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Water levels in the Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area will be lowered in order to allow vegetation to grow.

## Work planned on Taylor Creek STA

To increase treatment capacity at a water-cleansing wetland near Lake Okeechobee, the South Florida Water Management District (SF-WMD) is set to begin improvement work on the Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area (STA). Water levels in the 170-acre site, which has become a popular recreation spot not far from the City of Okeechobee, will be temporarily lowered to allow sunlight to reach buried wetland plant

seeds. The goal is to allow the seeds to germinate and expand the extent of vegetation in the wetland. This vegetation, such as bulrush and cattail, is the water-cleaning engine that drives the stormwater treatment area's function. By taking up nutrients such as phosphorus, the plants improve

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## Pryor excited about NFL draft

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

It has been a busy few months for Lonnie Pryor as he prepared for the NFL draft which takes place next Thursday and Friday in New York City.

Pryor has already graduated so he travelled to Phoenix, Arizona after the Orange Bowl in January to work to improve his strength, and speed for the NFL draft combine.

He did well at the combine and is currently ranked as the #2 full back in the draft, and the 174th top draft choice according to various scouting services.

"I'm excited," Pryor said in a phone interview from Tallahassee,

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Lonnie Pryor

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## Man accused of threatening to kill stepson

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A registered sexual offender is back in jail after his arrest for allegedly threatening to kill his stepson and fighting with a man who is reportedly confined to crutches.

Frank Cox, 52, S.E. 33rd Terrace, was arrested Thursday, April 18, on a felony

charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of domestic battery and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Cox is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$47,500.

State Department of Corrections (DOC) records indicate that Cox was

arrested in Okeechobee County in 1988 on a felony charge of lewd and lascivious assault on a child under the age of 16. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison on that charge.

His most recent arrest stems from a domestic situation in which he was apparently intoxicated and became irate

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Frank Cox

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# Okeechobee County to be featured on Road Trippin'

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County is participating in the WPEC Channel 12 Road Trippin' series to promote some unique things to see and do when visiting Okeechobee County. The series explored a place to stay, eat, have fun, a secret place and a place 4 Kids in Okeechobee.

The Chamber selected various locations throughout the county that met the criteria provided by Road Trippin'. The film crew toured Pier II resort for the stay location, John Guide's Service Eco Tour as a place for fun, The Brown Cow Sweetery as the place to have a great lunch, Sue Arnold's Wildlife Rehab Center as the place for the 4 Kids se-

lection and Quail Creek Plantation Lodge as the secret place of choice.

The series is promoted all week, but ads on television run one time on Thursdays. The Okeechobee stories will air on CBS12 News in the morning, at noon, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. featuring things to do and places to visit when visiting Okeechobee on or about May 27. The videos of the sites visited will be live on the Channel 12 Road Trippin' website for 6 months.

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**Today:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. High of 88F. Winds from the NNE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.  
**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and

rain in the evening, then overcast. Fog overnight. Low of 66F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

### Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 86F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 60% with rainfall amounts near 0.3 in. possible.

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## Chamber Business Investor luncheon planned

The quarterly Chamber Business Investor Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, beginning at 11:30 a.m. and concluding at 1 p.m. at the Williamson Center. Nick Blount of FPL will provide an overview of the initiatives that FPL is currently undertaking. The Business Spotlight will feature John Smith of Charles Composites. They are a new manufacturing company re-locating their business to Okeechobee in the City Commerce Park. The event is open for registration now, so RSVP early to assist us in our plans for providing lunch. Questions about the luncheon can be directed to Mariah at 863-467-6246.

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## Letter to the editor

### Clean Water to Drink

Water is an essential part of everyday life — it is part of everything we do, both inside of us and around us. Therefore, it is important that the quality of the water that surrounds us and that we drink is excellent. One of the Department of Environmental Protection's main goals is to get the water quality right in our state.

The department oversees the regulation of water and provides compliance assistance

to public water systems in the state. Based on the Safe Drinking Water Act, the department permits public water systems, conducts water quality testing as well as physical plant inspections. The water that the public uses must meet a standard that is not a health risk and is not objectionable due to taste, odor or color. The natural water in our environment from lakes, rivers and the underground aquifer has the potential to have contaminants, some of which occur naturally and some of which are the result of human activities,

such as farming, mining, use of septic systems and fertilizers from lawns and agriculture. Water treatment plants remove these contaminants to provide the public with clean water for everyday use. To ensure that only the highest quality water is reaching the public, the department requires water treatment plants regularly test for contaminants and make sure that the public is aware immediately of any concerns.

The Department's South District Office takes a very proactive approach to compliance assistance and is in constant contact with all of the facilities within its boundaries. In addition to regular contact with operators, another tool that the South District employs to assist the facilities and the public is a quarterly newsletter that is produced to provide updates, reminders and helpful tips on how to effectively conduct facility inspections, ensure compliance and provide the highest quality water possible to the public. This newsletter can be found at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/south/Water/WaterFacilities.htm>.

The South District provides environmental permitting assistance and support to a wide variety of industries in nine counties in Southwest Florida, including the Florida Keys. The Department's South District includes 10 Aquatic Preserves, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve and The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The South District is also home to many scenic waterways, including the portions of the Myakka and Peace Rivers, the Great Calusa Blueway and includes portions of Lake Okeechobee. Some of Florida's finest nature-based recreation and educational sites can be found in the 25 State Parks in the South District. For more information visit: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/south/> and <http://www.floridastateparks.org>.

**Jon Iglehart**  
**Director of District Management**  
**Florida Department of Environmental Protection**  
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### Income tax

- Ever wonder why your taxes are due on April 15th? On this day in 1861 President Abraham Lincoln declared everyone would pay 3% of their income to the Federal Government. The Supreme Court ruled his actions illegal but he ignored them and proceeded to tax the nation.

- Had the Democrats not liked Lincoln's inception of income tax, I ask then, why didn't Andrew Johnson push to have it repealed when he came to power only four years later?

- I would be happy to pay 3 percent. The Republicans may have started it but the Democrats are pushing it higher and higher—over 30 percent for some and still they want more. I read that the USA has more tax preparers than firemen and policemen combined.

### Why is it?

- Why is it that none of the disturbed and evil men, who steal guns, then go and kill movie-goers and children in school, has ever been identified as a conservative NRA member? The Ft. Hood shooter was a registered Democrat and Muslim. The Columbine shooters were too young to vote, but both families were registered Democrats and progressive liberals. The Virginia Tech shooter was a registered Democrat who wrote hate mail to President Bush and to his staff. The Colorado Theater shooter was a registered Democrat, who worked on the Obama campaign, was an Occupy Wall Street participant, and a progressive liberal. The Connecticut School Shooter was registered Democrat. The common thread is that all of these shooters were progressive liberal Democrats. Interesting, isn't it? Maybe Democrats shouldn't have guns.

### Fathers are important

- "If we are honest with ourselves, we'll admit that ... too many fathers (are) missing from too many lives and too many homes. We know the statistics — that children who grow up without a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of school and 20 times more likely to end up in prison." Who said that? It's a quote from a speech made by candidate Barack Obama in 2008. He was right. Children need both parents and we must stop the trend of children being born out of wedlock if we want to stop the decline of this country.

### BB guns

- The recent incident of the student who was arrested and charged with a felony for taking a BB gun onto a school bus reminds me of two stories in the Okeechobee News from years past. I can recall two cases in Okeechobee County in which a BB gun injuries resulted in deaths. In one case, some kids were just playing around and one was hit in the neck by a BB and it nicked an artery and he bled to death. In the other case it was an intentional shooting at close range and the man died. So BB guns can be deadly and should not be considered "toys."



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# COX

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when his wife refused to give him the keys to the family vehicle, stated an arrest report by Deputy Matthew Hurst of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

At one point, continued the report, the 220-pound Cox approached an elderly woman in the home in a threatening manner. The stepson stepped in to protect the woman, and Cox apparently then directed his anger at the younger man.

Cox shoved his stepson against a door and hit him several times about the head and face, stated the arrest report.

According to Deputy Hurst the man pulled a pocketknife and told his stepson he would kill him if he called law enforcement. However, the younger man went out the back door of the home and called the sheriff's office.

The stepson then walked to the front of the home and reportedly saw Cox hitting the other male family member who can only "... walk with the use of crutches," stated the deputy.

As the deputy pulled up to the home, Cox

allegedly fled on foot. He was later found hiding in an empty mobile home in the area. Deputy Hurst stated that after Cox was taken into custody he found a pocketknife on the man that matched the description of the knife pulled on the man's stepson.

A check of Cox's background shows that in the mid-'90s he was convicted of kidnapping, aggravated assault, aggravated battery on a pregnant person and false imprisonment in St. Lucie County. In the early '80s, Cox was convicted of burglary with an assault and burglary of a structure in Broward County.

# PRYOR

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"I'm ready for it to be over with. I've known for a month now where I'd go in the draft. I'm excited but I can't wait to go back home and spend time with my family."

Pryor said the toughest part was the workouts leading up to the NFL draft combine in Indianapolis. He said that involves a lot of physical and even mental stress. He focused a lot on his 40-yard dash time. He was able to run a 4.59 sprint at the combine which met the goal he had set for himself.

"The combine was the hardest part and I'm glad that is over with. Now it is just a waiting game to see where I'm going and what I'm doing," he explained. Pryor said

the rest of the combine came natural as it involved mostly football drills like catching passes. Most NFL scouting services have Pryor drafted in the fifth or sixth round. Many compare him to another FSU standout Edgar Bennett who had a solid NFL career with the Green Bay Packers.

Pryor said his versatility may help him and that some NFL teams like the fact he could play full back or running back. He also is known for his blocking skills and his ability to catch passes out of the backfield. Pryor said he also could play well on special teams.

"There are NFL teams that are interested and I'm really confident that I will get drafted. I don't know the round, and I really don't care. All I want is an opportunity to play," he said. Pryor's stock also rose after his MVP

performance in the Orange Bowl as FSU pounded Northern Illinois. Pryor had a couple touchdown runs and opened the eyes of many scouts around the country.

Pryor said he is not particular about what team he goes to as they all play in the NFL, which has been one of his dreams for many years.

"They don't like you to reveal which teams are interested but I have teams looking at me which is very exciting," he added.

Pryor intends to be in Okeechobee when he will learn what team selects him. He'll have a small gathering of family and close friends to celebrate the day. He admits it'll be a different experience watching the television with his future in the balance.

"It is going to be crazy. It is like another dream come true similar to when I got the letter from FSU offering me a scholarship for football. It'll be exciting to hear my name called. I'll feel better once I'm selected and know which team I'm going to. I'll be ready for it," he concluded.

# STA

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water quality coming from Taylor Creek before it reaches Lake Okeechobee. Since operations began in 2008, the Taylor Creek STA has removed more than 4 metric tons of phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the lake.

During the water drawdown, wildlife is expected to concentrate around smaller pools where fish and invertebrates will be abundant. This will potentially provide excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing and photography. The STA is popular with bird watchers and hikers.

Water levels are expected to return to normal in late May.

The Taylor Creek STA is a long, narrow enclosure located about two miles north of the City of Okeechobee. It is bordered on

the east by U.S. Highway 441 and by Taylor Creek on the west. The STA is approximately 142 acres, with an effective treatment area of 118 acres. An inflow pump station lifts water from Taylor Creek at the north end of the STA. Treatment occurs through natural biogeochemical processes as the water slowly flows by gravity southeasterly through the 41-acre Cell 1 and subsequently through the 77-acre Cell 2 before being discharged back into Taylor Creek, just upstream of the U.S. Highway 441 bridge that spans Taylor Creek.

Water levels and flow rates through the treatment cells are controlled by individual gated structures located at the southerly end of each cell. Overall, the goal of the STA is to capture and treat stormwater from the Taylor Creek basin, upstream of the STA, prior to discharge back into Taylor Creek and eventually in to Lake Okeechobee.

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## Richard Francis Vaughn, Jr., 65

OKEECHOBEE — Richard Francis Vaughn, Jr., died Friday, April 19, 2013 at Raulerson Hospital.

He has been a resident of Okeechobee since 2002 and was a member of Oakview Baptist Church and American Legion. When he was younger he loved airboating, and in recent times Mr. Vaughn enjoyed tinkering in his tool shop, woodworking, and spending time with his grandchildren as well as his church family. When asked how he was doing he always had the reply "Peachy". Mr. Vaughn retired from Lucent Technologies after 30 years and was with Mastec for seven years.

Mr. Vaughn is survived by his wife of 15 years Linda Vaughn; his three daughters, Lyn Rippon (Stephen) of Hartland, Mich., Robin Murphy (Brian) of Palm Beach Gardens, Cathryn Vaughn of Palm Beach Gardens; step son Gene Kalar (Missy) of Stanton, Ky., and his step daughter Missy Maxwell (David) of Avon, Ind. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and his sister Nancy Stowe (John) of Okla.

The family will receive friends for a visitation on Monday, April 22, 2013 from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home chapel. Services will begin at 11 a.m. in the chapel with Pastor John G. Garrison of Oakview Baptist Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made to Oakview Baptist Church 677 SW 32nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 3833 SE 18th Terr. Okeechobee, FL 34974.



# Community Events

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## Baseball/Softball event set

The Manny Sanguillen, 2 on 2 Baseball/Softball competition at \$10 per player, will be held on Sunday, **April 21**, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex. For information, contact Harvey at 561-762-4533 or Albie at 772-260-9647.

## VFW Ladies host breakfast

The Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, **April 22**, from 9 - 11 a.m. at the post. They serve biscuits, gravy, sausage patties, eggs anyway you want them, home fries, juice and coffee, for a donation of \$5. This event is open to the public—please join us. For information, call 863-467-2882.

## CCC hosts monthly meeting

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **April 23**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. April special guest speakers will represent Healthy Start Coalition and Guardian ad Litem. The meeting allows the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and families. The meeting is open to the public. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

## Cypress Hut Eagles to meet

Cypress Hut Eagles will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, **April 24**, at 7 p.m., for nominations of officers. For information, call 863-467-1154.

## Support group to meet

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will be holding a "Parkinson's Support Group" on Wednesday, **April 24**, at 6 p.m. at The Heritage Assisted Living Facility at 608 N.E. Seond Ave., (behind Rita's furniture). The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, physical therapist. We will provide free adult care and have discussions on how to make a difference with family and caregiver support, while exchanging experiences of Parkinson's. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public. For information, call 863-763-1700.

## Shrine hosting dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will hold the final spaghetti dinner of the season on Tuesday, **April 23**. Serving is from 4 - 7 p.m. and reservations are not required. The Shrine Club, is at 1740 S.W. 53rd St. (S.R. 78 W). The club is pleased to offer smoke free dinin.g. The complete dinner is available for a donation of only \$6. Proceeds benefit Shrine Charities. The members of the Okeechobee Shrine Club gratefully appreciate the members of our community who have supported our efforts by attending our Tuesday evening dinners. We look forward to seeing everyone again in October when we resume this activity.

## Run aids Special Olympics

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics will take place Friday, **April 26**. Runners will leave the sheriff's office at 9 a.m., and the run will end in the Publix Supermarket parking lot on U.S. 441 S. There will also be a barbecue following the run from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tickets are available in advance or on the day of the event. Delivery is also available. For more, contact Michele Bell at 863-763-3117.

## OCRA turning 40 years old

OCRA turns 40 years old this month and we are celebrating on Saturday, **April 27**, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the sports complex. There will be a bounce house, dunk tank, face painting and so much more! There is no charge for this, just come out and have a great day. OCRA will be selling rib dinners to help support our travel teams this summer. For information, call 863-634-0515.

## 4-H Club hosting Farm Swap

Okeechobee Goat and Lamb 4-H Club will host Farm Swap on Saturday, **April 27**, from 9 a.m. until noon at Jones Supply parking lot, 801 S.W. Park St. Buy, sell or trade animals, tack, plants and other farm-related items. For information, call Debbie at 863-634-6181.

## FFA Cornhole tourney slated

The Okeechobee Brahman FFA Cornhole Tournament will be Saturday, April 27. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m., and the event will get under way at 10 a.m. The tournament will be held at Tractor Supply Co., 3371 U.S. 441 S. The cost is \$5 per person to enter. First and second place will receive cash prizes. All proceeds benefit the Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter. For information, or to pre-register, contact Brandon McKee at 863-801-3499.

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# Spring Pasture Week Update planned at Extension Office

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Registration is at 9:45 a.m. at the Extension Office. Lunch will be a catered barbecue, sponsored by Dow AgroScience and Diamond R Fertilizer.

Speakers will include Courtney Davis of the Okeechobee County Extension Office, Dr. Brent Sellers, Ona REC Weed Specialist and Linda Lindenberg from Dow AgroScience.

For more information, contact the Okeechobee County Extension Office at 863-763-6469.



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# Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
<b>COWS:</b>				
800-1000	70.00	- 86.00	73.10	73.03
1000-1200	70.00	- 86.00	74.55	72.65
1200-1400	69.00	- 86.00	75.90	73.31
1400-1600	71.00	- 84.00	75.92	72.50
<b>BULLS:</b>				
1200-1400	84.00	- 89.00	86.67	88.00
1400-1600	80.00	- 102.00	92.00	87.33
1600-1800	85.00	- 101.00	94.80	97.50
<b>STEEERS:</b>				
150-250	220.00	- 285.00	254.17	232.50
250-300	185.00	- 220.00	194.63	210.25
300-350	185.00	- 187.50	185.63	191.73
350-400	175.00	- 190.00	180.39	183.40
400-450	165.00	- 175.00	169.96	170.56
450-500	160.00	- 167.50	163.75	164.33
500-550	150.00	- 162.50	156.06	156.39
550-600	135.00	- 152.50	141.00	140.50
600-650	125.00	- 142.50	132.42	129.71
650-700	125.00	- 138.00	130.63	129.14
<b>HEIFERS:</b>				
150-250	185.00	- 255.00	217.78	192.00
250-300	170.00	- 175.00	173.11	176.67
300-350	160.00	- 167.50	162.27	164.90
350-400	150.00	- 157.50	153.50	153.44
400-450	142.50	- 150.00	145.83	142.93
450-500	140.00	- 142.50	141.50	138.18
500-550	125.00	- 151.00	133.25	130.00
550-600	120.00	- 127.00	124.50	124.00
600-650	120.00	- 135.00	127.50	120.50

Prices reported are higher end #1 Quality. For #2's and Brahma type calves adjust down by \$10-\$30.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	293	549
COWS	69	232
STRS	2	10
HFRS	5	5
BULLS	11	26
YRLINGS	5	64
MX	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>886</b>

Cows and bulls showed a little improvement. Better yielding cows in the low to mid 80s. Medium cows in the mid to upper 70s. Talk is going around that cows are dollars higher in Arcadia than they are in Okeechobee. Truth is, same packers/buyers attend both sales. Could be some difference in quality of cattle. Nonetheless, across the country in Texas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, cow prices are the same as they are in Okeechobee. The cow market has not materialized like everyone had hoped. Hamburger meat has reached price resistance at current levels and meat is not moving rapidly as anticipated due to economic reasons. Calf prices looked to be a little better, too! Still, not many heavier calves showing up yet. Most calves are 400# and under. Some good 500# steers that I did see were up around \$1.50-\$1.55.

Double C Bar ranch Kenansville topped the calf market with a high of \$2.85 bought by Foy Reynolds. U & D cattle, Okeechobee, topped the cow market with a high of 86.00 bought by Central Beef.

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During an echo small pads (electrodes) are placed on the chest to monitor a patient's heartbeat. A transducer, a device that looks like a microphone, is coated with cool gel and moved firmly over the chest. This device creates the sound waves that make images of the heart. At times, patients may be asked to exhale and hold their breath for a few seconds. Air in the lungs can affect the images.

The transducer may also be used to do a Doppler study. This test measures the direction and speed of blood flowing through the heart. During the test, patients may hear a "whooshing" sound. This is



the sound of blood flowing through the heart. The images of the patient's heart are stored electronically. This is so the doctor can review them and discuss them with the patient. The test results help the doctor plan a treatment and any other tests that are needed. Raulerson Hospital offers echocardiogram services. A doctor's order is required.

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# Earth Day 2013: The Face of Climate Change

WASHINGTON – The global theme for Earth Day 2013 is “The Face of Climate Change.” Earth Day Network, the group founded by the organizers of the first Earth Day to coordinate the annual day of action that builds and invigorates the environmental movement, said that this theme was chosen because of the need to highlight the mounting impact of climate change on individuals around the world.

“Many people think climate change is a remote problem, but the fact is that it’s already impacting real people, animals, and beloved places all over the world, and these Faces of Climate Change are multiplying every day,” said Kathleen Rogers, president of Earth Day Network. “Fortunately, other Faces of Climate Change are also multiplying every day: those stepping up to do something about it. For Earth Day 2013, we’ll bring our generation’s biggest environmental challenge down to size – the size of an individual faced with the consequences.”

Earth Day Network has been collecting images of people, animals, and places directly affected or threatened by climate change and tell the world their stories. The organization mobilized its extensive global network of Earth Day event organizers and other partners to help collect the images. They also asked ordinary people to become “climate reporters” and send their pictures and stories that show The Face of Climate Change.

An interactive digital display of all the images will be shown at thousands of events around the world, including next to federal government buildings in countries that produce the most carbon pollution. The display is also available online to anyone who wants to view or show it.

“The Face of Climate Change will not only personalize and make real the massive challenge that climate change presents, it will unite the myriad Earth Day events around the world into one call to action at a critical time,” said Franklin Russell, director of Earth Day at Earth Day Network.

2012 was marked by many climate change milestones. Arctic sea-ice cover reached a record low in September, a new high-water mark in a long-term decline. The United States experienced its hottest year ever; this, after the World Meteorological Organization announced that the first decade of this century was the hottest on record for the entire planet. Public perception of extreme weather events as “the new normal” grew as unusual superstorms rocked the Caribbean, the Philippines and the northeastern United

States; droughts plagued northern Brazil, Russia, China, and two-thirds of United States; exceptional floods inundated Nigeria, Pakistan, and parts of China; and more. Meanwhile, international climate change talks stagnated. But glimmers of hope for a political solution began appearing in recent months, perhaps most notably in U.S. President Barack Obama’s high-profile promises to tackle climate change during his second term.

This is why organizers say that 2013 is ripe for a major push to confront climate change.

Each year, more than one billion people participate in Earth Day-related activities, making it the largest civic observance in the world. On and around April 22, communities across approximately 192 countries voice their concerns for the planet and take action to protect it.

“We’ll harness that power to show the world The Face of Climate Change,” said Russell. “And we’ll call on our leaders to act boldly together, as we have, on this critical issue.”

To learn more about Earth Day 2013 and The Face of Climate Change, go to [www.earthday.org/2013](http://www.earthday.org/2013).

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“Line clearing is an important part of our plan to keep the lights on and our customers safe,” said Eli Viamontes, FPL’s manager of vegetation management. “By making the right landscaping choices, our customers can help maintain safe, reliable electric service for their families and neighbors.”

### Right Tree, Right Place

Find the Right Tree – Trees come in many shapes and sizes, and can change dramatically as they grow. Before selecting a tree, learn how tall, wide and deep the tree will be at maturity. Visit [www.FPL.com/RightTree](http://www.FPL.com/RightTree) for planting tips and a list of recommended trees by region.

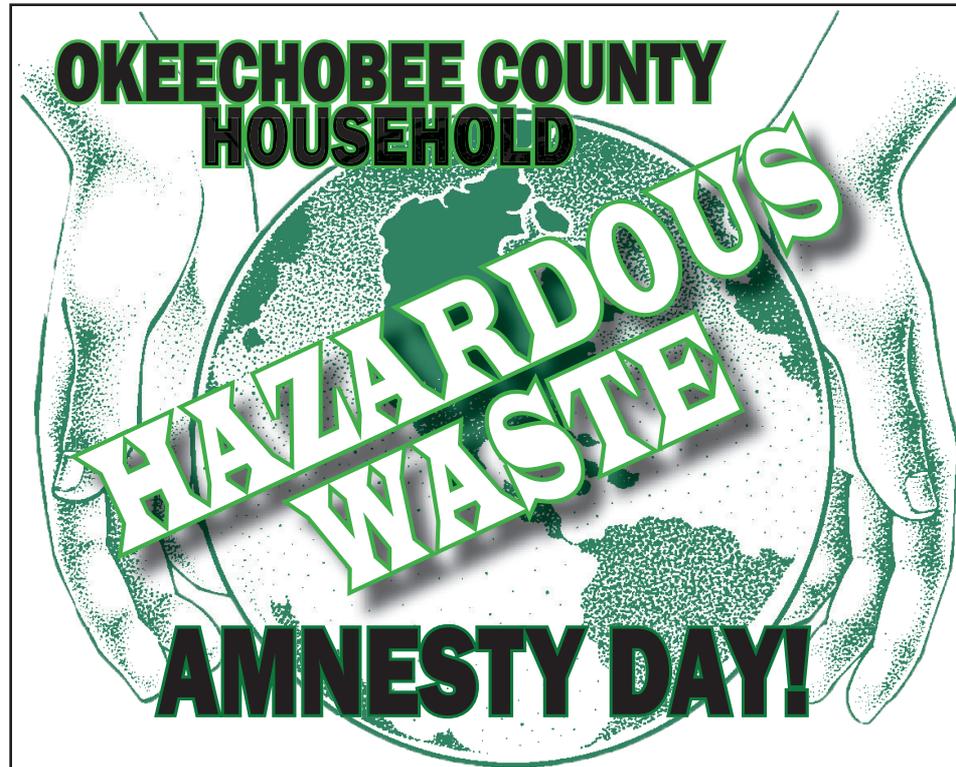
- Choose the right place: Trees and power lines don’t mix. Trees that grow too close to power lines could interrupt local electric service and cause a safety hazard. FPL encourages its customers to plant trees and bushes away from power lines to help maintain reliable electric service.

- Call before you dig: Some utility lines are buried underground. So, before reaching for a shovel, reach for the phone. Sunshine State One Call of Florida will have underground lines and equipment marked for free. Just call 811 at least two full business days before digging. For more information, visit [www.Sunshine811.com](http://www.Sunshine811.com).

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# Water conservation important year 'round



in place, the District follows Year-Round Water Conservation Measures that target outdoor irrigation, which accounts for up to half of the water used per person per day in South Florida. The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule is just one of many initiatives implemented under the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program.

Highlighting an ongoing commitment to water conservation, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is observing April as Water Conservation Month. This follows a month of drier-than-average weather and a 2012-2013 dry season that has seen only 50 percent of average rainfall.

"Each year, Water Conservation Month is a helpful reminder that there are many ways to reduce demand on South Florida's limited water resources," said SFWMD Executive Director Melissa L. Meeker. "Water conservation has been and will continue to be a critical tool in our water supply planning efforts."

For 15 consecutive years, Florida has recognized Water Conservation Month in April, the height of the South Florida dry season. While the District is not currently in a water shortage or drought, at least part of the region was in a drought at some point in six of the last eight years. A long-term commitment to water conservation helps to minimize the impact of dry times.

### Dry Season Rainfall Update

Following a Valentine's Day storm that boosted February's rainfall total and regional water supplies, March ended with scant opportunities to recharge the system. An average of only 1.10 inches fell from Orlando to the Florida Keys, representing 35 percent of average, or a deficit of 2.04 inches.

All 16 counties in the District experienced below-average rainfall, with Martin and St. Lucie counties—along with eastern Palm Beach and Broward counties—recording some of the largest deficits. The Southwest Coast also experienced dry conditions, with 0.90 inches of rain representing 31 percent of average, or a deficit of 1.96 inches.

These dry conditions increased the overall 2012-2013 dry season rainfall deficit to 5.77 inches, or 50 percent of average from November 1 to date.

While water levels remain positioned at adequate levels in most areas, evapotranspiration, the loss of water from the ground and growing plants, increases in April, speeding the decline in surface water levels.

### Water Conservation is a Year-Round Ethic

Water conservation is essential year-round for addressing the impacts of weather extremes and growing demands on a limited water supply needed by South Florida's 7.7 million residents, economy and environment.

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# Stormwater treatment areas great for bird watching



All photos accompanying article by Ken Corregan

Hundreds of bird watchers had the opportunity in 2012 to observe endangered Everglades snail kites, roseate spoon bills and a vast array of Florida wading birds in wetlands built by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) to improve Everglades water quality. This year, the District is once again partnering with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society and the Audubon Society of the Everglades to continue these highly popular tours and bird counts in wetlands, known as Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs), in Palm Beach and Hendry counties.

Since first taking flight in January 2012, 15 guided bird-watching tours at STA-1 East in Palm Beach County have drawn about 300 people. Hosted by the Audubon Society of the Everglades, in partnership with the District, participants have identified 115 species of birds so far at the site just west of Wellington.

With cameras and long-range viewing scopes, bird watchers typically caravan across 9 miles of the internal levees that separate the water-cleaning cells of the wetland. Frequent stops at choice locations offer excellent views of wildlife in the expanse of water and the STAs specialized plants that take up phosphorus before it enters the Everglades. For 2013, Audubon of the Everglades plans to host about 20 trips to STA-1 East, including the first Saturday of each month. Tour dates and related outings are posted on the Audubon of the Everglades website at <http://www.auduboneverglades.org/>.

The STA-1 East tour program was modeled after the popular partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society, which has served 6,300 bird watchers and photographers from across the globe at STA - 5 in Hendry County to date. STA - 5 in Hendry County Continuing the tradition of world renowned bird watching at STA-5, the Hendry - Glades Audubon Society hosted 25 trips with 863 participants in 2012. The group also documented the 200th confirmed bird species — the American goldfinch — at the site since tours began there in 2005. The northern flicker was the 201st.

During the 113th Christmas Bird Count in December, Audubon teams in STA-5 and the surrounding area documented a diverse array of 111 species, including American coot, fulvous whistling duck, blue - winged teal, endangered Everglades snail kite, crested caracara and tropical kingbird.

A total of around 85,500 individual birds were counted over the course of the day. The more than 6,000-acre constructed wetland, just south of Clewiston, is one of 489 sites on The Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. Sponsored by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the sites are selected for their prolific bird watching or bird education and wildlife-viewing opportunities.

Audubon volunteers, in cooperation with the District, have led 163 individual tours at this site to date. Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns approximately 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit [sfwmd.gov/recreation](http://sfwmd.gov/recreation).



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# Mom-to-be injured when she's struck in stomach

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A woman who is nine-months pregnant had to be rushed to a hospital with unspecified injuries after she was allegedly punched in the stomach by another woman.

Although the suspect—26-year-old Ashley Nicole Casselton, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee—reportedly ran from the scene of the incident, she was later arrested on a felony charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person.

Casselton was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a \$10,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Bryan Holden, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated the incident occurred at 10:19 p.m. Thursday, April 18, when Casselton began arguing with another woman.

The victim, stated the deputy, told Cas-

selton she didn't have the right to speak to the woman in such a disrespectful manner.



Ashley Casselton

According to the deputy's report Casselton then doubled up her fist and struck the victim in the upper portion of her stomach. She then fled the home.

Casselton was later found hiding in a neighbor's yard by OCSO Deputy Corporal Chris Hans.

Deputy Holden went on to state that the victim was taken by ambulance to Raulerson Hospital, then later taken to the St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie.

"The extent of (the victim's) injuries was not yet available at the time of this report," stated Deputy Holden.

## OCSO Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated reports of the following crimes last week:

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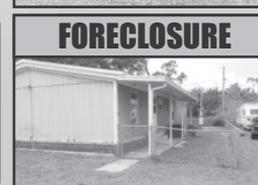
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JOHNNY J. HERNANDEZ A/K/A JOHNNY HERNANDEZ, et al., Defendants.

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

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

ANSWER:



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## Students of the week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of April 19: Victoria Cardoso, Karla Alderman, Kali Russell, Chance Mauldin, Rayfe Cannon, Letisia Guerrero, Augi Tijerina, Carmen Betancourt, Selena Rivera, Araceli Ruiz, Fernando Chavez, Wilton Williams, Jennifer Loredo and Deanna Tindall.

## Federated Republican Women's Club forming

Okeechobee has a new ladies' club, the Okeechobee County Federated Republican Women's Club has been established and is inviting new members to join us. We meet at Cowboy's in the private dining room on the last Tuesday of every month. Membership paperwork can be picked up at a meeting or by sending an e-mail to OkeechobeeC-FRW@gmail.com. Any other information can be obtained by contacting the club president, Josie Weeks-Elliott, at 863-634-8474.

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## SES Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of April 15 - 19. They are: Makayla Brifil, Dylan Graisbury, Emma Raulerson, Cinthia Gomez, Daniel Pye, Cristal Hernandez, Alexis Lusk, Elijah Harrison, Brylee Lightsey, Melissa Breen, Braelon Pelt, Jacob Hardy, Raena Garcia, Lidia Arriaga, Lexy Arnold and Andrea Guadalupe-Meza.

## Salvation Army offers rental assistance

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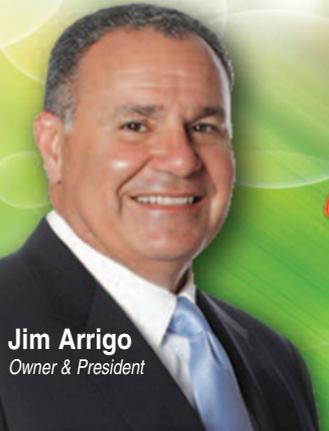
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WE MATCH.....2,500  
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