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## New charges filed in child abuse case

**Mother accused of hitting child because he was crying**

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Based on the discovery of new injuries and witness statements, a woman and her boyfriend are now facing additional child abuse charges for beating the woman's young son.

When the child was initially examined, he

was found to have sustained a broken left femur and several fractured ribs—all allegedly done by his mother and her live-in boyfriend.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright said doctors at St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach found that the 30-month-old boy's upper right femur had also been broken.



Carla C. Camargo

Mr. Albright said the toddler was released from the hospital Wednesday, July 6, but still has follow-up visits with orthopaedists.

"He's gaining weight and progressing well," said Mr. Albright.

Because of the new injury  
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## Counting the butterflies

The Zebra Butterfly (left) Monarch Butterfly (center) and White Peacock Butterfly (right) are just three of the nearly 60 butterfly species native to this area that were documented by the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) at Arnold's Wildlife Center's Butterfly Haven last year. NABA officials will be in Okeechobee County this weekend for the annual count. For more information, see page 2.

## 'CSI effect' is prosecutor's nightmare

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

While seeing CSI-Miami's Lieutenant Horatio Caine leap from his black Hummer with his gun blazing or CSI's Nick Stokes kick down the door and rescue the damsel in distress makes for good TV, these characters have become a prosecutor's nightmare.

And while these popular television dramas romanticize the solving of crimes by the gathering of evidence, the manner and speed in which the bad guys are nabbed has made the successful prosecution of criminals in courtrooms across the nation a laborious task.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright said because of these "far fetched" TV dramas he

and his fellow prosecutors in the local branch of the state's attorney office must deal with the 'CSI effect' among jurors every time they get ready for trial.

"Jurors' expectations are so much higher (because of these shows) and, as a prosecutor, I talk to them about the 'CSI effect,'" said

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# Butterfly Assoc. to count butterflies this weekend

Representatives from the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) will be in Okeechobee County this weekend for the annual butterfly count.

The Butterfly Haven at Arnold's Wildlife Center is one of 52 locations in Florida where the annual count is taken. Last year, researchers documented 57 of the region's 60 indigenous butterfly species in the half-acre garden. The garden, which was planted in the shape of a zebra longwing butterfly, has 12 sections with more than 1,500 plants to entice butterflies and hummingbirds. Most of the plants are native to Florida.

The North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Counts, a program for NABA, is a compilation of all butterflies observed at sites within a 15-mile diameter count circle in a one-day period. The program requires a minimum of four volunteers to count butterflies over at least a six-hour period at the designated sites. The annually published reports provide a tremendous amount of information about the geographical distribution and relative population sizes of the

species counted. Comparisons of the results across years can be used to monitor changes in butterfly populations and study the effects of weather and habitat change on North American butterflies.

For any one United States count circle, three counts can be submitted to the NABA Butterfly Count Program in one calendar year. First, there can be one Spring Seasonal Count, which would be conducted on one day (24-hour period starting at midnight) during the time period of Jan. 1 through May 31. The Fourth of July butterfly count season extends from June 1 through July 31. Fall Seasonal Counts may be conducted from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31.

The official count at Arnold's Wildlife Center will be Sunday, July 10.

For more information about the Butterfly Haven online, go to <http://www.arnoldsbutterflyhaven.com/>. For more on the North American Butterfly Association, go to <http://www.naba.org/>.



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The monarch butterfly, at left, has distinctive coloration which warns predators of its bad taste. The monarch migrates from north to south in the fall. The sulfur butterfly, at right, is found worldwide and is generally bright yellow or orange. Males are often solid bright yellow, whereas females are yellow with black wing margins.



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## Employee award

Winifred Holland, administrator of the Okeechobee County Health Department, presents the Employee of the Quarter award to Rosa Ruiz.

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# Two alligator bite cases reported in Okeechobee County

FWC Division of Law Enforcement field operations report for the week of June 24-30 reported two incidents involving alligator bites in Okeechobee County.

"An Okeechobee County deputy on patrol observed a juvenile with a small American alligator near 210 N.E. 11th Street in Okeechobee. The juvenile advised the deputy that he stepped on the alligator, resulting in minor injuries to his left big toe. The deputy contacted the juvenile's parents and documented their refusal of medical treatment. The alligator was released at Nubbin Slough in Lake Okeechobee. Officer Cris Douglas is conducting the follow-up investigation," the report states.

Another alligator bite involved a fisherman.

"Officer Jeff Goggin responded to Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee County when he received information that one of the patients there had checked in due to receiving an alligator bite to his arm," the report states. "The investigation revealed that the subject had been fishing the prior day and had encountered the alligator when it bit his lure. While in the process of retrieving the lure from the alligator's mouth, the alligator bit him on the arm. The subject was treated for

minor abrasions and puncture wounds."

The following Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) information was provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

**How does the FWC manage the alligator population in Florida?**

The FWC has a very proactive management strategy for alligator populations that includes harvest quotas to maintain alligator populations within 25 percent of levels present in 1988.

**What are the guidelines for alligator hunting?**

Alligator hunting permits are issued each year by the FWC on a first-come, first-served basis. In 2008, 5,125 permits were issued for the hunting season, Aug. 15 to Nov. 1. Each permit costs \$271.50 for Florida residents and \$1,021.50 for nonresidents. Each permit holder receives two tags, allowing the hunter to take two alligators. The FWC began experimental alligator hunts in the 1980s, and over the past eight years, approximately 70 percent of the harvest tags issued have been filled.

**Is it true that anti-hunting activists purchase two-thirds of the alligator hunting permits each year?**

"We're going to have to cut the budget or we can't show our faces downtown," said Mr. Clay. As a cost savings measure, the board discussed purchasing smaller trucks and possibly having meter readers use street legal golf cart type vehicles.

Merit raises also came under discussion. The current proposed budget contains a 2 percent bonus for employees. "I am more inclined to discuss bonuses when they are earned," said Tommy Hoover. He suggested bonuses from the savings generated on workers compensation when workers are injury free. "That is something you can do on an annual basis," Mr. Hoover said. Mr. Clay suggested a bonus to employees based on fuel savings.

Health care costs were also discussed.

**Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at [pgawda@newszap.com](mailto:pgawda@newszap.com).**

## OUA may consider rate increase

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

Will water rates go up again in the new budget year? That question was raised but remained unanswered at a budget workshop held by the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors Tuesday night, July 5. No official action can be taken at a workshop. However, the ideas discussed are expected to be pursued further at the next regular board meeting on Tuesday, July 12.

The rate increases of the last two years have been set aside in a rate stabilization fund to pay future debt service payments on the wastewater treatment plant expansion. Currently annual payments from developer's agreements are earmarked for debt service. The majority of the developer's agreements will be paid off by 2014.

Under the present rate structure, rate stabilization monies will fully fund debt service through 2017. If a 1 percent rate increase is implemented in the coming fiscal year, the rate stabilization fund could make debt service payment through 2019. Annual debt service payments are about \$1.5 million. According to the present payment schedule, that debt will be paid off in 2029.

Rev. Randy Huckabee suggested using the rate stabilization funds for paying down the debt now rather than waiting until later. Early payments would result in interest savings.

"We're basically sitting on money and paying for money," said Tommy Clay.

The board discussed gradually increasing the rate schedule to apply toward debt service payments.

"You have to look at what customers can pay," said Mr. Clay, adding that many people are on a fixed income or have only one working spouse.



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**What are some things people can do to prevent negative encounters with alligators?**

First, wildlife should never be fed by humans because it lowers their inhibitions to human contact and keeps them from following their natural habits of seeking food for themselves. It is also illegal to feed alligators.

Second, it is never safe to enter water where large alligators are present. The FWC recommends swimming only in posted areas and not in waters inhabited by alligators. Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn, so it's best to swim during daylight hours.

**Are alligators posing a new threat to humans?**

The first documented severe alligator bite on a human occurred in 1948. It is important to remember that alligators are large, top-level predators capable of inflicting severe bites on humans, even causing death. That's why it is so important for people to use common sense when dealing with this species.

Human encounters with alligators are increasing because Florida's human population is growing, and many residents seek waterfront homes, and water-related recreational activities are very popular. As more people are drawn to the water, more alligator-human interactions can occur, creating a greater potential for conflict. However, alligators seldom bite people, and fatalities from such occurrences are extremely rare.

Florida is averaging about seven unprovoked bites per year serious enough to require special medical treatment. The frequency of these serious bites is increasing at a rate of about 3 percent each year or one additional bite every 4-5 years. However, the likelihood of a Florida resident being seri-



Special to the Okeechobee News/FWC  
**Two alligator bite cases were reported in Okeechobee County during the last weekend in June. Wildlife of any kind, including alligators, should never be fed by people. Also, it is never safe to enter water where large alligators are present.**

ously injured during an unprovoked alligator incident in Florida is roughly only one in 2.4 million.

**What is a nuisance alligator?**

An alligator is considered a nuisance when it is at least 4 feet in length and poses a threat to people or their pets or property.

What is the FWC's nuisance alligator program?

This program is unrelated to alligator hunting. The Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program contracts with nuisance alligator trappers. Approximately 40 private trappers are contracted to remove specific nuisance alligators. Individuals may call the toll-free number, 1-866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286) to submit complaints regarding nuisance alligators. The FWC will evaluate the complaint and determine if the alligator should be removed by a licensed nuisance alligator trapper.

**How many alligator complaints does the FWC receive each year?**

In 2007, the FWC received 13,000 nuisance alligator complaints. Nuisance alligator trappers were issued 11,000 permits, and 10,000 nuisance alligators were removed.

**Where can I find more information?**

Further information is online at [MyFWC.com/gators](http://MyFWC.com/gators).

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### YMCA Camp

• My son has been going to the Y since the first week it was open. I think the staff is fantastic. I was apprehensive at first, as the staff looked really young. I found out two of the counselors are in college and the third is a senior in high school. The director is a local teacher. It is well worth the money, especially since they receive swimming lessons once a week and go on field trips on Fridays. Good Job YMCA!

### Casey Anthony trial

• It baffles me that they let her off on all charges except lying to the police. I wasn't convinced she murdered the child but perhaps an accident she covered up. I don't understand the cover up over an accident. If she was not involved then who and don't say her dad because that is even harder to believe. Something happened to that child while in her care but we will probably never know. Now the question ... where is she going to go when she gets out of jail. Home doesn't seem likely after all she has had to say about her mother and father. Her friends no longer want her around because she stole from them and lied to them. Can she even stay in Florida? Will she have to change her name and appearance? Is she safe from some crazy who might try to take justice into his own hands?

• Guilty of lying to the cops, innocent of lying to the jury.

• She's only innocent of lying to the jury because she did not speak. She did not testify. Her lawyer spun a story about the accidental death, but opening statements and closing arguments are not facts and are not evidence. And there was no evidence at all presented to support his claims the death was accidental.

• The joke is on you if you still think the "justice" system actually renders any. "Justice" is NOTHING more than who can perform the best window dressing, or who has the best costume and mask.

• I'm not sure why it would baffle anyone. Our justice system lets murderers, rapist, child molesters and drug traffickers free every day. The few unfortunate souls that get convicted after committing numerous crimes against us, only serve time with others like themselves. They have friends and food and shelter and medical care and dental care all on us and at no cost to themselves. We send people to death row for the most heinous crimes but they never die. As a matter of fact, we spend millions on medical care to see that they don't. I think it is time that we as a country come together and demand that once you are convicted of a violent premeditated crime and once you have had your appeal and are still found guilty, you have 30 days until you are executed.

### Toads killing dogs

• They are everywhere right now! We killed 90 plus last night almost as big as your hand. Our pond has thousands of babies in it. You can tell the Bufo tadpoles from frog tadpoles as they are stockier and their heads are a little bigger and darker than the rest of their body.

### Fireworks

• As I was coming back from the reservation at around 10 p.m. on July 4, I saw Okeechobee light up with the fireworks bought from fly-by-night vendors. The poor people of 'Chobee can't afford public fireworks but can spend thousands for their fireworks and that money does not end up in town. If all of us contributed just a little of what was spent on those fireworks we could have a great display like we used to have in 'Chobee.

• If everyone donated to the public fireworks instead of spending the money on personal fireworks, the community could have a great show. The problem was people never wanted to donate. They wanted the public show, but they wanted "someone else" to pay for it. They would park just outside the show area so they wouldn't have to donate. So now we have no public fireworks because people are too selfish and/or too cheap to pitch in.

• Actually, it's not the cost of the fireworks. It's the cost of the INSURANCE that the county demands. And I, for one, was HAPPY to see the fireworks in our neighborhood. I saved on gas and didn't have to fight the crowds.

# IRS offers tax tips for students with summer jobs

School's out and many students will be starting summer jobs. The Internal Revenue Service reminds students that not all the money you earn may make it to your pocket. That's because your employer must withhold taxes.

Here are six things the IRS wants students to be aware of when they start a summer job.

1. When you first start a new job you must fill out a Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate. This form is used by employers to determine the amount of tax that will be withheld from your paycheck. If you have multiple summer jobs, make sure all your employers are withholding an adequate amount of taxes to cover your total income tax liability. To make sure your withholding is correct, use the Withholding Calculator on [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

2. Whether you are working as a waiter or a camp counselor, you may receive tips as part of your summer income. All tips you receive are taxable income and are therefore subject to federal income tax.

3. Many students do odd jobs over the summer to make extra cash. Earnings you receive from self-employment – including jobs like baby-sitting and lawn mowing – are subject to income tax.

4. If you have net earnings of \$400 or more from self-employment, you will also have to pay self-employment tax. This tax pays for your benefits under the Social Security system. Social Security and Medicare benefits are available to individuals who are self-employed the same as they are to wage

earners who have Social Security tax and Medicare tax withheld from their wages. The self-employment tax is figured on Form 1040, Schedule SE.

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**Today:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

**Tonight:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

### Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. South-east wind around 5 mph.

### OCRA to hold fall sign ups

OCRA will hold sign ups for the 2011 football and cheerleading season on the following Saturdays: **July 9**, July 16 and July 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. under the score tower at the baseball complex. All children between the ages of 5-14 are eligible to sign up (age as of Aug. 31) The cost is \$75 per player, \$60 for second child, \$45 for cheerleaders, \$45 flag (5 and 6) A copy of child's birth certificate is a must at the time of sign up. Any question, please call 863-634-0515.

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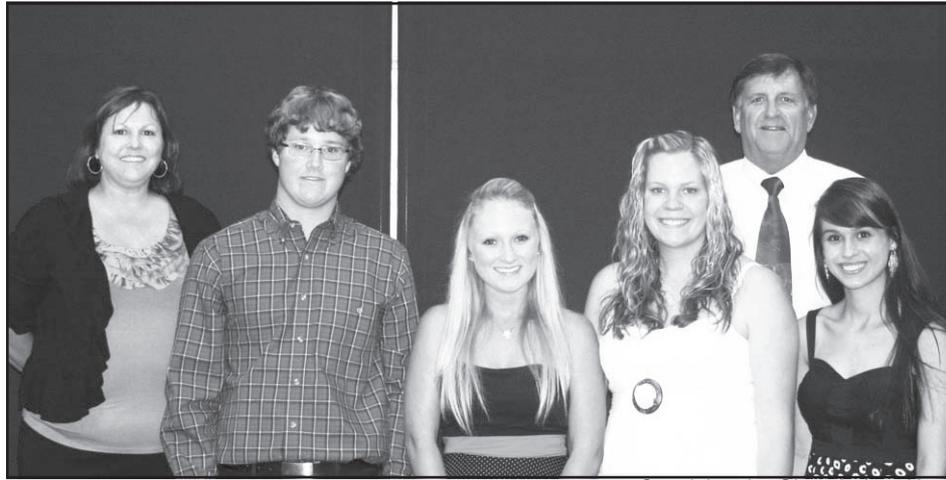


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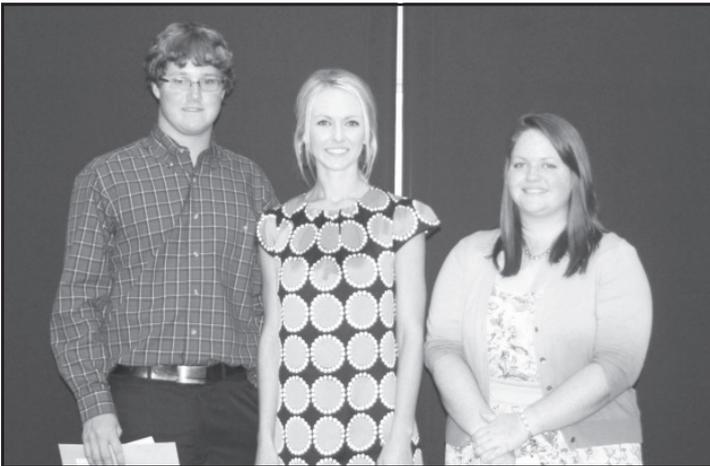
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The recipient of the Republican Party of Okeechobee Governance Scholarship was Kayla Born. The award was presented by Debi Large in the amount of \$500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



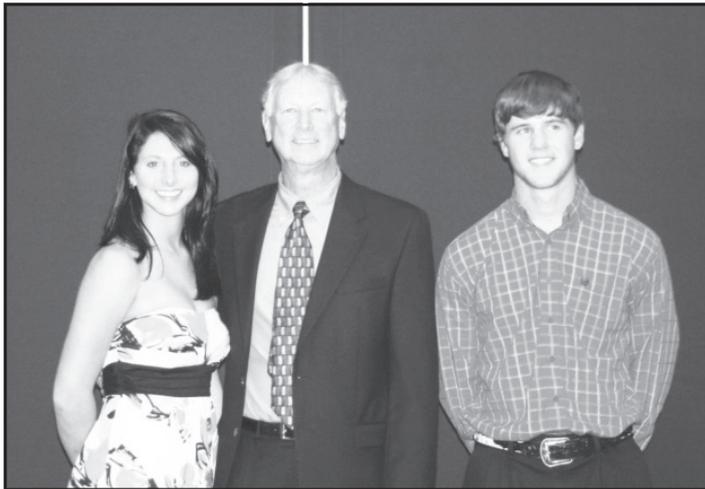
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Recipients of the Bob Teany Memorial Scholarship were LeAnna Cotton, Isabella Penido, Emily Pickering and Michael Sutton. Scholarship awards were presented by Kristie Coleman and Dale Barrett in the amount of \$1,500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



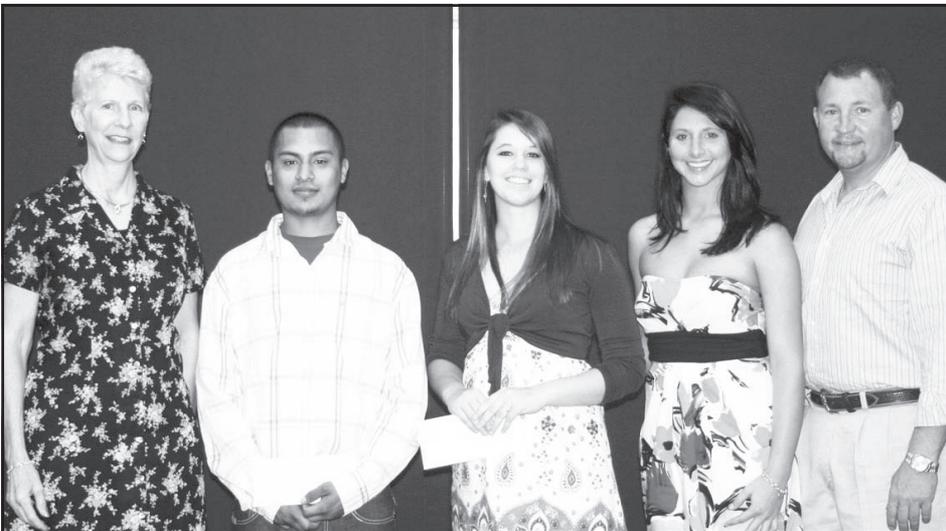
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Recipients of the Flora Mae Walpole Memorial Scholarship were Kelsey Burnham, Michael Sutton and Yanet Huerta (not pictured). Scholarship awards were presented by Rachel Walpole Kuhlewind in the amount of \$2,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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Recipients of the OCRA Scholarship were Andrew Selvey and Naomi Stevens. Scholarship awards were presented by Bill Black in the amount of \$1,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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Recipients of the Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home Scholarship were Andrea Eddings, Javier Garcia-Gomez and Naomi Stevens. Scholarship awards were presented by Marilyn Buxton and Matthew Buxton in the amount of \$500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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### OCRA sign ups

Sign ups for football will be held at the sports complex score tower on **July 9, July 11 and July 23** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to 14. The OCRA website is [ocrasports.com](http://ocrasports.com).

### Amateur Radio Club holds July meeting

The Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will meet on Monday, **July 11**, at the American Red Cross Office, 323 N. Parrott Ave, at 7 p.m. and encourages anyone interested in Ham Radio to attend. Meet the members and have a cup of coffee with us. The club meets the second Monday of each month.

### OCRA will meet July 11

The monthly meeting of OCRA will be Monday, **July 11** at 7 p.m. at the score tower at the sports complex. The public is invited. OCRA has a new website at [ocrasports.com](http://ocrasports.com)

### Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 11-15

First Baptist Church of Okeechobee will offer Vacation Bible School **July 11-15**, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the church, 310 S.W. 5th Avenue, for kids entering kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is free. For more information, call 863-763-2171.

### Commissioner Hoover will host coffee on July 12

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Joey Hoover on Tuesday, **July 12**, from 10 a.m.–noon, and will be held in Commissioner Hoover's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 244, Okeechobee. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

### Food Stamp Assistance

Treasure Coast Food Bank will be at Welcome House Drop-in Center, 1925 Hwy 441 SE, on Wednesday, **July 13**, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. helping with food stamp applications and recertification. This service is open to the public and no appointment is necessary. For more information please call 772-971-3316.

### Medicare seminar offered

The Coalition of Independent Living Options is offering a Medicare 101 seminar at Welcome House Drop-in Center, 1925 Hwy 441 SE, Tuesday, **July 12**, at 1 p.m. A representative will cover questions you may have about Medicare benefits and what has changed in 2011. For more information call Mary Thomas, 772-878-3500.

### Hospice to hold yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's Yard Sales in July will be on Wednesday, July 13, and Thursday, July 14, and Wednesday, July 27, and Thursday, July 28, from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner

of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page [www.hospiceofokeechobee.org](http://www.hospiceofokeechobee.org) and click on Events tab.

### Business Women's group will meet July 15

The monthly meeting site of The Okeechobee Business Women's Referral Network has been changed. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, **July 15**, at a 'new' location -- Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave. This group, open to all women, meets to share business knowledge, opportunities and friendships. You are invited and you will be welcomed.

### Jam Session open to local musicians

Huge Jam Session—Open Mike at Buckhead Ridge VFW, State Road 78 West, Saturday, **July 16**, starting time 7 p.m. All Musicians and Singers Welcome. For more information call Buck at 863-763-8111 or 863-623-8566.

### VFW Post #9528 will host fish fry Saturday, July 16

The Buckhead Ridge VFW, Post 9528, S.R. 78 W. is holding "the best fish fry in town." The date is Saturday, **July 16**, starting at 1 p.m. until .... Cost just \$6. The menu is fish, fries, cole slaw and hush puppies. So come on in and have a great time! Call 863-467-2882 with any questions.

### Garbage clean up tournament planned

Lake Okeechobee and Kissimmee River garbage clean up tournament is planned for July 23, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Prizes for heaviest weight total and more. Sign up at Crappy Jack's and for more details call 863-763-7753.

### National Day of the Cowboy set for July 22

The public is invited to the National Day of the American Cowboy Celebration to be held on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center! Gates will open Friday night at 6 p.m. with a ranch rodeo and festivities ending at midnight. Saturday the gates open at 3 p.m. with the cattle drive beginning at 4 p.m. at Eli's Western Wear and ending at the Agri-Civic Center where all the festivities will go on until midnight. The celebration will be two days of western heritage, dancing, food, fun, vendors and cowboys. Vendor forms can be picked up at the Main Street Office located at 111 Northeast Second Street.

### Vacation Bible School

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 N, is having Vacation Bible School **July 25 through 29** from 7 to 9 each evening with classes for all ages. For more information please call 863 763 7743.

## Obituaries

### William Leon

#### 'Vinnie' Ashmont, 89

OKEECHOBEE — William Leon "Vinnie" Ashmont, age 89, of Okeechobee, died July 5, 2011 at the Hamrick Home.

Being born in Brockton, Mass., Mr. Ashmont has been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 24 years and was also a very proud Navy, World War II veteran.

Mr. Ashmont was preceded in death by his sister Julia, and survived by his sons, Billy Ashmont (Samantha) of West Bridgewater, Mass., and Robert Ashmont (Janice) of Longhorn, Pa., as well as his daughter, Mary Ann Sears of Duxbury, Maine. He is also survived by his sistern Eva Satkus of Scarborough, Maine and six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home on Monday, July 11, 2011, from 10 to 11 a.m., with services beginning at 11 a.m. and interment at Evergreen Cemetery to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to Hospice of Okeechobee.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 3833 SE 18th Terr. Okeechobee, FL.

Condolences may be placed at [www.buxton-seawinds.com](http://www.buxton-seawinds.com).

View obituaries from the past month at <http://www.legacy.com>

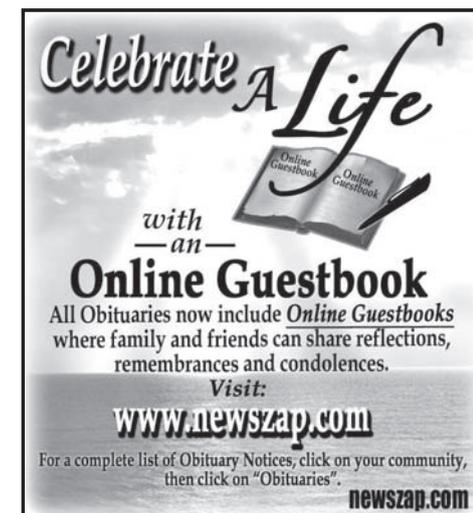
Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing [obits@newszap.com](mailto:obits@newszap.com). Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com).

### Douglas Savacool, 78

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Doug Savacool, 78, died Tuesday, June 28, at Cardinal Nursing Center.

Born in Andover, N.J., on March 2, 1933, he is survived by his sister, Rosalind Akerstrom of Okeechobee, Fla.; brothers, Herbert Savacool of Newton, N.J., and Lewis Savacool; his ex-wife Harriett Savacool of Okeechobee; and nieces and nephews.

He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. There will be no services or visitation. Online condolences to [www.palmerfuneral-homes.com](http://www.palmerfuneral-homes.com).



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**WEDDING**  
**JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION**  
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration were united in matrimony on July 5, 2011 in Local Church. The Rev. John Smith officiated. The ceremony was held at the home of the bride, Mrs. Example. The bride was escorted by her brother, Mr. Example. The groom was escorted by his brother, Mr. Example. The couple will reside in Okeechobee, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Example. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Example. The couple will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on July 5, 2036.

**SUSAN A. EXAMPLE**  
Susan A. Example was born on July 5, 1933 in Okeechobee, Fla. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Example. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Example, and her children, Mr. and Mrs. Example, Mr. and Mrs. Example, and Mr. and Mrs. Example. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Example, Mr. and Mrs. Example, and Mr. and Mrs. Example. She is predeceased by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Example. She is buried in the Okeechobee Cemetery.

**ANNIVERSARY**  
**JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE**  
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 5, 2011. The celebration was held at the home of the bride, Mrs. Example. The couple will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on July 5, 2036.

**ENGAGEMENT**  
**JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE**  
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example are engaged to be married. The wedding will be held on July 5, 2011 in Okeechobee, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Example. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Example. The couple will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on July 5, 2036.

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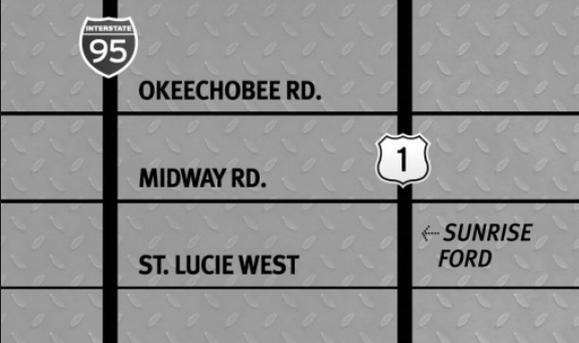
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# Okeechobee man facing two felony drug charges

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A local man is facing felony drug charges after he was reportedly found to have over 30 prescription pills in his possession for which he had no prescription.

Jimmie Lee Howling III, 65, S.E. 66th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Wednesday, July 6, on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam) and possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone). He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of a prescription pill without an approved container.

The pills were allegedly found on Howling during a search of his person by Deputy John Hazy, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

The deputy had just arrested Howling on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with driving while license suspended with knowledge and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence, and was



**Jimmie Lee Howling III**

searching him prior to taking the man to jail. Howling was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a total bond of \$4,500. Jail records indicate that he has been released on bond.

According to Deputy Hazy's arrest report Howling had 20 alprazolam 2mg tablets in a prescription bottle that, according to the label on the bottle, was supposed to contain oxycodone 30 mg tablets. The label on the bottle also indicated that the pills were prescribed for Howling.

Howling did not have a valid script for the alprazolam tablets, stated the report.

Deputy Hazy went on to state that he found a second prescription pill bottle on Howling that contained 15 oxycodone 30 mg tablets. The label on the bottle indicated that the pills were prescribed for someone else and not Howling, continued the report.

## Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

- Douglas Trimnal, 28, S.W. 22nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 2 by Deputy Corporal Paul Ferrell on a felony charge of criminal mischief and a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Cheryl Lynne Austin, 45, S.W. 67th Ave., N. Lauderdale, was arrested July 3 by Deputy Cpl. Paul Ferrell on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$2,000.

- Terrence Torell Spivey, 19, N.W. 10th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 4 by Deputy Paul Jackson on a felony charge of possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at \$5,500.

- Michael Wayne Easton, 35, S.W. Second Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 1 by Officer Victoria Williams on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony petit theft. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Rachel Kent, 30, S.E. 44th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 5 by Deputy Sarah Green on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - culpable negligence. She is being held without bond.

- Donnie Brewer, 58, N.E. First Way, Okeechobee, was arrested July 6 by Deputy Charles Vandercook on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - petit theft and violation of probation - trespass. He is being held without bond.

- Brandon D. Billie, 19, N.W. 48th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested July 6 by Deputy Cari Arnold on warrants charging him with violation of probation - aggravated battery on a pregnant person and violation of probation - interference with child custody. He is being held without bond.

- Ella Mae Simmons, 32, S.R. 70 W., Okeechobee, was arrested July 6 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with failure to return leased property. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

### Freedom Outreach holds fishing tournaments

The Freedom Outreach fishing tournaments will be held on Sundays, **July 31**, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25. The \$80 (cash only) entry fee includes the big fish pot and Classic fund. All tournaments will be held at Okee-Tantie Marina Boat Ramp from safe light until 2 p.m. Scott Driver will be used as a backup if low water occurs. The Classic, on Sunday, Oct. 30, will be a one-day event with a \$120 entry fee, cash only. You must fish three tournaments to be in the Classic. Register early. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or with questions.



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# 'Bored' teens charged in thefts of pickup trucks

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Two local juveniles, who reportedly said they were bored and wanted some excitement, have been arrested in connection with the thefts of three pickup trucks and a motor scooter.

Arrested Wednesday, July 6, were Andrew Logan Wheeler, 15, S.W. 28th St., and Ethan Lane King, 16, S.E. 86th Blvd.

Wheeler is charged with four counts of grand theft-auto and one felony count of criminal mischief. King is charged with two counts of grand theft-auto and one felony count of criminal mischief.

The two teenagers were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

According to Detective Mark Shireman,

of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), some of the trucks stolen were unlocked and had the keys in them. He went on to say that it's not clear at this point if the keys were in the scooter.

The detective's report stated that one of the trucks—a 2005 Chevrolet Z71—has been declared a total loss. The truck was found submerged in a body of water on The Prairie.

The report went on to state that another truck—a 2001 Chevrolet S-10—was found on the bank of a ditch. Detective Shireman said someone apparently tried to push the truck into

a body of water but it became lodged on the ditch bank.

Detective Shireman said the scooter—valued at \$1,300—was recovered by Deputy Howard Pickering in front of a home. It was not damaged, added the investigator.

The detective said the big break on the

case came when OCSO Deputy Cody Hurst found a receipt in one of the recovered vehicles from a local convenience store. Armed with that receipt, Deputy Hurst returned to the store and got the surveillance video of the transaction.

That video, said Detective Shireman, showed two teenagers driving two of the vehicles that had been reported as stolen on July 3.

Wheeler and King were arrested on July 4 in Polk County while driving a stolen truck,

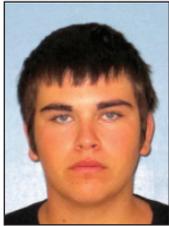
added the detective's report. The teens were reportedly being chased by OCSO deputies but fled to Polk County where they were finally stopped, stated the report.

Detective Shireman's report goes on to state that one of the teens said Okeechobee was a boring place and that they were looking for excitement.

King reportedly told the detective that he and Wheeler "... wanted to have fun on the weekend and needed a vehicle to go where they wanted."



Andrew L. Wheeler



Ethan L. King

## Summer day camp expenses may qualify for a tax credit

Along with the lazy, hazy days of summer come some extra expenses, including summer day camp. But, the IRS has some good news for parents: those added expenses may help you qualify for a tax credit. Many parents who work or are looking for work must arrange for care of their children under 13 years of age during the school vacation. Here are five facts the IRS wants you to know about a tax credit available for child care expenses. The Child and Dependent Care Credit is available for expenses incurred during the summer and throughout the rest of the year.

1) The cost of day camp may count as an expense towards the child and dependent care credit.

2) Expenses for overnight camps do not qualify.

3) Whether your childcare provider is a sitter at your home or a day care facility outside the home, you'll get some tax benefit if you qualify for the credit.

4) The credit can be up to 35 percent of your qualifying expenses, depending on your income.

5) You may use up to \$3,000 of the non-reimbursed expenses paid in a year for one qualifying individual or \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals to figure the credit.

For more information check out IRS Publication 503, Child and Dependent Care Expenses. This publication is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

## FPL wind tower project approved

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Meteorological towers meant to monitor and measure wind speeds will turn up near Okeechobee as Florida Power and Light will study whether Florida winds could provide enough power to provide an alternative source of renewable energy to their customers.

Jeff Johnson, senior planner for St. Lucie County, said the temporary structures would be allowed in certain agriculture zones in the western part of the county. A final public hearing is set for Aug. 2. He said the towers will gauge wind conditions to determine site suitability and wind speed sufficiency for placement of wind turbines. The towers can't exceed 200 feet in height and cannot be in position for more than three years. Johnson said the county has not received any letters of opposition to this project. There were no public comments at a public hearing on July 6 in Ft. Pierce. FPL officials told the St. Lucie Board of County Commissioners they intend to gather wind data for 18 months. At that point the towers will be taken down.

FPL attorney Peter Cocotos said the data will only be reviewed by FPL to determine the feasibility of wind power projects. "We are interested in putting up one or two towers to take a look." St. Lucie Commissioner Chris Dzadovsky said he applauded FPL efforts to research alternative energy projects. He said Florida could be ideal for turbines.

Mr. Cocotos said the wind speeds are stronger in the western United States but that they haven't ruled out Florida for wind projects. He suggested wind levels are probably border line in Florida but they must look at the data. "We aren't doing anything out of the ordinary. We need data. Technology changes over time and you might have something that is viable. We have some hope for it. We are excited about trying to do a wind project in Florida." Mr. Dzadovsky said if this is a test case for the state it might

help inform the public about sources of renewable energy. "The general public feels turbines have a viable use in creating energy, whether in Florida or not, that's a different story."

Mr. Cocotos said FPL has had success in wind energy in other states.



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# Rains helping, but area water supplies still low says SFWMD

Rainfall levels over the last few weeks are consistent with the start of an average wet season. According to the South Florida Water Management's July 5 Water Shortage Watch briefing, the rain has provided short-term relief to the drier-than-normal period that started in October. The wet season so far has not supplied enough rainfall to replenish severely depleted groundwater, canal and lake levels throughout South Florida.

District-wide, the area is 11 inches of rainfall below average for the period from Oct. 2, 2010 to July 5, 2011. Lake Okeechobee is 3.65 feet below average for this time of year.

The rain has improved the overall condition of vegetation. On July 3, Okeechobee County burn ban was lifted. A burn ban re-

mains in place on SFWMD public lands because of the remaining threat of wildfires.

The county continues to be under watering restrictions. Residents may water two days a week.

Landscape irrigation is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Even addresses, installations with irrigation systems that irrigate both even and odd addresses within the same zones, such as multi-family units and homeowners' associations, and rights-of-way or other locations with no address, may accomplish necessary landscape irrigation only on Thursday and Sunday. Odd addresses may water only on Wednesday and Saturday.

## Back to School Drive set for this weekend

Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center (Florida Community Health Centers) and Okeechobee Wal-Mart are conducting a clothing drive, KidCare assistance and FREE health screenings (blood pressure, blood sugar and more) this weekend. The event will take place at Wal-Mart, 2101 South Parrott Avenue. Wal-Mart will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks available with all proceeds going toward Back to School clothing for Okeechobee County children on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10. Clothing Drive will be from

7 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Health screenings will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., each day.

Many families in Okeechobee need a little extra help getting ready for the upcoming school year. This event brings together assistance for medical, clothing and health insurance for children 0-18 years old. **All contributions will remain in Okeechobee.**

Visit the Florida Community Health Centers' website ([www.fchcinc.org](http://www.fchcinc.org)) or Facebook page for updates.

# Cecilia Elliott named assistant manager at the local TD Bank

TD Bank has named Cecilia Elliott the assistant store manager of the Parrott Avenue store located at 1506 S. Parrot Ave. in Okeechobee. She is responsible for new business development, consumer and business lending, and helping oversee personnel and day-to-day operations at the store serving customers in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Elliott, who joined TD Bank in 2010, transferred to her new position after serving as a Commercial Portfolio Loan Officer in Fort Pierce. She has 13 years of experience in banking and lending. Prior to joining TD Bank, she served as a Commercial Portfolio Manager at Riverside National Bank in Okeechobee. Ms. Elliott serves as president of the American Business Women's Association, Women of Tomorrow Chapter, in Okeechobee, and recently was appointed to the Finance Committee for Okeechobee Main Street.

An Okeechobee resident, Ms. Elliott serves on the board of Okeechobee Non Profit Housing, and on the Citizen Committee and the Hispanic and Migrant Parent Advisory Committee of the Okeechobee County School Board. A volunteer youth soccer coach with Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation, she also serves as a Business Partner for Okeechobee County Communities in Schools and Okeechobee High School's Harvest of Hope Awards



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Ceremony. Ms. Elliott is a graduate of Indian River Community College and Okeechobee High School.

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# Shawn Hays named new OHS basketball coach

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News



Shawn Hays

Okeechobee High School Spanish teacher Shawn Hays has been named the new head boys basketball coach at OHS by school administration.

Hays, a six-year veteran of coaching at the school, took over for Bryan Van Camp, a school dean, who resigned after two years as the head coach.

"I'm really excited to have the chance. I'm excited to come in and work with the kids and get it going and see what I can do," he told the Okeechobee News.

Hays has worked for the school system for seven years. He has coached girls junior varsity basketball for one year, varsity girls softball for one year, varsity boys baseball for five years, and freshman boys basketball for two years. He said it has been an advantage for him to work with these sports and to learn from great coaches.

He plans to get started this week with camps, summer conditioning, and scrimmages with area schools.

"I think this program is in a good spot. We have some young kids that really progressed in the second half of this year. I think they will get even better," he noted.

Hays said the kids are working out and getting stronger and bigger as they mature. He said he liked the work ethic and interest in the game this group of players has shown.

"I think we have a good shot to be com-

petitive and win some games. I'm excited to see where the kids are going," he said.

Okeechobee will play in a tougher district next year with perennial basketball power Martin County. Schools from Fort Pierce, and Sebastian River, as well as Palm Beach County will also be on the boy's schedule.

Hays knows it will be a tough job but he's willing to work hard and put his time and effort into the program. He is a bachelor and teacher and has the time to put into the program.

"When Mr. Van Camp resigned, I started thinking that I'd like to take a shot at it and see what I can do. I felt he did very well with the kids. He had a great relationship with them and they worked really hard. I hope to jump in and continue the things that he had built," he said.

The 6'3" Hays attended high school at Western Center High School in Michigan and played basketball for four years on their varsity team. He attended Western Michigan University and received a degree in Spanish.

Hays also intends to keep basketball coaches Shawn Egli, John Hirst and Mariano Medrano in the program. The school is currently in search of a freshman boy's basketball coach.

Assistant Principal Dylan Tedders said the school was very pleased to announce Hays as the new boys coach. He said Hays has been involved in several programs, knows the community and its kids, and is very qualified to handle the job.

"We are very happy. He knows the game of basketball. I think he knows how we like to run things here and will do a great job," he added.

# Boaters responsible for wake from their vessel

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement officers are on the waterways this summer, checking boaters for safety equipment and enforcing safety regulations. During these checks, the boats of both the officers and those being checked will be stopped in the water.

Besides motorboats, officers may stop kayaks, canoes, small fishing boats and other small vessels.

"We are asking boaters to be courteous, and don't rock the boat, when they see any vessel stopped in the water, or small boats like kayaks and canoes that are subject to being swamped," said FWC Maj. Paul Ouellette. "This means avoiding the area if possible or idling past the stopped or small vessels,

so your boat's wake doesn't cause property damage or personal injury to them."

This can be a real problem in high-traffic areas when there are many boats and large wakes. In fact, many accidents are caused by wakes flooding smaller vessels. Sometimes the offending operator doesn't even know it and keeps going, leaving behind a sinking vessel.

A boat operator is responsible for the damage his or her boat's wake causes and can be cited for careless or reckless operation, Maj. Ouellette said.

Report violators to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922. For additional safe boating tips, go to [MyFWC.com/Boating](http://MyFWC.com/Boating).

## Chobee Firestix host yard sale fundraiser

Chobee Firestix will hold a yard sale fundraiser this Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 902 S.E. 8th Ave. The fundraisers will assist the girls 12 and under Chobee Firestix softball team going to World Series where about 100 teams will compete. All proceeds will go to Chobee Firestix World Series fund. Another fundraiser event, Bowling Day, will be held on Sunday, July 10, from 12-7 p.m., at Lucky Lanes bowling alley. We will also be hosting a GOLD Party from 2-4 p.m. during this event as well if you have any scrap gold or gold you don't wear anymore you can sell it and make some money for yourself and for the Firestix.



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## Belles eye state title

The 2011 District 6 Belles are competing in the state tournament in Carabelle, July 7-11. Team members are: Jordan Lawlis, Taylor Trent, Kimberly Harris, Breanna Billie, Cristina Tinajero, Hailey Greeson, Jessica Olney, Elisa Garcia, Cheyenne Nunez, Montana Margeson, Harlie Elliott and Cassidy Watford.



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# New study documents cookiecutter shark attack

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A new study co-authored by University of Florida researchers provides details on the first cookiecutter shark attack on a live human, a concern as warm summer waters attract more people to the ocean.

The study currently online and appearing in the July print edition of *Pacific Science* warns that swimmers entering the cookiecutter's range of open ocean tropical waters may be considered prey. The sharks feed near the surface at night, meaning daytime swimmers are less likely to encounter them. The species is small, with adults reaching about 2 feet, but their unique jaws specialize in scooping out a piece of flesh, leaving victims with a crater-like wound.

"Not only is it painful, but it presents a difficult circumstance for recovery in the sense that there has to be plastic surgery to close the wound and you have permanent tissue loss," said co-author George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File housed at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus. "It's not as scary as 'Jaws,' but it's very different from any other kind of attack we have in the International Shark Attack File because of the size of the shark and the modus operandi."

The March 16, 2009, incident involved a cookiecutter shark, *Isistius brasiliensis*, repeatedly attacking a long-distance swimmer attempting to cross the Alenuihaha Channel from Hawaii to Maui. After sunset, the victim said the first bite on his chest felt "like a pin prick." He then was bitten on the left calf while climbing into the rescue kayak follow-

ing him during the swim. The International Shark Attack File lists two other incidents involving cookiecutters, both judged to be inflicted post-mortem. Dubbed "demon whale biters" by biologist Stewart Springer, a shark expert who studied the fish for more than 60 years before his death in 1991, cookiecutters inhabit deep tropical waters and their bites have been found on many deep-sea animals, including tuna, whales, dolphins and swordfish.

Unlike other sharks, a cookiecutter's teeth are connected at the bottom in the lower jaw. When feeding, the shark bites its victim and then rotates to remove a plug of flesh, "kind of like using a melon-baller," Burgess said.

"They have the biggest teeth of any shark in relation to the size of their jaws," he said. "They look like the cartoon sharks you see with oversized teeth."

The victim also reported seeing squid before the attack. Like squid, cookiecutters are bioluminescent, producing their own light on parts of their bodies. Researchers believe the sharks may use this specialization to hide among squid while larger fish, such as tuna, prey on the squid. The sharks then surprise the larger fish, taking bites before quickly leaving the scene.

A type of dogfish shark, cookiecutters do not kill their fish victims and the wounds they inflict may be useful as biological markers, Burgess said. Because they are known to only dwell in tropical waters, scientists can use the bites to better understand the movement patterns of their victims.

"When we see a killer whale in Alaska with the mark, it tells us the whale traveled there from the tropics," Burgess said. "We can also judge how long ago it happened by how much the wound has healed."

John O'Sullivan, curator of field operations and a senior collector at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, said he is fascinated by the sharks' interesting behavior. Researchers know little about the animal and O'Sullivan's attempts to collect a live specimen for the aquarium over the past few years are "turning out to be more difficult than our white shark program," he said. Because of the sharks' small size, swimmers may be able to protect themselves by wear-

ing a thick wetsuit, he said.

"We have to be careful because of how different species occupy a niche – how that varies is not at all understood," O'Sullivan said. "These animals are very small and very aggressive in behavior. People say, 'Thank God these things don't get big.'"

The study was led by Randy Honebrink of the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources and co-authors include Robert Buch of the Florida Program for Shark Research at the Florida Museum and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service, and physician Peter Galpin of Maui Memorial Hospital.

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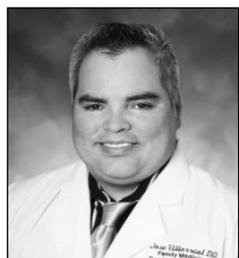
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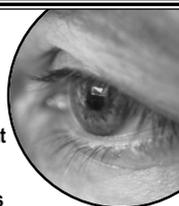
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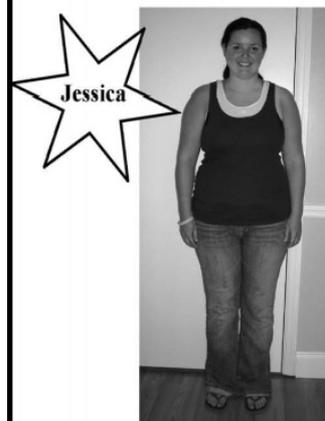
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# ABUSE

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and information Carla Carolina Camargo, 27, U.S. 98 N., is now facing three additional charges of aggravated child abuse - malicious punishment and one count of child neglect - great harm.

Her boyfriend—Dionicio 'Nicho' Aguilar Rodriguez, 32, of the same address—is facing two new charges of aggravated child abuse - malicious punishment.

Bond on the new charges has not been set.

Camargo is currently being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$10,000 bond, and Rodriguez is being held on \$151,000 bond. Those bonds are based on their initial charges.

"One of the new charges on the mom was for hitting her son on his broken leg with a shoe," said Mr. Albright. "The way I've charged them, they're both charged with inflicting the injuries."

When asked why they beat the toddler, Mr. Albright said it was because he was in pain.

"Witnesses said they would beat him because he wouldn't stop crying," added the prosecutor.

Although Camargo's 5-year-old daughter also lived in the home, she apparently was not abused but Mr. Albright said he doesn't know why.

"Best I can tell, he (the boy) couldn't talk and he didn't go to day care. The little girl was going to day care," he reasoned.

The couple were first arrested Friday, June 24, after Detective Rosemary Farless, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), was contacted by a confidential informant. Camargo was charged with one count of aggravated child abuse/neglect (medical) and Rodriguez was charged with two counts of aggravated child abuse (medical and malicious punishment) as well as a misdemeanor account of driving while license revoked with knowledge.

The informant reportedly told the investigator that Rodriguez was looking for a healthy Hispanic child between the ages of 18 months and 3 years.

Detective Farless stated in her report that Rodriguez needed the "healthy" child because of an investigation by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and he "... needed this replacement child to show them."

Following the couple's arrest, the boy and his sister were turned over to a DCF case worker who then took them to Raulerson Hospital.

According to the detective's arrest report, X-rays done on the boy indicated that he had: two ribs that had two fractures each; three ribs that had one fracture each; and, one rib that had three fractures. Also, the boy's left femur—the bone that extends from the pelvis to the knee—was broken completely in half.

"His injuries are all in different stages of healing," said Mr. Albright of the boy. "The left femur seems to be the oldest. Indications are that he had been beaten about two months prior to the arrests."

He then pointed out on the child's X-ray

"I'm going to try and get prison sentences for both of them. At this point, I'm not going to make a plea deal offer to any of them."

— Ashley Albright  
Assistant State Attorney

where the part of the femur was actually laying on top of the other portion of the broken bone, and that a calcium deposit was already forming around the separated bones.

"The break in his right leg is much more recent, but I don't have a time frame," Mr. Albright added.

Detective Farless also stated in her report that the girl had a large bruise on the upper portion of her left arm. When she asked the child what happened, the child reportedly said that Nicho had punched her "... because she didn't tell him the DCF lady was at the door."

The 2-year-old, she added, weighed 20 pounds when he was taken from his mother.

To illustrate the boy's malnourished condition, Detective Farless made a circle with her thumb and forefinger and said: "I can put my fingers around his calf."

In talking about the boy's alleged abuse, Mr. Albright said witnesses told him Camargo and Rodriguez would put him on the floor of this bedroom, surround him with toys then close the door and leave him.

"Then, when he would cry, they would take turns hitting him," said the prosecutor.

When asked if Camargo would be able to get her children back, Mr. Albright said that decision is not up to him. But, he's going to make it as difficult for her as possible.

"I'm going to try and get prison sentences on both of them. At this point, I'm not going to make a plea offer to any of them," he said.

He went on to say that, with the new charges, Camargo is looking at 135 years in prison and Rodriguez 105 years.

"That's if the judge stacks the charges and everything is consecutive," he explained. "That's the maximum they could get."

Mr. Albright said there is no indication that either child had been sexually abused.

Both children will be sheltered by DCF, said Detective Farless.

Camargo and Rodriguez will both go before Circuit Judge Robert Belanger for their arraignment on July 20 at 9 a.m. This hearing will be on their initial charges. An arraignment date on the new charges had not been set as of newspaper deadline.

Court records show that Rodriguez is currently serving two years probation after being found guilty of dealing in stolen property. Judge Belanger imposed that sentence on March 9, 2010.

Rodriguez was subsequently arrested Monday, June 27, on a local warrant charging him with violating that probation. He is being held without bond on that charge.

According to an OCSO detective, Rodriguez is a documented member of a local criminal street gang known as the Varrio Boys.

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# CSI

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Mr. Albright. "I ask them if they watch CSI and I tell them they're not going to have that type of evidence in a real criminal case. I tell them real cops don't drive Hummers and solve cases in 60 minutes. I tell them they have to rely on their common sense and the testimony."

Actually, according to the MC Marketing Charts web site, an hour-long television show is only 38:49 in length. According to the web site, 7:59 of a prime-time show consists of in-show brand appearances and 13:52 of network commercial messages for a combined total of 21:51.

With that in mind, one can only marvel at the speed in which television sleuths foil the bad guys.

Mr. Albright, who has been prosecuting cases for 14 years, said jurors today automatically expect him to have DNA and fingerprints to help them convict the bad guy. But, in the real world, rarely does a prosecutor have either.

"Out of the thousands of cases I've handled, I can probably count on my two hands the number of cases where I've had DNA," he said.

Mr. Albright said it can take up to six months before he receives DNA results from the Indian River Crime Lab—even though he described the Fort Pierce facility as "an excellent lab." For testing on blood, alcohol or drugs, he said he will use the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) lab. It can take up to a year to get DNA results back from the FDLE lab.

Fingerprints? Pristine prints are more likely to be in a screen writer's mind than on a prosecutor's evidence list.

"It's very rare when you can find a clean, usable print," added the local prosecutor.

By using the Indian River Crime Lab and the FDLE lab, Mr. Albright said his office has access to "the basic things" seen on television.

Another rarity in a real criminal case is the 'smoking gun'—or that piece of evidence that can be linked directly to the suspect and the crime supposedly committed by him or her. Because of that, many of the cases taken to court are based on circumstantial evidence—which is indirect evidence that helps establish guilt or innocence through reasoning.

Or, as Mr. Albright tells prospective jurors, "common sense."

Circumstantial evidence is the result of combining seemingly unrelated facts that, when put together, infer a conclusion that supports an attorney's version of the fact and the theory of what happened.

In these cases, continued Mr. Albright, it's imperative that he fully understands the case so that he can intelligently and succinctly explain what happened to the jury. That's why he goes to the crime scene while it's being worked by law enforcement, and why he then interviews witnesses.

"When I don't have the 'smoking gun' I confront it head-on," he said. "You face it up front and tell them (the jury) why you don't have it, and what you do have."

He said he also utilizes expert witness testimony to explain to jurors why the state doesn't have what they may see on television.

## Casey Anthony trial illustrates the problem

A good example of a circumstantial case that monopolized the air waves recently was the Casey Anthony trial. Prosecutors in that case had to present to the 12-member jury their theory of how, and why, 2-year-old Caylee Anthony was killed. After several weeks of trial, Casey was acquitted of murder and aggravated child abuse charges—much to Mr. Albright's chagrin.

"As a prosecutor, I was disappointed," he said of that jury's verdict.

Mr. Albright, the supervising attorney in the Okeechobee office, theorized that prosecutors took too much time in their closing arguments and, basically, lost the jury.

"Most studies say that an adult's attention span is about 40 minutes," he said, which is why he focuses on "the high points" of his case and tries to never take more than an hour to present his arguments to the jury.

After all, why should it take him over an hour to explain a case when Lt. Caine can solve a case and lock up the criminal in less than 39 minutes.



Ashley Albright

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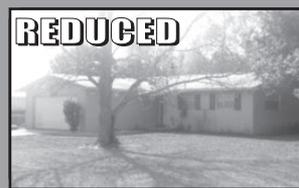
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391808 ON 7/8/2011

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391812 ON 7/8/2011

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office not later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).  
Margaret Garrard Helton, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
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**NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION**  
**NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING** will be held before the Okeechobee County Board of Adjustments and Appeals on **Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida to consider a Special Exception to allow a 180-foot radio tower in an Agricultural (A) zoning district. The property owner and applicant is Glades Electric Cooperative. The property address is 4825 Highway 441 North and is more particularly described as follows:  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 33 AND 34, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33, THENCE SOUTH 89°24'57" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 974.60 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°35'03" WEST, PERPENDICULAR TO THE PRECEDING COURSE, A DISTANCE OF 397.53 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°24'57" EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 1116.90 FEET TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY (R/W) LINE OF S.R. #15, U.S. HWY. #441 (BEING 100.00 FEET IN WIDTH); THENCE SOUTH 05°29'24" WEST ALONG SAID WESTERLY R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORESAID SECTION 34; THENCE SOUTH 89°32'47" WEST ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 34, A DISTANCE OF 99.97 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 34 AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING.  
In the event that all items scheduled before the Board are not heard, the hearings shall be continued to Wednesday, July 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.  
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of Adjustments and Appeals with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Planning and Development tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the department.  
William D. Royce, Planning Director  
Petition S-2011-0713  
391699 ON 7/8/2011

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# Glades County hosts hunter safety course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course July 9 and 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Glades County. Except for those who have successfully completed the online hunter education course, attendance on both days is required for certification. If you have completed the online course, print and bring your final Web report to the FWC course on July 9.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and hunter ethics/responsibility, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

Classes both days will be held at the Glades County Sheriff's Office Shooting Range, on Gun Club Road, 3 miles north of U.S. 27 on S.R. 78 in Moore Haven.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Participants can make reservations at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety) or by calling 561-625-5122. A statewide schedule of hunter safety classes is available at: [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

# Join the Dove Club

**By Tony Young**  
FWC

To me, the best part about hunting is not harvesting game – but spending quality time outdoors with friends and family. One of the best ways to do that is through dove hunting, which is one reason why great dove hunts are in such high demand but often difficult to find.

That's why the FWC created its Special-Opportunity Dove Club Program – to offer hunters the chance of experiencing exceptional dove hunting on the state's best public dove fields.

Dove Club permits enable one adult and one youth (under age 16) to hunt all scheduled dates for the dove field of their choice. Permits cost \$150 and enable both hunters to take a daily bag limit of birds each. There are eight hunts on all but one of the selected dove fields (Caravelle Ranch has six), and all hunts are from noon until sunset and take place on Saturdays, starting Oct. 1 and ending Jan. 7.

Last year, 1,865 birds were harvested from six fields. This coming season, there again will be six special-opportunity dove fields scattered throughout the state from which to choose.

One of the fields is on Allapattah Flats Public Small-Game Hunting Area (PSGHA) in Martin County, east of Lake Okeechobee. Thirteen Dove Club permits are available for the 100-acre field. Participants last year took an average of more than six birds per hunter per day, harvesting 644 birds. North Newberry PSGHA, in Alachua County, has 13 Dove Club permits on its 40 acres. Caravelle Ranch, in Putnam County, has a 200-acre dove field with 30 Dove Club permits

available. Last season, 249 doves were harvested there. The dove field on Hilochee Wildlife Management Area, in Lake County, has 15 Dove Club permits available to hunt its 58 acres. Hunters there last season took 490 doves, which equated to a 2.5-birds-per-hunter, per day average. Frog Pond PSGHA, in Miami-Dade County, has been a top producer in past years, and 246 birds were taken there last season, for nearly a 2-birds-per-hunter, per day average. Fifteen Dove Club permits are available to hunt its 50 acres. The remaining special-opportunity dove field is a brand new one to the system and is in Lafayette County. Koon Farm PSGHA is a 40-acre dove field with 13 permits available.

Dove Club permits will be issued by random drawing during Phase I. That application period is July 1-18.

After obtaining the correct application worksheet by going to [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting) and clicking on "Limited Entry Hunts," you can apply for these season passes by filling out a single worksheet and turning it in at any county tax collector's office, license agent or by going online to [www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com](http://www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com). During Phase I, hunters may be awarded a permit for only one dove field.

If you're successful in getting drawn, you must pick up and pay for your Dove Club permit at any of the same places mentioned above by Aug. 8. Check for drawing results in late July at [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting), again by clicking "Limited Entry Hunts." And any applicant who provides his email address will be notified by the FWC by email if drawn.

**SUDOKU**

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5	3	8	6		9	7	
7		5	9	3			8
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Level: Beginner

**Fun By The Numbers**  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

2	7	8	9	5	7	6	1	4
6	9	1	8	6	2	4	7	9
9	8	1	6	7	1	2	9	8
4	6	9	1	8	8	9	2	7
8	1	9	7	2	9	1	8	6
4	7	2	9	1	6	9	8	1
8	2	7	8	6	9	1	9	1
1	1	6	2	9	8	8	7	9
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