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County contracts for SW drainage project

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

After tabling action last month in order to discern the city's interest in the project, Okeechobee County Commissioners, at their Thursday, June 28 meeting, approved a contract for the southwest drainage project.

They also received good news from the auditing firm of Clifton Allen Larson on their annual audit.

"It's an integral part of the entire system," said county engineer Gene Schriener said of the drainage project. "It is an area that is a

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Turner in Miss Florida USA pageant

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On July 14, Okeechobee's Kathleen Turner will compete for the title of Miss Florida USA 2013.

Pageant week begins July 10, in Hollywood, Fla. The delegates will be compete in five phases; personal interview before the pageant, opening number, swimsuit, evening gown and on-stage question. The pageant will be held on the campus of Broward University in Bailey Hall and will be televised 8 to 10 p.m. On WTVX CW34. Both the preliminary and final competition will be live streamed from www.miss-floridausa.com.

Miss Turner is preparing for the pageant with Kim Decker of Exquisite Coaching, Megan Cleminti - Miss

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In time for the holiday ...

Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Henry Creek dock

This new floating dock was installed by South Florida Water Management District personnel at the Henry Creek boat ramp just in time for Fourth of July boaters.



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Hearing Problem #2

The three tiny bones of your inner ear conduct sound between your ear drum and your cochlea. **Otosclerosis** is the calcification of these bones, resulting in conductive hearing loss. About 10% of patients have this type of loss. We will run a test to ensure this is not the problem.

Hearing Problem #3

The cochlea is a snail-shaped organ containing thousands of living hair cells called stereocilia. A condition known as **Sensorineural hearing loss (nerve type hearing loss)** occurs when any of the hair cells become damaged.

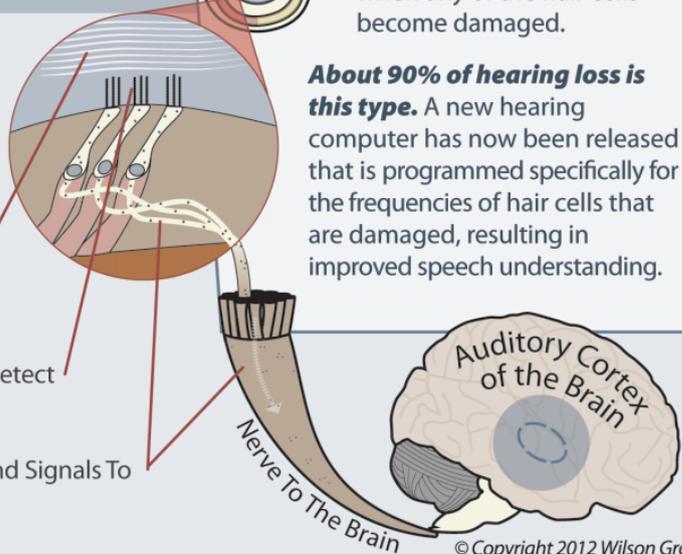
About 90% of hearing loss is this type. A new hearing computer has now been released that is programmed specifically for the frequencies of hair cells that are damaged, resulting in improved speech understanding.

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Sound Waves Inside cochlea

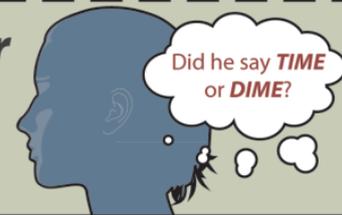
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New Hearing Computer Brings In The Talk, Screens Out The Noise



Free Demonstrations: July 2nd - 13th



Hearing correction has just been revolutionized due to a tiny new device that can be programmed to amplify only missing consonant sounds, stimulating the high-frequency hair cells and ignoring the rest.

The brain of the hearing computer is a chip that analyses and clarifies sound according to its frequency. Using a technology called Live Speech Mapping, the clinician adjusts the high frequencies until fricative sounds, like F, S, Th, Sh, T, P, and K are restored. The prescription is set as you watch and listen.

The hearing computer was displayed at the 2012 American Academy of Audiology Symposium. It is available in Florida from Audibel Hearing Care Centers.



The hearing computer is virtually unnoticeable when worn. Demonstrations for citizens of Florida are scheduled for:

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IRSC Health Science Leadership Academy open

The Okeechobee Health Science Leadership Academy still has openings. The Academy is three weeks in length and is offered Monday through Thursday, from July 9 through July 26. Students will be scheduled to attend class from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day of scheduled class.

Participant Eligibility:

- 2.5 GPA Cumulative preferred (un-weighted);
- Student must be entering 11th or 12th grade;
- Student must be a resident of Okeechobee County;
- Volunteer minimum of 10 hours with a

healthcare facility or non-profit organization (preferred).

Through the generosity and partnership with Children Services Council of Okeechobee, the program offers scholarships to all of the Health Academy participants and there is no cost to the student. Academy participants will be eligible to receive \$70 per week stipend for their participation.

Transportation to IRSC is the responsibility of the participant. Participants bringing personal vehicles must complete the Indian River State College Vehicle Registration Form which is found in the Student Affairs Office (Main Campus – KSU Building).

Students will obtain the program competencies outlined in the previous program description through the instructional methods of lecture and discussion, A/V materials, reading assignments, internet research assignment, personal wellness plan, demonstrations and simulations, observation/participation in healthcare activities, guest speakers and field trips.

Students may earn 90 college clock-hours in "Introduction to Health Care" and "CPR Certification" upon the successful completion of the academy.

Deadline to enroll is Thursday, July 5.

If you have any questions concerning the enrollment packet, please contact Kay Idlette at 772-462-7529 or email kidlette@irsc.edu.

Heavy rains may mean wildlife is on the move

The rising water levels caused by Tropical Storm Debby are forcing many critters to find higher ground. Snakes, alligators and fire ants top the list of displaced wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) cautions the public that snakes can be on the move as they flee flooded areas.

"When you are out in your yard, especially if you have standing water, be focused on your surroundings and be on the lookout for snakes," said Eric Dennis, FWC biologist.

"Alligators can also be on the move with the rising water," Dennis said.

If you see an alligator somewhere it shouldn't be, call the FWC's Nuisance Alligator Hotline: 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286).

"Although the FWC doesn't handle insects, another problem that may be encountered is floating mounds of fire ants that are also attempting to avoid the rising waters," Dennis said. "The entire colony of ants abandons their mound when floods

arrive. They then bind together into a ball that floats until the ants drift to higher ground."

Displaced wildlife can be seen during unusual times of day and in unusual places, such as a residential area.

"If you do see an animal in your yard, the best course of action is to leave it alone. Don't approach it. Don't try to feed it. The animal is not trying to relocate to your property; it's most likely using your property as a corridor to find a new, drier place to live," Dennis said.

Dennis also said it's important that nothing is left out around the property that could inadvertently attract wildlife. Attractants include trash cans, unsecure pet food and pet food dishes, barbecue grills, wildlife feeders for birds or squirrels, and compost piles for food scraps. Secure these items so wildlife does not have access to them.

If you see something really out of the ordinary, you can always report it to Wildlife Alert at 888-404-3922.

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Sunday night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 8 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Calm wind.

Monday night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Calm wind.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southeast wind 5 mph.



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Graduation

- I am hoping and praying that the venue for Okeechobee High School Graduation changes soon. It is 2012 and it is a shame that after completing 12 years of study our young people celebrate that achievement on a dirt floor facility. Can't the powers that be assist in making this great moment of achievement be celebrated in a pleasant more appealing atmosphere, rather than one that is used to show animals? I believe our seniors should be recognized for their accomplishments and be introduced to a higher standard. Two suggestions are to divide the graduating class in two, and have it at the high school, or move it to a

more appealing venue. Thanks.

Red Cross

Earlier this year the Red Cross advertised and requested in local papers the need for volunteers to join their organization and to attend a meeting at their headquarters in Okeechobee. Approximately 20 persons attended. However, I am surprised that after calling numerous times to inquire when there would be further training as promised, I was always told, "I will get back to you." I am left to wonder what is really going on? All I did was to respond to a call to help and be a Red Cross volunteer.

Supreme Court decision

- So according to the Supreme Court, we can now force people to buy and own guns simply by calling it a "tax." Finally a victory for the Second Amendment.

- So, the whole time President Obama was pushing through the Affordable Health Care Law, aka 'Obamacare', he said it was a not a tax. Over and over, he said it was not a tax increase. But now the Supreme Court says the only way it is constitutional is if it is a tax. So they declared it a tax rather than declare it unconstitutional. But taxes have to be initiated in the House of Representatives and the Affordable Health Care Act came from the Senate. So how can it legally be a tax? This makes my head hurt. Does Obama care cover Tylenol?

- The president is saying he won because the Supreme Court did not throw out his health care law. But they did take all of the teeth out of it when they said that the federal government cannot financially penalize the states by withholding Medicaid funds if they fail to implement it. So it's a law, but the states can still decide for themselves if they want to go through with it by expanding Medicaid coverage. And if the states don't enforce it, nothing happens. However, if you are an individual and don't obtain your own health care, you have to pay a new federal tax.



Reflections from the pulpit

"Who Is this

Who Commands the Winds?"

By Calvin Fryar, pastor

Brighton Baptist Church

Mark 4:41—"And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, 'What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'"

The story and background for this miracle was recorded in Mark 4:35-41. Jesus was tired and had fallen asleep in the boat when a terrible storm came up—the boat began taking on water and the disciples were afraid for their life. The scripture records: "And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea. Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." (Mark 4:38-39).

Our text records what happened next: "And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, 'What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'" [They went from fearing the wind to fearing the Lord!]

We are inclined to think that the disciples would have better understood the person of the Lord, and not reacted in this way. But when we remember that the people of our world are no different than the disciples in Jesus' day, we are able to understand and learn more from this event in their life.

John 1:3 declares that "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." The disciples should have known Him. Remember and never forget that there is only one Person who can command the winds. We should know Him as well. But at least they feared Him—that is wisdom's beginning. (See Pro. 9:10).

NOW LET US ASK, WHAT DID OUR FOREFATHERS KNOW?

As the president of Yale College (1778-1795), Ezra Stiles gave a major Election Address entitled "The United States Elevated to Glory and Honor," before the governor and the General Assembly of Connecticut in May 1783, stating: "In our lowest and most dangerous state, in 1776 and 1777, we sustained ourselves against the British Army of sixty thousand troops, commanded by...the ablest generals Britain could procure throughout Europe, with a naval force of twenty-two thousand seamen in above eighty men-of-war.

"Who but a Washington, inspired by heaven, could have conceived the surprise move upon the enemy at Princeton on that Christmas eve when Washington and his army crossed the Delaware? Who but the Ruler of the winds could have delayed the British reinforcements by three months of contrary ocean winds at a critical point of the war?"

Or what but "a providential miracle" at the last minute detected the treacherous scheme of traitor Benedict Arnold, which would have delivered the American army, including George Washington himself, into the hands of the enemy? On the French role in the Revolution, it is God who so ordered the balancing interests of nations as to produce an irresistible motive in the European maritime powers to take our part....The United States are under peculiar obligations to become a holy people unto the Lord our God.

There can be no doubt that THEY KNEW THEIR GREAT BENEFACTOR! Every miracle of God's grace is a standing rebuke of distrust—and they knew it! And America's faith in the Creator has been a blessing to the entire world (Mark 4:36).

Those "other little ships" (See v. 36) gained a great deal that day from Christ's saying, "Peace be still!" While no one was candid enough to acknowledge, they were rescued by the command of our Lord. The whole sea became tranquil, and the "other little ships" were not swamped by the waves. The world receives many unappreciated benefits from Jesus Christ's presence among His people. Men are just so many little ships, taking the many benefits created from the miracle of God's great love as their own. It is my belief that our forefathers saw this truth and were motivated by what they saw—that is why this truth was written into the Constitution of the Federal Government and most states.

They saw how property values were lifted by Christianity. They saw how the gospel lifted low and depraved neighborhoods into respectability. They saw how it enriched education. They saw how it elevated women. They saw how it alleviated sickness by giving hope and comfort. They saw with Patrick Henry that, "The Bible is worth all the other books which have ever been printed." —Patrick Henry, Revolutionary Leader and Orator.

We must never forget what they sacrificed and why! The signers of the Declaration of Independence (56 men) were not just signers of a piece of paper, but they paid with their lives, property and fortunes; they paid dearly for placing their name on that document: five were captured and executed for treason by the British; nine died fighting on the battlefield; twelve lost everything they had to the British fires.

John Quincy Adams sums it all up when he challenged us with these words: "Posterity—you will never know what it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it."

But this pales in comparison with what our Lord and Savior paid on Calvary for our liberty.

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Buxton-Seawinds Scholarship

The Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are Matthew Buxton, Brittany Runyon, Morgan Crawford and Marilyn Buxton.



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Coach Johnson Scholarship

The Edward "Coach" Johnson Memorial Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall to Richard Donegan.



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Hazellief Scholarship

The Demarious Hazellief Memorial Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall to Encarnacion Vega.



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Creative Writing Scholarship

The Betty Chandler Williamson Creative Writing Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are Betty Chandler Williamson, Cody Cummings and Elayne Warthen.



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Academy of Finance Scholarship

OHS Academy of Finance Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, at Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are Katherine Peterman and Daryl Roehm.



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Farm City Scholarship

Farm City Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right: Rachel Rabon, Jeff Sumner and Shyanne Prescott.

COUNTY

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problem." He said the city was going to do some grading and swale improvements to get the water to move to that area.

A contract was awarded to Go Underground Utilities in the amount of \$483,892.58 for that section of the project on S.W. 21st Street roughly between S.W. Second Avenue and S.W. Seventh Avenue and a portion of S.W. Seventh Avenue.

At their June 19 meeting the Okeechobee City Council voted to pay no more than \$95,000, toward the project, which is 50 percent of the county's grant match. However, the city will not pay for any cost overruns.

The auditor's report on the fiscal year 2010/2011 budget contained the magic words "unqualified audit" and "clean opinion." Expenses were up. However, that was due, in large part, to paying off loans. Recurring expenses were kept down. The auditors noted that the Agri-Civic center and Okee Tantie Campground and Marina are costing the county money when they should be self-sufficient.

"We're going in the right direction," said Commissioner Ray Domer. He noted that in

the past commissioners used the fund balance to help balance the budget. Now, he said they are using it to pay off debt.

Gary Ritter, director of South Florida Water Management District's Okeechobee Service Center, announced that since the lake level is close to 12 feet, as of Monday all the locks on the north end of the lake, with the exception the Taylor Creek lock, will be in operation.

Turning to other action, the board:

- changed voting precinct boundaries to conform to the 2010 census and went from 18 precincts in 15 locations to 11 precincts in 11 locations;

- approved a contract for heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements at the Douglas Brown Center in the amount of \$73,400 to Cooling Refrigeration Services, Inc.;

- purchased a replacement x-ray machine for the judicial center from L3 Communications in the amount of \$25,581;

- awarded an engineering contract for culvert replacement at N.E. 80th Avenue and 48th Street to Culpepper and Terpening for \$72,150;

- approved a new job description for seasonal mowers; and;

- received an overview of the current financial situation through May 31.

TURNER

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Florida USA 2010 and Arnold Kolozsvari of Revive Fitness.

On Oct. 16, 2011, Kathleen Turner was crowned Miss North Florida USA. The pageant was held in Florida State University's Moore Auditorium.

Miss Turner said her most memorable moment as Miss North Florida has been welcoming home the WWII veterans from their Honor Flights.

Miss Turner is a junior at FSU double majoring in English Literature and Political Science with a minor in Latin. She has been on the dean's list every semester and is ranked in the top 10 percent of her class.

She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization, FSU College Republicans, FSU Student Alumni Assoc. and is an FSU Athletic Booster.

In Spring 2012 she interned for Representative Pat Rooney and Spring 2011 she

interned for Representative Eduardo Gonzalez.

Miss Turner is working for Verizon Wireless in Okeechobee this summer. She is the FSU campus representative for Southern Tide as well as Stephen Bonanno Sandals.

Miss Turner graduate eighth in the OHS class of 2010. She was Miss Brahman 2010 and Miss Okeechobee USA 2010. She was a Scholar Athlete and Scholar Musician. As a four-year letterman in Band she played the clarinet and tenor saxophone in marching band, symphonic band and jazz band. She was also a two-year letterman in Tennis. She was a Bright Futures Academic Scholar and Advanced Placement Scholar. She received the OHS Principals Award for Leadership and the President's Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. In 2009 she represented OHS as the American Legion Girl's State Delegate.

Miss Turner is the daughter of George and Julie (Alexander) Turner and the granddaughter of Ann Alexander and Chris Schad.

To follow Miss Turner's progress, you can "like" her Miss North Florida USA 2013 page on Facebook.

Community Events

ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew"

ConKerr Cancer has one simple mission: "Giving sick kids a reason to smile - one pillowcase at a time."

The local chapter of ConKerr Cancer will have its next meeting on Tuesday, **July 3**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. It will be held at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave.

Bring your sewing machine (or serger) and fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to help make a difference to a sick child. All of our pillowcases will be given to St. Mary's Hospital, Palms West and/or Lakeside Hospital in Belle Glade.

For more information please call Joan at 863-467-0290.

Eagles North to host bingo night

Eagles North will have bingo July 3 at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, **July 4**, at 4:30 p.m. Come have a great time with us. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund. 9985 U.S. 441 N.

Cypress Hut Eagles hosting chicken and rice dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will be hosting a chicken and rice dinner on Tuesday, **July 3**, at 5 p.m. \$6. All proceeds go to Community Charity Fund. Public is welcome.

BHR VFW plans July 4 celebration

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, on State Road 78 W will host their fourth annual 4th of July Celebration. The fun will begin at 2 p.m. on July 4 with music, food and lots of activities. Music will be by John Gallagher. Food for sale will include sandwiches, grilled and smoked sausages, burgers, corn, beans and cole slaw. Games will include a double elimination corn hole tournament, which will have a \$5 entry fee with 100 percent payoff. The Men's Auxiliary will host a Jail-N-Bail. There will be a Red Solo Cup Sale and Cake Walk by the Ladies Auxiliary. A flag retirement ceremony will be at 6 p.m. Fireworks will be at dark. All proceeds go to help veterans and veterans' families. The public is invited.

American Legion Post hosting July 4 picnic

American Legion Post 64 will host a 4th of July barbecue ON Wednesday, **July 4**, from 2 until 6 p.m. Burgers and hot dogs will be served. Covered dishes are welcome. Music by Carl Cable will be featured. Come join the fun! Proceeds donations will benefit the veterans group.

Eagles North to host steak night

Eagles North will have Friday steak night on **July 6** starting at 5:30 p.m. Music by Lisa. On Saturday, July 7, come join us for CARD BINGO starting at 5 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the F.O.E. 4137 Community Benefit Fund. 9985 U.S. 441 N.

Church to host Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be at Victory Baptist Church on **July 9** through **13**. Come journey with us as we explore the jungles of life and discover the treasures of serving Jesus! It will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for ages 6-12. Please call 863-763-5067 to register.

Public invited to have coffee with a commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Frank Irby on Tuesday, **July 10**, from 10 a.m. to noon and will be held in Commissioner Irby's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St., Room 241. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Sports Complex to host Dive In Movie

Okeechobee County Sports Complex Pool will host Family Night on Thursday, **July 12**, from 6-8 p.m. The entry fee of \$2 includes pool entrance and Dive in Movie. Popcorn and drinks will be available for sale.

SKYWARN offering free training class

The National Weather Service and Okeechobee Emergency Operations Center with support from the Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will conduct a Weather Watching/SKYWARN Basic Training, on **Saturday, July 14**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the EOC, 707 N.W. Sixth St.. This is a free class and is open to the public.

For more information, see <http://SKYWARN.mcaraweb.com>.

To register for the class, please contact Ron Tagg at kd4pqq@arrl.net or 772-631-5846.

Freedom Outreach fishing tournaments set

The Freedom Outreach fishing tournaments will be held on Sunday, **July 15**, Aug. 12 and the championship on Sept. 9 (\$120). The \$80 (cash only) entry fee includes the big fish pot and championship fund. You must fish at least four tournaments to be in the championship event! All tournaments will be held at Okee-Tantie Marina Boat Ramp from safe light until 2 p.m. Food and drinks free at weigh in. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or with questions.

Poker run will benefit children of Heather Town

A poker run and bake sale to benefit Heather Town's children are planned for **July 22**, with the first bike out at 1 p.m. and last bike in at 3 p.m. The first stop is J&S Fish Camp; second stop, Happy Hour Tavern; third stop, Frost Mug; fourth stop, North Eagles Aerie on U.S. 441 N.; fifth stop, Good Spirits Lounge; sixth stop Uncle Larry's Rim Ditch Cafe. The last stop is at the Cypress Hut Eagles 4701 U.S. 441 S.E. (the old Cypress Hut Flea Market). This is where the benefit will be. There will be a bake sale, a 50/50 drawing, and pulled pork sandwich dinners for \$6. Music will be by Debbie and Jimmy Harper. A car wash sponsored by Kitana and friends will start at noon. For more information, contact Chrissy at 863-697-6812 or Courtney at 863-261-1920.

Obituaries

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Linda 'Sweet Pea' Mongillo

OKEECHOBEE — Linda "Sweet Pea" Mongillo age 59 of Okeechobee died Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in Lawnwood Regional Medical Center. She was born Mar. 11, 1953 in New Bern, North Carolina. She was a member of the Living Word of Faith Church and was a retired Nurse.

She is survived by her loving husband, Mark Mongillo of Okeechobee; daughters, Chrystal Buck (Johnny Osceola) of Okeechobee, Kimberly Simms of Windsor, Va., Alisa Goodman (Kenneth) of Windsor, Va.; sisters, Reba Clayton (Stanley) of Zuni, Va., Patsy Klemme (Corey) of Toledo, Ohio, Donna Palacios (Eric) of Chesapeake, Va., Bonnie Moyer (Kenneth) of Chesapeake, Va., Diane White (Russell) of Mass., Tracy Leineraweaver (John), Maysville, N.C.; brothers, James Bell of Emporia, Va., Charlie Bell (Laura) of Suffolk, Va. and David Bell (Destiny) of Pollocksville, N.C.

There will be no public services.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Living Word of Faith, P.O. Box 782, Okeechobee, FL 34972

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street Okeechobee, Florida. On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

Donna J. Wilson, 67

OKEECHOBEE — Donna June Wilson died on June 27, 2012 at Florida Hospital in Lake Placid. She was a full time resident of the Lake Placid Health Care Facility.

Donna was born in Okeechobee, Florida on Oct. 25, 1944 to Jesse James and Laura Lamb Hunter.

Donna enjoyed reading, crafts and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by both of her parents; and sister, Faye Norman.

She is survived by her son, Jess (Richonda) Manson of Okeechobee; and daughter, Rebel (Douglas) Whitmire of Town Creek, Ala.; sisters, Claudette Norman of Okeechobee and Diane Dunn of Lorida; grandchildren, Brooke (Mark) Joiner, Lexi, Tyler, Avary, Rachael and Ryleigh; and great-grandson, Layton.

A gathering for family and friends will be held 5-7 p.m. Monday, July 2, 2012 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com

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Grace A. Maxson

LORIDA — Grace A. Maxson, age 95 of Lorida and formerly of Canal Point, died Thursday, June 28, 2012 in Raulerson Hospital.

She was born Aug. 17, 1916 in Glenwood, Georgia to Morris Lee and Olive (Morrison) Adams. She was a member of the Canal Point Methodist Church and a member of the Beta Sigma Phi.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Nathan Earl Maxson; and sister, Margie Bennett.

She is survived by her son, George (Shirley) Maxson of Tuskasagee, N.C.; daughter, Patricia Ann Nason of Singer Island, Fla.; grandson, Nathan Earl (Mary Lou) Nason of Singer Island, Fla.; great grandson, David Nason.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, July 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. in the Port Mayaca Cemetery.

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Local store owner arrested again on spice charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Mohammed Salam

A local store owner was arrested this week for allegedly selling synthetic marijuana, also known as spice—his second arrest this month on the same charge.

Mohammed Mamus Salam, 35, Lake Ave., West Palm Beach, was arrested Wednesday, June 27, on two felony charges of sale of a controlled substance - synthetic cannabinoids (spice) and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell synthetic cannabinoid (spice).

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$10,000. Jail records show he has since been released on bond.

Salam, owner of the Marathon Convenience Store at 118 S. Parrott Ave., was first arrested on June 7 on the very same charges. He was released from jail after posting a \$50,000 bond.

Although he was arrested on identical charges, the second charge did not stem from him allegedly selling spice after his first arrest.

An arrest report by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force stated that confidential sources twice bought the now-illegal synthetic marijuana from Salam. Because the substances used to make spice

can be readily changed, before an arrest can be made the suspected spice is first sent to a criminal laboratory to see if actually contains an illegal substance.

In Salam's case, the suspected spice was sent to the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce for testing.

When the first results came back, Salam was arrested on June 7.

The task force detective then received word Tuesday, June 26, that the second package of alleged spice sent to the lab also contained an illegal substance. Because of that, Salam was arrested Wednesday on the two new felony charges.

A task force arrest report indicated that Salam's first arrest came about after he sold a confidential source four packages of Marley Boy brand spice at a total cost of \$40. In the second case filed against Salam, a different confidential source entered the man's store and reportedly purchased one package of Blue Sky brand spice.

When Salam was escorted out of his store June 7 in handcuffs by Chief Denny Davis, of the Okeechobee City Police Department, and Sheriff Paul May, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, he not only professed his innocence but said he doesn't even stock spice in his store.

But when investigators then searched his business they seized 548 bags of suspected spice that had an estimated worth of \$6,000.

"We asked him to quit—he didn't, and this is what he gets," said Sheriff May.

Synthetic cannabinoids, often sold as incense, contain chemicals that mimic THC—the active ingredient in marijuana—and can produce a marijuana-like high. Smoking spice can cause seizures, vomiting, paranoia and delusions. It damages the lungs and cardiovascular system, and can cause brain damage or even death.

According to a detective with the task force Salam, along with every other business in the county where spice was sold, was told on April 5 to stop selling the substance. This warning was issued about a

month after Florida House Bill 175 went into effect, which bans the sale and possession of synthetic cannabinoids.

Ironically, during that search of Salam's business detectives found a copy of HB 175 near the cash register. The date on that paperwork indicated that he had printed out the bill on April 10—five days after he was told to stop selling spice.

"They were advised if they didn't stop selling it they would be arrested," said a task force detective of the warnings.

Pet of the Week

Lola is a calm and sweet young female Australian Shepherd mix with unusual markings. She spent some time in the SPIN program and is ready to be a good companion for a family. Adoption fee is \$175 which includes spaying and all current vaccinations. Lola can be seen at the Okeechobee Humane Society Pet/Rescue shelter on U.S. Highway 98 N., which is open Tuesday, Thursday,



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GAMBLE WITH CARE

Quality Air Conditioning hosts luau for June Mixer

On Thursday, June 14, Quality Air Conditioning and Heating, 5351 S.W. 16th Avenue, hosted the monthly Main Street Mixer with an exciting Hawaiian Luau. Owners Bud and Ami Neese welcomed over 75 Main Street members, visitors and guests and introduced staff members Michelle Chandler, Laura Altman and Lisa Smith. While visitors mingled and enjoyed wonderful Hawaiian hors d'oeuvres, decorations and hospitality, Bud took the opportunity to share his business with the crowd. The Neese's have been in business and serving Okeechobee nearly 30 years and are dealers for Trane and Mitsubishi Ductless Air Systems. The Ductless Systems are cutting edge technology, allowing the owner to control temperatures in individual rooms, which saves energy and provides comfort. Everyone was im-

pressed with how quiet the system was. Quality AC and Heating service any make and model air conditioner and estimates are free!

Main Street President Maureen Burroughs thanked the Neeses and their staff for sponsoring the event and welcomed guests. Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw reminded everyone of the new mural dedication and the upcoming National Day of the American Cowboy celebration scheduled for July 27 and 28. Several door prizes were presented to lucky guests.

Okeechobee Main Street welcomes the public to all mixers. For more information contact the Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246 or stop in the Main Street office at 111 N.E. 2nd Street (directly north of CVS).



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Quality Air Conditioning and Heating hosted the June mixer for Okeechobee Main Street with a Hawaiian Luau. (left to right) Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw, Promotions Director Frank DeCarlo, President Maureen Burroughs, Secretary Courtney Moyett, Vice President John Creasman with Quality AC and Heating Owners Ami and Bud Neese.

Okeechobee Stitchin' group meets at Presbyterian Church

Okeechobee Stitchin' meets every Thursday at the Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and come join us for socialization and crafting fun. All crafts are welcome: knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, beading or embroidery. Have a question about something or want to learn a new craft or technique, this is the place to be. Work on your project, our current project, try something new, or teach us something new, we love to work and learn together. The last Thursday of each month is our pot luck luncheon. For more information call Sandy Brown, 863-697-3099, or Correy Geissinger, 863-467-2231.

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Plaster fun

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Livestock Market Report

JUNE 25 & 26, 2012

MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM...TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
800-1000	92	62.00	90.00	72.86
1000-1200	200	60.00	88.00	76.69
1200-1400	89	62.00	90.00	79.00
1400-1600	30	74.00	88.00	81.65
1600-1800	7	78.00	90.00	83.14

BULLS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
1200-1400	4	82.00	89.00	84.67
1400-1600	11	85.00	104.00	90.50
1600-1800	12	82.00	102.00	92.17

STEERS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
200-250	15	175.00	300.00	235.63
250-300	38	150.00	250.00	203.13
300-350	72	145.00	222.50	194.56
350-400	93	150.00	210.00	179.95
400-450	95	135.00	197.50	166.14
450-500	68	130.00	177.50	155.92
500-550	55	125.00	167.00	149.59
550-600	49	120.00	160.00	146.96
600-650	30	122.00	155.00	142.79
650-700	22	125.00	154.00	140.21

HEIFERS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
200-250	22	175.00	280.00	209.55
250-300	20	155.00	230.00	182.67
300-350	39	130.00	200.00	162.76
350-400	48	140.00	185.00	158.26
400-450	51	135.00	167.50	155.20
450-500	41	125.00	163.00	145.56
500-550	49	125.00	158.00	143.82
550-600	36	134.00	151.00	141.80
600-650	18	137.50	144.00	141.38

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	224	551
COWS	52	400
STRS	19	47
HFRS	11	11
BULLS	7	32
YRJNGS	21	118
MIX	0	0
TOTAL	334	1159

Calf prices sort of up and down this week. 300-400# calves were \$1-2 higher. Lighter and heavier calves were \$1 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls back up a little at \$2-\$3 higher, but don't expect them to get much higher this summer especially with the drought in western U.S.

Tommy Hoover, Okeechobee, topped the calf market with a high of \$3.35, bought by Foy Reynolds. J.C. Jackman Cattle, Clewiston, topped the cow market with a high of 90.00 bought by Central Beef.

Make plans for our Heifer Sale and Bull Sales in October.

Jeff

Bay scallop season opens July 1

It's time, bay scallop harvesters! Get your snorkels, masks and dive flags ready. The recreational bay scallop harvest season starts July 1. The season is regularly open through Sept. 10, but at its June 28 meeting in Palm Beach Gardens, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will discuss extending the season by two weeks.

Bay scallops can be recreationally harvested in Gulf of Mexico state waters (shore to nine nautical miles) from the Pasco-Hernando County line to the west bank of the

Mexico Beach Canal in Bay County.

The recreational bag limit is two gallons of whole bay scallops or one pint of meat per person, per day, with a vessel limit of 10 gallons of whole bay scallops or one-half gallon of meat.

For more information about bay scallop season, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater," "Recreational Regulations" and "Bay Scallops." To learn more about the June 27-28 Commission meeting, visit MyFWC.com/Commission.

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Okeechobee man charged in two area burglaries

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Richard A. Peacock

An Okeechobee man is being held on bond in the Okeechobee County Jail following his arrest on burglary charges in connection with two separate alleged thefts.

Richard Alton Peacock Jr., 30, N.W. 106th St., was arrested June 26 on felony charges of burglary (two counts) and grand theft. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of petit theft, obstruc-

tion by a disguised person, trespassing and criminal mischief.

His total bond has been set at \$23,000.

Arrest reports by Deputy Howard Pickering, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated that Peacock burglarized a business on June 14 and took a number of items that had a total value of \$2,335. Among those items taken was a DVD camera, wheels and tires, a logging chain, two tractor forks that were attached to a tractor bucket, two fueling pumps and 100 gallons of diesel fuel.

In the second burglary, the deputy's report stated that Peacock took some copper

pipe and a large amount of electrical wire from a home that is being renovated.

According to the deputy's report, a witness saw a white Dodge pickup drive up to the home. At that time, the bed of the truck appeared to be empty, the witness reportedly told the deputy. However, continued the report, when the truck left the home the witness said it was "... loaded with electrical wire ..."

Deputy Pickering went on to state that he had been looking for the 2008 pickup and the driver, Peacock, because of their connection to the June 14 thefts.

When the truck was stopped by another

OCSO deputy on June 27, the driver allegedly gave the deputy a Florida driver's license identifying him as Richard Todd Ochsenbine II. However, when Deputy Pickering arrived at the scene he identified the driver as Peacock.

The arrest report stated that the wire and pipe was recovered and returned to the home, but it does not indicate if any of the items taken in the first burglary were recovered.

Deputy Pickering also gave Peacock a traffic citation for driving on a suspended license with knowledge.

Local Blood Drives planned

Come and give the gift of life to someone in your own hometown. The Big Red Bus will be at the following locations during the month of July.

- Friday, July 6 – Publix, 1-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 8 – More to Life Ministries, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday, July 13 – Walgreen's, 2-6 p.m.
- Sunday, July 15 – Golden Corral, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 19 – SFWMD, Hwy 70 Sta., Noon-5 p.m.
- Saturday, July 21 – Publix, Noon-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 22 – Lodge at the Lake, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Friday, July 27 -- Seacoast National Bank, S., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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OSCO Investigations

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- BURGLARY**
- 1100 block of N.E. 16th Ave.
 - 2600 block of N.W. 35th Drive

- THEFT**
- 22000 block of N.W. 278th St.
 - 9200 block of N.E. 101st St.
 - 3600 block of S.E. 20th Terrace
 - 2800 block of S.E. 19th Court (identity)
 - 5900 block of N.E. Third Lane (identity)
 - 6900 block of N.E. 11th Lane

Pet Rescue needs volunteers for Day of the Cowboy event

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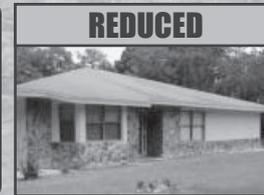
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M. AT 17429 NW 24ND STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 (FIELD OFFICE). A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST FROM THE UNDERSIGNED. IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING; THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, IS MADE. ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING MUST HAVE THEIR NAME AND TOPIC PLACED ON THE AGENDA ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET WILL BE PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED.

WILLARD M. BYARS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 17429 NW 24ND STREET OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 (863)763-4601 OR (863)634-3166 420956 ON 7/1/2012

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Board of Adjustment and Appeals on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The agenda is available on the City website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Under consideration is Special Exception Petition No. 12-003-SE, submitted by Muhammad Nooruddin, on behalf of property owners A.M.S.A. Holdings, LLC and E.A.A.A.S. Holdings, LLC, to allow a group home that would provide for a Rehabilitation Center and Assisted Living Facility within a Light Commercial (CLT) Zoning District (Ref. Code Book Section 90-253(16)). Property is located at 608 NE 2nd Avenue, Legal: Lots 3-6, Block 78, City of Okeechobee, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5 Page 5, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire petition may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

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By: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator Petition No. 12-003-SE 421045 ON 7/1,11/2012

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board on Thursday, July 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The agenda is available on the City website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Under consideration is Rezoning Petition No. 12-001-R, submitted by Muhammad Nooruddin, on behalf of property owners, A.M.S.A. Holdings, LLC and E.A.A.A.S. Holdings, LLC, for the purpose of changing the Zoning District, on approximately 0.642 acres, from Commercial Professional Office (CPO) to Light Commercial (CLT) for property located at 608 NE 2nd Avenue. Legal: Lots 3-6, Block 78, City of Okeechobee, as recorded in Plat Book 5 Page 5, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire application may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

The Planning Board's role will be to make a recommendation for approval or denial, to the City Council, final adoption is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

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By: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator Application No. 12-001-R 421043 ON 7/1,11/2012

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Hospital offers tips for preventing workout injuries

Making the decision to exercise is the first step to a stronger, healthier body. However, whether you are starting an exercise plan for the first time or just getting back to working out, keep in mind there are some risks associated with exercise. No matter if you are working out in a gym, the park or even your own home, it's important to keep safety in mind. Here are some helpful tips for avoiding injuries while working out.



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1. Stretch

Your muscles and joints should be prepped for exercise! It is particularly important to have a good stretching session if you will be performing exercises like running or swimming that require a large range of motion.

2. Choose the right attire and gear

From the proper running or walking shoes to the right gear, such as weight lifting gloves or a bicycle helmet, making sure you're properly outfitted for exercise will help you avoid injury. If you're not sure about shoes or equipment, check with someone at the local sporting goods store or a trainer at your gym.

3. Start slow

If you're beginning exercise for the first time, you should start off slow. If you're running for the first time, for instance, start off at a slow pace and shorter distance, and eventually work your way up to your goal time or distance. Don't try to do too much too soon.

4. Use the Buddy System

This is especially important if you are doing weight training. Even if you don't have a true workout buddy, grab someone to spot you when lifting weights in the gym. You don't want to drop a weight on yourself or strain a muscle trying to lift too heavy of a weight.

5. Ask the Pros

A certified personal trainer can show

you the correct form and even create an individual workout plan tailored to your capabilities and goals. If you can't afford a full-on personal trainer, you may check with your gym to see if they give tours of the facility and introductory courses on using the equipment.

Remember to keep safety in mind when beginning any workout or exercise plan. An exercise injury could put your healthy lifestyle at a standstill and may even lead to long-term damage that could limit your ability to workout. Raulerson Hospital's Physical Therapy Department has a Wellness Program for the public. Members of the community can exercise in our Outpatient Physical Therapy facility, under the supervision of a physical therapist. The fee to utilize the Wellness Center is \$25 a month. For more information on the Wellness Center contact our Outpatient Physical Therapy Department at 467-6659. For a health question or physician referral contact Consult-A-Nurse@service at 863-763-9228

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