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## DEP kicks off lake restoration plan

TALLAHASSEE--On Feb. 20, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection took a major step forward in drawing up a detailed restoration plan for Lake Okeechobee and met with key area stakeholders. At the same time, the Department has committed \$4 million toward restoring the lake through an Istokpoga Marsh water quality improvement project.

This restoration plan, called a basin management action plan, or BMAP, will identify ad-

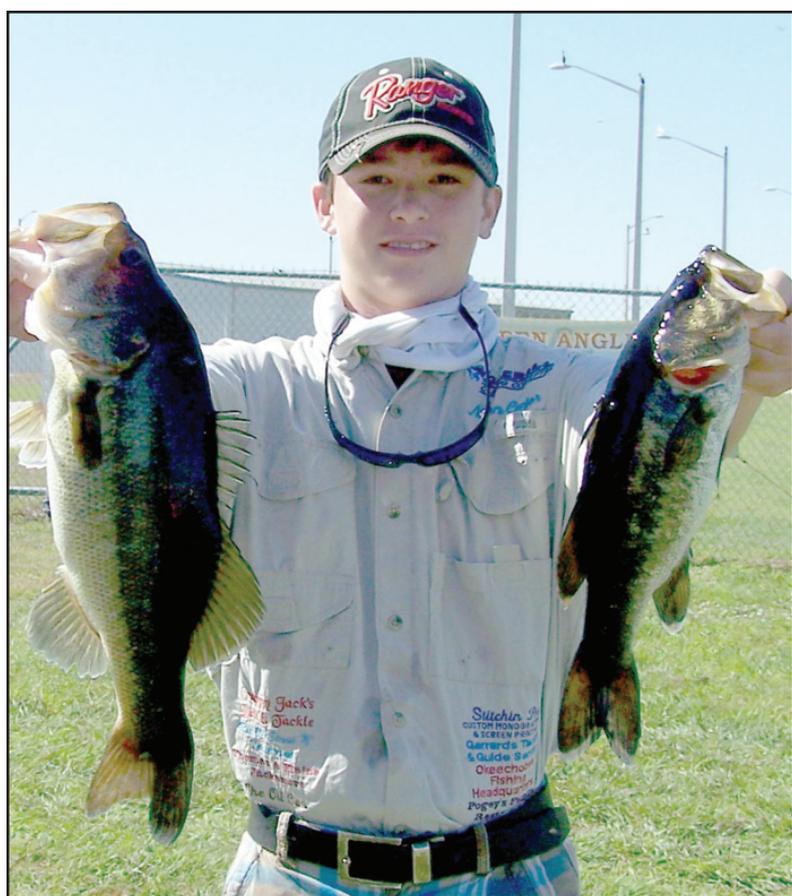
ditional water quality projects moving forward, funding sources and an implementation schedule necessary to bring the Lake Okeechobee watershed back to health.

Lake Okeechobee is a source of water for the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries as well as the Everglades. Completing the Department's restoration plan will be another step toward achieving the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program's goals, set by the

Florida Legislature in 2007.

"This restoration plan, along with the restoration plans for the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, are important to the health of these South Florida waterbodies," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "We are grateful to the South Florida Water Management District, not only for contributing \$2 million

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Special to the Okeechobee News

## Teen anglers compete

Nathan Center took first place in the 11-14 age group in the Big O Teen Anglers recent bass tournament on Lake Okeechobee. For more on the story, see page 8.

## Band members found guilty for part in riot

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Three members of a Mexican band who were arrested on felony charges in connection with a riot during a concert at the agri-civic center have been found guilty and sentenced to probation.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright, who prosecuted the case, said Marisol Terrazas, Virginia Terrazas and Antonio Medina will also have to do community service and pay all court costs and fees. They were also required to write a letter of

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Los Horoscopos de Durango singers Marisol (left) and Virginia (right) Terrazas left the Okeechobee County Courthouse Wednesday after pleading no contest to charges they faced regarding a riot at a November concert at the Agri-Civic Center.

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# Sheriff and wife co-chair March for Babies

March for Babies is the number one fund raising event for the March of Dimes and is a great opportunity for you, your company, and your family to show how much you care about the babies in our community.

Sheriff Paul and Delores May both know how important the March of Dimes mission is. They have taken on the roles of March for Babies co-chairs to raise awareness and important funding for stronger, healthier babies.

"This campaign gives us a unique opportunity to help the community that we love. One in seven babies here in Florida is born premature, and that's just not acceptable. It takes leaders in our community working together to ensure moms have healthy pregnancies," said Sheriff May. The March of Dimes is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. "More than 4 million babies are born

in the United States each year and the March of Dimes has helped each and every one of them through research, education, vaccines and breakthroughs. Celebrate with us by surpassing your fund raising goal to help more babies start healthy lives."

Although Delores May has participated in March for Babies for many years, the March of Dimes became a more special cause to her when the Mays' grandson, Zachary, was born 5 weeks premature. His mother had an extremely difficult pregnancy from 20 weeks to 35 weeks, when Zachary was born. Zachary's mother was on bed-rest starting at 20 weeks due to early contractions. From then on, she received medication administered through a needle in her leg that was attached to a pump for constant dosage to stop contractions. After several hospital stays, she

was given medication to strengthen Zachary's lungs in case of premature delivery. Research funded by the March of Dimes helped develop these medications.

"There is no doubt that Zachary was born strong and healthy because of the research funded by the March of Dimes", said Delores May. "Please help keep this research funded by supporting the March of Dimes.

"When you sign up at marchforbabies.org be sure to take the 'Be Your Best' challenge. We'll be there with our team on Saturday, March 9, 2013 along with more than 400 participants for the 3.25 mile walk beginning and ending at Flagler Park. Join us for a day filled with family, friends, fun and entertainment. Together, we'll raise over \$45,000 for stronger, healthier babies," said Delores May.

# IRSC hosts Writers' Day Event at Main Campus

Writers and aspiring authors are invited to polish their craft at the Indian River State College Writer's Day event on Saturday, March 16. Writer's Day will be held at the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Room Y-102, on the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue, in Fort Pierce, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lunch provided.

The Brown Center is located on the 35th Street side of the campus. This program is designed to improve writing, thinking and

communication skills. Participants may register for \$25 per person - payable to the IRSC Foundation. Space is limited to the first 55 registrants.

Writers' Day will include multi-media presentations and discussions dealing with a variety of topics such as research techniques, dialogue, style, poetic language, creative non-fiction, characterization, passion, creativity, technology, listening, critical thinking and much more.

The event is sponsored by the IRSC Foundation, The Gladys Williams Wolf Endowed Teaching Chair in Communications, The Center for Media and Journalism Studies, and the English, Communications, and Modern Languages Department at IRSC.

For more information and to register, contact Dr. Matthew Brooks at 772-462-7842 or mbrooks@irsc.edu.

# Children's Services Council has grants for summer programs

The Children's Services Council announces they are seeking proposals from public agencies and legally incorporated not-for-profit and for profit agencies. The purpose of these proposals is to improve and expand services to the children of Okeechobee County by providing new, expanded or continued services for priority need areas. This year there will be approximately \$350,000.00 available to fund these proposals.

The proposals schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 28-4 p.m. Request for Proposal Meeting, Okeechobee County School Board, Room 303. Application forms are available to be picked up at this meeting. There may be more than two Children's Services Council members attending this meeting. The meeting is mandatory for those wishing to apply for the grants.

- April 17-3 p.m. Submit proposals to Okeechobee County School Board, Room 304.
- May 3-Interview with RFP Selection Sub-Committee.
- June 13-Public Hearing regarding RFP's.
- August 2013-Council final decision on funded proposals.

Funding priorities include: Substance Abuse Prevention, delinquency prevention, abuse/neglect prevention, transportation, cultural diversity training and positive alternative activities.

During the 2012-2013 grant year, the Council funded 24 different grants with funds that ranged from \$1,500 to \$37,000. These grants addressed several of the priorities that had been identified by the community including summer programs, after-school programs, respite care and truancy. All grants will be

reviewed by a sub-committee of volunteers, graded and ranked. The sub-committee will then interview the grant writers of agencies that have been funded for five years or less (the other agencies will be penalized for not interviewing) to form final recommendations to the full Council.

Agencies are encouraged to collaborate with each other to make best use of the resources available to our area. Grant recipients that have received CSC funds for five years or more must indicate that they receive at least 51% or greater from other sources.

Any questions should be directed to Cheryl Sutton, Secretary to the Executive Director of Children's Services Council at 863-462-5000, extension 255 or Cathleen Blair, Executive Director, at 863-610-0176.

# Okeechobee Forecast

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**Today:** Partly sunny with isolated showers. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Chance of rain 20 percent.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds around 10 mph decreasing to around 5 mph after midnight. Chance of rain 20 percent.

## Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Lows in the mid 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

**Sunday:** Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening showers. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

**Monday:** Partly sunny. A slight chance of showers in the morning...then a chance of showers and a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 30 percent.

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# Plans for new county building taking shape

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

Plans for the county's new office building overcame another hurdle on Thursday, Feb. 21 at the meeting of the City Technical Review Committee.

According to recent state mandates, the county tax collector will soon be issuing drivers' licenses. The 12,000 square foot building will house the tax collector with sufficient

space to issue drivers' licenses as well as the property appraiser's office. It is scheduled to be built on the southwest section of the block that contains the current tax collector and property appraiser's offices.

After considerable discussion of the parking situation for the new building the committee voted to recommend that the city council determine that there is sufficient on street parking in the vicinity of the new

building. They also recommended to the council that construction of a paved parking lot on the northwest portion of that block be delayed until the next fiscal year.

The county plans to modify the landscaping and submit a plan for lighting the parking lot.

*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).*

# Los Horoscopos de Durango band members apologize

Three members of the band, Los Horoscopos de Durango, were in Okeechobee County Court on Wednesday, facing charges in regard to their part in a riot at a concert at the Agri-Civic Center in November 2012. Each presented a written letter of apology to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and to the people of Okeechobee. These letters are below. For the story, see page one.

*Please receive and hopefully accept this letter of apology for my conduct that led to this case. I am very sorry and I take full responsibility.*

*We were told that we would no longer be welcome in Okeechobee. I am sorry for acting in an improper manner which was not consistent with the respect that I have for the police department; its fine officers; and, the good people of Okeechobee.*

*I hope I can tell you this in person.*

Sincerely,  
**Marisol Terrazas**

*It is my sincerest hope that you are well upon receipt of this letter.*

*Please receive and hopefully accept my apology for my conduct that led to this case. I am very sorry and there was no excuse for my behavior. Rather than rationalize and seek fault in others, I take full responsibility for my conduct and consequences.*

*We were told that we would no longer be welcome in Okeechobee. We again apologize for acting in an improper manner which was not consistent with the respect that we have for the police department; its fine officers; and, the good people of Okeechobee.*

*I hope that I can tell you this in person.*

Sincerely,  
**Virginia 'Vicky' Terrazas**

*I want to take this opportunity to wish you a good day and express my remorse to you and the people of Okeechobee for my behavior.*

*I apologize for my conduct and take full responsibility for my conduct and consequences.*

*We were told that we would no longer be welcome in Okeechobee. I apologize for acting in an improper manner which was not consistent with the respect that I have for the police department; its fine officers; and, the good people of Okeechobee.*

*I hope that I can tell you this in person.*

Sincerely,  
**Antonio Medina**

*P.S. I asked the attorney to assist me in writing this letter.*

# City council evaluates administrator and attorney

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee City Council meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 19 was short and sweet, lasting only 13 minutes and consisting of routine, noncontroversial items.

## Eagles to serve catfish

Eagles North, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will serve catfish on Friday, Feb. 22 as well as steaks. Come have dinner with us and enjoy the music from 5:30 to 9 p.m. for dinners. Proceeds will go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

## KOA to host party

Okeechobee KOA will hold a party on Friday, March 1, with a night of dancing, music and libations. Howard Liningston and the Mile Marker 24 band will perform. Their original Trop-rock music is a soundtrack to a lifestyle of flip flops and tank tops! Bid on a margarita blended with a 1952 Johnson outboard motor. This Keys favorite band has won music awards for song of the year, entertainer and band of the year. All proceeds from this KOA care camp event benefit children's cancer programs administered by American Cancer Society. Ticket on sale at the KOA office or call 763-0231. \$17 admission or \$100 for a table for 6. 7: 00 to 10: pm. Doors and cash bar open at 6:15 pm.

The council approved the temporary closing of specific sections of S.W. Fourth Street and S.W. Fifth and Sixth Avenues on specific dates to accommodate activities of First Baptist Church.

Mayor James Kirk announced the annual evaluation scores of City Administrator Brian Whitehall and City Attorney John Cook as they were evaluated by the city council. On a scale of 1 to 5 Mr. Whitehall scored a 4.925 and Mr. Cook scored a 4.025. "Both these evaluations are very good," the mayor commented.

"Thanks for the opportunity to serve and the vote of confidence," was the response of Mr. Whitehall.

The terms of regular member Noel Chandler and alternate member Jeff Fadley on the Okeechobee Utility Authority Board of Directors expire March 1 of this year.

The council reappointed them to their respective seats with terms ending March 1, 2017.

They also named Councilman Devin Maxwell as the city's representative to the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County.

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## Speak Out

*Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com), click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!*

### Mixed drink ban on Sundays

- Not sure what churches are supposed to do but Rev. Billy Graham has been conversing with and advising presidents for years. Preachers regularly advise their parishioners about worldly affairs, when Jesus said that his followers were no part of the world.

- No Bloody Marys on game day? Ridiculous!

- I would like the ministers who oppose the sale of mixed drinks on Sunday to explain just why beer and wine are OK but mixed drinks are not. Back in 1957 when the law was first passed and in 1977 when it was amended, I am guessing people thought beer and wine were not as addictive or intoxicating as the "hard" stuff. But since then it has been proven by scientists that the alcohol is the same. There was a big educational campaign by the Mothers Against Drunk Driving explaining that a "drink is a drink is a drink." There is the same amount of alcohol in a glass of wine, a beer and a mixed drink. One is not "hard" and the other "soft." People who drink beer or wine can become alcoholics just as easily as those who drink mixed whiskey or vodka. Chemically there is no difference between the alcohol in a beer and the alcohol in a mixed drink. The key is not to over indulge. So, why is one morally OK with the church folks and the other is offensive?

- We are starting a petition at Applebee's in Okeechobee and want your signature. Please come in an speak to any manager to sign it. This needs to change.

- The city as well as the citizens needs your signature. Make it down to Applebee's to sign the petition. Then make plans to attend the city counsel meeting. We can and will make a change. We the people are the ones that make the decisions and we the people need to take action.

- I will sign the petition and will make the meeting if it's held when the poor blue collar folks can attend.

- I wonder when the city council members talk about people calling them on this issue, do they ask if the callers live in the city limits? Or are people who don't even live in the city limits dictating policy for the city taxpayers?

- Some representatives purposely schedule meetings so that they don't have to hear from their constituents. Seems like I remember 6 p.m. mentioned. The committee/councilmen often schedule these meetings so they can go directly from their day jobs to the meeting and then be done with their day. By the time a dirt worker gets done and drives an hour home, they don't have time to shower, get on clean clothes and arrive on time. I'd go dirty if I had to, and if you see that many others have the same complaint, demand they move the meeting time to 7 p.m.

### Korean War

- Recently the newspaper ran an article on a veteran receiving a certificate from the Department of Defense for veterans who served in the Korean War or "the forgotten war." All veterans appreciate being recognized for their service to the country. You should know the Department of Defense sent the American Legion 93 such certificates to be delivered to Korean War veterans without addresses, envelopes or postage. Our adjutant researched each one to send to the veteran or surviving family. The American Legion paid for envelopes and postage to ensure proper delivery. The forgotten war veteran appreciates the certificates but wonders why it took from Jan. 31, 1955 to say "thanks."

### Tax exemptions for churches

- On the subject of tax exemptions/evaluations by churches, possibly the public could bring about a change, especially if they realize they are subsidizing them

- Churches that compete with private businesses should not be tax exempt. Restaurants pay taxes so why should a church that is running a restaurant get away with not paying taxes? It is not fair that the private business has to compete with them but they play by a separate set of rules because they don't have to pay taxes.

## Letters to the Editor

### Okee-Tantie on agenda

After taking the oath of office of County Commissioner I asked my fellow commissioners if they would like me to attempt to find a private developer to join with Okeechobee County to rebuild Okee-Tantie Campground into the asset that it had the potential to be. They enthusiastically agreed, with the exception of Commissioner Hoover as he was absent due to a family emergency.

Staff prepared a Letter of Interest that went to every possible developer that had an interest in doing a Luxury R.V. Resort. After months only one firm had shown an interest. The letter of interest specifically talked of a long term lease which is what the developer presented in his proposal.

There has been a deliberate attempt to confuse people on how this lease would work. In very simple terms the developer would sign a 50 year lease with a 49 year option that would have to be agreed upon by both the developer and the county. At the end of the lease, all assets would be returned to the county and the county would continue to own everything in the park.

All current facilities would remain open and free to the public with the exception of the campsites, as it was prior to its recent closing.

The County would receive \$1.6 million for the 440 sites, 50 percent of all rentals, 3 percent bed tax and 7 percent sales tax. The County would also receive 100 percent of the Ad Valorem tax generated by the 440 campsites.

As the economy recovers and property values start to go up the ad valorem taxes would go up proportionally. This would mean that as the developers make more money the County would make more money also, unlike when the Bridges leased the park in the past.

The developer has addressed every concern that was expressed including the retention of the current launch site for the airboaters. On June 28, 2012 the board voted 3 to 1 to approve the proposal if all conditions were met and all permits approved, which was accomplished. F

Fast forward to January 2013 and the vote was now 3 to 2 against. The only thing that changed was that the developer was offering almost 3 times as much money for the sites and the money for the sites would be paid up front at the beginning of each phase

to eliminate any fear that the phases would not be completed.

Why did this vote change?

Okeechobee needs this economic boost and I believe this will be the first project in Okeechobee's history that is not costing Okeechobee's residents and taxpayers a single dime.

The LAST meeting about this project will be Thursday Feb. 28 and I ask all interested parties to be at the historic Courthouse at 9 a.m. to voice your opinion pro or con. This opportunity will never happen again.

Respectfully

**Bryant H. Culpepper**

### Homes damaged

I am writing to say that I can relate to the writer who wrote about being lied to from the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the time frame for the locks at Tayler Creek. I live at the end of the Kissimmee River restoration project. It was supposed to be finished months ago and is now at a standstill.

In the meantime, several homes were damaged by a vibratory roller. Walls, ceilings, and concrete floors were cracked. The Army Corps of Engineers asked us to get estimates and fill out claim forms for the damages. They gave us a time frame to get this sent to them and told us they would make a decision by a certain date. They lied. They then sent an engineering company to inspect the damages. After putting a small book together telling me concrete shrinks and dries at various temperatures and humidities the cracks in our concrete appeared to be 3 to 4 years old. Our floor was poured 20 some years ago and didn't have any cracks until the construction started. After what I considered an admission of guilt, they said they weren't at fault and told me to pursue the contractor. They are the ones who hired and eventually fired the contractor because he apparently couldn't complete the job.

I learned later they spent over \$50,000 to hire this engineering company, several times more money than what I claimed. They lied to me and to my neighbors throughout this whole phony process they put us through.

Most of us are retired and cannot afford lawyers to sue the contractor who my be broke by now.

Thanks Army Corps Of Engineers for lying to us, and we pay your wages to treat us like this.

**Cliff Coxbill**

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### MEMBER



# BAND

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apology to a local deputy who was kicked in the groin by Virginia Terrazas during the melee.

The three Chicago, Ill., natives were required to be in Okeechobee Circuit Court Wednesday, Feb. 20, to enter pleas of no contest to the charges to Judge Sherwood Bauer. All three were adjudicated guilty by the judge.

A fourth defendant -- Luis A. Maldonado -- has not gone before Judge Bauer yet. Maldonado is not a member of the band, but was in the crowd at the Nov. 11, 2012, concert.

Although he called the sentencing "fair overall," Mr. Albright indicated that due to the seriousness of the charges he spoke to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy prior to Wednesday's plea hearing about taking the three defendants to trial.

"I discussed it with the sheriff's office about pushing for a trial, but the deputy said he was satisfied with the plea and letter," added Mr. Albright. "They (the three defendants) did ask if the deputy was going to be here (in court) so they could apologize to him."

The deputy, who did not attend the hearing, said he thought giving the three probation was normal for someone without an arrest record.

"They really didn't have any history. The offer the state gave them was pretty much in line," he added.

When asked what he thought about the letters of apology, the deputy said he'd rather not comment.

At the plea hearing Wednesday:

- Marisol Terrazas, 37, was found guilty of inciting a riot and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. Besides probation she will also have to perform 25 hours of community service.

- Virginia Terrazas, 32, was also found guilty of inciting a riot and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. She was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service.

- Medina, 21, was found guilty of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He was ordered by Judge Bauer to perform 10 hours of community services.

Since the three live in the Chicago area, Mr. Albright said they will have a probation officer there who will provide proof to a lo-

cal probation officer that the sisters and Medina are actually fulfilling their community service obligations.

As for Maldonado, Mr. Albright indicated the court will not be so lenient on him.

"He's looking at prison time," said the prosecutor, who added that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has already placed a hold on him. This means he will likely be deported once the U.S. legal system is through with him.

Maldonado, 25, Aviation Ave., Port St. Lucie, was arrested on one felony count of aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer.

The Terrazas sisters and Medina are members of the band known as Los Horoscopos de Durrango, which was playing on stage when the brawl broke out on the floor of the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. The melee erupted when one of the 10 private security officers hired by the event's promoter -- Roman Cardenas of Port St. Lucie -- was punched in the mouth by a member of the crowd.

There were eight OCSO deputies also working the uniform detail.

When the deputies moved in to help that security officer one of the band's female singers, Marisol, started to curse the deputies over the loud speaker system, stated an OCSO arrest report. She reportedly continued to call the deputies profane names in both Spanish and English that only served to inflame the crowd.

A deputy reportedly motioned for Marisol to step off the stage and come to him but instead of complying she replied: "No, you come and get me!"

When deputies stepped on stage to remove Marisol one of them was kicked in the groin by her sister Virginia, while another was hit in the side of the head with a full can of beer by Maldonado.

By this time the crowd, fueled by the women's hostile defiance, began throwing cans of beer at the deputies on the stage.

"At no time did either sister say or do anything to help stop or resolve the violent situation," stated the arrest report.

Because of this incident the sheriff's office and county officials have ordered that the sale of beer will be more stringently regulated and that beer can only be served in plastic cups.

According to a count at the gate, there were 1,200 people who attended the event.

The band members were represented by defense attorney Luis Fernandez of Miami.

For copies of the letters of apology, see page 3.

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## DAR program planned at Okeechobee Public Library

Dr. Sue Commerford will bring an interesting program about "The Letters of Abigail Adams" written to her husband, John Adams, the second President of the United States, to the Okeechobee Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2. Dr. Commerford is a Past Regent of Seminole Chapter, a docent at the West Palm Beach History Museum, and helped on the DAR project to move the Battle of Okeechobee Monument to the State Park site.

## Church to host benefit to help family

A benefit for Sophia (Sissy) Graves will be on Saturday, March 2 at Believer's Fellowship Church, 300 S.W. Sixth Ave. The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The barbecue chicken dinner includes ¼ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, dessert and tea. There will be a silent auction, prize giveaways and live music all day. Ticket donation is \$10. If you are a business owner, or you know a business that would like to donate an item to the silent auction, or for more information, please call Cathy at 763-4843. For tickets, call Micki at 634-4327.

## Community Events

### Eatery hosting Blood Bus

Come join the party when the Blood Bus comes to McDonald's on S.R. 70 E., Saturday, **Feb. 23**, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office will be there to offer child fingerprinting and Ronald McDonald will be the special guest. There will be a bounce house, and a free Big Mac to every donor. Come have fun and help save lives at the same time.

### VFW Post 9528 to host dinner

The BHR VFW Post 9528 will host a dinner on Friday, **Feb. 22**. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Music will be by Phil Edgings. The public is invited to enjoy either steak, pork chops or fish and shrimp dinners. All proceeds benefit veterans and family needs. For more information, please call Gordie at 863-467-2882.

### OCI hosting chili cook-off

Okeechobee C.I.'s second annual Chili Cook-Off will be held Friday, **Feb. 22**, at the Okeechobee Correctional Institution, 3420 N.E. 168th St., in the training building. All entries must be turned in between 7:45-10 a.m. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. Eating will take place directly after judging. All proceeds go to Officer Mario Montero and his family—the officer's 2-year-old son shattered his femur and has been in a body cast since Dec. 24, 2012. For more information, please call 863-462-5432.

### Tim the Dairyman to perform

The Lake Okeechobee Elks, at VFW south, will host Tim the Dairyman, doing a PG-rated, smoke-free, comedy show, on Saturday, **Feb. 23**. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the Jones Supply. Call 863-467-2658, for more information. All proceeds are used to benefit Harry Anna camp for children.

### Spay Day vouchers available

The Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee will participate in the World Spay Day event. Vouchers for affordable spay and neuter for pets will be offered at the Humane Society shelter, 1203 U.S. 98 (next to the Okeechobee Livestock Market) and also at Tractor Supply Store in the plaza with Publix Supermarket, Monday, **Feb. 25** through Feb. 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All voucher purchases also include a free rabies vaccine. Micro chipping is also offered for an additional discounted price of \$20. Donations are being collected to help those who can't afford to spay or neuter their pet but would want to. Please put "HELP A FRIEND" on any checks for the gift of spay and neuter. For more information, call 863-357-1104. Between 6 and 8 million cats and dogs enter our nation's shelter system each year. Shelters can't save and support this huge number of accidental litters, strays and offspring of family pets. As a result, nearly 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized annually. Spaying and neutering is the only 100 percent proven way to reduce these numbers and save animals' lives.

### Hospital hosts free lecture

On Tuesday, **Feb. 26**, Raulerson Hospital will host "Dine with the Doctor" in the hospital cafeteria. Dinner starts at 4:30 p.m. for \$5 per person. The lecture, which is free, starts at 5 p.m. To RSVP, call 863-763-9228. Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP even if they do not plan to eat dinner, so that organizers will know how many to plan for.

### Eagles host benefit event

Cypress Hut Eagles will host a benefit for Linda Kennedy on Saturday, **Feb. 23**, starting at 5 p.m. with a Chinese auction and cake sale. For more information, please call 863-467-1154.

### B.R.A.T. Club plans dance

B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. is hosting a Valentines dance on Saturday, **Feb. 23**, from 7 - 10 p.m. at South Elementary School cafeteria. 'Tweens and teens ages 12-16 are invited. For more information, please call 863-801-4996.

## Obituaries

### Norman Jay

#### Trimnal (Duke Duke), 56

OKEECHOBEE — Norman "Jay" Trimnal (Duke Duke) passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013 in Okeechobee as a result of a traffic accident.

He was born Jan. 29, 1957 in Camden, S.C. to Thomas Guy and Bobby (Gandy) Trimnal. He was an avid dirt bike racer and a truck driver by trade. He was a simple man that enjoyed Nascar racing, Monday night draw, and being with his children and grandchildren, which brought much happiness to his life and always put a smile on his face.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Guy and Bobby Trimnal.

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Deck, Amanda Deck, Dawna Micco (Charlie); son, Donald Deck III; grandchildren, Damian Deck, Darian Deck, Jaidyn Deck, Zaidyn Micco, Arliawna Micco all of Okeechobee; sister, Marilyn (Tony) Overbee of Ft. Myers; brothers, Tommy (Jane) Trimnal of Okeechobee, Marion (Sue) Trimnal of St. Mathews, S.C.; mother of his children, Sandra Deck of Okeechobee. In addition he is survived by a host of family and friends. Jay is now "heaven bound and down."

The family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013 from 5 to 8 p.m. and services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at 2 p.m. all in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL. Interment will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery.

On-line condolences may be made at [www.buxtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.buxtonfuneralhome.com). All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974.



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### Esteban Moreno, 56

OKEECHOBEE — Esteban Moreno died peacefully at the Hamrick Home on Tues., Feb. 19, 2013.

Esteban was born in Mexico, moved to Texas and relocated to Okeechobee in 1989.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Spending time with his grandchildren was the highlight of his life and he enjoyed watching soccer.

Esteban is survived by his wife of 34 years, Yolanda Moreno of Okeechobee; sons, Esteban (Raquel) Moreno, Jr., Augustine Moreno, Gumaro Moreno (Patricia Romero), all of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Sabrina, Julian, Yarezi and Jayden; brothers, Martin Moreno of Okla., Eusebio Moreno of Austin, Texas, Heron, Hilario and Roberto Moreno, all of Kansas City, Mo., Antonio Moreno of Mexico; and sisters, Oliveria and Perpetua Moreno, both of Mexico, and Gudulia Moreno of Austin, Texas.

A Mass of the Resurrection will be held at Sacred Heart Church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22, 2013.

Friends may send online condolences to [www.buxtonseawinds.com](http://www.buxtonseawinds.com)

Arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fla.



### Beatrice L. Rowlett, 85

OKEECHOBEE — Beatrice L. Rowlett passed away Feb. 20, 2013 in Okeechobee.

She was born Oct. 31, 1927 in Paintsville, Ky. She married Forrest Rowlett in 1950 and was a clerk at the Pahokee Army Store for 30 years. She was a member of the North Okeechobee Church of God.

Mrs. Rowlett preceded in death by her husband, Forrest Rowlett; and her son, Kenneth Rowlett.

She is survived by her son, Danny Rowlett of Ocala; two daughters, Sharon Prevatt (Wayne) of Okeechobee and Shirley Newhart (Otto) of Dunnellon, Fla.; eight grandchildren; many loving great grandchildren; and three brothers, Walter Long, Donald Long and Ernest Long.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at Palm Beach Memorial Park, 3691 Seacrest Boulevard, Lantana, Florida 33462 with Pastor Don Leon officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to North Okeechobee Church of God, 15949 NW 30th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

Friends may sign the guest book and leave a message of condolence at [www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com)

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### Robert G. Fortier, Sr., 63

OKEECHOBEE — Robert G. Fortier, Sr. died at the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach on Monday, Feb. 18, 2013.

Robert was born in Pawtucket, R.I. During the Viet Nam Conflict, Robert proudly served his country as a member of the US Marine Corps. In 1986 he moved to Okeechobee where he was a member of Cornerstone Baptist Church and the VFW. He enjoyed playing cards and in his earlier years hunting.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Norman Fortier, Sr. and Edna Butler Fortier; and by his wife, Michel "Shelly" in April, 2011.

He is survived by his daughter, Nicole "Nikki" Fortier; and son, Robert G. Fortier, Jr., both of Okeechobee; granddaughter, Alana Powell of Miami; brothers, Norman (Pauline) Fortier, Jr. of Fort Pierce, Michael (Kim) Fortier of Texas; sisters, Elaine Murphy of Vero Beach, Susan (Pat) Kelly of Pawtucket, R.I.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 18387 US 441 North, Okeechobee, on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013, at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert's memory to the VA Hospice, c/o VA Medical Center, 7305 N. Military Tr., West Palm Beach, FL 33410.

Friends may send online condolences to [www.buxtonseawinds.com](http://www.buxtonseawinds.com)

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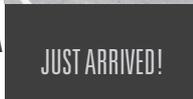
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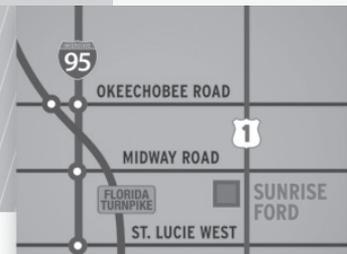


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- Second place - Josh Hiler 3.83 lbs.;
- Third place - Luke Farmer 3.20 lbs.;

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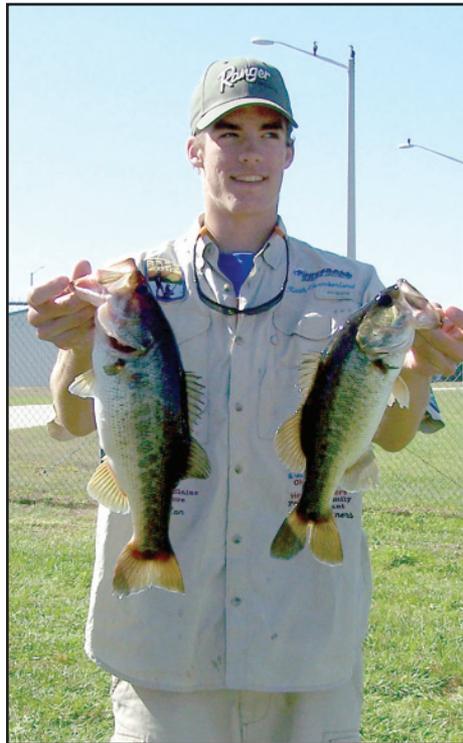
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to the Istokpoga project, but for numerous nutrient-reduction projects already being implemented throughout the watershed."

The Istokpoga Marsh water quality improvement project is located in the Istokpoga Marsh Watershed Improvement District and covers 19,262 acres. Upon completion, the project is expected to reduce the annual agricultural irrigation discharge from the watershed by 60 percent and cut phosphorus loading by 70 percent to the lake. Phase 1 involves construction of 308 acres of impoundments to collect runoff irrigation water and release it back into the Improvement District's system of canals. Reusing the water will satisfy irrigation demands while reducing the amount of phosphorus that ends up in Lake Okeechobee.

"The South Florida Water Management District shares the vision for improving and restoring Lake Okeechobee, often called the "liquid heart" of South Florida," said South

Florida Water Management District Executive Director Melissa L. Meeker. "The BMAP process is essential to identify the projects, partners and funding that will help us all achieve that vision."

The first meeting of Lake Okeechobee BMAP stakeholders was held Wednesday at the South Florida Water Management District's Okeechobee Service Center to update the status of current Lake Okeechobee restoration efforts and discuss new efforts to achieve the long term water quality targets. The meeting also included updates on ongoing efforts by local governments and agriculture to tackle pollution problems now. It will be followed by a technical meeting in late March when the detailed work of developing new projects and management strategies will occur.

"Lake Okeechobee is a state treasure. We will do everything we can, working with the many dedicated local stakeholders, to promote innovative thinking and creative solutions that expedite restoration," said Drew Bartlett, Director of the DEP's division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration. "I am particularly pleased to continue our

partnership with the Istokpoga Marsh Water Improvement District and Highlands County, which continue to invest time and money toward the success of the Istokpoga project and the rest of the hard work ahead."

For more about Lake Okeechobee, visit [www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/bmap.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/watersheds/bmap.htm) and [www.sfwmd.gov/okeecho-bee](http://www.sfwmd.gov/okeecho-bee).

## Coffee with the Commissioner planned

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Bryant Culpepper on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, from 10 a.m. to noon and will be held in the meeting room at the Lodge at the Lake Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott, Okeechobee. No appointments are necessary. All citizens will be able to speak to the county commissioner.

## Health Start Coalition to meet on March 6

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, March 6 at 11 a.m. at their office, 1132 S. Parrott Avenue in the White House Plaza. This meeting is open to the public. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. For information please contact executive director Kay Begin at the coalition office, 863-462-5877.

## VFW to host steak dinner and dance

The Okeechobee VFW will host a steak dinner/dance on March 9, 2013. St. Paddy will be the theme, so wear your green. "Lady Greyson," will perform. Tickets are on sale for a \$20 donation. Call 863-467-2658 for additional information.

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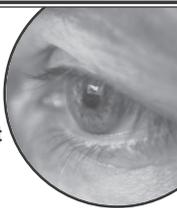
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# Sheriff's office plans special DUI action March 1

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A checkpoint aimed at getting impaired drivers off the road will be conducted by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Friday, March 1, on S.E. 28th St.

OCSO deputies and other law enforcement personnel will be stopping vehicles and looking for signs of possible impairment starting around 10 p.m.

Florida law considers as driver with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 or higher to be impaired. Drivers under the age of 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are also in violation of state law.

Sheriff Paul May said such checkpoints are a proven tool that are effective in reducing the number of people killed or injured in alcohol-involved crashes. Research shows that such crashes are reduced by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized check-

points are conducted.

Besides watching for signs of impairment, members of law enforcement working the checkpoint will also be checking drivers to make sure they have the proper licensing.

Taking part in the special enforcement action will be officers from the Okeechobee City Police Department and troopers from the Florida Highway Patrol.

Sheriff May pointed out that impaired drivers can expect to be arrested and jailed.

Besides fines and other fees, impaired drivers can also expect to have their driver's license suspended and the cost of their insurance increased.

DUI classes and other expenses can exceed \$10,000, the sheriff added.

Motorists are reminded if they are going to drink they should: designate a driver; call a cab or family member; or, stay home.

# M.E.: County jail inmate died of natural causes

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An inmate who was found dead in his bunk in the Okeechobee County Jail apparently died of natural causes, stated a District 19 medical examiner report.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Michele Bell said Wednesday, Feb. 20, the death of Derrick Lamont Rose was not due to

foul play or drugs.

"The cause of death was natural causes with underlying previous medical conditions," she said.

Rose, 29, was found in his A-pod cell around 10:32 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12.

He had been in the county jail since July 14, 2012, on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession

of a firearm by a convicted felon.

On Dec. 5, 2012, Rose was sentenced to serve one year in the county jail with a credit of 144 days for time already served. He was slated to be released April 4, 2013.

Detective Bill Suggs, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, was the investigator assigned to this case.



Derrick Lamont Rose



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

## National Engineer's Week

At the Tuesday, Feb. 19, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council Mayor James Kirk (right) proclaimed the week of Feb. 17-23 to be National Engineers' Week in the city. The mayor presented the proclamation to engineer Marcos Montes de Oca (left).



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# Corps to host public meetings on dike study

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, will host two public meetings to discuss the initial phases of a Dam Safety Modification Study (DSMS) that is under way on Herbert Hoover Dike.

The Corps is conducting the DSMS to determine the final phase of rehabilitation projects for the dike, a 143-mile earthen structure that encircles Lake Okeechobee in south Florida. The Corps has been engaged in projects since 2007 to address concerns with the dike's integrity.

"The results of the Dam Safety Modification Study will be used to define the finish line for this major project," said Tim Willadsen, Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project

Manager. "We will continue to reduce risk by replacing water control structures around the lake through 2018; this study will be the guiding document for projects we execute in the future."

The meetings will be held in two locations in south Florida:

- Feb. 26—John Boy Auditorium, 1200 South W.C. Owen Ave., Clewiston.
- Feb. 28—Okeechobee County Health Dept 1728 NW 9th Ave., Okeechobee.

Both meetings will begin with an open house at 6:30 p.m. followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. After the presentation, all interested stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment. These meetings will also

serve as scoping meetings as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

Prior projects at the dike include installation of a partially penetrating cutoff wall between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade, filling in a quarry near Belle Glade, and replacing water control structures near Port Mayaca and Moore Haven.

For more information on the Herbert Hoover Dike project, visit the Jacksonville District website at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/LakeOkeechobee/HerbertHooverDike.aspx>.

## Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

• Ryan Hagan won one match at the **State Wrestling Finals** this weekend in Lakeland as he completed his high school wrestling career. Hagan lost to T.J. Alexander of Leon-Tallahassee High School who was ranked fifth in the state, 11-2. He defeated Jesus Nieves of Citrus High School 12-7. Nieves was ranked 15th in the state. Alex Duran of Miami Springs High pinned Hagan in 4:27 and ended up fourth in the state.

Allen Leitner lost to the number four ranked wrestler in his weight class, David Martinez of St. Augustine and to Luis Aldana, who was ranked fifth in the state.

Coach Robert Olive praised both seniors for exceptional high school careers and for the example they set for the younger Brahmans, "Both guys wrestled hard and are great examples of what Chobee wrestling looks to become." Olive expressed great optimism about the future as off season workout training begins.

• Steve Woolsey of Spanish Fork, Utah, won the **Extreme Bulls Competition** at the Brighton Seminole Rodeo last weekend. He won the first round aboard the bull I'm Back from Robinson Pro Rodeo and claimed \$4,272 and 88.5 points. In the finals he scored 90 points on board Little Syster from Wild Card Rodeo and claimed \$3,133

in prize money. Corey Navarre of Weatherford, Oklahoma was second overall as he claimed \$5,459 in prize money. Cody Teel of Kountze, Texas finished in third place and claimed a little over \$4,000 in prize money. The total payout for the rodeo was \$47,470. Bullfighters included Jon Copsy, Ross Hill and Darrell Diefenbach. Pickup men included Clint Boney, Reed Durrance and Greg Whidden while Timothy Burruss, Clint Haas, Paul Bowers Jr., Charlie Lowry, Aaron Hudson and Shawn Graham served as flankmen. Brian Potter was the clown and barrel man for the rodeo.

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# Brahman hurlers give up 13 hits in 14-2 loss



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Ethan Revels and OHS hurlers had a rough time handling the talented Vero Beach lineup on Tuesday.

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Vero Beach scored five runs in both the fourth and the seventh innings as they pounded the Okeechobee Brahman 14-2 in high school boy's baseball action on Tuesday night at OHS.

Ethan Revels, Jarrod Morgan and Alex Estremera all had trouble on the mound as they tried to contain a strong Vero Beach offense in the game. Vero Beach out hit Okeechobee, 13-3, in the game. Okeechobee also made four fielding errors.

Christian Williams put the cherry on top of the sundae for Vero Beach with a long homerun in the fifth inning. John Corse had three runs scored and two runs batted in, Vinny Patrick added a two run double in the seventh, and Austin Green added two runs and two RBIs.

Brahman coach Jeff Blackstone praised Vero Beach for their ability and experience this year but pointed out he feels the Brahman can and will play better.

"They have a good team but we have to keep fighting. We have a lot of work to do," he suggested.

Blackstone said his team issued way to many walks and hit batters and allowed too many unearned runs due to their fielding miscues.

"We have to pitch the ball over the plate. We gave up a lot of walks. At the end of the day we

must coach them better, get the guys prepared and get them to be competitive," he added.

It was a close game in the early innings as Okeechobee took a 1-0 lead in the first and made it 2-1 in the second when Kutter Crawford scored on a throwing error after reaching base via the base on balls.

Scotty Wright's double tied the score in the third for Vero Beach. The Indians sent 10 men to the plate in the fourth to break the game open. A couple of errors and a pop fly single were key moments in the rally for the Indians, (2-1).

Blackstone said his team can't afford to give up big innings to their opponents, "We must find a way to limit those big innings. We have to work on keeping zeros on the board for them

and score some runs ourselves. We have a lot of work to do on offense, pitching, defense, all the way around."

Blackstone said if there was a positive aspect of this game, it was the fact he has been able to use some younger kids to see what they can do. He said every job on the team is still up for grabs.

"We don't have all the answers right now. We will look to see what different guys can do. I want guys that will lay it on the line and give us all they have. That is all you can ask of them," he added.

Okeechobee was held to three hits in the game. Christian Crews and Estremera had solid shots to right field in the game.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Tyler Barber covers first base as Austin Green #4 attempts to steal second base during Tuesday's game at OHS.



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BOARD POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE - 3:00 P.M.

ANY PERSONS SEEKING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE. 437253 ON 2/22/2013

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its **Regular Session on Thursday, February 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in the "Judge William L. Henry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Margaret Garrard Helton, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners  
Okeechobee County, Florida

Sharon Robertson, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
/s/ Paula Poskon/Deputy Clerk  
435620 ON 2/22/2013

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS - PRE-QUALIFIED EMERGENCY VENDOR LIST FOR DEBRIS CLEARANCE**

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive submittals in response to the above Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) up to the **2:30 p.m.** opening time on **March 29, 2013** in order to establish a pre-qualified list of vendors for emergency debris clearance services.

An **OPTIONAL PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE** will be held March 15, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., in the Storch Conference Room of the B-1 building, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach Florida for all interested respondents.

All submittals must conform to the instructions in the SOQ. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete SOQ (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at [www.sfwmd.gov/procurement](http://www.sfwmd.gov/procurement); (3) by calling (561) 682-2715, or (4) by calling the 24-hour **BID HOTLINE (800) 472-5290**. The public is invited to attend the proposal opening. **Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).**

Any meetings with District staff regarding this solicitation are subject to the provisions of Section 286.0113, Florida Statutes, which provides, in part, that any portion of a meeting at which a negotiation with a vendor is conducted pursuant to a competitive solicitation, at which a vendor makes an oral presentation as part of a competitive solicitation, or at which a vendor answers questions as part of a competitive solicitation is exempt from s. 286.011 and s. 24(b), Art. I of the State Constitution. 437196 ON 2/22/2013

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

2013TD011

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SOUTHERN HOMESITES INC A FLORIDA CORPORATION** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **902** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT E OF TRACT 30 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 30 25 34S 33E**

**1-25-34-33-0A00-00030-E000**  
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
**KENNETH GHANY**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of March, 2013**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
/s/ Robin R. Parrish  
Deputy Clerk

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**Public Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
A public auction will be held at BMD Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 8th day of MARCH, 2013 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows

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# Journey to the Stars' at IRSC

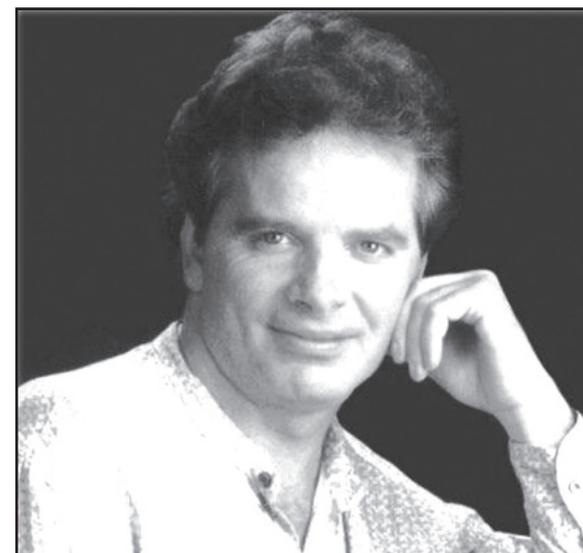
Special to the Okeechobee News

A performance by internationally-known electronic composer and performer, Jonn Serrie, will combine with the special visual effects wizardry of the Indian River State College Hallstrom Planetarium for a one-night, live concert, "Journey to the Stars," on Friday, March 1, at 7 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., N Building, in Fort Pierce.

"Journey to the Stars" will feature music evocative of travel through outer space – past the moon, the planets, outward past the stars of the Milky Way and beyond to the Andromeda Galaxy. As Serrie performs live on keyboard, Planetarium Director Jon Bell will accompany with electrifying visual effects that will be choreographed to the special music.

Serrie has written and arranged music for motion pictures, radio and many planetarium shows, including the IRSC planetarium show "The Planets." His visionary compositional skills have revolutionized the field. "My music exists to help us explore a sense of ourselves and our place in the universe," commented Jonn Serrie.

Seating is limited. Call the Box Office now at 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats for this special event.



Special to the Okeechobee News  
**John Serrie will present "Journey to the Stars" at the IRSC Hallstrom Planetarium on March. 1**

## Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Chia Pet, perhaps
- 8 "That's too close!"
- 15 Stop flowing, in a way
- 16 Daughter of Polonius
- 17 Drawing room?
- 18 Foil
- 19 Security item
- 20 Fancy wraps
- 21 Handles abroad
- 24 Key
- 26 Non-com. interruption
- 29 Body image, briefly
- 30 \_\_\_ lamp
- 31 American leader?
- 34 Copyright, e.g.
- 38 "Right on!"
- 39 It can help you carry a tune
- 40 Anthem elision
- 41 "\_\_\_ Calling": 2003-'05 supernatural drama
- 42 Will's "Glee" adversary
- 43 Bill holder: Abbr.
- 44 Word in some school names
- 45 Quaint interjection
- 47 "Romeo Must Die" star
- 50 Power systems
- 54 Shake up
- 57 Curse
- 59 Deceiving
- 60 Conservative commentator who wrote "Let Freedom Ring"
- 61 Jerks, as a bell rope
- 62 Wind in a combo

- 5 Song sung by Pinocchio
- 6 Tableau
- 7 Effort
- 8 Dizzy music?
- 9 Loan letters
- 10 Lab synthesis substance
- 11 Bacon from Philadelphia
- 12 Author Robert \_\_\_ Butler
- 13 Rat
- 14 Nuts are rich in them
- 22 1996 Cruise title role
- 23 Provokes
- 24 Brewery sugar
- 25 Decorator's suggestion
- 26 Mottled horse
- 27 "Boring"
- 28 Not just squabbling
- 31 Out of the way
- 32 Red head
- 33 Statehouse official: Abbr.
- 35 First name in objectivism

- 36 It's made by one who doesn't go out flower
- 37 Jamaican genre
- 44 Xylophone sound
- 46 Liquid lye brand
- 47 Pioneer Day month, in Utah
- 48 "Watermark" musician
- 49 Watery
- 51 Romance novelist Johansen
- 52 Excel fodder
- 53 Netherworld flower
- 55 Song from the same era as "Little Deuce Coupe"
- 56 Quite a stretch
- 57 Oldie syllable
- 58 Retail store opening?

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

D	R	I	B	E	L	S	E	C	F	L	A	T
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xwordeditor@aol.com

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**DOWN**

- 1 1958 film with the song "The Parisians"
- 2 Sch.
- 3 Yiddish dough
- 4 \_\_\_ Heights: disputed Mideast territory

## Cracker Trail Ride under way

The annual Florida Cracker Trail Ride passes through Okeechobee County this week. The riders left Bradenton on Feb. 15 and travelled across the state. On Thursday, they stopped at the Bass Ranch in Okeechobee County. Their Friday camp will be at Adams Ranch. On Saturday, they will finish the ride in Fort Pierce. The Annual Cross-State Ride serves to highlight the importance of Florida's role in the introduction of horses and cattle, by the Spanish Explorers in the 1500's, into the New World as well as the birth and continuation of the cattle and horse industries by Florida's future settlers and their present day descendants.

## SUDOKU

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8	6	2	7	5	1	8	4	9
7	9	4	8	2	8	6	9	1
1	5	8	9	4	6	8	2	7
6	8	2	1	4	7	9	5	3
9	7	1	8	7	9	2	6	5
9	2	7	6	3	5	1	8	4
8	7	9	6	8	3	4	1	2
7	1	6	4	9	7	7	9	8
2	4	3	5	1	8	2	6	7

ANSWER

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# Jensen Beach overwhelms Brahmans tennis teams

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Jensen Beach overwhelmed Okeechobee (6-1) in boys and girls tennis action Wednesday at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.

Brendon Jonassaint and Cody Walker won the boy's match in doubles with an 8-6 win over Jensen.

Otto Ramirez played a tough first set against Joey Wigley before losing the #1 match 6-4 and 6-1. Walker was able to win five games against Gaston Alvarez. Jensen Beach improved to 3-0 on the season.

Coach Ungerott said the match showed the team that they have to be ready to play if they intend to move up in the district standings this year. She said Jensen Beach is one of the few teams that consistently hit the ball deep with a good amount of pace.

"Many of our guys had to shorten up their swing to keep the ball out in front of them which is something we haven't worked on this season," she explained.

Ungerott said the boys did fight until the end and keep trying new tactics to get back into their matches.

"It was encouraging to hear the guys come off the court knowing exactly what they want and what they need to work on in practice. I hope that competitiveness and hard work will continue to grow so we can reach our goals."

The doubles team of Dayla Ferneau and



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Brendon Jonassaint had a tough match with Brandon Armstrong of Jensen Beach. He did rebound to win a doubles match with his long time partner Cody Walker.**

Kearstin Dorrance won a doubles match to account for Okeechobee's victory. Allie Lopez won an exhibition match for the Lady Brahmans.

Tuesday the Brahman boys defeated Sebring 5-2 while the Lady Brahmans fell 6-1 to the Blue Streak.

In the boys match, Brendon Jonassaint defeated Joe DeGenaro 6-1 and 6-2. Cody Walker defeated Millian Kharama 6-4 and 6-3. Colt Root defeated Clark Farmer 6-1 and 6-3. Dylan Ferneau defeated Andrew Goodrider 2-6, 6-1, and 10-6 in a third set tiebreaker.

The doubles team of Jonassaint and Walker defeated DeGenaro and Farmer 8-2. OHS is now (3-1) on the season.

Samantha Rivero won the only girl's match over Nisha Patel 6-0 and 6-3. Kearstin Dorrance won three games and Ally Lopez won four games in her loss to Ashley Castelli. The Lady Brahmans are (2-2) on the season.

Coach Ungerott said she moved all her players up one spot in the lineup as Otto Ramirez did not play. She said the singles play continues to show a lot of improvement.

"The guys are getting used to playing in windy conditions and learning that moving their feet and keeping the ball deep (at the baseline) is essential to winning tougher matches," she added.

Ungerott said they have some tough matches coming up and this victory helped prepare the boys for those battles.

"I'm excited for the boys to get a glimpse at what better competition looks like. That should help us get ready for the district tour-



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Dayla Ferneau traded ground strokes with Chloe Hardin in her singles match. Ferneau teamed up with Kearstin Dorrance for a victory in doubles play.**

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