*THE JONES-MORRIS FAMILY TREASURY*

**3/4 cup shortening**  
**1 cup dark brown sugar**  
**1/4 cup molasses**  
**1 egg**  
**2-1/4 cups sifted all-purpose flour**  
**2 teaspoons baking soda**  
**1/2 teaspoon salt**  
**1 teaspoon ginger**  
**1 teaspoon cinnamon**  
**1/2 teaspoon ground cloves**

Cream together first 4 ingredients until fluffy. Sift dry ingredients together. Stir into molasses mixture. Form into balls. Roll in granulated sugar. Place 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 375 degrees about 10 minutes.

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

## NOVEMBER 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 Dwell-ey Parkway, Apopka 32712, 407-703-1784. On any given weekend, you can see many, many families in attendance at the beautiful complex setting participating in various organized sport programs.

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

11-mile wildlife drive (complete with directional signs) (opened in 2015) on Lake Apopka shores, by entering from Lust Road off Binion Road, about a mile south of Camp Wewa in the Plymouth area, for one-way drive, 10 miles per hour, with possible wildlife spotting stops. **DO NOT FEED THE GATORS - IT MAY CAUSE CLOSING OF THE TRAIL** If you are stopping, drive will take more than 1 hour. Drive runs by canals used in muck-farming days. The one-way drive exits on Jones Road in Zellwood. You will see a freshwater marsh system and wildlife dependent on that type of system. The drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays and federal holidays and is controlled by the county. Open during daylight hours only (one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset). Official sunrise and sunset hours can be found online. The road is closed on other days due to ongoing restoration work. The trail is 11 miles long.

WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK is a 7,000-acre Florida State Park in Apopka, Florida. It is located 20 minutes north of Orlando, off Interstate 4 at exit 94, near Altamonte Springs and Longwood. The park also contains the head water of the Wekiwa River. Address: 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka 32712, open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call 407-884-4311

FRAN CARLTON CENTER OPEN, for seniors - senior activities at Fran Carlton Center. CALL 407-703-1642 FOR INFORMATION.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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 [cchristianchamber.com/events-chamber](http://cchristianchamber.com/events-chamber).Contact: [latrondra@cchristianchamber.com](mailto:latrondra@cchristianchamber.com)

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Nov 16., annual Christmas Bazaar, 201 S. Park Ave., from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Much to choose from.

VFW POST 10147 continues to have its fund raising breakfast on the **third Saturday each month**. Next one is Nov. 16 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, NOVEMBER 17

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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, NOVEMBER 19

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, NOVEMBER 20

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 Thurs-

day 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, NOVEMBER 21

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

**APOPKA CHRISTMAS PARADE** Saturday, December 14, sponsored by Foliage Sertoma Club for the 48th year. Foliage Sertoma is in its 50th year.

### 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: [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 [orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:orangecomgv@ifas.ufl.edu). to be answered by Master Gardeners. A free plant clinic for commercial growers is open Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. at the same location.

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: Wednesay to Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.... Admission is free. Contains displays and information about Apopka's history, and has history books for sale. Monthly meetings of Apopka Historical Society are normally held on a Sunday afternoon. For more information, go to [www.theapopka-museum.com](http://www.theapopka-museum.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).

**NORTH ORANGE BRANCH LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED.** 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.

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.

\*\*\*\*\* (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). **10-28-24: LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED.**

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

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# Mustangs: Wekiva scores lone points in final minutes of the game

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from Coleman to Wallace accounting for the touchdown. Avoiding the shut-out was the work of Isaiah McNish with 4:20 left, bullying his way into the end zone from the Jones' two yard line. The contest appears to be competitive when comparing total yards and first downs. A slight advan-

tage of 297-270 yards was held by the Tigers. However, below the surface of scores consistently being in favor of the opponent early and often, Wekiva gained 146 of the 270 total yards after falling behind 28-0. First downs were tied at 18. The last three Mustangs' possessions consisted of nine first downs. The performance was what has become the ex-

pected and the norm for the Jones' offense, gaining the 297 yards on 42 plays for an average of 7.1yards a play. The typical and traditional style of approach by which the Tigers win is they pass methodically and systematically to set up the rush, gaining 12.1 yards per completion. Each possession ending with a touchdown included a pass completion

of at least 18 yards and moving the ball inside Wekiva's 25-yard line. The Tigers then rushed on the next two, one and five plays respectively to complete each of the first three possessions ending with a touchdown. The 22-yard pass completion was in effect a pitch to Wallace as well, catching the ball half a yard beyond the line of scrimmage on the right hashmark.

Below the surface, the typical and traditional approach carried out by Jones resulted in 12.1 yards per completion allowing for control of time, possession, and starting field position. The longer a possession lasts, the less time the opponent has to score. Time of possession was 25-11 minutes in favor of the Tigers through the first three quarters.

Wekiva began six of nine possessions at the Wekiva 20-yard line and eight inside Wekiva's 34-yard line. Again, the longest distance the Tigers had to move the ball during the last three possessions ending with touchdowns was 52 yards. The Class 4A playoffs begin with Lecanto facing Jones in the first round (Region 2), this Friday, November 15.

## The 2024 Wekiva Mustangs men's basketball schedule



The 2024 Wekiva Mustangs men's basketball schedule is as follows: November 19 home game against Lake Minneola, November 22 away game against Hope Academy, November 26 away game against Lake Highland Prep, December 4 home game against Ocoee, December 6 home game against West Orange, December 10 home game against Hagerty, December 13 away game against Timber Creek, December 14 away against North Marion, December 17 away against Windermere, December 19 away against Apopka. The schedule for the 2025 portion of the season is as follows: January 15 home game against Tavares, January 16 away game against Horizon, January 18 home game against Vanguard, January 22 away game against Lake Mary, January 23 away game against Jones, January 28 away game against Evans, January 30 home game against Ridge Community, and the final game of the regular season is on January 31, an away game against Cypress Creek.



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- 25% of cars had low or dirty engine oil.
- 13% had low or contaminated brake fluid.
- 18% had dirty air filters.
- 17% had inadequate cooling protection or low coolant levels.
- 16% needed new windshield wiper and
- 27% had low or contaminated washer fluid.
- 18% needed new belts.

**Overall, 89% of vehicles were in need of at least one service or repair.**

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# Veterans Day Stars and Stripes Parade at First Baptist Church



Pictured above is Apopka Christian Academy's Veterans Day Stars and Stripes Parade that was held at First Baptist Church of Apopka at 441 S. Highland Ave. The service included a historical presentation on The Star-Spangled Banner and then a performance by Apopka Christian Academy after the Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge to the Bible, and the Pledge of the Christian Flag.

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## 32. HELP WANTED

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I am seeking a person to restore old photographs. I have a large collection of old photos that need to be restored. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

**HORSE/PET SITTER.**  
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## 52. PETS

**PARK AVENUE.**  
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**WHERE VETERINARY**  
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**PET NEEDS NEW HOME.**  
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**HORSE/PET SITTER.**  
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## 53. ANIMALS- LIVESTOCK, MISC.

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**PUBLISHED**  
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## 69. APPLIANCES LARGE.

**IN HOME SERVICE**  
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## 69. SPORTING GOODS

**GOLF CART REPAIRS.**  
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## 70. MERCHANDISE- MISC.

**TRAILER PARTS**  
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## 70. MERCHANDISE- MISC.

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**USED CARS. NEW**  
I am seeking a person to sit my horse and pet. I have a horse and a dog that need to be cared for. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

## 89. TRAILERS FOR SALE

**TRAILER NO LONGER**  
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## 84. RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FOR SALE

## 112. HOME

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## 117. CEMETERY

**CEMETERY SPACE**  
I am seeking a person to sit my horse and pet. I have a horse and a dog that need to be cared for. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

## 121. PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS

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## 130. REAL ESTATE

**AMERICAN**  
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## 131. VACANT LAND

**A GOOD TIME TO THINK**  
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## 133. HOMES FOR SALE

**FIRST TIME HOME**  
I am seeking a person to sit my horse and pet. I have a horse and a dog that need to be cared for. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

**APOPKA**  
I am seeking a person to sit my horse and pet. I have a horse and a dog that need to be cared for. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

**Classifieds!**

## 133. HOMES FOR SALE

**SENIORS 55+**  
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## BUYING, SELLING,

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## 135. MOBILE HOMES FOR SALE

**MOBILE HOME 55+**  
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## 139. APARTMENTS, CONDOS FOR RENT

**FOREST AVE APTS.**  
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## 140. HOMES/DUPLEXES FOR RENT

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## HOUSE FOR RENT

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## 141. MOBILE HOMES OR LOTS FOR RENT

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**SHARE 3BD/3BA HOME**  
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**WE RENT ROOMS**  
I am seeking a person to sit my horse and pet. I have a horse and a dog that need to be cared for. If you are interested, please contact me at 407-886-2777.

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