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Movie about boys school planned

Hollywood producer plans feature film about abuse at Florida School for Boys in Marianna and Okeechobee

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Hollywood producer Steve Lee Jones is going to see to it that the nation knows about the horrific and sadistic abuse of young boys sent to state reformatories in Okeechobee and Marianna.

Mr. Jones' Bee Holder Productions will bring to light how young boys were beaten and sexually abused by guards and other men at the Florida schools for boys in the 1940s, '50s and '60s.

In a phone interview Thursday, Feb. 20, from his Hollywood, Calif., office Mr. Jones said the movie will be "about the horrific experiences" of boys like Bryant Middleton, who was sent to the school in Marianna at the tender age of 13.

"I think it's about time," said Mr. Middleton, Friday, of the upcoming movie. "It's long past due and it will let the public know what happened to us as children while we were wards of the state. I think it's one of the best things

(the movie) that's happened to us.

Mr. Middleton said he is one of four men who have signed on as consultants for the movie. The retired U.S. Army captain and Vietnam veteran also has the dubious distinction of being a member of a group of men known as The White House Boys.

That moniker is attached to those boys who were taken to a small white concrete-block building on the Marianna campus where they beaten with thick leather straps until their backsides were bloodied and their clothes were imbedded in their wounds.

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Trail Boss Jen Sterling and her daughter led the riders across the Kissimmee River Bridge Thursday as they made their way into Okeechobee County.

Cracker Trail riders hit Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The annual Cracker Trail Ride hit Okeechobee Thursday as close to 100 riders crossed the Kissimmee River Bridge after a luncheon at the picturesque Edna Pearce Lockett Estate in Fort Basinger.

President of the Florida Cracker Trail Association George Masengale said the ride has had good weather this year and the horses and riders have held up well. They had a high total of 165 riders this year. He has made 26 trips on the trail.

The ride this year also included a ceremony to honor long-time trail supporter Clarence Polston who passed away. A rider-less horse was driven across U.S. 27 to honor Polston on Wednesday.

The riders travel about 20 miles per day. Sheriff's Office and police departments assist along the route with traffic control.

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Marie Lewis of West Branch, Michigan, heard from family members who bragged about how much fun they have had on the trail ride for years and wanted to give it a try. Her daughter Kelly took part 18 years ago and learned that she was pregnant on the trail ride. Ms. Lewis said she enjoyed learning about whips and the things cow hunters went through.

"Without history you wouldn't have any future. A lot of people just love this. Up north you don't hear about the cracker trail and I think if people knew the history they'd realize how important it was," she added.

She also enjoyed the beautiful scenery

of open pasture, palmettos, hammocks and the farm land along the route, "It is just beautiful, I didn't think Florida was this pretty. There are a lot of nice, friendly people. It has just been a great trip."

Jeffrey Masengale of San Antonio, Texas, is a native of Florida and has ridden the trail several times. He said they really realize the history of it when they travel across the ranches and see cows scatter. "You can imagine trying to keep the herd together and push them," he said. "Some parts of the ride are on the actual trail that was used."

This year the ride includes residents from Canada, Tennessee, and other states. They also have added products for sale like license plates and t-shirts. This will help to promote the ride and ensure the ride for future years. They also provide a scholarship to help pay college costs for a graduating high school student each year.

ABUSE

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Similar beatings were conducted at the school for boys in Okeechobee, where the white boys were taken to a room dubbed The Library and black boys were taken to the ADJ (adjustment) room. In Okeechobee, guards were also reportedly fond of using "the prod" — a rod with a ball on one end that was used to sodomize the boys.

Boys 8- to 16-years of age were beaten and sodomized at both schools.

"We've engaged some of the most obvious choices to tell their stories because they're willing to tell the facts the way they were without holding back, and without aggrandizement," explained Mr. Jones.

He spoke of how people are "aghast" at the atrocities committed on people in other countries, but they have no idea of similar atrocities that were committed on these young boys. He simply described their treatment as "unbelievable."

Mr. Jones, who was the executive producer for the award-winning HBO film "You Don't Know Jack" which starred Al Pacino as Dr. Jack Kevorkian, said Keir Pearson has come on board for his newest project and will write the screen play.

Mr. Pearson, an Oscar-nominated screen writer, wrote the screen play for "Hotel Rwanda" and the soon-to-be-released movie about Cesar Chavez, a farm worker who

co-founded the National Farm Worker's Association.

When Mr. Jones first heard about The White House Boys about a year ago, he told folks in his office to start tracking the story.

"It's the kind of story you don't expect to hear taking place domestically," he said. "We want to focus on the fact there are many members in town who were complicit in this."

"I see this (movie) as a thriller, actually," he added.

Mr. Jones, who also produced the documentary "Kevorkian," said no release date has been set for this movie. It's also unknown at this point if his film will be shot locally.

"That's a studio call," he added.

Mr. Jones' current project, "Bigger," details how Joe Weider not only discovered Arnold Schwarzenegger but introduced the sport of bodybuilding to the world.

If you think you notice a common theme about Mr. Jones' productions, you're right. He likes to deal with what's real and authentic.

"A lot of the best films today are based on true stories," he offered.

Even though he describes what happened at the Florida schools for boys as unbelievable, Mr. Jones will soon see to it the nation knows the truth.

"We'll make the movie; we'll tell the truth; and, everyone will know what happened to us," said Mr. Middleton from his Gainesville home.

Dr. David Laughlin, a pediatric dentist from Pennsylvania, said the people on the ride are fabulous, salt of the earth, good people, and noted there are some real cowboys along too. His wife trains horses in the winter time and wanted to take the ride this year.

"It is just gorgeous and the ranches we visit are just tremendous. These ranchers are very gracious people as they open their ranches to us. I hope that continues," he added.

Dr. Laughlin noted the riders have it a lot easier than the cow hunters did 100 years ago. Meals are provided, and there are portable toilets. He said he never knew Florida was considered "cattle country."

Each night there are contests and entertainment with the focus on Florida history and ranch life. They also make an annual stop at Cracker Trail Elementary School near Sebring and put a show on for the kids. The eventual destination is the Cracker Days Parade in Fort Pierce.

The ride tries to relive the trail drives of cattle herds accomplished by cow hunters across Florida.

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Reflections from the pulpit

The Shadow of the Cross

By Calvin H. Fryar, pastor
Brighton Baptist Church

Mark 10:21—"And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why

callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. 20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing

thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions."

Holman Hunt, a surrealist artist, painted the interior of a carpenter's shop, with Joseph and the boy Jesus working. Mary was also present. As Jesus paused in His work and stopped to stretch Himself, the sun made a shadow of the Cross on the wall. Another of his pictures is a popular engraving which depicts the infant Jesus running with outstretched arms to His mother, the shadow of the Cross being cast by His form as He runs. Both pictures are fanciful in form, but their underlying idea is assuredly true. If we read the Gospels just as they stand, it is clear that the death of Jesus Christ was really in view from the outset of His earthly appearance — Christianity Is Christ.

The young man in the text came to the right Person—he came to Jesus. He came for the right thing—he came for eternal life. He came in the right spirit—he came running and kneeling. But he asked the wrong question—he asked "What must I do...?" He did not understand that Jesus came to do what he could not!

Our world and all men in it were born under the shadow of the cross. The young man thought he could do some feat to in-

herit eternal life. He wanted to earn it or purchase it like some trophy because he had no understanding that Jesus was God's gift of eternal life.

THE SAVIOR was on His way to the cross when the young man came with his question. That is why Jesus told him to "Take up the cross, and follow" Him. Jesus prayed to escape the cross but He knew that He must taste death for all men. His prayer was "Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour." Jn. 12:27).

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, He was under the shadow of the cross—so were the two thieves who died with Him. Those who stood beneath the cross were under its shadow and they were a type of all men—we stand condemned by the cross because as guilty sinners we are condemned by the cross.

All who stood under the cross when Jesus died were under the shadow of the cross. In fact, they are a type of the entire world—we all stand under one of the crosses on Calvary. We are either like the thief who said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom" or the one who refused and died under the judgment of God! Our judgment begins while we are upon this world of shadows and ends or continues at the cross — let us leave it there.

Public Forum/Speak Out

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

Child support office closing

• Put yourself in someone else's shoes. You complain and complain but you never think about the work that is put into a job like this. The people in the child support office get the brunt of everyone's anger towards their ex and have to deal with a LOT. Most of the workers there have been there for a VERY long time and have listened to people complain, call them names and be just plain ol' mean, so think about how they feel having to go into work everyday and listen to it all. And yes, there are about 2,000 cases there, but those 2,000 cases are worked mostly by one person, think of the math. Yes, it is their job to serve you, but think of how easy it would be to serve people if they were pleasant half the time.

• I am not sure when they stopped coming to Okeechobee County, but the Social Security office no longer comes here. There is a lot that you can do online, but if you need to go to a Social Security office, Okeechobee County residents have to go to Port St. Lucie. You can make an appointment so you don't have to wait so long when you get there.

National debt

• That debt that the U.S. government keeps piling up is going to hurt our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren for generations to come. Until people realize that and agree to sacrifice a little, it

won't change. I worry about that burden on my kids and grandkids. The amount of debt piled up in the past five years is staggering and what do we have to show for it? So much of that borrowed money was just wasted.

Elections

• Looks like the big elections in Okeechobee this year will be the county commission races unless the teachers decide to try to get some new folks on the school board. Until I know who is going to run against those already in office, I can't say who I will support. There are some in office now I really didn't want to vote for but they were the "lesser of two evils" in choices available at the time. As for medical marijuana, it certainly can't be any worse than the highly-addictive prescription narcotics already available in Florida. If it will help someone who is suffering, why not let them use it instead of something like oxycontin. I have heard that marijuana is helpful for chemo patients and also for some kinds of seizures.

Donations

• Had to run an errand and pick up something at Walmart and I ran into a couple of nice looking young fellows who asked me to donate money to "help get kids off drugs." Well that sounds like something I would support, so I took the time to ask about their program. I had never heard of the organization on their t-shirts and it didn't take long to figure out why. Their organization is not in Okeechobee. It helps no one in Okeechobee. They said they work with local churches. I asked which ones? The only one they could name is in Fort Pierce. Now why would a church in Fort Pierce send people to Okeechobee to raise money? So ... I will keep my donations to local organizations that I know and trust. I don't have a lot of money to give and I try to make it count.

Letter to the editor

Okeechobee KOA says thanks

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FWC meeting deals with managing bass fishery

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) biologists will hold a meeting this week in Okeechobee to discuss their Black Bass Management Plan (BBMP) and its impacts on Lake Okeechobee.

The meeting will be held at the Okeechobee County Public Library on S.W. 16th Street Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6 until 7 p.m.

Corey Lee, a fisheries biologist in FWC's Okeechobee office, said there will also be a slide presentation as well as a question and

answer session.

FWC created the BBMP in 2011, which offers a holistic approach to essential habitat management, fisheries management and public interaction components.

Thursday's meeting will also deal with Lake Istokpoga.

One FWC proposal on the table is changing the black bass daily bag limit to five fish.

"We're proposing a 16-inch maximum to keep trophy fish in the water, and only one fish over 16 inches per day," he said, adding that there would be no minimum length requirement.

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).

- Roshella Denise Jones, 36, N.W. 29th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 20 by Deputy Paul Jackson on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

- Desiree Nicole Kester, 19, U.S. 98 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 20 by Deputy Cody Hurst on a Lafayette County warrant

charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, violation of probation - carrying a concealed weapon and violation of probation - aggravated assault. She is being held without bond.

- Chasz John Carter, 25, N.W. 102nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 21 by Deputy Jose Garduno on a felony charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$5,000.

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.

Inmate accused of injuring other inmate

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

An inmate in the Okeechobee County Jail has been arrested for allegedly hitting and injuring another inmate, who was later taken to a coastal hospital.

Waltorian T. Jackson, 22, N.E. 16th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Wednesday, Feb. 19, on a charge of felony battery. His bond on that charge was set at \$25,000.

Jackson had been sentenced to the county jail after he entered a plea of no contest to charges of no driver's license, resisting a law enforcement officer without violence, failure to stop for a law enforcement officer and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

He was sentenced to 60 days in jail on

counts one and four, and nine months on the remaining two counts. He will receive credit for 46 days. The sentences are to run concurrently.

According to an arrest report by Deputy Marcus Collier, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Jackson got into a fight with another inmate in his pod shortly after 3 p.m. The two men apparently became involved in a verbal argument and at some point the other inmate pushed Jackson in the face.

Jackson supposedly retaliated by punching the other inmate in the face and he then fell to the floor.

Deputy Collier went on to indicate the injured inmate was taken to Raulerson Hospital then transferred to Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Fort Pierce.

The arrest report does not state the nature or extent of the inmate's injuries.



Waltorian Jackson

Blood drives planned on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Feb. 25 - Okeechobee Correctional Inst., public access, noon - 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 27 - IRSC, 3 to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 28 - Big O RV Resort, Hwy. 78, noon - 5 p.m.

Widows & Widowers Support Group meets

The Widow and Widowers Support group meets every Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. at the Lodge at the Lake. For information, call Darlene at 863-467-5351.

When asked, he said the no minimum length regulation would not have an adverse effect on the fishery.

"To have an effect we need a 20 to 25 percent harvest rate," he said. "The harvest rates we get on bass are so miniscule right now. Less than 1 percent of bass caught are actually harvested."

According to a 2006 U.S. Department of Interior study bass anglers spent more than 14 million days fishing for bass in Florida — that includes largemouth, Florida black bass, shoal, spotted and Suwannee bass.

That study indicated Florida anglers averaged 17.2 days per year fishing for a total of 46.3 million days of outdoor recreation.

Of those, 24.4 million days were spent on fresh water by 1.4 million anglers, and 23.1 million days were spent on salt water.

And with 3 million acres of freshwater lakes, ponds and reservoirs and 12,000 miles of rivers, streams and canals, Florida is a premier destination for bass anglers, continued the study.

That same 2006 study also documented how Florida ranks: #1 in the nation for in-state anglers (2.8 million); #1 for in-state angler expenditures (\$4.4 billion); #1 for economic impact (\$7.5 billion); #1 in angler-supported jobs (75,068); and, #1 in state and local taxes generated by sport fishing (\$440 million).

Trophy bass, continued the study, are a huge draw to weekend anglers as well as those competing in cast-for-cash events.

With all of this in mind, the FWC put together their management plan to ensure that Florida remains the bass fishing capital of the world by having more trophy-sized bass and then rewarding anglers through FWC's TrophyCatch program for catching, documenting and releasing bass 8 pounds and over.

"I think we're in a really good situation right now (on Lake Okeechobee)," said Mr. Lee. "We're really starting to see some big fish."

Thursday's meeting will also deal with the spraying program, which Mr. Lee said is necessary to keep down the growth of hyacinth and water lettuce.

"If we let up, we'll get behind the 8-ball," he said. "We're trying to keep from having population explosions, so we have to stay on top of it."

FWC biologists will be in Clewiston on Wednesday, Feb. 26, for a similar meeting at the John Boy Auditorium. It, too, will be held from 6 until 7 p.m.

To view FWC's BBMP in its entirety go to MyFWC.com/Fishing, then select the Black Bass Management Plan banner in the middle under Freshwater Fishing.

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Legion has Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Feb. 23** at 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area, and 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.

Masons offer breakfast

The Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth St., will host a breakfast with all the fixings Sunday, **Feb. 23**, for \$6 per plate. The public is welcomed. Breakfast will be served from 8 until 11 a.m., and carry-out is available. All proceeds go to local Mason giving.

Shrine to host a dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1740 S.W. 53rd St., will hold a spaghetti dinner Tuesday evening, **Feb. 25**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. The Shrine Club is please to offer smoke-free dining. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided 5 to 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact: Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200; or, the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Mat club seeking members

The Okeechobee Wrestling Club will have sign-ups Tuesday, **Feb. 25**, and Thursday, **Feb. 27**. Sign-ups are from 6 until 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee High School gymnasium. The cost is \$40 this year. For information, call coach Bruce Jahner at 863-634-9411.

CCC will meet Feb. 25

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will meet Tuesday, **Feb. 25**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. For information, call 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

Hospital offers dinner

Raulerson Hospital will host Dine with the Doctor Tuesday, Feb. 25. The featured speaker will be orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Benjamin Epstein. Dinner will be available at 4:30 p.m. for \$5. The free lecture begins at 5 p.m. RSVP to 863-763-9228.

Eagles host spaghetti dinner

Fraternal Order Of Eagles/Aerie #4137, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will host bingo Tuesday, **Feb. 25**, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, bingo is at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. Friday, Feb. 28, from 5:30 until 9 p.m., the auxiliary will host a spaghetti dinner with salad and garlic bread for a \$6 donation. Kids under 10 eat free. Entertainment will be provided by Medicine Man from 7 until 11 p.m. All proceeds go to support charities of The Fraternal of Eagles. The public is welcome. For information, call 863-763-2552.

Support group meets Feb. 26

Do you have Parkinson's Disease or essential tremors? You are not alone. Come to the Parkinson's support group Wednesday, **Feb. 26**, at Heritage Assisted Living, 608 N.E. Second Ave., at 6 p.m. Talk to others with the same shaking problem. Find out what Parkinson's is and how to make life easier for yourself. Bring along your caregiver. Snacks will be provided. For information, call: Mohammed Nooruddin at 863-763-7773; or, Marty Grondin at 863-442-0564.

FOE election is Feb. 26

The Cypress Hut FOE Auxiliary, 4509, will accept nominations and have a special election Wednesday, **Feb. 26**, at 6:30 p.m. to fill the vacant office of madam vice president. All members are encouraged to attend.

OCSO plans BBQ fundraiser

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office will host a barbecue fundraiser on Friday, **Feb. 28**, starting at 11 a.m. There is a \$10 donation with all funds going to March of Dimes. For information, call 863-763-3117.

BBQ benefits Bruce Nast

A benefit barbecue for Bruce Nast, the owner of Unlimited Auto and Marine Upholstery, will be held Friday, **Feb. 28**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Utility Authority, 100 S.W. Fifth Ave. For a \$10 donation, the dinner will include: pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Whole Boston Butts will also be available for \$30. Delivery is available to businesses with a minimum of five orders. For information, or to purchase tickets in advance, call Becky Barnhart at 863-763-9460, ext. 219.

Seniors club hosting dance

A new single seniors club will host a dance Saturday, **March 1**, at Cowboys, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave., in the private hall, the Bull Pen. Doors will open at 5 p.m. for supper. The dance starts at 7 p.m. Door prizes will be given. For information, call Marie at 863-957-0676.

Dodge Ball tourney planned

The B.R.A.T. Club will host a Dodge Ball Tournament Saturday, **March 1**, in Flagler Park #3 starting at 9 a.m. All proceeds are kept by the B.R.A.T. Club for future events. The field will be limited to the first 30 registrations. Contact Allison Chandler at 863-697-9096; or, e-mail her at alsn@embarq-mail.com.

Spring Festival is March 1

A Spring Fling Festival will be held in the woods at Freedom Ranch on **March 1**. Gates will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be all kind of items for sale as well as food vendors. There will also be live music, buggy rides and a cake walk. Entrance fee is \$1 per car \$1, except for vendors. Freedom Ranch is located at 11655 U.S. 441 S.E. E-mail for a vendor application and pricing at: springflingfest@gmail.com; or, call 863-763-9800.

Apps for exemptions offered

Applications for homestead exemption, senior exemption, veteran exemption and agriculture classification for 2014 should be filed with the Okeechobee County Property Appraiser's office by **March 1** in accordance with Florida Statutes. For information on exemptions, contact the property appraiser's office at 863-763-4422; or, visit their webpage at www.okeechobeeqa.com.

IRSC offering workshop

Food for the Writers' Soul is a one-day workshop offered by the Fielden Institute for Life Long Learning at the Dixon-Hendry Campus at Indian River State College in Okeechobee on Tuesday, **March 4**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan Day is the peer leader for this event which includes discussion on how to nurture your creative habit, writing exercises, planning and individual writing and critiquing. Lunch is included. For information and to register, call Laura at 772-462-7880.

Coalition board will meet

Okeechobee HealthyStart Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **March 5**, at 11 a.m. at their office located in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact Executive Director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

Shooting fundraiser slated

The young guns of Quail Creek will host a clay shooting fundraiser Saturday, **March 8**, at Quail Creek from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will also be a silent, live and Chinese auction after the awards ceremony. All proceeds go to the children in the club. For information, contact Quail Creek at 863-763-2529.

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COWS:	LOW:	HIGH:			MONDAY	TUESDAY
800-1000	72.00	- 111.00	89.38	86.85	368	392
1000-1200	71.00	- 109.00	97.74	86.89	75	343
1200-1400	70.00	- 111.00	97.30	89.08	13	4
1400-1600	85.00	- 109.00	100.14	91.24	HFERS	4
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					YRLINGS	24
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					MIX	0
					27	27
					TOTAL	507
					837	837
BULLS:						
1200-1400	87.00	- 113.00	113.00	101.00		
1400-1600	88.00	- 119.00	119.00	98.33		
1600-1800	102.00	- 123.00	123.00	112.09		
1800-2000	112.00	- 125.00	125.00	117.00		
STEERS:						
150-250	200.00	- 342.50	287.74	261.09		
250-300	200.00	- 300.00	251.44	243.92		
300-350	190.00	- 260.00	232.04	231.39		
350-400	170.00	- 250.00	224.21	213.17		
400-450	172.50	- 235.00	213.58	203.56		
450-500	160.00	- 230.00	202.20	183.66		
500-550	177.50	- 203.00	195.35	163.71		
550-600	176.00	- 187.50	182.88	161.93		
600-650	152.00	- 174.00	164.25	165.50		
650-700	164.00	- 174.00	169.00	143.92		
HEIFERS:						
150-250	200.00	- 265.00	238.02	223.71		
250-300	190.00	- 235.00	214.76	210.33		
300-350	180.00	- 212.50	196.75	193.15		
350-400	166.00	- 202.50	188.18	181.28		
400-450	150.00	- 198.00	187.88	172.51		
450-500	164.00	- 190.00	181.15	168.39		
500-550	140.00	- 190.00	170.50	165.67		
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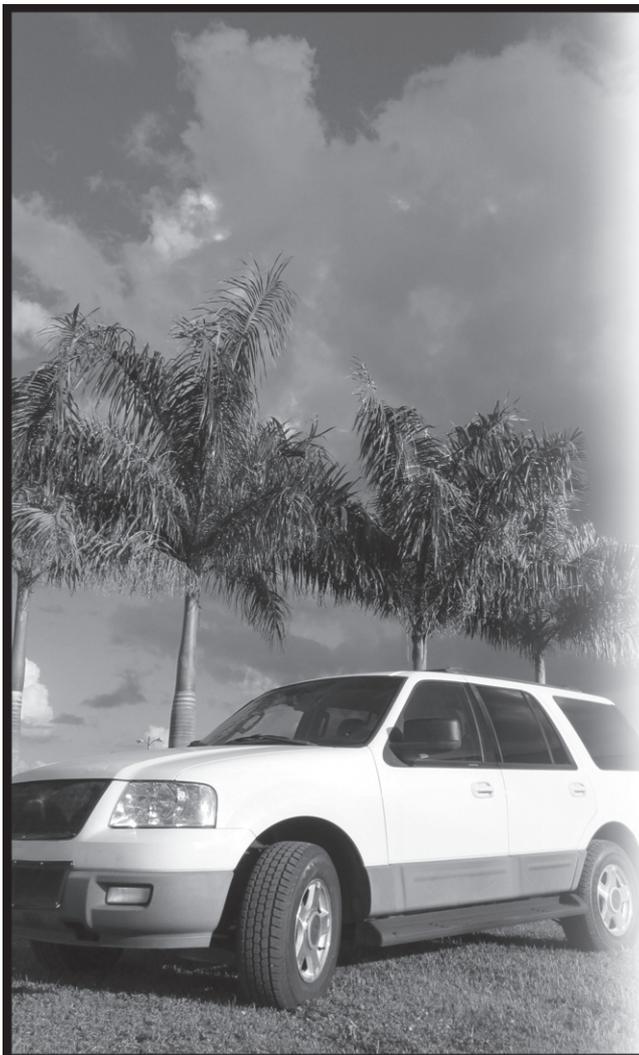
The Heart Gallery of Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast, a unique and stirring traveling photographic exhibit featuring children in foster care hoping to be adopted, will be on display from March 7 through April 17 at Indian River State College, Dixon Hendry Campus, Building B, located at 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave.

The gallery features children who have been removed from home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. They are "difficult to place" children who are older (7-17 years old), sibling groups, minority or bi-racial or may have physical, emotional or behavioral issues. The local Heart Gallery is displayed in high-traffic locations across Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Indian River and Martin counties in an effort to raise awareness of the need for adoptive homes in our

communities.

Since it began in 2006, more than 60 children featured on the Heart Gallery of Okeechobee & the Treasure Coast have been adopted, including 11 Okeechobee county children within the past five years. The local gallery, which is partially funded by both the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County and the United Way of Okeechobee County, was founded by Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County, Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers and Children's Home Society of Florida. Other founders include Department of Children & Families, Devereux Community Based Care, United Way of Martin County, Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County and Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers.

For more information, contact Frank Avilla at 772-429-2009.



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Annual Meeting

March 15, 2014

Glades Electric Cooperative Inc.'s 2014 Annual Meeting will be Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Clewiston Middle School, 601 W. Pasadena Ave., in Clewiston, Florida.

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North Elementary Students of the Week

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Chastain/Pattison team win bass club tourney

Special to the Okeechobee News

Taylor Creek Bass Club held their February Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 15, Lake Okeechobee launching out of Harney Pond Canal. The weather was great and a lot of big fish were caught.

The team of Byron Chastain and Bill Pattison brought in total of 22.87 lbs. to the scales for the win.

Jack and Rowena Harrison won second place with total weight of 17.08 lbs. They also won the "Big Bass" award with their 6.84 lb. catch.

Vicky Brackin and John Vernalia finished

in third place with total weight of 15.01 lbs.

The Taylor Creek Bass Club meets at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 on the second Thursday of each month. Tournaments are held the following weekend.

New boaters and (especially) non-boaters are welcome. For information, call Keith Jons 518-423-8262 Vicky Brackin 863-528-2027.

Normal tournaments will be draw team tournaments with points earned individually for Fisherman Of The Year and monetary awards earned as a team. The Classic Championship event will be held in December.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Byron Chastain and Bill Pattison took top honors in the Taylor Creek Bass Club Tournament with a total weight of 22.87 lbs.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Vicky Brackin and John Vernalia placed third with 15.91 lbs. They also won the big fish award with a 5.66-lb. largemouth.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Jack and Rowena Harrison took second with a catch weighing 17.08 lbs.

Benefit links tourney set

The Cypress Hut Eagles, 4509, will host a benefit golf tournament for Nellie Summerford on Saturday, **March 8**, at the Blue Heron Golf Club. Play will get under way at 8 a.m. For information call: Paul at 863-261-1316; Oakley at 561-239-4430; or, Earl 863-610-0017.

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OCSO Investigations

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

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- 3400 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 3400 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 800 block of N.E. 15th Ave.
- 500 block of N.W. 27th Lane
- 13800 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 2800 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 17900 block of U.S. 441 N.

BURGLARY

- 3900 block of N.W. 29th Ave.
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- 3800 block of N.W. 33rd Ave.
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- 2300 block of S.E. 27th St.
- 7900 block of S.R. 78 W.
- 7900 block of S.R. 78 W.
- 3500 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 500 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 1600 block of S.R. 70 E.
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- 100 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 200 block of N.W. Ninth St.

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- 3500 block of N.W. 39th Ave.
- 4700 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3500 block of S.E. Eighth St.
- 3700 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 4600 block of N.W. 30th St.
- 900 block of N.W. Third St.
- 3200 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 3600 block of S.E. 34th Ave.
- 500 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 3300 block of S.W. 19th St.

OCSO to continue traffic campaign

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An operation by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) is aimed at making motorists more aware of traffic laws in residential neighborhoods.

Operation Safe Neighborhood was conducted Feb. 8-20 by OCSO Motorcycle Unit Deputy Adrian Rogers. During that time frame Deputy Rogers has issued 11 traffic citations and 40 warnings to drivers.

"We will continue to work on improving the safety within our residential neighborhoods for our residents," said OCSO Major Noel Stephen. "These awareness campaigns are an attempt to educate residents of the posted speed limits that are one of the biggest complaints in almost every neighborhood."

Maj. Stephen went on to say this special campaign will continue throughout Okeechobee County.

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By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

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 CASE NO: 13000469CAAXMX

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- Counterproductive "Get Smart" apparatus
- Poster-mounting aid
- White and black pawns, e.g.
- "The Da Vinci Code" monk
- Filet mignon sources
- Zoo feature
- Some peculiarities
- [More on next pg.]
- Tierney of "E.R."
- Mother of divine twins, in Greek myth
- Twin who adopted the surname Bunker
- Student employees, usually
- Ruby or tawny drinks
- Where some washers are kept
- See 32-Down
- Dogpatch creator
- Conical brewing equipment
- Tendency
- Fivers
- Retired boomers
- One who's been rubbed out?
- Nebraska tribe
- French enforcement unit
- 2006 Cate Blanchett film
- Classic 1913 novel called "the tragedy of thousands of young men in England" by its author
- 1983 best-seller with a misspelled title word

DOWN

- Looking grumpy
- Straightened
- Shots taken quickly
- '50s Dodger pitcher Billy
- Hypotheticals
- CBS ratings giant
- Rocker Vicious
- One might be blonde
- Watch readouts, briefly
- Qualifies
- More reptilian, in a way
- Silkworm's protection
- Solar year/lunar year differentials
- Sweetly, in some suites
- Brand with a tiger mascot, once
- Vineyard
- Where many homesteaders headed
- Museum VIPs
- Besmirches
- Aquino's predecessor
- Race competitor
- Marzo, por ejemplo
- Billboard magazine's milieu
- Things to avoid
- With 33-Across, common tourist transport
- Drought-stricken
- Baltimore NFLer called "The Golden Arm"
- Mill output
- Abridgment on the bridge?
- German director Herzog
- Tropical fruit
- Part of PDA: Abbr.
- Macbeth, for one
- Treaty gp. that admitted Belize in 1991
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- Fleet VIP
- Radical org. in 1974 headlines

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Chobee Outlawz poised for another strong season

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

The Chobee Outlawz defeated Port St. Lucie 11-0 as Xavier Hernandez pitched a no hitter on Jan. 26. Hernandez struck out 11 and didn't walk a single batter.

The Outlawz scored seven runs in the first inning and never trailed in the game. The Outlawz won the night cap in Port St. Lucie 14-6 as they scored 12 runs in the first three innings. Tucker Myers had an RBI single, Hernandez hit a solo home run and added an RBI double and Enoch Busbin added a two-run double for Okeechobee. Orlando Arana had an RBI triple.

Emory Coleman got the win on the mound for Okeechobee.

He pitched two shutout innings with one strikeout. Six Okeechobee hitters combined for 10 hits, 12 runs scored and eight RBIs in the game.

The Outlawz are a 9-and-under travel ball team.

The Outlawz will play several home games at the Okeechobee Sports Complex. Some of their upcoming games are: home, March 9 vs. the Delray Tigers at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.; home, March 16 vs. the Broward Blizzards at 2 and 4 p.m.; March 23 in Juno Beach against the North Palm Beach Whitecaps at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; home, April 6 against the Treasure Coast Storm at noon and 2 p.m.; and, April 13 in Lake Worth against the Broward Bombers.

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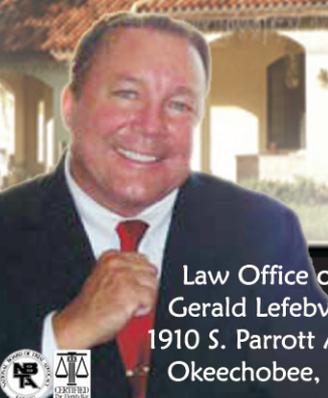
Special to the Okeechobee News

Kiwanis hosts Seminole historian

Willie Johns, Seminole historian and Seminole Tribe Chief Justice, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee on Seminole Tribe history and the Battle of Okeechobee. Willie spoke on the almost 400 year history of the tribe and the way the tribe has survived and advanced over the years, and the importance of the Battle of Okeechobee in the Second Seminole War. Pictured left to right are: Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Jim Vensel; Kate Maceum, Historic Preservation office AH TAH-THI-KI Museum; Willie Johns, Seminole Tribe chief justice; and, Kiwanis member Dowling Watford.

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