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 Left to right are Marc Sandlin, Matt Buxton and Frank DeCarlo who are heading up a benefit for Casey Lawrence (front). As part of that fundraiser the 1996 Harley-Davidson on which Mr. Sandlin is sitting, as well as a drive-on trailer, will be awarded to the lucky ticket holder. Tickets are available for a donation of \$25 each. The trio hopes to raise \$10,000 for Ms. Lawrence.

## Motorcycle giveaway to help local woman

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

Someone will be the lucky owner of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle that is being given away as a fundraising effort to help a local young woman.

The 1996 Dyna Low Rider, along with a drive-on trailer, will be given away April 12 when Casey Lawrence pulls the lucky ticket.

The drawing will be held at the Cypress Hut Eagles Lodge, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., as part of the Okeechobee Bike Fest event.

Marc Sandlin, Matt Buxton and Frank DeCarlo are organizing the

fundraiser and are selling tickets for the bike. Tickets are available for a \$25 donation, and the trio's goal is to raise \$10,000.

Ms. Lawrence, 21, was injured in an automobile accident and lost the use of her legs.

"Money raised will go to paying off her car, buying her electronic legs and letting her enjoy life again," said Mr. Sandlin.

He went on to say the motorcycle is on display at The Style Studio, 1600 S.R. 70 E.

Tickets are available at American  
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## Careful thieves take dirt bikes

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

"They are good at what they do. They'll do it day or night — whenever the opportunity is right."

"They," said Detective Javier Gonzalez, are thieves from the south end of the lake who are coming into Okeechobee County and taking whatever they want — whenever they want.

Most recently, said the

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) detective, the thieves are being sought for the theft of three dirt bikes that have a total value of \$15,000.

The OCSO investigator said witnesses have seen the dirt bikes in Pahokee and Belle Glade.

"They are being ridden by black males, but Palm Beach County deputies have been

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## Lawsuit against OCSO is settled

Woman claimed she was forced to have sex with detective

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

The lawsuit filed against the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) by a woman who claimed she was forced to have sex with a detective has been settled.

Paperwork received by the sheriff's office this week states the suit will be settled for a total of \$25,000.

According to the 2009 suit, the woman was allegedly forced to have sex with then-detective T.J. Brock while she was an inmate in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Brock was then fired by Sheriff Paul May on July 3, 2009.

Because the woman was an alleged victim of a sexual assault her name cannot be released.

She has been in prison since Aug. 6, 2010, and is currently being held in the Lowell Correctional Institution in Ocala after being convicted of aggravated assault.

Department of Corrections (DOC) records show she is slated to be released from prison Thursday, Jan. 16.

The settlement agreement states the \$25,000 will "... represent full and final satisfaction of any and all damages, costs and attorneys' fees ..."

Also, the agreement states the sheriff's office will pay its own costs and attorneys' fees.

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There will also be food competitions such as home baking and canned goods, as well as a vegetable competition featuring garden vegetable, fruit and vegetable and largest vegetable categories. This year the

Lego Building contest will be open to both youth and adult exhibitors.

This year we will again have the educational posters and educational displays competitions. Individual youths may enter the educational poster contest and 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters may enter the educational display contest.

The top three club/chapter displays will win awards.

The duct tape creations, tablescaping, trash-to-treasure creations and digitally en-

hanced photography will also return this year.

You may download the entry forms and rules at the Okeechobee County Fair Web site, [www.okeechobeeountyfair.com](http://www.okeechobeeountyfair.com). or pick up copies of the 2014 Premium Book at the Okeechobee County Extension Office at 458 Highway 98 North. The deadline for entries is **Feb. 28**. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Spann at 863-634-3327.

# BHR fire chief helps save burning home

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

An estimated \$35,000 in property damage was done after a fire broke out on the porch area of a two-story home at 1020 Fourth St. in Buckhead Ridge early Thursday.

Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue received the alarm at 3:55 a.m. and was on the scene 15 minutes later.

The fire report from Lieutenant Everette

Wooten said the Buckhead Ridge Fire chief was alone battling the blaze when they arrived with one water line. Glades County deputies were also assisting.

Two units and four firemen from Okeechobee provided mutual aid until other volunteer fire companies could arrive at the scene.

"There was a large amount of smoke as we crossed over the Kissimmee River," Lt.

Wooten wrote in this report.

The majority of the fire was contained to the back porch of the home according to Glades County Sheriff's Office deputies.

There were no injuries reported. There was approximately 1,000 gallons of water used by Okeechobee firemen. Firemen were on the scene for over two hours.

The State Fire Marshal will determine the actual cause of the blaze.

## Road Watch

The Florida Department of Transportation plans road work in the following areas of Okeechobee County this week:

**US 441 North from Northwest 179th Street to County Road 68 East:** Maintenance project: This two lane roadway will be reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic while crews repair shoulders on either side of the road.

**US 441 Southeast from SR 78 to the Martin County line:** Maintenance project: Crews will be trimming low hanging tree branches as needed. No lane closures are expected however, motorists should drive with caution.

**SR 78 from Okeechobee County line to Lemkin Creek Bridge:** Construction project: Crews continue installing and upgrading drainage pipe and building drainage swales. No lane closures are scheduled, however, use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

**SR 70 (NE Park Avenue) from SE 10th Avenue to SE 13th Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: The inside westbound lane will be closed intermittently during the nighttime/overnight hours of 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. while crews work in the median.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

## National Mentoring Month

Okeechobee County Commission Vice Chairman Joey Hoover (far right) Thursday presented a proclamation to Big Brothers and Big Sisters for National Mentoring Month in January. Left to right are: Cristina Paniagua, case manager in Okeechobee County; Sabrina Seme' volunteer recruiter; Sharon Vinson, of the Shared Services Network and board member; and, Kelly Chicvara.

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**Today:** Partly cloudy. High 73F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Tonight:** Generally fair. Low 56F. Winds light and variable.

## Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 81F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** Rain showers in the evening, becoming a steady light rain overnight. Fog developing. Low 66F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Tuesday:** Showers and a few thunder-showers. High 76F. Winds WSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

**Tuesday Night:** Showers in the evening, then cloudy overnight. Low near 55F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Wednesday:** Mainly cloudy. High 66F. Winds WNW at 10 to 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy. Low 44F. Winds NW at 10 to 15 mph.

**Thursday:** Generally sunny. High 61F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear skies. Low 44F. Winds light and variable.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy skies. High 68F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.



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### Post office

• I recently had a health problem while at the Okeechobee Post Office exactly eight days before Christmas. The employees noticed I wasn't looking too good and insisted I sit down on a wheeled chair. They suggested I call a family member to drive me home but I had to get my grandson to the doctor in 15 minutes. He had the flu for four days before. The postmaster, Gabriel Rojas, drove my grandson and me to Dr. Brown's Clinic and another post office gentleman picked Mr. Rojas up there. It was one of the busiest days at the post office and I really appreci-

ate their care and concern. I tried to get the name of the other gentleman the next week but no one at the post office had seen who left with us. Anyway, a big Thank You to Mr. Rojas and the other gentleman.

### Teachers salaries

• The raises that they are negotiating should not include the bonus money that the State gave the school system. It sounds like the school system is taking the bonus money and are trying to use it for the raises that they want to give to the teachers.

• Actually... governmental agencies are required to include all sources of revenue (including grants, state stipends including "bonuses") in their budgets. Where the funds are placed is determined by the revenue source and type. The expenditure side of an agency's or organization's budget must also show where all monies will go, including reserve accounts, etc. The expenditures, including reserve accounts, etc., as determined by state and fed approved accounting practices should equal the revenues.

## March Of Dimes spreads the word about National Folic Acid Week

Special to the Okeechobee News

Taking a daily multivitamin containing the B vitamin folic acid is one of the best ways to prevent birth defects and an important step toward having a healthy baby, yet only about one-third of women know about it.

Jan. 5-11 is national Folic Acid Awareness Week, a time when the March of Dimes reminds all women of childbearing age about the important role folic acid plays in preventing serious birth defects of the brain and spine, known as neural tube defects (NTDs). Daily consumption of folic acid beginning before and continuing through the early months of pregnancy is crucial because NTDs occur in the first few weeks following conception, often before a woman knows she is pregnant.

"All women of reproductive age should be taking a multivitamin containing folic acid every day," advises Dr. Siobhan M. Dolan, M.D., MPH, coauthor of the first March of Dimes book Healthy Mom, Healthy Baby:

The Ultimate Pregnancy Guide. "It's such an easy thing to do, and it can provide a major benefit to your future family. About half of pregnancies are unplanned, so take your folic acid daily and be sure to give your baby the healthiest start in life."

March of Dimes has worked to spread the word about the importance of folic acid for women of childbearing age, and helped bring about folic acid fortification of the grain and cereal. March of Dimes and its partners are currently petitioning the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to fortify corn masa flour with this important B vitamin because NTDs are more prevalent in the Hispanic population than other racial or ethnic groups. By targeting food made with corn masa for folic acid fortification, it would be possible to lower the rate of NTDs among Hispanics.

Find out how you can help raise funds to prevent premature birth and birth defects by walking in March for Babies 2014.

## Reflections from the pulpit

### New Year's regeneration

By **Loy Mershimer, pastor**  
Okeechobee Presbyterian Church

New Year is a time of resolution. The sugar-filled confectioneries of Christmastide linger on in bloated bodies and remorseful thoughts; and gyms and exercise trends tell the story: We all mean to do better! And, truth be told, humans love resolutions. We love self-help manuals and self-made people. We humans love to fix ourselves — or rather, we love the thought of fixing ourselves. But we seldom comprehend that self-fixes never last; or, even if they do last awhile, they still miss the high mark of a changed heart.

If New Year's resolutions are undertaken in human strength (and pride), they will always fail — either in completion or consequence: Exercise machines will gather dust; gym attendance will gradually wane; and worse, the inner person will remain unchanged. Consider the husband who kicks his wife and her visiting friend out of the house so that he can keep his P90X workout regime intact. Or the wife who devalues her husband and family so that she can meet her New Year work goals. New Year resolutions are easy, compared to heart change. In fact, in human terms, heart change is impossible. New Year resolutions may mask the heart need, but they will never fix it. We need something greater, a new condition, a new inner birth, a divinely-imparted new category of life.

Kierkegaard describes our human need by highlighting the difference between Socratic knowledge and salvific condition: In Socratic knowledge, the teacher imparts wisdom (education) in order to bring forth truth from within the learner. But in salvific truth, the Teacher imparts a new condition of life (a changed heart); and only one Teacher can impart this life: the Holy One who died to give us life. We live in a world awash with Socratic knowledge; we have more facts, more education and more technology than at any point in our history — and yet, we also have more human slaves, more orphans, more aborted babies, more persecuted believers, and more deceptive leaders. We live in a world blinded by information: the soul of humanity is masked by educa-

tion and technology; our facts are unhinged from ultimate meaning, and we perish from lack of salvation. Our greatest need is not Socratic knowledge, but salvific condition. Resolutions are never enough. We need a changed heart.

Where will we find that changed heart? Scripture offers us the answer of REGENERATION. The Reformers describe regeneration as the instantaneous act of God by which He imparts the principle of spiritual life in the human heart. J.I. Packer calls regeneration the "spiritual change wrought in the human heart by the Holy Spirit, in which their inherently sinful nature is changed so that they can respond to God in faith, and live in accordance with His will." This regeneration is our greatest need, and without it, we will ever wander in the wilderness of failed resolutions — a world increasingly more broken with Socratic knowledge, ever lacking in salvific condition.

Ron Mehl, in his book "God Works the Night Shift," tells of the time he visited a church, to speak. As he spoke, he saw a woman sitting near the back, weeping during the service. She didn't bother anyone, but sat there basking in the worship, gentle tears coursing down her cheeks. He wondered what it meant, so he later asked the pastor. "Oh, that's Cheryl," he said. "She's one of our most vibrant members." She is caught up in the wonder of God's forgiveness: God has delivered her from her past life, and she can't get over the fact that she is free, forgiven and changed. So, she just weeps tears of wonder and joy!

P.T. Forsyth says, "Our churches are full of the nicest, kindest people who have never known the despair of guilt or the breathless wonder of forgiveness." Okeechobee County is full of good people who give lip service to faith, maybe even attending church out of duty or desire for personal advancement, but somehow missing the reality of regeneration. This year, think about REGENERATION, and the offer of new spirit life in Christ. Seek the face of God until He makes your heart new. And chances are, you'll get more out of your New Year's resolutions than ever before. Alleluia!

Amen.

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# SFWMD plans work on the Nubbin Slough STA

By Katrina Elsken  
Okeechobee News

The South Florida Water Management District plans to start work this year on projects that have been "sitting around," according to a report made by Gary Ritter to the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9.

He said the new executive director's charge is to "really turn dirt," and get some of these projects completed.

He said north of Lake Okeechobee, they hope to have the Nubbin Slough Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) on line this year.

He said the Lakeside Ranch STA and Taylor Creek STA are working.

He said south of the lake, they are working on projects to move water south. The challenge, he said, "if we start moving water south into the Everglades, how do we make sure it is clean?" The SFWMD plans to use Flow Equalization Basins.

Mr. Ritter said the Army Corps of Engineers is currently making environmental releases into the Caloosahatchee River. Although there is some water flowing into the lake from the Kissimmee River, "right now, there is a tad bit more going out than is coming in."

"We generally get on average of 18 inches of rainfall during the dry season and we're forecasting kind of a drier dry season

this year. We don't think we're going to get that," he said.

"We'll be talking about water conservation as much as we can throughout the entire 16-county area," he said.

Mr. Ritter said he gets a lot of questions from boaters about the Kissimmee River.

"The Kissimmee River, right now, north of the Istokpoga Canal, unless you have an airboat, it is not really navigable," he said. "The upper chain of lakes is at regulation schedule."

Mr. Ritter said a water conservation expo is planned for Feb. 21 at the SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach. The expo will be open to the public.

A meeting on the Lake Okeechobee Basin Management Action Plan is scheduled for Jan. 22, at 10 a.m. in the auditorium at the Okeechobee County Health Department, 1728 N.W. Ninth Avenue.

On Thursday evening, some areas of the South Florida Water Management District experienced an extreme weather event due to a stalled storm front. Some coastal areas received more than 15 inches of rain on Jan. 9 and 10. The district coordinated local drainage districts and local governments to move water out of low-lying areas and into the regional flood control system. However, the rainfall had only a slight effect on Lake Okeechobee, which went from 14.00 feet above sea level on Jan. 9 to 14.02 feet above sea level on Jan. 10.

# Mustangs find new homes

By Katrina Elsken  
Okeechobee News

Wild horses that once roamed the western states are finding new homes in Florida.

"Florida probably now has more mustangs than any other state, not counting the free roaming herds," according to Dan Russell of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The BLM brought about 75 wild horses and burros to an adoption event at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center on Jan. 10 and 11. About a third of the herd was adopted within the first three hours on Friday.

Seven of the horses were spoken for before they even arrived in Florida, Mr. Russell explained. These horses were adopted through the BLM online adoption program. Most of those horses go for much more than the \$125 standard adoption fee paid by those who chose an animal at the Okeechobee event. Prospective mustang owners bid online, "like you would on E-Bay," he explained. The BLM then transports the horse to the closest horse adoption event to your area.

Mr. Russell said the BLM likes coming to Okeechobee and schedules an adoption event here about every other year.

"There are lots of horse lovers in the Okeechobee area," he said. "We always get a good turnout."

He said about half of those who adopt already have mustangs.

"People who have adopted before, about 90 percent come back and adopt another mustang," he said. "Mustangs are hardy, tough animals. They don't get sick as often as domestic horses. They have good feet.

"When they get gentled down, they get extremely gentle," he said. "They really bond with the owner as long as the owner bonds with the horse.

"If someone wants to abuse a horse," he warned. "The mustang will defend himself."

Okeechobee resident Paula Morgan picked out 2-year-old mare. She said her daughter, Kayla, has been dreaming of horses. "She begged me to come up here," Mrs. Morgan said. While her family hasn't gentled a mustang before, she said she has lots of friends and neighbors ready to give them help and advice.

Teresa Turner, of Winter Haven, picked out a mustang to join the three she already has at home. She said she has had "wonderful luck" with wild horses so far. "They're amazing. It's such a different experience than with a domestic horse. You love them so much," she said.

For more information on adopting wild horses and burros online, go to [www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/](http://www.blm.gov/adoptahorse/).



Submitted photo/OCSO

Three dirt bikes similar to the ones shown in these photos were stolen recently from a home in the southwest section of Okeechobee County.

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unable to catch them," he pointed out.

The three motorcycles stolen from the local home are described as: a 2009 KTM 450 with all white plastics, black wheels and a black frame; a 2013 all orange KTM 250 XC with a white fuel tank, black frame and green number plates with the number 14 on the plates; and a 2012 Kawasaki KX85 with all green plastics, black wheels, black frame, white number plates and the number 14 on the plates.

When the thieves took those bikes, they also stole a Bushnell radar gun with a digital read-out that was valued at \$100.

Apparently, the thieves went to a home in the southwest section of the county where they opened an unlocked enclosed trailer sitting along side the home and took two of the bikes. They then went through a closed gate and took the third bike from the homeowner's back porch.

The homeowner had pulled his pickup in front of the trailer so it couldn't be stolen and, for just this one time, didn't lock the enclosed trailer. He also had not locked the back porch door, said Detective Gonzalez.

And, added the investigator, they did all this while he was watching television.

## SUIT

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Sheriff May said the settlement and costs will not come directly from his budget.

He said his office belongs to the Florida Sheriff's Association (FSA) and pays into a special FSA fund that will pay the settlement, as well as costs incurred by the OCSO.

"I don't believe they're stealing the bikes for profit. They're just stealing them to ride around," Detective Gonzalez said. "If they break down, they'll just sell them for parts."

He went on to explain that the thieves have taken trucks, trailers and riding lawn mowers. Many times they will steal the truck, then hook up to a trailer and steal it, too.

"Sometimes, they'll just put the bikes in the bed of the truck," added the detective.

The stolen items are then being taken to Pahokee, Belle Glade or South Bay, pointed out the investigator.

He went on to describe the thieves as patient, thorough and opportunistic.

Detective Gonzalez explained that when they see what they want the thieves will take their time and check to see if the item is locked up. They'll then check for motion-detection lights, alarms and/or security systems.

Once all this has been checked out, they simply wait for the right opportunity then take what they want.

"They'll have all their ducks in a row," stated Detective Gonzalez. "These people are patient. They'll have multiple places checked out and they take their time."

If anyone has information about this case or similar thefts, contact Detective Gonzalez at 863-763-3117.

## MOTORCYCLE

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Drilling Services, 405 S.W. Second St.; Buxton & Bass Funeral Home, 400 N. Parrott Ave.; and, at The Style Studio. Tickets will also be available at many events in and around Okeechobee until April 12.

For information, contact: Mr. Sandlin at 863-697-1321; Mr. Buxton at 863-634-3706; or, Mr. DeCarlo at 863-634-1595.

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### Oscar Lewis

#### "Buck" Daniel, II 68

OKEECHOBEE — O. L. "Buck" Daniel died Jan. 8, 2014. He was born March 6, 1945 in Ft. Lauderdale to Russell and Jo Mildred Daniel. A resident of Okeechobee for over 60 years, he was a cattle rancher and breeder of quarter horses. He was a member of the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association and the First Baptist Church. A life member of the American Quarter Horse Association, he bred top quality award winning champion performance horses. He was also a life member of the National Cutting Horse Association and American Cutting Association where his horses won many titles. His life was his horses and his cattle ranch.



He is survived by his wife, of many years, Terry; nephews, Dewey Daniel (Sheri), D.R. Daniel III (Paula), all of Okeechobee, Mark Branham of Vero Beach, Terrence Mahoney and Alex Mahoney of Sarasota; nieces, Amy Jo Fletcher, of Vero Beach, and Colleen Mahoney of Sarasota; three grandnephews and a grandniece. Buck also leaves behind a close knit ranch family that will carry on his legacy and the dreams he held so dear.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014 at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, 401 SW 4th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to First Baptist Church Mission House.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

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

### Jon E. Whitaker

TEMPLE, GA. — Jon E. Whitaker died in a helicopter crash Dec. 6th, 2013 while crop dusting in Sebring, Fla. Jon was charismatic, strong willed, fiercely independent and compassionate. He often made us laugh and sometimes cry but always made us feel loved and he will be forever missed. For those of us who had the privilege to know and love Jon we find some comfort knowing Jon left us while doing something he loved with his whole heart. Flying was his life! Jon was an excellent pilot with over 20 years of experience and was highly regarded nationally in the agricultural industry. He first learned to crop dust in the banana fields in Costa Rica and later flew off fishing boats out of Guam and Papua New Guinea spotting tuna. He also logged for Columbia Helicopters in Alaska and Oregon. His flying was not limited to industry as he piloted a helicopter off one of the largest yachts in the world while it traveled through the Mexican Rivera and Caribbean. But nothing thrilled him as much as agricultural spraying. He thrived on the challenge and precision that this work demanded.

Jon was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Eva Whitaker.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday Feb. 8th, 2014 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, Wash. Pastor Patrick Lovejoy will be presiding. To request a memorial CD please call or text 425-345-2449.

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### Masons host breakfast

The Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth St., will host a breakfast with all the fixins Sunday, **Jan. 12**, for \$6 per plate. The public is welcome, and carry-out is available. Breakfast will be served from 8 until 11 a.m. All proceeds go to local Mason giving.

### Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Jan. 12** 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 will 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.

### Elks observe anniversary

It's the first anniversary for the Lake Okeechobee Elks, #2871, and they will be celebrating with a country hoe down on Sunday, **Jan. 12**, from 5 until 8 p.m. at the VFW South. Music will be provided by Carl Cable and Sloopy Joe. A barbecue with all the fixins will be served for an \$8 donation. Bring a pot luck dessert or just come and enjoy. The public is welcome. All donations will go to our building fund. For information, call Jim at 863-623-5156.

### Science Fair needs judges

The Okeechobee County Science Fair is looking for volunteers to help judge science projects the morning of Thursday, **Jan. 16**. We would welcome your encouragement in promoting science in our community. No experience is necessary, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you are interested in helping to judge projects or would like more information, call Cindy Letcher at 863-462-5056, ext. \*1191.

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# Commercial landscape training offered

STUART — On Jan. 24, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., the University of Florida (UF) IFAS Extension Martin County will offer a Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance (LCLM) training workshop at their offices, located at 2614 S.E. Dixie Highway in Stuart. The workshop provides participants with the six-hour training required in order to apply for LCLM certification.

Following the training, participants will be offered the opportunity to take the state LCLM exam.

Florida Law - Chapter 482 - the Structural Pest Control Act, requires commercial landscape maintenance workers to be licensed to apply ANY pesticides, including herbicides,

in the landscape. The LCLM Certification program was designed to allow commercial landscapers to make pesticide applications using materials such as Roundup, or others with a signal word of Caution when treating ornamental plants and plant beds. It does not allow landscape maintenance workers to make any kind of pesticide applications (including weed control) to any turf areas. There are also restrictions on application equipment.

Persons may register on-line at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/limited-commercial-landscape-maintenance-certification-training-workshop-tickets-9945030855>, or by calling the Martin County Extension office at 772-288-5654. Please register by Jan. 22.

## Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

				LAST		
COWS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	WEEK:	MONDAY	TUESDAY
800-1000	70.00	- 101.00	80.66	81.96	CLFS 655	463
1000-1200	70.00	- 101.00	83.95	82.93	COWS 109	277
1200-1400	71.00	- 99.00	88.98	86.40	STRS 6	28
1400-1600	78.00	- 101.00	90.18	85.44	HFRS 14	45
					BULLS 64	38
					YRLINGS 55	23
					MIX 0	13
					TOTAL 903	887
<b>BULLS:</b>					Happy New Year everybody! We didn't have that many cattle Monday or Tuesday but they were the highest-selling cattle we've ever seen, I think! Demand is extremely good and supply is low, a perfect combination for anybody wanting to sell cattle. As always, quality still makes a big difference and better quality brings better prices. Weight didn't seem to matter that much from 200# to 600#.	
1200-1400	84.00	- 99.00	91.46	94.20	Cows and bulls were as good as the Christmas Slaughter Cow Sale with good demand and short supply. Expect prices to continue to be good barring any weather-related problems.	
1400-1600	85.00	- 111.00	105.00	98.46	We have a few Charolais and Angus Bulls for sale. Call 863-763-3127.	
1600-1800	90.00	- 118.00	108.91	107.14	Overstreet Ranching LTD, Kenansville, topped the calf market with a high of \$3.10 bought by D & S Cattle.	
1800-2000	98.00	- 117.00	108.66	110.75	Lightsey Cattle Co, Lake Wales, topped the cow market with a high of \$101.00 bought by Central Beef.	
					<b>Todd</b>	
<b>STEERS:</b>					Prices reported are higher end #1 Quality. For #2's and Brahma type calves adjust down by \$10-\$30.	
150-250	200.00	- 310.00	253.00	241.85		
250-300	170.00	- 275.00	230.00	212.55		
300-350	160.00	- 245.00	213.36	204.77		
350-400	150.00	- 235.00	208.21	198.69		
400-450	150.00	- 212.50	186.42	182.18		
450-500	146.00	- 202.50	176.02	174.89		
500-550	138.00	- 188.00	171.44	169.44		
550-600	140.00	- 176.00	163.33	161.07		
600-650	140.00	- 152.50	145.79	151.11		
650-700	126.00	- 160.00	148.57	143.20		
<b>HEIFERS:</b>						
150-250	175.00	- 275.00	210.39	204.67		
250-300	160.00	- 220.00	180.90	175.42		
300-350	152.50	- 195.00	174.18	172.34		
350-400	140.00	- 182.00	160.87	162.05		
400-450	144.00	- 178.00	165.13	159.31		
450-500	135.00	- 174.00	163.63	157.99		
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### PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

**State Road 70 Design from NE 34th Avenue to NE 128th Avenue (Berman Road)  
Okeechobee County, Florida**

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, is holding a public information meeting regarding the expansion of SR 70 from two lanes to four lanes from NE 34th Avenue to NE 128th Avenue (Berman Road). The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the South Florida Water Management District Field Station, 1000 NE 40th Avenue in Okeechobee. The meeting is an open house with no formal presentation. FDOT staff will display plans and answer questions about the SR 70 project.

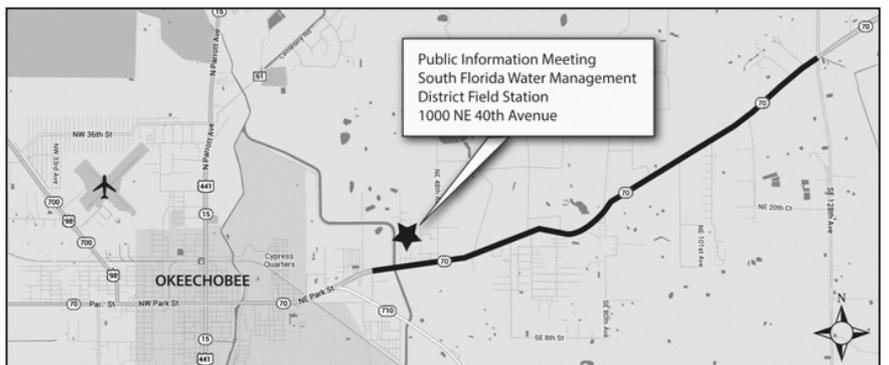
The project will expand SR 70 to four lanes from NE 34th Avenue to NE 128th Avenue (Berman Road). The project will also add medians and bike lanes through the corridor and new sidewalks from NE 34th Avenue to NE 80th Avenue. The existing bridge over the canal east of NE 34th Avenue and the existing bridge over Mosquito Creek will be widened to accommodate the new lanes.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Ray Porter, Florida Department of Transportation, (863) 519-2484, email: [jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us) at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us using the Florida Relay Service, (800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ray Porter, Florida Department of Transportation, (863) 519-2484, email: [jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us) or by writing the Florida Department of Transportation, 801 North Broadway Avenue, MS 1-29 Bartow, FL 33830.

For additional information, please see the project website at <http://www.sr70.info>.



El Departamento de Transporte de la Florida (FDOT), Distrito Uno, va a sostener una reunión de información pública con respecto a la expansión de SR 70, de dos carriles a cuatro carriles, desde Avenida NE 34 hasta Avenida NE 128 (carretera Berman). La reunión ocurrirá el día Jueves, 16 de Enero del 2014, de 5:30 p.m. a 7 p.m., en el South Florida Water Management District Field Station, 1000 Avenida 40 Noreste en Okeechobee. La reunión será una casa abierta, sin ninguna presentación formal. Empleados de FDOT mostrarán planes y contestaran preguntas acerca del proyecto de SR 70.

El proyecto ampliará SR 70 a cuatro carriles desde Avenida NE 34 hasta Avenida NE 128 (carretera Berman). El proyecto también agregará medianas y carriles para bicicletas sobre los mismos límites, y banquetas desde Avenida NE 34 hasta Avenida NE 80. El puente existente sobre el canal que queda al este de la Avenida NE 34 y el Puente existente sobre Mosquito Creek serán ampliados para dar cabida a los nuevos carriles.

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Las personas con impedimentos auditivos o dificultades en el habla pueden comunicarse a través de Florida Relay (Servicio de Retransmisión), llamando al (800) 955-8771 (TDD) o (800) 955-8770 (Voz).

Para obtener más información acerca de los proyectos, por favor contacte el gerente del proyecto, Ray Porter, por teléfono a 863-519-2484 o por e-mail a [jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:jray.porter@dot.state.fl.us).

Para más informacion, por favor visite el siguiente sitio: <http://www.sr70.info>.

# Clewiston blanks OHS in girls soccer action

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Kelsie Allison scored three goals as the Clewiston Tigers defeated Okeechobee 4-0 in girls soccer action Wednesday night at Brahman Stadium.

Allison put on a show for the partisan Brahman crowd as she scored three times in the first 28 minutes of the match. The first goal came because she basically outran the defense to get a breakaway opportunity at the Brahman net six minutes into the match. On the second goal, Allison received a throw in 30 yards from the goal, a Lady Brahman fullback fell down, and she beat the goal tender in the lower right hand corner of the net for a 2-0 lead. The third goal came on a great individual move by Allison. She appeared to have no run between the goal post and the sideline but still was able to squeeze the ball in against two defenders.

Clewiston has a strong team this year and Wednesday's win gave the Lady Tigers a 9-3 record.

Jessica Radcliff scored the fourth goal for Clewiston in the second half.

Okeechobee had their opportunities in the physical match where contact was the norm.

Yvette Vega had a shot near the Tiger net in the first two minutes but couldn't get a lot of velocity on the shot.

Okeechobee had three shots in the first half. Okeechobee (4-10) also put a lot of pressure on Clewiston in the second half but could never get the ball in the net. The only glaring mistakes by the team occurred in not clearing a few balls near the net which allowed Allison to get shot opportunities. Stormy Stokes played a strong game in net and had five saves in the first half.

Okeechobee is getting ready for their district tournament which takes place next week.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Rachel Morrell of Clewiston draws a double team of Lady Brahmans during Wednesday's match. The Lady Tigers prevailed 4-0.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Brianna Nunez (in white) defends against Clewiston's Kaci Pittman during Wednesday's match at Brahman Stadium.

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## Arrests

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).

• Pedro Lopez-Deharo Jr., 30, S.W. Fifth Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 7 by Deputy Elbert Kline on an amended DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft-firearm. He is being held without bond.

• Endino Sanchez-Diaz, 21, was arrested Jan. 7 by Deputy Bryan Cross on felony charges of robbery by sudden snatching and grand theft. His bond was set at \$10,000.

• Joshua Bo Duke, 29, N.W. 27th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 8 by Deputy Elbert Kline on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving while license suspended-habitual offender and the misdemeanor of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$5,500.

• Daylon Sam Youngblood, 22, Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 8 by Deputy Elbert Kline on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure. He is being held without bond.

• Joshua Bo Duke, 29, N.W. 27th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 9 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving while license suspended-habitual offender and failure to appear for a felony offense. He is being held without bond.

• Kevin Oscar Larson, 28, S.E. 86th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 8 by Deputy Matt Hurst on a DOC warrant charging him violation of probation - felony battery-prior conviction, violation of probation - contributing to the delinquency of a child and violation of pretrial release-domestic violence. He is being held without bond.

• Heather Marie Carroll, 25, Arbuckle Creek, Sebring, was arrested Jan. 9 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - grand theft-firearm, violation of probation - forgery and violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument. She 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.*

## Health Expo set for Jan. 25

The seventh annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo will be held Saturday, **Jan. 25**, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center, just off S.R. 710 There will be free parking and admission — everything is free. Take advantage of health screenings and demonstrations. Apply for Florida KidCare, Medicaid and Food Stamps at the Expo. For information, call 863-462-5000, ext. 257; or, 863-634-6464.

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By Tammi Kelly  
Okeechobee News

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During this new year if you have on your resolutions list to "give back," then here is a great organization to give to.

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## Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

• Okeechobee **boys soccer** team tied Clewiston on Tuesday, 2-2. The Brahms got goals from Wilson Barahona and Brian Guerrero and an assist from Daniel Rodriguez. OHS gave up a late goal on a defensive miscue to get the tie. The game was played in frigid conditions at Clewiston High School. The OHS boys soccer team overwhelmed Avon Park, 9-1, in a match played Thursday night in Highlands County. OHS improved to 10-2-1. Avon Park fell to 0-14-1.

• The Okeechobee **wrestling** team finished in 10th place out of 16 teams at the Steadwell Grow Tournament at Port St. Lucie High School last weekend. Jensen Beach was the champion and Wellington finished in second place. Top performers for the Brahms included Cory Vickers who finished in third place at 220 pounds; Cody Griffith who finished in fourth place in the 138 pound weight class; and, Greg Hernandez who finished fourth at heavyweight.

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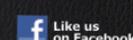
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The School Board of Okeechobee County will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in Room 303, School Board Administrative Office, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, and is open to the public. There will be no meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, as previously scheduled.

Ken Kenworthy  
Superintendent of Schools  
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**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
CASE NO: 2013-CA-000444  
UCN: 472013CA000449XXCICI

U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF MID-STATE TRUST VII BY GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, AS SERVICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY Plaintiff,  
VS.  
SERAFIN LEVYA; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SERAFIN LEVYA; JOHN DOE; Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANT(S):  
SERAFIN LEVYA  
1659 HWY 70 WEST- LOT 12-OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
SERAFIN LEVYA  
14784 SW 169TH AVE-INDIANTOWN, FL 34956  
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within 30 days of the first publication of this notice of action, and file the Original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
DATED on January 3, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
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OKEECHOBEE County 304 NW 2ND STREET, ROOM 208  
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972  
By: Jennifer Rediker  
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- 1 Onetime VHS rival
  - 5 Like honed knives
  - 10 Relaxed
  - 14 The Earth turns on it
  - 15 Swiss calculus pioneer
  - 16 Hebrides hillside
  - 17 Rules, in brief
  - 18 Grassy Southwestern tract
  - 19 "Mike and Mike in the Morning" radio station
  - 20 On-the-go morning snack
  - 23 Flight that may be round
  - 24 Craft stabilizer
  - 25 "No \_\_\_": Mexican's "Enough!"
  - 28 Story spanning decades
  - 31 St. Teresa's home
  - 33 Matador's cloak
  - 37 Cash for a sandwich
  - 40 Tenth of a sawbuck
  - 42 Tailgaters' beverage carriers
  - 43 Waiter's handout
  - 45 Dorothy's dog
  - 46 Run the show
  - 47 Vidal's Breckinridge
  - 49 Actress Sandra
  - 50 Moan and groan
  - 53 Browning work
  - 57 Familiarly, nutritious trio found twice in this puzzle
  - 61 Dubai big shot
  - 64 Medium's card
  - 65 Part of a float
  - 66 Take it easy
  - 67 Bacteria in rare meat
  - 68 Footnote word
  - 69 Biblical heirs, with "the"
  - 70 Barber's chair attachment
  - 71 Corporate \_\_\_
- DOWN**
- 2 Put into action, as effort
  - 3 LSU mascot
  - 4 Very, musically egotistical
  - 6 Luau entertainment
  - 7 Sarah Palin, notably
  - 8 Yvonne's income
  - 9 Legislative investigation
  - 10 "Good buddy"
  - 11 Horace's " \_\_\_ Poetica"
  - 12 Comfy spot for some cats
  - 13 Guys
  - 21 GI mess crews
  - 22 Memorable Texas landmark
  - 25 "Giant" actor Sal
  - 26 Ready for whatever
  - 27 Final authority
  - 29 Old apple spray
  - 30 Frances \_\_\_: Judy Garland's birth name
  - 32 Battery unit
  - 33 Encrypted
  - 34 Japanese cartoon style

- 35 Pound divisions
- 36 Adolescent woe
- 38 Manhattan campus, for short
- 39 Rush \_\_\_
- 41 Bloodsucker
- 44 Invisible-clothes wearer in an Andersen tale
- 48 "The Simpsons" storekeeper
- 51 José's humanities
- 52 Show one's feelings, say
- 54 Kalahari refuge
- 55 Wear away
- 56 Jason tilted her
- 57 Taxing trip
- 58 Go it alone
- 59 You may stick it in your ear
- 60 Dan'l's cousin?
- 61 Street shader
- 62 Ginnie \_\_\_
- 63 Special ending?

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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**SUDOKU**

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

ANSWER:

# This is National Cervical Health Awareness Month

The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer. HPV is a common virus that is passed from one person to another during sex. At least half of sexually active people will have HPV at some point in their lives, but few women will get cervical cancer.

- All women are at risk for cervical cancer.
- It occurs most often in women over age 30.
- Annually, approximately 12,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer.

The good news is that cervical cancer is highly preventable in the United States, thanks to screening tests and a vaccine to prevent HPV infections. The Pap Test (Pap smear) is one of the most reliable and effective cancer screening tests available (it only screens for cervical cancer).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pap smear is recommended for all women.

When cervical cancer is found early, it is highly treatable and associated with long

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Gynecological procedures, including minimally invasive procedures, are performed at Raulerson Hospital by the Surgical Services team.

Board Certified Gynecologist Dr. James Bradfield will speak about women's health issues at the January Dine with the Doctor on Tuesday Jan. 28, at 5 p.m. in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria.

Dinner is available beginning at 4:30 p.m. for \$5. Please RSVP for dinner: 863-763-9228.

For more information about Raulerson Hospital visit their website at RaulersonHospital.com. For a free physician referral or to speak to a registered nurse, contact Consult-A-Nurse at 863-763-9228.



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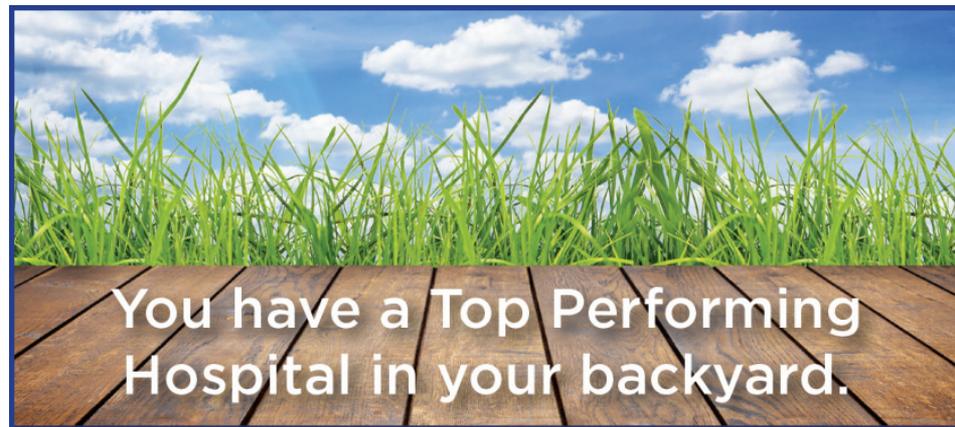
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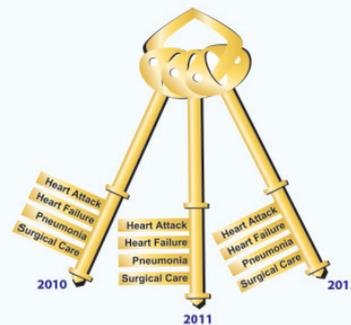
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