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**Jacob and Danielle Larson (shown with their children) are among the finalists selected for the Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award.**

## Larsons named finalists for agricultural award

Special to the Okeechobee News  
Okeechobee dairy farmers Jacob and Danielle Larson are among the three finalists selected for the Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award.

The husband and wife duo are third generation dairy farmers responsible for the management of more than 9,000 dairy cows on Larson Dairy Inc., in Okeechobee. They also manage a 1350-acre beef cattle ranch operation.

"The excellent quality of our milk is our primary concern," said Jacob Larson. "We want people to know that the milk we produce is

safe and nutritious."  
The Larsons also practice environmental stewardship and have implemented water conservation systems on their farm. "We have worked hard to filter our water through a multi-stage lagoon system so that nutrients are removed before they leave our farms," Mr. Larson explained.

The Larsons have been selected as finalists due to their excellent farm management, active involvement in promoting agriculture in their local community and for their leadership role in various civic and

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## SFWMD declines ranchers' offer to clean water

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Governor Rick Scott made a statement recently that the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is wanting to acquire land to help clean up Lake Okeechobee, but when a local ranching concern offered to put in a facility to remove phosphorus from runoff they were turned away.

Twin Sisters' Family Lands recently offered to put in a 2,700-acre load reduction facility on their Glades County property that is to the north of Lake Okeechobee. Twin Sisters' offered to not only use their own land, but their own money to put in the facility.

"The district told us it's a good project and in a really good place, but there aren't any funds right now. Maybe in a year or two they may have the funds. That was the word we got," said Glades County rancher John Austin Collier, speaking on behalf of the Twin Sisters' group, of which he is a member.

Mr. Collier explained that the facility would be set up to clean water from Lake Istokpoga and the Kissimmee River by way of the L-59 canal that runs from the Indian Prairie Canal to the river. Lake Istokpoga water is discharged into the Indian Prairie Canal.

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Submitted photo/ABT  
**This still was seized by an agent with the Florida Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco Division and an Okeechobee man was arrested on a felony charge of possession of a still.**

## Ad to sell moonshine still leads to arrest

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested after he reportedly sold a working moonshine still to an agent with the state's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (ABT) for \$250.

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# City \$5.57 million budget includes raise for employees

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

A general fund budget of \$5.57 million that includes a raise for employees, just under \$2 million for Okeechobee City Police and \$1.36 million for the City Fire Department was approved by the Okeechobee City Council Tuesday night.

Finance director India Riedel said this would be a 1.7 percent increase over the 2012-2013 spending plan. She explained there has been tremendous tax relief in the city since 2007. A residential home assessed at that time at \$150,000 is today worth \$93,828. Complete with applicable tax exemptions, the average city tax bill for this home has dropped from \$812 in 2007 to \$339 in 2013.

Councilman Michael O'Connor said he has heard concerns from several commercial business owners that they have not received these types of property tax benefits.

The proposed spending plan would raise \$1.74 million in property taxes, a decrease of just under \$60,000 from the 2012-2013 spending plan. The plan includes \$178,580 for administration, \$196,764 for the City Clerk's Office, \$249,635 for Financial Services, \$71,823 for legal counsel, \$326,231 for general services, and \$1.07 million for the road and street department. The fund balance would total \$3.88 million.

Taxable values declined for the sixth consecutive year in the city, or 34 percent since 2008.

The council approved a step on the salary schedule and a 1 percent raise for employees. The tentative millage was set at last year's rate of 7.7432 mills.

Councilman Dowling Watford suggested the city consider a reduction in funds to the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't know if we want to do it this year we just want to let them know that we will consider it. They have done an admirable job, and this does not say they haven't been a success," he said.

The city provides a building and some contribution to maintenance costs for the Chamber of Commerce.

The council discussed a contract with the Chamber of Commerce to lay out what their duties and responsibilities to the city could be in the future.

Council members discussed a fee increase for building permits. They also included their annual contribution to the Shared Services Network and the Chamber of Commerce in the proposed budget.

Councilman Clayton Williams raised questions about an increase for the city auditor, about the purchase of a \$2,000 shredder for the City Clerk, and the police department overtime budget that increased from \$28,000 this year to \$64,000 in this proposed spending plan.

Police Chief Denny Davis said only one major event like a hurricane could greatly impact overtime. He said his department did all they could to reduce overtime in 2012-13.

City Clerk Lane Gamiotea said the city runs into a problem when they discard records because by law they must hold onto records for a specified period. A small shredder does not handle the amount of records that need to be discarded and is also time consuming. They also burn records where possible. A private service to shred documents can be costly.

The budget includes a small amount, \$5,205, for mosquito control. Public works director David Allen said this would go to purchase small tablets that are used in standing water to deter mosquito breeding.

Chief Davis also proposed a promotion for a detective to the rank of sergeant. The position would pay an additional \$3,000 annually. The position will include various record keeping responsibility and supervision of the evidence room. The council also approved a \$3,000 raise for a firefighter recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant. The public works department plans for the retirement of foreman Cleveland Lamb in the next year and plans to promote two employees to Operator II positions.

Health insurance costs for employees have increased by \$44,000.

The first public hearing on the proposed spending plan will be held on Sept. 17 with the final public hearing set for Sept. 24th. Both hearings will begin at 6 p.m.

## Okeechobee Forecast

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**Today:** Overcast with thunderstorms and rain showers in the morning, then partly cloudy with thunderstorms and rain showers. High of 86F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40% with rainfall amounts near 0.2 in.

possible.

**Tonight:** Overcast with thunderstorms and rain showers. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Winds less than 5 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Clear with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the morning, then mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 88F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the afternoon. High of 86F. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Tuesday Night:** Clear with a chance of a thunderstorm. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

# Moped rider injured in crash

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was airlifted to a coastal hospital with non-life threatening injuries after he reportedly hit a guardrail and was thrown from the moped he was riding.

Deputy Joe Gracie, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated in his accident report that alcohol was a contributing factor in the Aug. 16 single-vehicle accident.

The report indicated the operator was riding his moped west on S.R. 78 W. around 3:23 a.m. when, for unknown reasons, the

53-year-old man left the roadway to his right and struck the guardrail. The accident occurred about a quarter mile west from the S.R. 78 W. and U.S. 441 S. intersection.

Due to his injuries, he was airlifted to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce.

The moped sustained an estimated \$300 in damages.

Deputy Gracie indicated on his report that even though the operator appeared to be under the influence at the time of the accident, no road-side sobriety test or breath test was given.

## FEMA has Emergency Family Registry system

FEMA's National Emergency Family Registry and Locator System (NEFRS) is activated following a presidentially declared disaster to reunite families that have become separated as a result of the disaster.

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### Sheriff's budget

• OCSO has a lot of problems within its doors, that's for sure. All agencies have issues. OCSO's main problem, in my opinion, is recruitment of qualified deputies. The pool is small to choose from. These guys work themselves to the bone with what they have to work with. I am not surprised and dread the thought, of a deputy getting seriously injured due to lack of training, lack of support or lack of leadership. It's not the deputy's fault. It's not a leadership issue. It has a lot to do with decision making while on the move. Situational awareness plays a huge roll here. You cannot teach that. The training environment teaches a conditioned response to stimuli. Along with the required liability issues around every aspect of the job. No college, no supervisor, no command element can teach street survival. A mentoring deputy can.

• I don't care how the other county departments do their budget because it's pretty simple when the BOCC says this is how much money we take in and this is how it is going to be divided up, you adjust accordingly. Some sound like they are constantly having to make life and death decisions. The biggest decision most of them make in a day is "What am I going to eat today." They don't make it in the top 10 most dangerous jobs but several other jobs in this county do make the list. A lot of people are at more risk every day in this county than a deputy. The school teachers have to face the same troublemakers everyday unarmed. Now that would scare me. My hat is off to the teachers, who also didn't get a raise.

• I live less than 5 miles from the sheriff's office and the one time I called because there was a mam on my porch trying to break into my home, it took 20 minutes for a deputy to show up. Fortunately, after I called 9-1-1, I was able to scare the intruder away. I yelled out "Get me the shotgun!" and the man ran off.

• I was very surprised to see that we have 10 road deputies per shift because if you live in the county we never see a deputy on patrol. Ask people when was the last time they saw a deputy.

• Is the sheriff's budget too high? I have no idea. I have not actually seen the budget, just the totals. I think it would be easier for the taxpayers to decide whether or not we need to raise taxes to fund the requested increase in the sheriff's budget if the sheriff posted his line item budget online, just as the county did with the other budgets. I know the tax increase would be next year, as they can't raise the millage for 2013-2014 now. But just giving a total does not help us understand what we are spending all these millions on.

### School board

• Our schools have developed into "the business of education" and I'm sorry the teachers have got caught up in the cross hairs, but I am more sorry the end results is the students get the worst end of the stick because when the teachers are ignored or forgotten then so too are the children because if not for an upbeat, dedicated teacher the children have no chance at all against "the business" as they are nothing but a means to the budget.

• In regard to the school employees health insurance going up, I also work for a company that has Blue Cross and we also got a big hike in premiums this year. I checked around for other insurance options and could not find anything better. Obamacare had something to do with that, I am told. The businesses providing insurance must cover certain things at 100 percent, etc. whether you or your family will ever need that service or not. And you don't get to choose what will be covered. So the rates go up. Obamacare was supposed to bring prices down, but that has not been the case.

• Thank you to all the teachers who do so much for the children of Okeechobee. Just a reminder—school board members are elected. I note how each one votes on teacher pay so I know how to vote and can tell my fellow citizens what happened.

• The union should focus on getting more pay for the teachers. They spent months arguing about the percentages on the various parts of the evaluations and missed the big picture. Salaries may not be the big issue to the union but it is to many teachers.

## Reflections From the Pulpit

### The Boastful Axe

By Calvin H. Fryar, pastor  
Brighton Baptist Church

Isaiah 10:15—"Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?..."

2 Kings 6:4b—"...he [Elisha] went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim. 7 Therefore said he, Take it up to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

Imagine an axe out in the woods. You are walking through the woods and hear something patting itself on the back and saying, "Look at this big tree I cut down." You walk over to the axe and find nothing but the axe. You say to the axe, "What do you mean, you cut down that tree?" The axe replies, "The tree is down, and I did it." You think to yourself, that is silly. Somebody had to be using the axe, and that is exactly how it was with Assyria. When Rabshakah, the Assyrian general, boasted, "Where are the gods?...Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? (See the rest of the story behind our text in 2 Kings 18 and 19).

One successful man said he owed his success to a close study he made of his rooster. That rooster was a powerful fighter. He could fly higher and cut deeper than any other rooster in the neighborhood. But he often lost fights against weaker foes. His trouble was that right in the middle of a fight, he'd stop to crow.—Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations.

America, as great as we are, has forgotten to trust the God of our fathers and has begun to crow (or brag) a lot. We are a Johnny-come-lately nation and shouldn't crow about our own success because it is God who runs the universe. And besides, a two hundred-year-old nation is a baby compared to many of the other nations in this world. We, like Assyria, have forgotten that we are only instruments in the hand of God—no nation or people can survive without His help.

Our boasting has caused us to lose our cutting edge as a people. We have LOST

OUR AXE HEAD. We must remember that our nation is only a tool in the hand of God. If we wish to be great again we need to bring God back into the heart of our nation. Isaiah asked the Assyrians, "Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?" And may I ask, "Shall we boast without giving the glory to God.

According to an old Chinese tale a man stole an ox, and he was placed in the cangyu (large square wooden collar). A friend came along and asked him what crime he had committed to get such a punishment. The thief said, "I was just walking along the street when I saw on the ground a grass rope. Thinking it was of no use, I made the mistake of picking it up and taking it home; and so I got into this trouble." "But what is wrong," asked the friend, "in picking up a grass rope?"

"Well," replied the thief, "there was something else tied to the rope." "And what was that?" asked the friend.

To which the thief replied, "A very small ox."—Kao, Chinese Wit and Humor.

Taking the credit to ourselves is taking the glory which belongs to God. It may seem innocent enough but let us ask, "How can God bless us when we have taken the glory which belongs to Him?"

In the story of THE SWIMMING AXE HEAD we learn that God can and will return our cutting edge if we merely place matters back within His capable hands. We must return to the place where we lost the cutting edge (axe) and place ourselves in the Lord's hands as a useful tool. Remember our text tells us that the Prophet asked "Where fell it? And the man replied by showing him the place.

There are several things we are told about this Axe head: first it was lost while working for the Lord—they were building a meeting house—it was needed if that work was to continue and of utmost importance it was borrowed. To sum this up, we should not forget that without the power and presence of God, we can do nothing—not even build a place to worship Him.

The cry of the worker was heard by both God and Elisha. Led by God, Elisha tossed a stick into the water and the iron floated and was returned to the one who lost it. I believe that stick (a branch of a tree) represented the cross which is called a tree. When we repent of our sins and return to the cross in prayer and in tears we can take our cutting edge back but not before.

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# Public invited to view flood zone map changes

By Katrina Elskan  
Okeechobee News

Do you live in a flood zone?

The flood zone maps are changing for some Okeechobee County properties to reflect changes in drainage.

At their Thursday meeting, Okeechobee County Commissioners discussed plans for an open house on the new flood zone maps. The event is set for Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Okeechobee County Health Department, 1728 9th Ave. FEMA staff will be available to answer questions at this event.

The flood maps are also available online on the Okeechobee County web site at [www.co.okeechobee.fl.us](http://www.co.okeechobee.fl.us).

Some Okeechobee County residents have already received letters from mortgage holders informing them they will have to purchase flood insurance, said Commissioner Ray Domer.

"There are going to be people who are upset when they have to get flood insurance," he said. "Their defense is going to be they have never flooded before."

"People should come to the meeting and find out if their property is affected," said Commission Chairman Frank Irby.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) uses statistical data for river flow, storm tides, hydrologic/hydraulic analyses, and rainfall and topographic surveys to determine an area's flood risk. FEMA uses this data to create the flood hazard maps that outline a community's different flood risk areas. Floodplains and areas subject to coastal storm surge are shown as high-risk areas or Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Some parts of floodplains may experience frequent flooding while others are only affected by severe storms. However, areas directly outside of these high-risk areas may also find themselves at considerable risk. Changing weather patterns, erosion, and development can affect floodplain boundaries. FEMA is currently updating and modernizing the national Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). These digital flood hazard maps provide an official depiction of flood hazards for each

community and for properties located within it.

In other business Thursday:

- The board approved a modification to the county's Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 (NSP3) Housing Assistance Plan, providing for forgiveness of the home-buyer deferred payment loan in equal amounts at the end of each year of the buyer's compliance with the conditions of the loan, resulting in a zero balance at the satisfactory completion of the loan term. Deborah Belcher, the county's NSP3 Administrator, recommended that the loans be forgiven in equal amounts at the end of each year, resulting in a zero balance at the end of the loan period. The forgiveness is subject to the buyer/owner's compliance with the loan conditions, which include owner occupancy as the primary residence, maintaining the home, keeping the home fully insured, and paying superior mortgages, taxes and insurance.

- The county authorized the chairman to execute CDBG Grant Modification documents to extend the agreement by 6 months, and modify the grant budget to transfer excess engineering funds into the storm water drainage activity budget. The County's 2008 Disaster Recovery Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has an expiration date of Dec. 1, 2013. After a long delay imposed by CSX Railroad, the county was recently able to award a CDBG-funded storm water drainage construction contract to Enviro-Tech Systems, Inc. It is nearly certain that the construction closeout process will not be complete by Dec. 1, 2013. A six-month grant extension will allow ample time for construction delays and the grant closeout process. The county's engineering services contract with Craig A. Smith and Associates does not require the entire amount of funds in the grant's engineering activity budget. Approximately \$20,000 will be transferred from Engineering to Storm Water Drainage, to fund a greater portion of the Enviro-Tech Systems, Inc., contract. The balance of the construction contract costs will be paid by the County's Small Cities CDBG grant.

Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach, Oct. 23-25. The statewide winner will receive a full-sized Chevrolet pickup courtesy of Southern Farm Bureau Life, and an all-expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau's 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, where they will represent Florida in the national YF&R competition.

## LARSONS

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charitable activities.

The Achievement in Agriculture Award recipient will be announced at the Florida

## Labor Day weekend blood drives planned

The blood mobile will be in Okeechobee County next weekend. Blood drives are planned on Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Labor Day Festival in Flagler Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and at Walmart from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

## WATER

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He said the water would be cleaned as it flowed onto the facility then was staged in a collection area where some contaminants would be filtered out. The water would then flow to another collection area where it would again be filtered. That would continue until the water was free of phosphorus and other contaminants.

An estimated 3 feet of water would be continuously and naturally flowing across the 2,700 acres for up to 50 years, he added.

"A load reduction facility works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It works like a stream and as water enters an area it settles out, then moves on to another area, then another area, and so on. It's a continual stream," explained Mr. Collier. "In our case, we would clean the water with maximum effect before it enters the lake."

In exchange for using their own money and land, the Twin Sisters' group was asking for a long-term lease from the district. Their payment for the facility, said Mr. Collier, would come from that lease. He added that their property would remain on the tax rolls.

"That amount would have to be negotiated," he said. "You have to be compensated from the district. All the district would have to do is approve the final design and negotiate the value of the land. It's a pretty simple deal." It should be pointed out that questions were e-mailed to SFWMD interim executive director Ernie Barnett and assistant executive director Tommy Strowd but they did not respond by newspaper deadline.

Mr. Collier said Twin Sisters' made the offer a couple of weeks ago and are ready to get started, but the district is now saying they are going to start surplus public land and selling it. In fact, he continued, the Twin Sisters' property is in the middle of 8,000 acres of district-owned land that is going to be surplus and sold.

Which has the Twin Sisters' members

## STILL

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Steve Michael Horst, 49, S.E. 88th Trail, was arrested Tuesday, Aug. 20, on a felony charge of possession of a still/still piping/still apparatus. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then released on his own recognizance at his first appearance hearing.

In his arrest report ABT Agent W.D. Snyder stated that Horst was trying to sell the still on Craig's List. The agent explained that he arranged a meeting with Horst, then agreed to buy the still for \$250 when the two men met.

After the agent paid Horst, he placed him under arrest.

According to the report, Horst had made moonshine in the still, and it "... still contained the odor," stated the agent.

Deputy Communications Director Beth Frady, from the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), stated that since 2002 the ABT has recorded 54 illicit distillery cases that resulted in 15 arrests. That number includes Horst's arrest,

scratching their heads.

"We're ready to move but they're still continuing to surplus land. The governor just said we need to find land to clean this water. They can surplus (land) all day long, but the water coming into that area is still going to be dirty," Mr. Collier said. "I can't explain why they don't do this other than they don't have the funds. It doesn't make sense to me." Mr. Collier went on to say that Mr. Barnett reviewed plans for the facility and told Twin Sisters' members that there is nothing like this type of facility in South Florida. Mr. Collier also pointed out that this facility differs from land used for dispersed storage in both cost and effectiveness. The district pays landowners up to \$150 per acre to store water on their property, whether there is water there or not. Also, dispersed storage areas only work when it rains, said Mr. Collier.

"Dispersed storage areas are not set up to take out contaminants," he continued. "When they get water they just pull a board (to release the water) and get paid every month—whether they're holding water or if it's dry."

Even though the family's plan was nixed that was, strangely enough, good news to Twin Sisters'. "We have a verbal commitment from the district that there will be no projects surrounding us—no massive projects like the lakeside stormwater treatment area (STA)," said Mr. Collier.

He said the family became concerned after hearing about an ongoing court case in which the SFWMD is trying to take property along the Kissimmee River through eminent domain proceedings that has been in the Luna family for decades.

That case centers around the fact that the district made a monetary offer to the family for the property, but the Luna family chose not to accept it. When the family declined the offer, the district then filed suit and is trying to take the property.

Twin Sisters', said Mr. Collier, has been watching this case closely.

"When the district turned us down, they gave us some good news. We don't want to end up like the Luna family," he said.

she said.

She went on to point out that: three of those cases were made in Miami; three were made in West Palm Beach; two were made in Panama City; and one each was made in Fort Lauderdale, Fort Myers, Okeechobee, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Ocala and Orlando.

The still purchased from Horst will be held as evidence and will be destroyed upon the final disposition of the case.

When asked the street value of moonshine, Ms. Frady replied: "It is our understanding that the street value estimation for a gallon of moonshine ranges from \$100 to \$150, and jars range from \$20 to \$40."

As to the value of the still, she answered that it's hard to place a definite value on a still.

Under Florida law it is illegal for any person to have in his/her possession any still or apparatus designed or adapted for the manufacture of an alcoholic beverage. It's also unlawful to have any mash, wort, wash, or other fermented liquids that can be used to manufacture an alcoholic beverage.

Agent Snyder's arrest affidavit indicates that Horst will have to appear in circuit court on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

## Community Events

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### Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Aug. 25** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

### Local theatre plans auditions

The Okeechobee Community Theatre will hold open auditions for roles for men and women in its first two productions of the season, "The Drowsy Chaperone," and "It's a Wonderful Life." The sessions will be Monday and Tuesday evenings, **Aug. 26 and 27**, at 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Auditorium. For information, call 863-763-1307; or, visit [www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com).

### "600" blood drive scheduled

Volunteer for a life-saving cause. Join the NASCAR Okeechobee 600 in their November Roundup drive to draw 600 units of blood in just two days. They have lots of jobs to fill. Come to the "600" meeting Monday, **Aug. 26**, at 10 a.m. at the Lodge at the Lake Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott Ave. For information, call Raye at 863-467-2557.

### Adult keg league to start

Lucky Lanes Bowling Alley adult leagues will start on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. For information, call Carole at 863-261-1081.

### Collaborative group to meet

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, **Aug. 27**, at 10 a.m. in the board room at the Okeechobee County School Board office. August special guest speakers will be Twig Tolle, H.E.R.O., and Jeanne Buntten, ACCESS. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and their families. The CCC will collect back-to-school supplies for needy and foster children. Please bring supplies to the meeting or call for pick up. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

### Writers to meet at library

The Okeechobee Writers Group will meet Tuesday, **Aug. 27**, at 1 p.m. in the Okeechobee County Library. Writers in all genres are invited. If you would like to read, please bring five copies of not more than five pages. For information, call Jan Day Fehrman at 863-357-9980.

### Support group will meet

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility, 608 N.E. Second Ave., will host a Parkinson's support group on Wednesday, **Aug. 28**, at 6 p.m. The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, physical therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. In the meeting 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 and day care services will be provided during the session at no cost. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public, family, and patients. For information, call 863-763-1700.

### 4-H Club plans yard sale

Okeechobee Goat and Lamb 4-H Club will host a farm swap and a yard sale Saturday, **Aug. 31**, from 9 a.m. to noon at 801 S.W. Park St. (the Jones Supply Parking lot). For information, call Debbie at 863-634-6181.

### BBQ to aid Jimmy Lee McNeil

A barbecue dinner benefit for Jimmy Lee McNeil will be held Saturday, **Aug. 31**, at the Douglas Brown Community Center, 726 N.E. 16th Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations will be appreciated and can be given by contacting The CAC of Douglas Park & Dean Court Inc. at P.O. Box 816 Okeechobee, Fla. or call 863-484-2350.

### Corn hole contest planned

The third annual Corn Hole Competition will be held during the Labor Day weekend, **Aug. 31**, Sept. 1 and Sept. 2 in Flagler Park 3. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to top teams. There is a \$20 team entrance fee. Register at Applebee's or Okeechobee Main Street, 55 S. Parrott Ave. For information, call Sharie at 863-357-6246.

### Top Dog Competition slated

The third annual Top Dog Competition will be held in Flagler Park 3 on Monday, Sept. 2, starting at noon. First place will receive a \$50 gift card. There is a \$5 entry fee. You can register at Okeechobee Main Street, 55 S. Parrott Ave., or at the 2013 Labor Day Festival. Registrations must be submitted by 3 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 31**. For information, call Sharie at 863-357-6246.

### Friends of NRA banquet set

The Okeechobee Friends of NRA will host their 2013 banquet at the Okeechobee KOA on Thursday, **Sept. 12**, at 6 p.m. The Friends of the NRA is a non-profit charitable organization. All of the funds we raise benefit firearm safety and education programs for both youth and adult participants. Tickets and sponsorship information are available at The Gun Shop by calling 863-634-8678; or, online at [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org).

### Roundtable to meet Sept. 13

The executive roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 13**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. The public is invited to attend. For information, call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

### Barnyard Buddies to meet

The Okeechobee Barnyard Buddies 4-H small animal club meetings are usually held the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. The first meeting of this year will be Saturday, **Sept. 14**, at 10 a.m. in the County 4-H Extension office, 458 U.S. 98 N. At this meeting the Buddies will elect officers and talk about the coming year. Everyone who would like to be part of the Barnyard Buddies is invited to come to the meeting and join the club or sign up at the Okeechobee County 4-H Extension office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. beginning in August.



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### Plaque of appreciation

Ladies Auxiliary and Post members of VFW post 10539 presented a plaque of appreciation to Ida Curtiss, Korean war veteran, for the donation of the American flag hanging in the post. Presenting the plaque were Marion Merrill, President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Charles Norris, Commander of Post 10539.

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# Florida Citrus Hall of Fame nominations being sought

LAKELAND--Nominations are now being sought for potential inductees to The Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, with induction ceremonies scheduled to take place on Friday, March 7, 2014 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

The luncheon is co-sponsored by Florida Citrus Mutual and the Florida Department of Citrus. Eligible nominees for the Hall of Fame are those distinguished leaders who have made significant contributions to the Florida citrus industry in any of the following fields: pioneers, harvesting, packing, processing, marketing, scientific and/or educational areas.

Last year's inductees were Homer E. Hooks, of Lakeland, and J. Brantley Schirard, of Ft. Pierce, along with three others who were inducted posthumously: Col. Francis L. Dancy, Dr. Paul L. Harding and Dr. Mathew K. Veldhuis.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 1, 2013 and all nominations should include a summary of the nominee's accomplishments, letters of support from industry members and a photo. Any nominations received after this date will be considered for the following year.

Nomination forms are available by contacting Brenda Eubanks Burnette at 561-351-4314 or by visiting the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame web site at [www.FloridaCitrusHallofFame.com](http://www.FloridaCitrusHallofFame.com). Completed applications must include a photo and should be emailed to [BBurne1003@aol.com](mailto:BBurne1003@aol.com). Hard copies should be sent to Florida Citrus Hall of Fame, 411 East Orange Street, Lakeland, FL 33801.

For more information, please contact either John Jackson at [jackson71344@yahoo.com](mailto:jackson71344@yahoo.com) or Brenda Eubanks Burnette at 561-351-4314 or [BBurne1003@aol.com](mailto:BBurne1003@aol.com)

## Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

				LAST
	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	WEEK:
<b>COWS:</b>				
800-1000	70.00	- 92.00	76.78	76.90
1000-1200	70.00	- 92.00	80.20	80.10
1200-1400	72.00	- 92.00	84.15	82.15
1400-1600	70.00	- 92.00	82.50	81.60
<b>BULLS:</b>				
1200-1400	94.00	- 99.00	96.83	97.25
1400-1600	90.00	- 109.00	98.25	97.00
1600-1800	98.00	- 113.00	104.60	95.00
1800-2000	94.00	- 101.00	97.50	0.00
<b>STEERS:</b>				
150-250	195.00	- 260.00	230.00	220.28
250-300	195.00	- 260.00	235.63	223.18
300-350	160.00	- 250.00	207.98	203.74
350-400	145.00	- 225.00	180.50	177.70
400-450	140.00	- 197.50	168.43	171.59
450-500	135.00	- 187.50	158.20	156.37
500-550	130.00	- 170.00	151.50	145.26
550-600	125.00	- 210.00	146.70	141.46
600-650	120.00	- 161.00	141.26	136.55
650-700	115.00	- 150.00	138.46	135.31
<b>HEIFERS:</b>				
150-250	150.00	- 232.50	192.22	182.14
250-300	145.00	- 240.00	178.80	165.40
300-350	135.00	- 205.00	162.94	159.42
350-400	125.00	- 180.00	150.70	152.41
400-450	120.00	- 164.00	143.87	146.25
450-500	120.00	- 157.50	140.62	138.68
500-550	115.00	- 155.00	136.11	135.97
550-600	110.00	- 157.50	133.58	130.98
600-650	117.50	- 152.50	133.64	131.62

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	867	1723
COWS	142	216
STRS	62	10
HFRS	18	46
BULLS	17	26
YRLINGS	29	40
MIX	0	26
TOTAL	1135	2087

Calf prices kind of shot through the roof this week! Last week was a big jump up and this week it happened again, especially on calves under 300#, \$10-\$12 higher. Lots of grass out west in places and corn is still getting cheaper! Cows & Bulls were about steady and still selling strong. Hopefully, cattle aren't getting too high, too fast!

Mark your calendars for our special sales:

October 4 - Bred Heifers  
 October 11 - Angus Bulls  
 October 18 - Brangus Bulls  
 CLOSED for Labor Day - Monday, September 2nd - Rodeo  
 William & Robert Kennedy Farms, Dudley Kirton, Finn Ranch & Jess Wolff, all from Okeechobee topped the calf market with a high of \$2.60 bought by Shane Stierwalt, D & S Cattle & Foy Reynolds.

Lynn Nelson Jr & Mike Adams from Ft. Pierce along with Seminole Tribe Brighton, Okeechobee, all topped the Cow market with a high of 92.00 bought by Dairymens Marketing.

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# IRSC offers performing arts academy open house

## Open house August 27

The Indian River State College Performing Arts Academy provides the highest quality arts instruction to community children and teens (3-17) by offering culturally enriching, entertaining and engaging classes to expand their artistic development. Find out about all the opportunities this program offers at the Performing Arts Academy Open House and Registration event on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 4-6 p.m., at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce.

Some of the programs offered to students include:

- Youth Musical Theatre — Students participating in this workshop will have an opportunity to share their talents and experience the joy of performing. This semester the Performing Arts Academy Youth Musical Theatre program students will be performing Disney's Aladdin, Jr.

- Music Lessons — Private music instruction is available in voice, piano, strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.

- Group Vocal Class — This class establishes the basic fundamentals of vocal technique through demonstration and student performance.

- Visual Arts — A drawing studio for young artists ages 8-13.

- Group Music Lessons — This class establishes the basic fundamentals of music technique through demonstration and student performance.

- Theatre Workshops — This technical workshop is a class designed to introduce young actors to various forms of acting situations.

Those interested in enrolling their children should be sure to attend the event to ensure

placement in programs of interest, as classes fill quickly. There is a one-time \$25 registration fee for the Performing Arts Academy. For more information on the program and the cost of Performing Arts Academy programs, call 1-866-792-4772 or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



Special to the Okeechobee News/IRSC  
IRSC Performing Arts Academy provides the highest quality arts instruction to community children and teens (3-17).

## Flag Football tryouts to be held

First and Goal Flag Football will be held by a ministry of First Baptist Church Okeechobee for grades K-12. Registration fee is \$35 and the deadline along with mandatory tryouts is **Sept. 7**, from 9 - 11 a.m. You can pick up and return registration form and fee at 310 S.W. Fifth Ave., or FBC Office at 401 S.W. Fourth St. For information, call 863-763-2171 or 863-467-7625.

## Youth Soccer League sign-ups planned

Youth soccer league sign-ups will be held now through Aug.30 at the Sports Complex, 640 N.W. 27th Lane, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fee is \$35 per boy or girl player, 5 to 14 years of age, and a copy of the participant's birth certificate is needed to register. For information, call 863-763-6950.

### ENGAGEMENT

#### SHERRI FEUGATE LONNIE CLAY

Lonnie and Mary Clay of Okeechobee are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Lonnie Clay Jr., of Orlando, Fla., to Sherri Feugate, of Kansas City, Mo.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Jim Austin and Patricia Redburn.

The groom is a graduate of Okeechobee High School and the University of Central Florida and currently works as a graphic designer. The bride is a graduate of Blue Spring High School and works as a Senior Payroll Specialist. She also is the proud mother of her two sons, Austin and Camron.



# Certain foods and drinks may render medications ineffective

You need to consume food and drinks. You also need to take your medications. But, what happens when your nourishment wages war against your medicine? The negative interactions of foods and drugs might include delayed, decreased or enhanced absorption of the medicine. Some foods may hinder your body's ability to metabolize and use a medication leading to toxic levels.

According to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the following are common food and drug interactions: Grapefruit juice should not be ingested with blood pressure medications and organ transplant anti-rejection drugs because the beverage blocks enzymes that metabolize the medications. Grapefruit juice has the same reaction with many other drugs, so avoid drinking it until your pharmacist gives you permission. Milk lessens the absorption of antibiotics. Alcohol should be avoided when taking any medication. Alcohol can increase the effects of some drugs and decrease the effects of others. When a medication makes you drowsy, alcohol compounds the side-effect. Since chocolate contains caffeine, it can increase the effects of stimulants and decrease the effects of sedatives.

Your best course of action, when prescribed any medication, is to read the drug indications, side-effects and warnings. Also, take the time to consult your pharmacist. Your pharmacists can warn of any potential interactions not only with food but also with other prescription and over-the-counter drugs. To have your medical questions answered 24/7 by a Registered Nurse or for a physician referral call Raulerson Hospital's free Consult-A-Nurse service at 863-763-9228.

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# Detectives charge Okeechobee man with selling pills



**Michael Corsetti**

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man is being held on bond in the county jail after he was arrested for selling prescription pills during an undercover drug operation conducted by the Okeechobee

Narcotics Task Force.

Michael J. Corsetti, 56, S.E. 94th Trail, was arrested Thursday, Aug. 22, on felony charges of sale of a controlled substance (oxycodone) (three counts), possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) with intent to sell (three counts) and possession of a controlled substance (hydromorphone).

He was also arrested on a misdemeanor

charge of possession of a drug that was not properly labeled.

Corsetti is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$65,500.

According to arrest reports, detectives with the task force purchased 30mg oxycodone pills from Corsetti on several different occasions.

The reports go on to state that when task force detectives arrested Corsetti there were two hydromorphone tablets lying loose in the console of his car. The arrest report also pointed out that Corsetti had a prescription for the hydromorphone pills at his home.

## Okeechobee Arrest Report

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

- Jose Armando Penuela, 52, S.E. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 20 by Detective William Hill of the Florida Division of Insurance Fraud on a felony charge of failure to secure worker's compensation coverage. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Scott Anthony Dailey, 30, N.E. 18th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 20 by Deputy Ben Lisle on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary while armed and grand theft-firearm. He is being held without bond.

- Ralph Joseph Pascarella Jr., 45, N.W. 248th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 22 by Deputy Jose Garduno on felony charges of child abuse (two counts). His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Daniel Lamar Tindall, 32, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 22 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an amended DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

- Felton Gary Johnson, 39, S.E. 38th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 22 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of carjacking. He is being held without bond.

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

## OCSO Investigations

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

### FRAUD

- 400 block of N.W. Park St.
- 3600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.

### ASSAULT

- 3000 block of N.E. Eighth St.
- 700 block of N.E. 15th Ave.
- 3600 block of S.E. 34th Ave.
- 900 block of N.E. 29th Terrace
- 2700 block of N.W. 53rd Terrace

### ROBBERY

- 1700 block of U.S. 441 N.
- S.E. 86th Blvd.

### BURGLARY

- 2600 block of N.W. Second St.
- 1000 block of N.E. 365th St.
- 3600 block of N.W. Fifth St.
- 14000 block of N.W. 256th St.
- 8000 block of N.W. 189th Ave.
- 3500 block of N.W. 16th Ave.
- 2800 block of S.E. 19th Court

### THEFT

- 1500 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 1200 block of N.W. 128th Ave.
- 4000 block of S.E. 14th Terrace
- 3600 block of S.E. 34th Ave.
- 1000 block of N.E. 15th Ave.
- 1800 block of S.E. 34th Lane
- 1400 block of N.W. 42nd Ave.
- 2600 block of S.W. 24th Ave.
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As of August 2013, the public had submitted 790 sightings to MyFWC.com/Panther-Sightings.

Only 12 percent of the reports included a photograph and could be evaluated by Commission biologists. Of those with photos, the majority were confirmed as panthers. Other animals identified by FWC biologists were bobcats, foxes, coyotes, dogs, house cats and even a monkey. Most often the reported animal or tracks belonged to a bobcat, when it was not a panther. The verified panther reports were largely confined to south-west Florida, the well-documented breeding range for panthers in the state. There also were several verified sightings in south central Florida.

"The public's willingness to share what they have seen or collected on game cameras is incredibly helpful and shows us where panthers presumably are roaming in Florida," said Darrell Land, who heads the FWC's panther team. "We thank everyone using the Report Florida Panther Sightings website and encourage others to participate in this citizen-science venture."

"As the population of this endangered species grows, the FWC expects more Florida panthers to be seen in areas of the state where they have not lived for decades," Mr. Land said. "To properly plan and manage for the expansion of the panther's range in Florida, information about where the panthers are is vital."

The FWC has a new "E-Z guide to identify panther tracks" available at [www.FloridaPantherNet.org](http://www.FloridaPantherNet.org).

The Florida panther population is estimated to be 100 to 160 adults and yearlings, a figure that does not include panther kittens. As recently as the 1970s, the Florida panther was close to disappearing, with as few as 20 animals in the wild.

Learn more about Florida panthers at [www.FloridaPantherNet.org](http://www.FloridaPantherNet.org).



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Florida was among 29 states participating in the survey conducted by school bus drivers recording how many times motorists passed their buses while displaying the flashing red lights and stop arms. In Florida, bus drivers observed nearly 12,000 illegal passes while loading or unloading students.

"School buses are one of the safest ways to transport students," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "Florida motorists

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- For motorists:**
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  - Obey traffic laws and speed limits.
  - Do not text or use a cell phone while driving.
  - STOP when a school bus displays stop arms and red lights are flashing.

- Watch for and obey signals from the school crossing guards.
- Observe lower speed limits in school zones and at crosswalks.

**For parents and students:**

- Discuss safe behavior while at school, the bus stop and when entering or exiting the school bus.
  - Wait for the bus to make a complete stop and for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross the road or board the bus.
  - If you drop something, tell the bus driver. Do not try to pick it up first as the driver may not be able to see you.
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8	5	3	7	9	1	4	2	6
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ANSWER:

## Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                             | <b>DOWN</b>                        | 36 "Star Wars" mastermind   | 52 Columbus in N.Y.C. or DuPont in D.C. |
| 1 Tuck's partner                          | 1 Chinese menu assurance           | 40 Girlish hairstyle (and what the starts of the answers to starred clues are?) | 54 Nuclear pioneer Enrico               |
| 4 Carpet type                             | 2 Hopping mad                      | 4 Like vows   | 55 Hoax                                 |
| 8 Summer brew                             | 3 "Quaint means of communication?" | 5 "Was in charge of   | 56 Was aware                            |
| 14 Stuff to be smelted                    | 6 Picnic crasher                   | 6 Enter   | 57 List-ending abbr.                    |
| 15 Grape grower's prefix                  | 7 Taking the place (of)            | 9 Car radiator need   | 43 Fiasco                               |
| 16 "It's unnecessary"                     | 8 They may be self-sealing: Abbr.  | 10 Kickoff aid  | 47 More than right, in triangles        |
| 17 Word with marked or masked             | 11 Suffix with musket              | 12 Spots on TV  | 49 Shakespearean verse                  |
| 18 "Typical Valentino roles               | 13 Cat's pause?                    | 19 Place for Pop-Tarts  |   |
| 20 Declared                               | 21 Letter flourish                 | 26 "To whom "Howdy, stranger" is often said                                     |   |
| 22 Itch scratchers                        | 27 Threepio's buddy                | 28 What keeps bloomers up?  |   |
| 23 Full sets of chromosomes               | 30 Talked a blue streak            | 32 Wheel covers   |   |
| 25 Potpie piece from a pod                | 32 Run out, as a subscription      | 33 Santa _____ racetrack  |   |
| 26 Western treaty gp.                     |                                    |   |   |
| 29 It's up when you're angry              |                                    |   |   |
| 31 Safe and sound                         |                                    |   |   |
| 33 Race circuits                          |                                    |   |   |
| 35 _____ Mountains: Eurasian border range |                                    |   |   |
| 37 Mozart's "Cosi fan _____"              |                                    |   |   |
| 38 Med school subj.                       |                                    |   |   |
| 39 Cheesecake on a wall                   |                                    |   |   |
| 41 Crane component                        |                                    |   |   |
| 42 Conveyed, as water through a main      |                                    |   |   |
| 44 Centers of attention                   |                                    |   |   |
| 45 Corp. money VIPs                       |                                    |   |   |
| 46 Audiophile's setup                     |                                    |   |   |
| 48 Bothers persistently                   |                                    |   |   |
| 50 Musical ability                        |                                    |   |   |
| 51 English channel, briefly               |                                    |   |   |
| 53 Swing by for a visit                   |                                    |   |   |
| 56 Former CBS News anchor Couric          |                                    |   |   |
| 58 Response                               |                                    |   |   |
| 59 "Cold War symbol                       |                                    |   |   |
| 63 Org. for piece lovers?                 |                                    |   |   |
| 64 Poses (for)                            |                                    |   |   |
| 65 Wheel attachment                       |                                    |   |   |
| 66 Aussie runner                          |                                    |   |   |
| 67 Pint-size                              |                                    |   |   |
| 68 For fear that                          |                                    |   |   |
| 69 Free (of)                              |                                    |   |   |

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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