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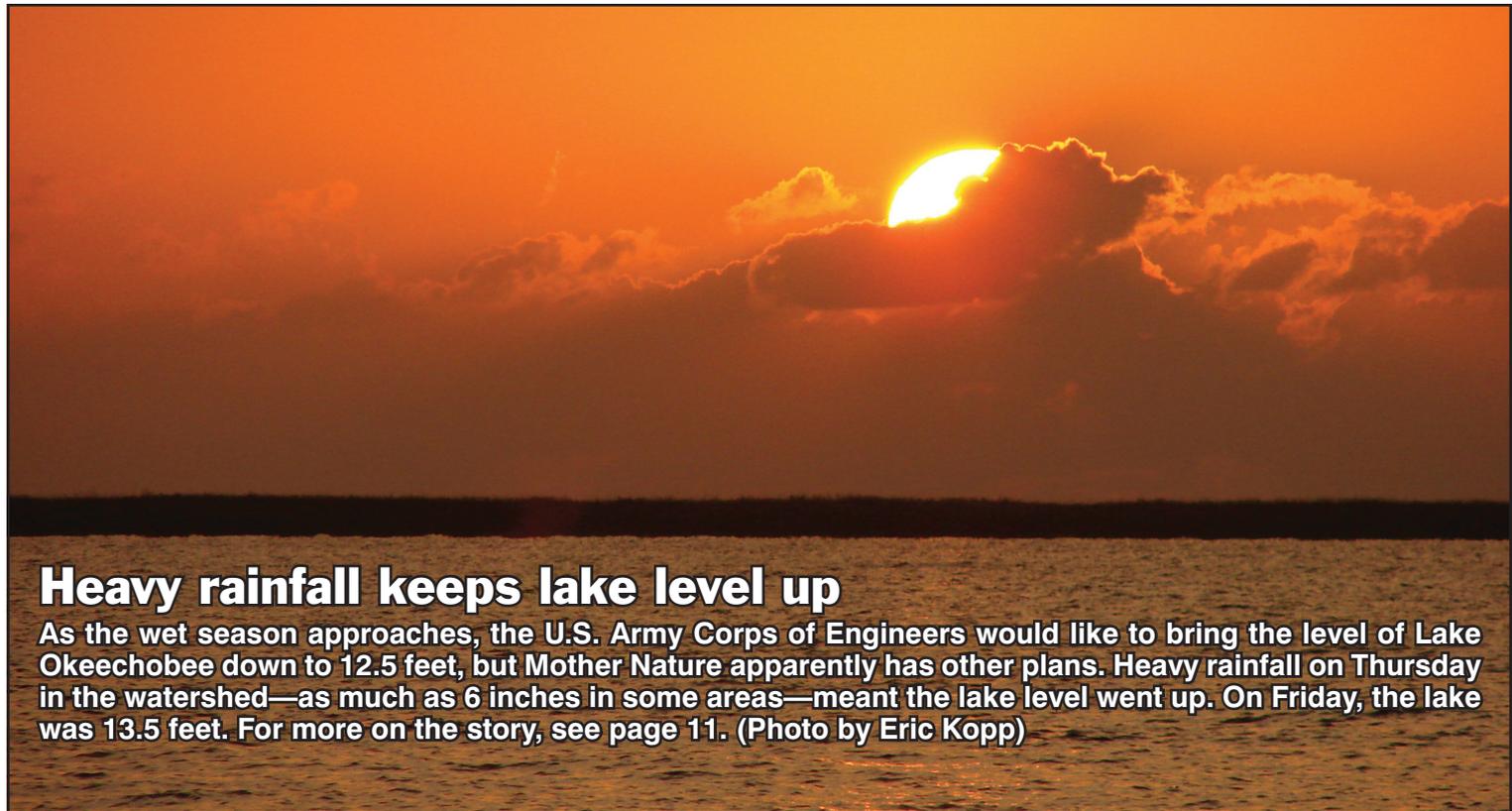
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Heavy rainfall keeps lake level up

As the wet season approaches, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would like to bring the level of Lake Okeechobee down to 12.5 feet, but Mother Nature apparently has other plans. Heavy rainfall on Thursday in the watershed—as much as 6 inches in some areas—meant the lake level went up. On Friday, the lake was 13.5 feet. For more on the story, see page 11. (Photo by Eric Kopp)

Exhibition honors 'People of the Water'

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Florida's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Spanish Explorer Juan Ponce de Leon came to Okeechobee Thursday with a presentation about a people who lived in Okeechobee long before the white settlers came.

The People of the Water lived in this area for over 2,500 years with settlements as far north as Lake Wales and as south as Boynton Beach. They built villages and towns along the rivers and lake shore on high ground.

A travelling exhibition for Viva Florida, entitled "We Were Here,"

presented by the Lawrence E. Will Museum in Belle Glade, has visited several libraries in the Heartland Region and was in the Okeechobee County Library between April 9 and May 4.

"These people used the waters of Florida in a way that worked for them, and has never been duplicated," said Catherine Smith, archeologist.

There are very few references about this group by Europeans. They were not welcoming and were not friendly to Europeans. There were also few contacts between the two.

The people relied heavily on a

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Catherine Smith addressed about 20 people at the Okeechobee County Library Thursday night.

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OHS artists take honors

Okeechobee High School ranked first out of 11 school districts in the 45th Annual National Migrant Education Conference. The conference was held in Orlando on April 29, 30 and May 1. Adilene Hernandez, Julio Garcia and Crystal Vargas were the three students to compete with their art work. Adilene Hernandez sold two of her art works for \$50 each. Many migrant educators, teachers and students attend this conference, from all over the country—from Alaska to Maine. It was, needless to say huge. Left to right are: Adilene Hernandez, Julio Garcia and Crystal Vargas.

Okeechobee Forecast

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. Low of 57F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 82F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Monday Night: Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy. Low of 59F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 81F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tuesday Night: Clear. Low of 59F. Winds from the WNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High of 84F. Winds from the West at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear with a chance of a thunderstorm. Low of 61F. Winds from the WNW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Thursday: Clear. High of 86F. Winds less than 5 mph.

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 OkeechobeeCFRW@gmail.com. Any other information can be obtained by contacting the club president, Josie Weeks-Elliott, at 863-634-8474.

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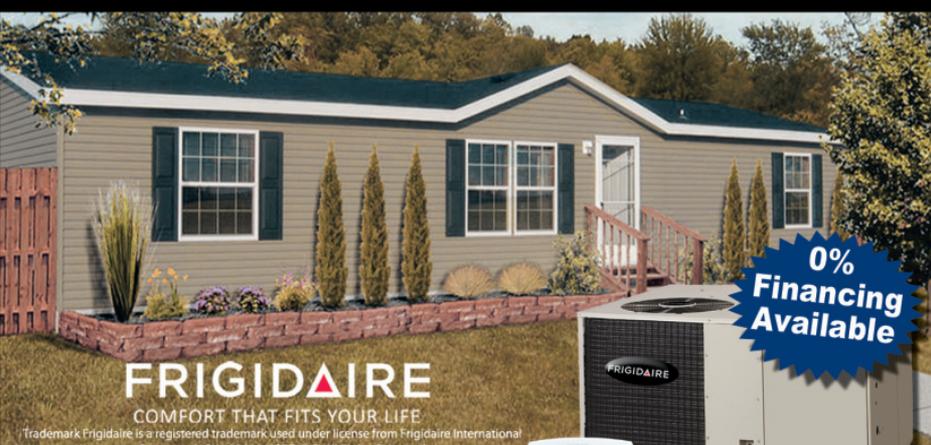
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Prayer Day observed in Okeechobee



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City Police Chief Denny Davis (photo top right) and his son Chris (right), gave a testimony on the power of prayer at the Prayer Day observance held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church. Chief Davis read from Deuteronomy Chapter 6 in describing his son's health ordeal and recovery.

Rev. John Garnder, Elder, More 2 Life Ministries (photo, top left) presented special music, "America the Beautiful" at the 90-minute service Thursday. He also read from 2nd Chronicles Chapter 7.

Rev. Randy Huckabee, Pastor at the First Baptist Church, (photo at center) prayed for our local colleges and universities at the Prayer Day observance held indoors this year due to the threat of rain.

(Photo lower right) Rev. Loy Mershimer, Pastor for the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church presented special music, "The Lord's Prayer" at the Prayer Day observance. The Okeechobee Kiwanis Club served a special luncheon after the service.



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Arcades closed

• I think it is terrible that the state has shut down the arcades. So many retired folks used the arcades for entertainment and to meet other people. Most people only played for eight or ten cents at a time. Once in a while you would win a gift card. It was fun. What else is there in Okeechobee for old people to do?

• I am glad the state has made the arcades and video gambling illegal. Gambling is an addiction. How many people wasted their days in these places, losing the money they needed for food or medicine? It's easy to just keep playing, thinking you will win it back.

LOST access

• If the landowner was smart he would sell the property on the east side of the lock to the SFWMD or the county and then he would not have to worry about the liability.

• If the owner were to grant access would you sign a total waiver of liability including but not limited to owner's negligence?

• I think the county needs to stay out of this mess. The dike belongs to SFWMD. They need to fix the problem not the county. The county could contact SFWMD to indicate the problem needs to be fixed and maybe contact the state, but no county money should be spent on property the county doesn't own or control. If hikers and bikers aren't hauling the trash back into the woods that they travel than who is doing it? The general public will not travel that far off the road.

• The person that owns the property may want everything he owns to be bought to get that road access. I know after seeing first hand how the public trashes public land and the land next to public land that if I owned it you would have to buy everything I owned to get the road access. I do not want to own property next to public land ever again.

• It amazes me the mentality of people ... "just throw it down, it will rot in a millennium or two."

• Due to the work on the lock, that access has been closed for many months so I don't think any trash there is from hikers. More likely it is garbage from boaters that washes up along the shoreline. You would think people who enjoy fishing in the lake would have more sense than to help destroy it by throwing their garbage in the water.

Boston Marathon Bombing

• What sickens me is the fact that America will not do all that it can do to keep these people out of our country. If you wanted to invade and harm peace loving people of a country with open arms, wouldn't you play the nice guy to fool everyone until your purposes have been fulfilled? Silly willy nilly people who are in charge of running things in this country are either fooled every day or are in collaboration with those who wish us harm.

• Even today's news reported two of three more students from a foreign country are being held on "immigration charges" who destroyed evidence. Surprised?

• The Russians warned the U.S. that this guy was dangerous. He went back to Russia for six months, and the U.S. let him back in the country. The FBI and Homeland Security apparently do not share information with each other. The administration seems so worried that something might offend a foreign country or a religious group that they fail in one of their primary duties—to protect American citizens!

Abortion doctor on trial

• If viability outside the womb is the marker for life to pro-abortionist, then even a full-term baby does not meet viability as it cannot sustain life on its own for it is dependent upon others for many years of care in order to "live" ... just something to consider.

Phone scam

• Has anyone else received recorded phone calls from a number in South Carolina about being named respondent in a case against you regarding a restraining order? I Googled the number and see that it is a scam and people all over the country are receiving the calls.

Reflections from the pulpit

There is power in the name

By Rev. P. G. Livatt, M.Div.

New St. Stephen A.M.E. Church

How many of you believers out there, know that prayer changes things. We can ask anything in the name of Jesus Christ, and it will be granted. He may not come when you want Him, but He'll be there right on time. He is an on-time God. Most of all, it may not come how you ask Him, but he will supply your needs.

Jesus absolutely does not want us to miss, so He says it six times over three chapters (John 14:14; 15:7-16; 16:23-24).

In John 14:13, "I will do whatever you ask in My name." Jesus encourages the believer to ask anything, to ask repeatedly and unashamedly, and to keep on asking until the answer comes. We can be duly impressed with how strongly the Lord wants us to remember the power of praying in His name. A vast majority of believers have been taught to pray, "If it be Thy will." Persons presume it means to simply defer to the Lord's sovereign control of things and try to get on the inside track with Him before asking. Not only will He and His Father do what we ask in His name, but praying this way will give God great glory and us great joy.

"What a deal," some have thought, "just use His name, and He'll do whatever you ask." They say that because they don't understand the significance of the name. A lot of materialistic self-promotion has been justified by this kind of misunderstanding. And the faith of many has been damaged when the use of the name did not achieve the desired results.

The truth of the matter is that there are conditions to answered prayer:

- The believer cannot regard iniquity in his/her heart (Psalm 66:18)
- The believer cannot ask anything amiss—that is to further his/her lust filled, lust-fueled desires (James 4:3)
- The believer cannot be wavering—that is, to want something so little that is really makes no difference whether they obtains it or not (James 1:6-7)
- The believer must abide in Christ—

that is, to be drawn to Christ as a flower is drawn to the sun.

In the Bible a name is not a label; it is a person, a character. To pray in the name of Jesus is not to use His name as a mantra, but to submit to His will as one would to a master. Jesus is saying, "Whatever you ask according to who I am and what I will, it will be done for you." The "whatever" is conditioned by the "name," not the other way around. To pray in the name of Jesus is just another way of saying, "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

For a closer relationship to God, our prayer must be effective, one must have a life of total dedication to God, a life lived in Him that is so real that he/she can discern His desires, His mind, and His will. When one prays from the venter of that intimate relationship, his/her prayer will not fail. When the believer reaches this point, he/she will never need to ask, "If it be Thy will." The believer who continues to ask the Lord for the benefit of His will does not know Him in a deep and abiding way. The believer who is constantly a delight to the Lord will be the one to whom the Lord will reveal His mind.

Should we be encouraged or discouraged by this qualification? Will our prayers shrink or expand according to this knowledge? They must get bigger and better! What Jesus desires and will is glorious and beautiful. When our prayers are aligned with His name, we are better people, and our prayers take on divine power in a way very much like what Dante described as what happened to him when he looked into the face of God: "But now my desire and will were revolved, like a wheel which is moved evenly, by the Love which moves the sun and the stars."

As I pray; Holy Jesus, teach us Your ways, that we may revere Your name. Teach us the power of wanting what You want, that we may have the joy of answered prayer in Your name. May our relationship with you grow ever so intimate that we will not ever need to say, "If it be Thy will," In Christ's name. AMEN

Shrine Club collects aluminum can tabs

The local Shrine Club is collecting the "pull tabs" from aluminum cans. For more information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427, Mac Simpson at 863-484-0427 or the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

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Couple accused of heroin possession

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man and woman were arrested Thursday after detectives executed a search warrant on the home they shared and allegedly found a small amount of heroin.

Arrested May 2 were: Lucas James Passey, 27, Southwest Ninth St., Okeechobee; and Chelsea Jaye Saunders, 26, Southwest Ninth St., Okeechobee.

Both were arrested on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (heroin) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.



Lucas James Passey

They were both booked into the Okeechobee County Jail but their bonds weren't known as of newspaper deadline.

An arrest report by a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force indicated the search warrant was executed around 9:18 a.m. The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Special Response Team gained entry into the home, found Passey and Saunders and then secured them in their bedroom.

According to the detective's report the bedroom was then searched. During that search, task force members reportedly



Chelsea Jaye Saunders

found: used syringes with needles; used spoons; small pieces of cotton; a zip-up pouch containing used syringes and needles; spoons; and, dime-sized plastic bags containing a suspicious substance.

A field test was then done on that substance and it allegedly indicated a positive result for the presence of heroin. The needles and used spoons were also field tested and they, too, indicated a positive result for the presence of heroin, added the report.

According to the detective the heroin weighed less than 0.1 grams.

The detective also pointed out that some used straws were found during the search. The straw contained an unknown residue, added the detective.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Investigations

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

ASSAULT

- 2500 block of N.E. 11th Court
- 700 block of S.W. Second St.
- 1600 block of N.W. 45th Terrace
- 1600 block of N.W. 43rd Ave.
- 3500 block of N.W. 12th Ave.
- 19700 block of N.W. 282nd St.

BURGLARY

- 16500 block of N.W. 192nd St.

- 8500 block of S.R. 78 W.
- 5500 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 2900 block of S.E. 47th Terrace

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- 2900 block of N.W. Eighth Terrace
- 2200 block of N.W. Sixth St.
- 3700 block of N.W. Eighth St.
- 3300 block of N.W. 33rd Ave.

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- 18300 block of N.W. 96th St.
- 500 block of N.W. Fourth St.

THEFT

- 900 block of N.W. 23rd Lane
- 4900 block of N.W. 27th St.
- 1700 block of S.R. 70 W.
- 1000 block of N.E. 16th Ave.
- 1700 block of S.E. Sixth Lane (identity)
- 2400 block of N.E. Sixth St.
- 100 block of N.E. 64th Ave.
- 3300 block of S.W. 23rd St.
- 3500 block of S.E. 33rd Terrace

WATER

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marine diet of fish, clams, snails, shellfish, alligator, snakes and water fowl. They travelled by building canals. In fact the longest canal system ever in North America existed at this time starting at Ortona in present day Glades County, linking Lake Okeechobee with the west coast of Florida. That meant they could trade with many other groups in South Florida. They traded a lot of property. Even metal common in Lake Michigan has been located during archeological digs here.

"There is evidence they used dredging. It is shown that they dug canals all over the place. It is hard to tell if it was an historic river or a man made canal. It was their way of creating roads," she added.

There was no evidence these people ever had a problem with hunger. People on the coasts of Florida had trouble with food supplies as they had to share with Europeans. The water people also had sophisticated hunting techniques with sharp knives and weapons, many of them made out of rock. They built sturdy dugout canoes as long as 45 feet from cypress and pine logs that were hollowed and shaped with burning, shell and stone axes.

Researchers of the group were aided in the past decade due to low water levels on Lake Okeechobee. A Palm Beach archeolo-

gist was able to rescue a large number of artifacts in the lake on several sites that had been submerged by water since the construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Ms. Smith said the people were strong and used ingenuity in order to survive the hardships of those times.

"It takes a lot of guts and skill to spear an alligator," Ms. Smith added.

The people also had vegetation to eat like pond apples, Okeechobee pumpkin, elderberries, and plants. They survived without farming, one of the only groups in North America that did this.

They were very creative and knowledgeable with tools, and even with art. "We have found beautiful wood carvings created by these people."

Most of the people of the water died due to diseases such as smallpox, influenza, and measles that were introduced by Europeans.

There are huge mounds located all around the Lake. Some are as high as 20 feet tall and as large as a present day mall. These projects required a lot of labor and a lot of time.

"They are believed to be ceremonial. Some think they grew crops on them. Others believe they were used as a fishing weir," she added. A burial mound accompanied all of these large mounds. There are at least 13 of these earth works. The closest is in Fort Center west of Lakeport and Nicodemous Slough.

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— Catherine Smith

Ms. Smith said there has been very little actual research done on these tribes and only a 1930s dig with the Smithsonian Institute has resulted in major discoveries near Belle Glade.

The people used water bodies to bury their dead in many areas. Ms. Smith intends to seek grant dollars to see if she can determine where the people came from. There is some opinion that they came from South America. She said there are characteristics of the people that don't match tribes in south east North America. "We just don't know enough about this group. Check with me in a few years. There is a real struggle for funding. I've been fortunate as I've had a community willing to step up and help me."

Some of the mounds have been destroyed while the Belle Glade mound has been thoroughly excavated. Ms. Smith said she did not know of an archeological dig in Okeechobee County. Some of the known mounds are on private property.

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Community Events

Moose Lodge plans events

Exciting new fun starts May 8 at the Okeechobee Moose with Mike's Dance on Wednesday, **May 8**, from 3 to 7 p.m. and every Wednesday in May. There will be good music, lots of dancing and requests always accepted! The kitchen will serve burgers, hotdogs, fries and onion rings. Washer Toss in the Tiki Hut May 11 and 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bingo will be Thursday at 1 p.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Friday Night Bingo starts with Bonanza at 6:30 p.m. Food is available. Sunday breakfast served 8 to 11 a.m. Proceeds go to support Moose Charities programs.

Elks Lodge 2871 to meet

Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge 2871 will meet on Thursday, **May 9**, at 7 p.m. at the VFW South in Treasurer Island. Come early for a meet and greet hour at 6 p.m. Because of our state convention, this will be the only meeting in the month of May.

Free Education Diabetes

Management Session

Raquel Cordoves, a Certified Diabetes Educator will be at Welcome House Drop-in Center, 1925 Hwy. 441 S.E., on Friday, **May 10**, at 10 a.m. She will provide expert advice on diabetes, the importance of checking blood sugar levels, what is A1C and how it affects the blood sugar, meal planning and exercising, information on medical tests, and basic info on the types of medications. This service is open to the public and no appointment is necessary. For more information, please call 863-467-1026.

Shared Services Network to meet on Friday

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 on Friday, **May 10**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office, 700 S.W. Second Ave. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, Ext. 257.

Obituaries

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Wesley Mobley, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Wesley Mobley passed away May 3, 2013 at his home. He was born Feb. 23, 1933 in Banks, Ala. to the late Joel and Emma Gene Mobley. He came to Okeechobee from Alabama in 1949. He was a member of Oakview Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his brothers.

Mr. Mobley was preceded in death by his sister, Hazel Sessions.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Faye Mobley; son, Dean Mobley (Anne) of Georgia; daughter, Patricia McWhorter (Larry) of Okeechobee; three stepsons, Greg, Stan and Todd Bond; four brothers, William Mobley (Pam), Victor C. Mobley, Robert Mobley (Judy) all of Okeechobee and Larry Mobley (Patsy) of Georgia; 13 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. Monday, May 6, 2013 until services at 11 a.m. at Oakview Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972.

Carroll William Mears, 86

OKEECHOBEE — Carroll William Mears died Monday, May 1, 2013, at the Treasure Coast Hospice. He has been a resident of Okeechobee since 1971 and served his country in the US Air Force, retiring from the Homestead Air Force Base with a rank of Senior Master Sergeant. He was a member of the VFW, DAV, and the American Legion.

Mr. Mears is preceded in death by his wife, Annemarie; and his great-granddaughter, Sophia. He is survived by sons, Bill Mears (Peggy) of Canada, Robert Mears (Terisa) of Okeechobee; and his daughter, Margaret Mears Garcia of Fort Lauderdale; as well as nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A private family burial will be held at All Saints Cemetery in Jensen Beach, FL.

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Bill Lafferty, Jr. 83

OKEECHOBEE — Bill Lafferty, Jr. peacefully passed away Thursday evening on May 2, 2013 at the Hamrick House in Okeechobee. He went home to be with the Lord and his beloved wife of 62 years.

Bill was born Nov. 3, 1929 in Aflax, Ky. Bill and his wife Anne moved to Okeechobee from West Palm Beach 25 years ago. He retired from the City of Lake Worth Municipal Power Co. He worked for seven years as a coal miner in West Virginia. He was known to his grandchildren and great grandchildren as Poppy.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Anne; his parents, William and Ellen Lafferty; beloved son-in-law, Pat Pendrey; and his infant granddaughter, Theresa Suzanne Pendrey.

He is survived by his daughter, Katherine Pendrey (late Pat Pendrey); son, Steve Lafferty (Jennifer); grandchildren Brett Pendrey (Melissa), Keith Pendrey (Angela), Austin and Ashlyn Lafferty. He and his wife Anne also have five great-grandchildren, Peyton and Taylor Pendrey; Shayla, Rance and Haylee Rae Pendrey; he is also survived by his sister, Ilene Pollis of Tenn.; two sisters-in-law, Lee Neal (Mickey) of Palm Beach Gardens and Norma Smith of W.Va.; one niece and three nephews.

Bill will always be remembered by his family and close friends. He enjoyed mowing his lawn and riding his golf carts.

The family would like to thank all of the workers at Hospice of Okeechobee because without them this would have been more difficult to bear. He received loving care from them at home and at their facility.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. at Buxton and Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee. Brother Joe Bishop will officiate. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com.

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

Mary 'Doris' Alice Small, 91

OKEECHOBEE — Mary "Doris" Alice Small died on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the Hamrick Home. Formerly of Massachusetts, and Plantation, Fla., she has been a resident of Okeechobee for the past eight years and enjoyed cooking, shopping, gardening, bingo and partying. Mary held membership with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles, American Legion Auxiliary, Women of the Moose and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Earl Small; son, Francis Patrick; and her former husband, Paul O'Neil.

Mrs. Small is survived by son, James J. McSheffey (Janet) of Tucson, Az.; daughter, Ann McCabe (Edward) of Duxbury, Mass.; grandchildren; Edward McCabe (Susan) of Bridgewater, Mass., and James McCabe of Randolph, Mass. She is also survived by three great-grandchildren, Joshua McCabe, E.J. McCabe, and Evan McCabe; as well as her sister, Frances Finn of Hull, Mass.; and several nieces and nephews who referred to her as "Aunt Doris".

A memorial service will be held today, Sunday, May 5, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Moose Lodge, 159 NW 36th St., Okeechobee, FL. A memorial mass will be held tomorrow, Monday, May 6, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church at 10 a.m.

If friends desire, donations in Mary's name may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Online condolences may be left at www.buxtonseawinds.com

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John E. Challancin, 56

OKEECHOBEE — John Edward Challancin passed away on April 27, 2013 at home in Austell, Ga. after a long battle with cancer.

He enjoyed woodworking, NASCAR, baseball, hunting, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth G. Challancin; and brother, Kenneth (Ken) Challancin Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 17 years, Billie; one son, Jeremy of Austell, Ga.; his mother, Wilma (Kenneth) Atchley of Okeechobee; twin brother, James (Jim) Challancin of Okeechobee; little brothers, Dennis Challancin of Stuart, Fla., and Aaron Challancin of Ft. Lauderdale.

Services were held on April 30, 2013 at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga.

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Second Annual AgVenture

It was children, children everywhere as TD Bank sponsored the second annual AgVenture Monday and Tuesday. The Flea Market on Wolff Road and Hwy. 441 S. was transformed into a learning center where third through eighth graders were able to see, touch and taste Florida Agriculture through displays and demonstrations of citrus, dairy, vegetables, farm animals and even alligator farming. Children were bused from their schools and guided, by volunteers, through a morning of hands-on education. A lunch provided by the Okeechobee Ag Council concluded the three-hour event.

Livestock Market Report

APRIL 29 & 30, 2013

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

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
COWS:				
800-1000	75.00	- 90.00	81.50	75.90
1000-1200	75.00	- 86.00	78.20	75.00
1200-1400	75.00	- 90.00	78.46	74.86
1400-1600	75.00	- 77.00	76.00	70.57

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
BULLS:				
1200-1400	80.00	- 92.00	86.50	86.50
1400-1600	80.00	- 98.00	91.29	85.00
1600-1800	88.00	- 103.00	95.75	92.25

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
STEERS:				
150-250	235.00	- 255.00	245.00	252.00
250-300	180.00	- 205.00	188.75	183.08
300-350	180.00	- 187.50	183.00	182.50
350-400	175.00	- 190.00	180.94	179.75
400-450	165.00	- 177.00	172.40	169.67
450-500	162.50	- 177.50	167.14	166.00
500-550	152.50	- 165.00	157.50	153.00
550-600	135.00	- 157.50	143.30	139.50
600-650	130.00	- 145.00	137.80	135.61
650-700	131.00	- 137.00	135.17	131.25

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
HEIFERS:				
150-250	255.00	- 270.00	262.50	213.33
250-300	160.00	- 167.50	162.22	162.50
300-350	155.00	- 162.50	159.06	157.50
350-400	145.00	- 162.50	150.75	147..21
400-450	142.50	- 147.50	144.64	143.50
450-500	140.00	- 145.00	142.27	141.33
500-550	130.00	- 145.00	138.13	133.17
550-600	125.00	- 130.00	127.50	123.33
600-650	124.00	- 127.50	125.75	115.50

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	186	270
COWS	87	252
STRS	11	123
HFRS	6	48
BULLS	5	17
YRLINGS	25	8
MIX	0	0
TOTAL	320	718

Prices better this week. Numbers still off. Calves and cows all \$2-\$3 higher. Hope it's a trend, but who knows. We appreciate your business ... keep them coming!

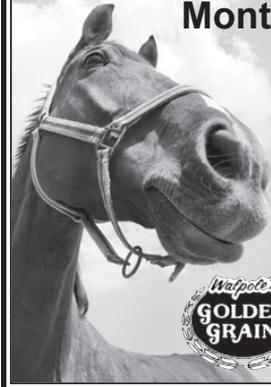
H. H. Partin, St. Cloud, topped the calf market with a high of \$2.70 bought by Bellamy Cattle Buying & Sales.

Sacramento Farms, Key Biscayne, topped the cow market with a high of 90.00 bought by Central Beef.

Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association has started a fundraising effort to restore their arena on Hwy. 441. You can look for information on their website at www.OkeechobeeCattlemensAssociation.com.

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Police charge man with having fake pot

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local man has been arrested for possession of synthetic marijuana after the driver of a car in which he was a passenger reportedly ran a stop sign.

Charles Anthony Robert Bloom, 26, N.W. Second St., was arrested Tuesday, April 30, on a felony charge of possession of a synthetic cannabinoid 3 grams or more. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$2,500.

A synthetic cannabinoid is more commonly known as Spice, K-2 or any number of other names.

An arrest report by Officer Ryan Holroyd, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated he stopped the 2003 Chrysler PT Cruiser on Feb. 13 after it ran a stop sign. After the occupants of the car got out another officer frisked them for officer safety,



Charles Bloom

stated the report.

During that pat down of Bloom, who the officer described as a "documented gang member," a foil packet fell into the officer's hand because the man's pocket was torn. The officer said the name on the packet was Joker Dead Man Walking, extra potent blend 10 grams.

Officer Holroyd said the substance inside that packet weighed 5.11 grams and was seized because it was suspected of being synthetic marijuana.

The suspected synthetic pot was sent to

a laboratory for testing to see if it contained any illegal substance.

On March 12 the officer reportedly received word from the lab that the substance contained XLR11, which is a synthetic cannabinoid hallucinogen and is a schedule I substance. He then applied for, and received, an arrest warrant based on that lab report.

According to the officer's report he also issued a traffic citation to the driver of the car for running a stop sign.

Detective: Man fired rifle into neighbor's home

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man has been arrested for allegedly firing a gunshot into the mobile home of his neighbors that resulted in the bullet entering a cabinet just above the heads of two sleeping children.

Terry C. Horn, 61, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Monday, April 29, on a felony charge of shooting a deadly missile into a dwelling. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.



Terry Horn

An arrest report by Detective Corporal Rosemary Farless, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated the round from Horn's .257 caliber bolt action Mauser rifle was fired from inside his 30-foot travel trailer. She stated the bullet was fired through a window of Horn's trailer.

According to the detective's report a man was standing on his enclosed porch around 1:30 a.m. Monday when he heard a loud bang. He and other neighbors tried to find where the noise came from but were unsuccessful.

Minutes later the man found a bullet hole on the north wall of his porch, continued the report. The detective said the man traced the path of the bullet and found that after it entered

his porch it traveled the length of the porch then through the wall of his mobile home. The round then reportedly traveled across the home's living room and through the door of a storage cabinet.

That cabinet, stated Detective Farless, is just above a bed where two small children were sleeping at the time.

The investigator went on to say that when the cabinet door was opened bullet holes were found in several DVD cases.

Detective Farless went on to state in her report that OCSO Deputy Fred Bradley found a hole in a window of Horn's trailer that was directly across from the hole in the victim's porch.

"The hole in the window (of) Horn's trailer was covered from the interior of the trailer with grey duct tape," stated the detective's report.

Horn reportedly told the detective he was cleaning his rifle then fell asleep after drinking half a pint of vodka and he must have "... pulled the trigger in his sleep." He also admitted to being mad at his neighbor (the victim) for being noisy while moving into his mobile home, added the investigator.

However, pointed out the detective, if the gun had accidentally fired as claimed by Horn the bullet hole would have been in a different location.

Detective Farless said no one was injured in the incident.

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Students of the week

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of April 29-May 3 include: kindergarten; Aidan Patton, William Crum, Harlee Sage, Grey Garza, Liyael Carranza-Jimenez; first grade students, Evangelina Rodriguez, Jillian Gerber, Joseph Santamaria, Caden Griffin, Synthia Rivera, Mariposa Santibanez; second grade students, Mathew Johnson, Toby Leslie, Ruben Castaneda, Kameron Carter, Lizett Flores, Christopher Rodriguez; third grade students, Cesar Ramirez, Jacklin Hernandez, Maria Hernandez, Kimberlee Cooper, Colton McPeak; fourth grade students, Jace Selph, Jacquelyn Adcock, Cameron Rucks-Sinick, Cameron Johnson, Christian Flores; fifth grade students, Jennifer Hernandez, Rocio Garcia-Montoya, Uriel Juarez. Congratulations to our many outstanding students.



Special to the Okeechobee News/SES

Students of the week

South Elementary School would like to congratulate our Students of the Week for April 22 - 26. They are: Brian Lewis, Darlene Santillan Denova, Kaylen Torres Cruz, Jose Guevara Herrera, Rosio Aguilar, Hunter Daniels, Lisa Thomas, Jennifer Aguilar, Alexzavia Jackson, Juan Clauson, Jasmine Desai, Victor Navarro, Monica Hampton, Ashley Phares, David Tagle, Raymond Sandoval, Itzel Lombera, Omar Soto and Matthew Nguyen.

Humane Society needs volunteers

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OCSO raises over \$6,900 for Special Olympics

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

This year's effort by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to raise funds for Special Olympics was the best ever, said a sheriff's office spokesperson.

OCSO Public Information Officer Michele Bell said her agency was able to raise \$6,972 for Special Olympics through various fundraising methods. The money was raised through the sales of caps and T-shirts, a Tip-A-Cop event and a barbecue.

She said the sheriff's office raised \$5,344 last year.

"This is a great cause and the monies raised remain in Florida. The athletes that benefit from these funds are exceptional people and deserve the opportunity to compete among their peers," said OCSO Major Noel Stephen.

Mrs. Bell said the fundraising effort got under way in December 2012 and ended

with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and a barbecue last Friday, April 26. She has been selling shirts and caps since December.

Taking part in the torch run were 32 members of local law enforcement, along with men and women from other agencies from the area. The run started at the local sheriff's office and ended in the Publix Supermarket parking lot on U.S. 441 S.

The Tip-A-Cop event was held earlier this spring when members of the OCSO Special Response Team (SRT) served as waiters at the Golden Corral Restaurant. All of the tips earned by the deputies went to Special Olympics.

"I applaud our chairpersons, OCSO Deputy Captain Gary and Michele Bell, for their extra hard work and dedication to this worthy cause, and to thank Okeechobee for always supporting our causes," said Maj. Stephen.

Capt. Bell heads up the SRT unit.

Mrs. Bell said this was the fourth year that her agency has participated in raising money for Special Olympics.

According to their web site, the Special Olympics was started in the late 1950s and early '60s by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. The first Special Olympics Games were held at Soldier Field in Chicago with 1,000 participants from 26 U.S. states and Canada.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run was

started by Wichita, Kans., Chief of Police Richard LaMunyon in June of 1981.

This year's Winter Games were held in Pyeon Chang, Republic of Korea, with 2,300 athletes from 100 different countries. Those games were held Jan. 29 through Feb. 5.

Heavy rainfall brings Big 'O' lake level up

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is actively moving water from a strong, sustained and ongoing rainfall event through the regional flood control system.

Areas including Delray Beach and Boynton Beach received torrential rainfall Thursday of up to 10 inches in a 3-hour period. The lower Kissimmee Basin also experienced heavy rainfall, recording 6 inches of rain in three hours.

"While the regional flood control system is operating as designed, residents will likely continue to see high water levels in lakes, swales and water catchment areas until well after the rainfall ends," said Susan Sylvester, SFWMD Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau.

Some parts of the Lake Okeechobee area received 6.4 inches of rain.

Lake Okeechobee's level rose from 13.41 feet on Wednesday to 13.53 feet on Friday. Residents and visitors can follow the District's Twitter feed (@SFWMD).



Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Michele Bell (left) and Traffic/Civil Clerk Amy Fisher (right) with a simulated check for \$6,972 that was raised by the sheriff's office for Special Olympics.

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Congratulations to the Students of the week at Central Elementary for the week of April 22: Monisha McDuffie, Ricardo Garcia, Emmanuel Ortiz-Kukuika, Avary Manson, Hayden Hamilton, Kalea Whalen, Kaden Whidden, Calleigh Teague, Justice Shanks, Hanah Swift, Felipe Rodriguez, Imedlda Bustos, Colton Wood, Jessie Merry, Grace Ann Thomas, Katelyn Slone, Taquajah Dingle, Yuritzel Diaz, Destiny Boyer, Jessica Rodriguez, Gianessa Garcia, Diana Ayala, November Chrisley, Cody Smith, Anja Koivunen, Josef Steiert, Andrea Ramirez, Julissa Snachez, Teja Anderson, Tim Mejia, Wyatt Friend and James Hazen.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Students of the week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of April 26: Courtney Thornton, Luis Bucio, Anabella Cardoso, Jasmin Alanis, Kendrick Henry, Lizbeth Garcia, Michael Edwards, Natalie Torres, Caleb Vega, Guadalupe Lara, Chase Reeves, Janessa Rhymes, Martashia Daniels, Javier Torres, Dylan Deckard, Ramiro Arellano, Jonathan Thomas, Jorge Garcia, Alaina Hines, Yesenia Matias, Kristen Thomas, Adam Moore, Ruben Martinez, Arianna Trejo, Dillan Lundy, Christian Guillen and Jayke Bigford.

Call to artists for Okeechobee Main Street's next mural project

Okeechobee Main Street, in conjunction with a private donor, is planning the next mural project, which will show a representation of the old Park Street Drug Store during the 1920s. The mural location is on the west side of Berger Real Estate located on Osceola (5th) and Park Street. OKMS is seeking a qualified mural artist to paint two mural images on the building. Please email Bridgette Waldau for artist's informational/application packet at bridgette.art@gmail.com. Artist's packet may also be picked up at the OKMS and Chamber office at 55 South Parrott. Deadline for submission of application with proposal is May 20.

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RSCA Swords & Shields 4-H Club donated their first harvest to the FBC Mission House. Students harvested cucumbers, okra, radishes, and peppers. Club members include (back row) Natalie Mitchell, Elissa Casperson, Catie Rowley, Logan Johnson, Chance Deen, Jenna Larson, Bryanna Kelly, (front row) Ada Keith, Gracie Gamiotea, Mason Lightsey, Gia Pasquarella, JW Bass, Reagan Lightsey, Reece Baker, Ethan Casperson, John Wesley Williamson and Abby Keith.

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Cinco De Mayo event planned

Okeechobee Nonprofit Housing will host a Cinco De Mayo Family Festival on Sunday, **May 5**, at Phil American Cultural Foundation Complex, 5154 S.W. 16th Ave., in from 3 to 9 p.m. There will be food, music, arts and crafts, games, pinatas, bounce houses, slides, pony rides, a martial arts demonstration and soccer and volleyball competitions. Admission is free but there will be a \$5-per-vehicle fee for parking. Food and arts and crafts vendors are welcome. To sign up as a vendor, please go to the Okeechobee Nonprofit Housing office at 115 S.W. Fifth Ave.

Okeechobee County Summer camp sign-ups start May 6

Registration for Okeechobee County "Survivor" Summer Camp will start Monday, **May 6**, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Okeechobee Sports Complex, 640 N.W. 27th Lane. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will continue through May 31. The camp will be held June 17 through Aug. 2, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. 98 N. The camp is open to children ages 6 to 12. For information, contact the Okeechobee Parks and Recreation Department at 863-763-6950.

ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew"

ConKerr Cancer's mission is to provide children with cancer or other life changing illnesses a feeling of warmth and love through the simple gift of a pillowcase. Our next "sit & sew" will be held on Tuesday, **May 7**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church on Parrott Avenue. Bring your sewing machine and fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to help make a difference to a sick child. We will sew pillowcases for boys again this month and still have some kits available for you to sew. All of our pillowcases will be donated to St. Mary's Hospital, Palms West and Lakeside Hospital in Belle Glade. If you have child-friendly cotton fabric you would like to donate, please call Joan at 863-467-0290.

OCSO hosts memorial

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) will hold their annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service Monday, **May 6**, beginning at 9 a.m. on the front steps of the sheriff's office, 504 N.W. Fourth St. The service will recognize and honor those law enforcement officers and K-9s who lost their lives in 2012, including OCSO K-9 Widgen who died May 14.

State Rep. opens office doors

State Representative Cary Pigman, along with Okeechobee District Secretary Libby Maxwell, are pleased to announce the completion of his Okeechobee office and would like to invite the community to a Grand Opening. The ribbon cutting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **May 7**. Rep. Pigman's doors will officially be opened with the ribbon cutting being facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County. Refreshments will be served. You will also be able to meet your representative and staff. Rep. Pigman's office is located in the Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of U.S. 441 and S.R. 70 (55 S. Parrott Ave. - behind the Okeechobee City Police Department). For information, visit www.okeechobeebusiness.com; or, call Mariah at 863-467-6246.

Heritage hosts Stroke Support Group on May 8

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will hold a "Stroke Support Group" on Wednesday, **May 8**, at 5:30 p.m. at 608 N.E. 2nd Ave. The speaker will be Muhammad Noorudin, Physical Therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. Refreshments will be served and day care services will be provided during session at no cost. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public, family and patients. For more information, call 863-763-1700.



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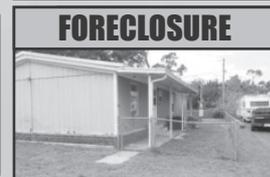


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Public Notice

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Ken Kenworthy Superintendent 442649 ON 5/5/2013

CITY OF OKEECHOBEE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS STREET SWEEPING SERVICES Bid No. PW-03-00-05-13 The City of Okeechobee hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for Street Sweeping Services. Sealed proposals will be received by the General Services Department at City Hall, Room 101, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974, no later than 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 and delivered or mailed to: City of Okeechobee General Services Department, 55 S.E. Third Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, at which time the proposals duly submitted will be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers, Room 200. The City will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time and any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-CP-047 Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of DANNY ROSCOE BREWER, deceased, whose date of death was November 3, 2011, and whose social security number is 411-80-1487, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY INVITATION TO BID 2013-09 and BID OPENING Sealed bids for the construction of the following CDBG grant-funded project will be received by the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners until 10:00 AM June 4, 2013 at 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 222, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Any bids received after the time specified will not be accepted. The bid opening will occur immediately after the deadline for receipt, in Room 201, and will be open to the public. A recommendation for the bid award will be presented to the County Commission at the Board meeting on June 27, 2013.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, US HWY 98 DITCH CULVERT REPLACEMENTS & DRY RETENTION AREA (Project Engineer) Craig A. Smith & Associates of Florida, Inc. 7777 Glades Road, Suite 410 Boca Raton, FL 33434 (561) 314-4445

A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 will be required for each set of Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents. Checks are to be made payable to Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc. Contract documents can also be downloaded at no cost at the following link: http://www.craigasmith.com/OC_US98_DITCH_CULVERT/

Bidders will confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial bids will not be accepted. Each bidder will submit with this bid evidence that the bidder is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination to be so licensed. Bidders who fail to include proper evidence of licensure will be considered non-responsive and their Bid will be discarded.

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No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after date set for opening of this bid.

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid conference at 10:00 AM, May 14, 2013 at the Okeechobee County Health Department building auditorium, located at 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The Owner reserves the right to reject all bids, waive informalities in any bid, and delete any portion of the project, whenever such action is in the interest of the Owner.

Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope MUST be marked: "BID 2013-09 - OKEECHOBEE COUNTY - US HWY 98 DITCH CULVERT REPLACEMENTS AND DRY RETENTION AREA." If space on the envelope permits, also include: "CAS PROJECT # 00-0903-192." 442414 ON 5/5/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2013-CP-25 Division: Probate

IN RE; THE ESTATE OF: KEVIN BURDESHAW, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Kevin Burdeshaw, deceased, whose date of death was July 31, 2012, and whose social security number is 263-37-6019 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2012-CP-047 Division: Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of DANNY ROSCOE BREWER, deceased, whose date of death was November 3, 2011, and whose social security number is 411-80-1487, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Public Notice

Vs. ESTATE OF THOMAS MILTON A/K/A THOMAS V. MILTON, C/O DIANNA L. HELTON, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, JULIA MILTON A/K/A JULIA E. MILTON, DECEASED, et al. Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION To the following Defendant: UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER THOMAS MILTON A/K/A THOMAS V. MILTON, DECEASED 415 SE 7TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

UNKNOWN HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND ALL PERSONS, FIRMS OR ASSOCIATIONS CLAIMING RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST FROM OR UNDER JULIA MILTON A/K/A JULIA E. MILTON, DECEASED 415 SE 7TH STREET OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 20 AND THE WEST ONE-HALF OF LOT 21, BLOCK 1, CENTRAL PARK ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 39, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 415 SE 7TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Udry Law Offices, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 4651 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The Okeechobee Times and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME The undersigned does hereby certify that Roy H. Reno conducting a Motorcycle Service business at Okeechobee, Florida, under the fictitious name of Reno's Motorcycle Service and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows: Roy H. Reno 330 SW 67th Dr. Okeechobee, FL 34974

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 47-2013-CA-000667

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, v. ERNEST TRASLAVINA; ET AL. Defendants. NOTICE OF ACTION TO: ERNEST TRASLAVINA; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendant, who is not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES RUNYON a/k/a FRANCIS RUNYON and ALL PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES RUNYON a/k/a FRANCIS RUNYON 1659 State Road 70 W Lot 7,

Public Notice

Okeechobee, Florida 34972 - and - UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY FRANCES RUNYON a/k/a FRANCIS RUNYON AND ALL PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF MARY FRANCES RUNYON a/k/a FRANCIS RUNYON 1659 State Road 70 W Lot 7, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT an action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on October 17, 2005 in Official Records Book 579, Page 1598 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida (the "Mortgage"), on the following real property situated, lying, and being in Okeechobee County, Florida, and more particularly described as:

Lot 2, Block 1, Oak Park Subdivision, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 3, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, less and exact the North 20 feet thereof together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures (the "Property"), which Property has a street address of 3662 S.W. 16th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

You are required to file your written defenses, if any, to it with the Clerk of the above-styled Court and to serve a copy thereof on Angelique B. Thomas, Esquire, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is Akerman Senterfitt, 222 Lakeview Drive, Suite 400, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, within thirty (30) days from the first date of publication of this Notice of Action.

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YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit: LOT 15, BLOCK 25, UNIT NUMBER 2, BASSWOOD, INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 312

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Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013-CP-38

IN RE: ESTATE OF RICHARD SATTLER, Deceased. NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Richard Satter, deceased, whose date of death was August 20, 2012, and whose social security number is 370-44-4069 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 3023 S.W. 31st Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974. The names and addresses of the petitioner and the petitioner's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY

OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is May 5th, 2013. Petitioner: Maranda Marino c/o Jeffrey A. Fadley, Esquire 807 South West 2nd Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974 442637 ON 5/5,12/2013

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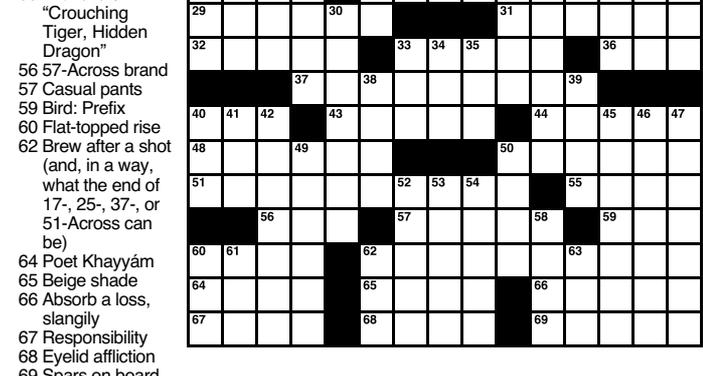
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Warning Signs of a Stroke:

- F = FACE** Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- A = ARMS** Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S = SPEECH** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Does the speech sound slurred or strange?
- T = TIME** If you observe any of these signs (independently or together), call 9-1-1 immediately.

Stroke Prevention Guidelines

- 1. Know blood pressure (hypertension).**
High blood pressure is a major stroke risk factor if left untreated. Have blood pressure checked yearly by a doctor or at health fairs, a local pharmacy or supermarket or with an automatic blood pressure machine.
- 2. Identify atrial fibrillation (Afib).**
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form a clot and cause a stroke. A doctor must diagnose and treat Afib.

- 3. Stop smoking.**
Smoking doubles the risk of stroke. It damages blood vessel walls, speeds up artery clogging, raises blood pressure and makes the heart work harder. Stopping smoking today will immediately begin to decrease risk.
- 4. Control alcohol use.**
Alcohol use has been linked to stroke in many studies. Most doctors recommend not drinking or drinking only in moderation – no more than two drinks each day. Remember that alcohol can negatively interact with other drugs you are taking.
- 5. Know cholesterol levels.**
Cholesterol is a fatty substance in blood that is made by the body. It also comes in food. High cholesterol levels can clog arteries and cause a stroke. See a doctor if your total cholesterol level is more than 200.
- 6. Control diabetes.**
Many people with diabetes have health problems that are also stroke risk factors. Your doctor can prescribe a nutrition program, lifestyle changes and medicine to help control your diabetes.
- 7. Manage exercise and diet.**
Excess weight strains the circulatory system. Exercise five times a week. Maintain a diet low in calories, salt, saturated and trans fats and cholesterol. Eat five servings of fruits

- and vegetables daily.
- 8. Treat circulation problems.**
Fatty deposits can block arteries carrying blood to the brain and lead to a stroke. Other problems such as sickle cell disease or severe anemia should be treated.

- 9. Act FAST at the first warning sign of stroke.**
If you have any stroke symptoms, call 911.
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A study published April 8, in "Obstetrics & Gynecology" shows that multistate, hospital-based quality improvement programs, including those piloted in Florida, can be remarkably effective at reducing early elective deliveries of babies. The March of Dimes Florida Chapter, which partly funded the initiative, says this is good news because babies delivered before full-term are at increased risk of serious health problems in their first year of life.

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The Big 'O' Teen Anglers, Inc. March 25 tournament was held out of Scott Driver park. Eighteen anglers brought 42 bass to the scales. A total of 69.12 lbs. of fish were caught.

Winners in the 11 - 14 age group were:

- 1st place - Kenny Whaley 9.64 lbs.;
- 2nd place - Nathan Center 5.67 lbs.;
- 3rd place - Josh Hiler 4.42 and Big Fish 2.82 lbs.

Winners in the 15-18 age group are:

- 1st place - Kail Stevens 8.81 lbs.;
- 2nd place - Keith Chamberland 8.57 lbs.;
- 3rd place - Drew Wanczak 6.37 lbs.;
- Big Fish - Dakota Dietrich 3.48 lbs.

Big O Teen Anglers thank boat captains: Leroy Bauer, Kenny Farmer, Ken Hall, Mike Ingram, Robert Haff, Ernie Johnson, Larry Wise, Richard Stiglitz and Mike Zubricky. Thanks also go to George and Madalyne Du-Pont for bringing the hotdogs and sodas to weigh in.



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Drew Wanczak took third place in the 15-18 age group with 6.37 lbs.



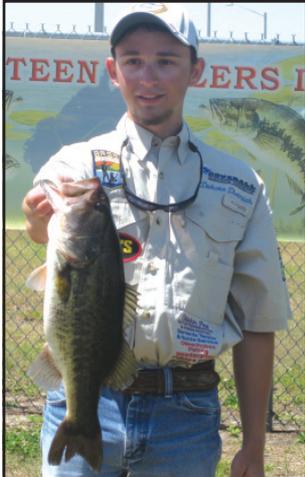
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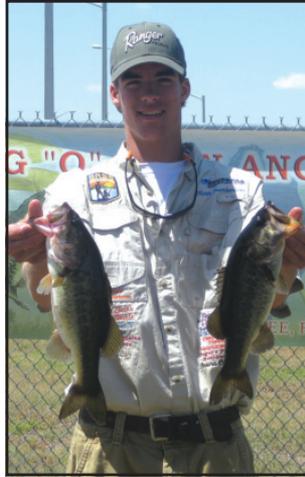
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Josh Hiler took third place, with 4.42 lbs. and Big Fish (2.82 lbs.) in the 11-14 age group.



Kail Stevens took first place in the 15-18 age group with 8.81 lbs.



Dakota Dietrich had the Big Fish in the 15-18 age group with 3.48 lbs.



Keith Chamberland took second place in the 15-18 age group with 8.57 lbs.



Nathan Center took second place in the 11-14 age group with 5.67 lbs.



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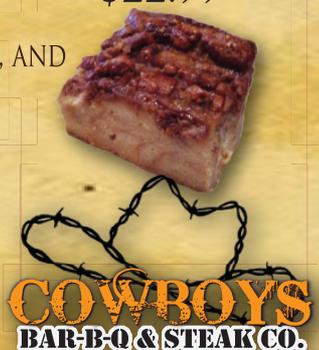
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Man accused of pointing BB gun at deputy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Deputy Corporal Randy Thomas knocked several times on the front door of the home Thursday morning and when he didn't get an answer he turned and started walking away. For some reason he looked back at the door and noticed it was now opened slightly and, sticking out of that opening, was the muzzle of a handgun.



Brian Lakevin McDonald

Cpl. Thomas drew his handgun and yelled "sheriff's office!" The handgun then withdrew inside the home and the door closed.

"I continued to yell 'sheriff's office' and ordered the person to come out," wrote the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy.

Shortly thereafter Brian Lakevin McDonald, 25, came out of the home in the King's Bay subdivision with his hands up. Cpl. Thomas ordered the man to the ground, and he complied saying: "It's only a BB gun. I thought you were my friend. I was going to scare him!"

According to the corporal's arrest report McDonald lives in the home on S.E. 44th St. in King's Bay.

While this was going on in the front yard of the home another man was apparently

running out the back door.

OCSO Detective M.D. Faulkner, who was parked on a street behind the home, radioed Cpl. Thomas about the fleeing man. But the man, later identified as Lorenzo Rivera, slipped and fell. He was immediately taken into custody.

When the deputies entered the home they found the black and silver Crossman BB gun behind a couch. They also found two small piles of suspected marijuana on the dining room table. OCSO Deputy Paul Jackson also found a blunt—marijuana rolled up in a cigar wrapper—by the front door, stated Cpl. Thomas' report.

These events began to unfold Thursday morning, May 2, when Cpl. Thomas responded to the Treasure Island Shell convenience store on U.S. 441 S.E. in regard to a man (Rivera) allegedly threatening a clerk. However, when the corporal arrived at the store the man was gone. By this time, though, OCSO dispatch had allegedly reported to Cpl. Thomas that there were local warrants issued for Rivera's arrest.

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After things had calmed at the residence, Cpl. Thomas arrested both Rivera and McDonald on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Their bond on that charge was set at \$500 each.

Cpl. Thomas said the piles of suspected pot on the table were field tested. That test, he continued, indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. The suspected blunt found by the front door was also field tested and it, too, indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana, added the corporal. It reportedly weighed 1 gram.

As for Rivera, of a S.E. 21st Court address in Okeechobee, he was arrested on a number of local warrants that charge him with felonies and misdemeanors.

The misdemeanor charges filed against him include: contributing to the delinquency of a child; giving an alcoholic beverage to a person under 21; and, violation of probation - violation of domestic violation injunction. His bonds on these charges total \$8,500.

He was also arrested on a felony warrant that charged him with violation of probation - resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and violation of probation - felony battery. He is being held without bond on those charges.

Cpl. Thomas stated in his report that the muzzle of the Crossman BB gun found behind the couch matched the muzzle on the gun pointed out the door at him.

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