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County and sheriff headed to court

Okeechobee County files lawsuit to compel sheriff to run jail

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The last few months of budget battles between the county and Sheriff Paul May has come down to this — a lawsuit.

A lawsuit was filed in circuit court late last week aimed at compelling Sheriff May "... to comply with various Florida statutes concerning submission of budgets and operation of the Okeechobee County Jail," states a press release from the county.

Because there is no law in Florida stating whether the sheriff or the county has to run the jail, this suit will set the precedent for the entire state.

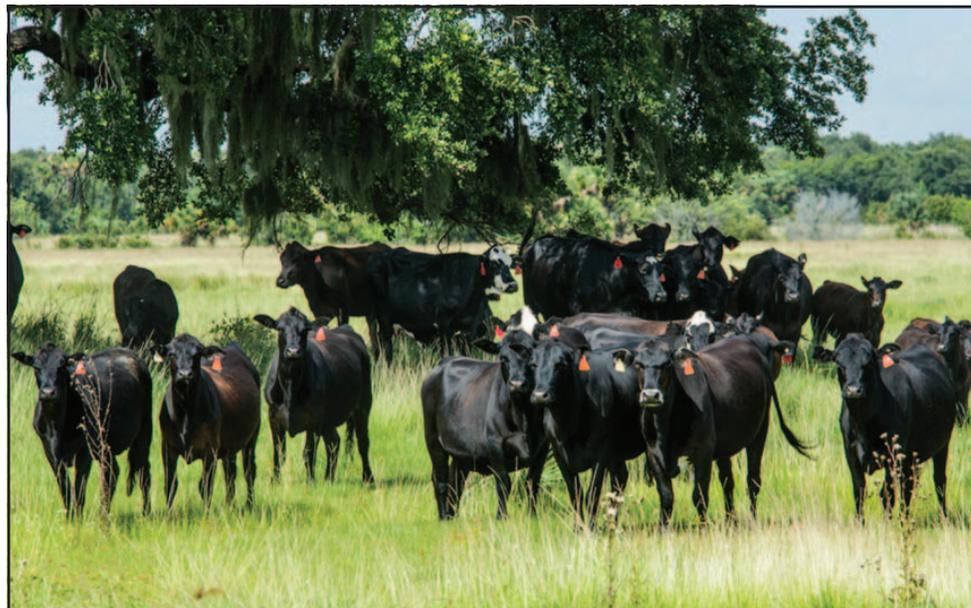
By a unanimous, 5-0, vote at their July 10

meeting the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners gave their approval to go ahead with the court action.

The reason for the suit is two-pronged: the county wants the sheriff to turn in a complete budget for the jail; and, they want the sheriff to continue to run that operation.

"Despite not submitting a complete budget as required by law, Sheriff May recently delivered an ultimatum to the board of county com-

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Special to the Okeechobee News
Brangus cattle on the Brighton Seminole Reservation. Brangus is a cross between the Brahman cattle, which are heat tolerant, and the Angus, which have superior carcass quality.

Tribe expands cattle operation

By Gary Bitner
Special to the Okeechobee News

Members of the Seminole Tribe — the first Floridians — are embracing their state's agriculture as part of a product and marketing strategy to further expand a successful cattle operation, ranked as one of the nation's largest.

The Seminoles recently invited a select group of cattle industry experts and journalists to the Brighton Seminole Reservation, where the Tribe maintains the largest portion of its cattle herd across a vast 36,000-acre reservation. The group of nearly two dozen industry

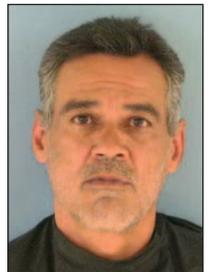
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Task force takes down suspected grow house

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

For the second consecutive week, Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force detectives have taken down a suspected marijuana grow house in the sparsely-populated northwestern portion of the county known as The Prairie.

Jose Rodriguez, 51, 22020 N.W. 264th St., was arrested Thursday, July 17, on felony charges of cultivation of marijuana, trafficking in marijuana, rent/lease of a structure for the manufacturing of drugs and grand theft. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.



Jose Rodriguez

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'You're Accepted' event being planned at IRSC

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As an open admissions college, Indian River State College is inviting anyone interested in advancing their education to attend the "You're Accepted" event at the nearest IRSC campus on Thursday, July 31. Attendees will receive convenient one-stop help getting started at IRSC from noon to 6 p.m. at the Main Campus and 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the branch campuses. Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP at the IRSC Home Page, www.irsc.edu, by Thursday, July 24, to receive a personalized admissions packet.

"You will find a comfortable student-friendly environment at IRSC, with the help you need to succeed, in fact you will feel accepted at IRSC," said Eileen Storck, Director of Enrollment Management. "With the combination of quality, convenience and affordability, IRSC is the best choice for college."

You're Accepted will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Attendees will receive an Admissions Check-list upon arrival, followed by a "Meet and Greet" with refreshments in the "Welcome to the River" room. Between noon and 3 p.m., attendees can prioritize what they will do. Opportunities include meeting members of the student

government and participating in games and activities for a chance to win a prize. Assistance will be provided in applying to IRSC, applying for financial aid and checking on aid status.

Attendees will be able to register for New Student Orientation, held at 2 p.m. and required for completion of admission. At 4 p.m., attendees will learn about programs, courses and planning their schedule at the Advising Overview session. Personalized campus tours will also be available. All attendees completing the event survey will be entered into a drawing to win an Echo Smart Pen set.

At the branch campuses, You're Accepted will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The "Welcome to the River" overview starts at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the Advising Overview, computer lab activities and campus tours.

Locations include the Mueller Campus at 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach; Pruitt Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart; Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee.

For information, e-mail info@irsc.edu, visit www.irsc.edu or call 1-866-792-4772.

Corps adjusts target flows from Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District adjusted the target flows to the Caloosahatchee River as part of its efforts to slow the rise in water levels at Lake Okeechobee.

Beginning July 19, the new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary is a 10-day average of 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) near Fort Myers. However, this change will likely have little impact as local runoff into the Caloosahatchee River has regularly exceeded this target in recent days. Runoff will continue to be allowed to pass through Franklin as necessary.

No water from Lake Okeechobee is being released into the St. Lucie Canal, although local basin runoff from the St. Lucie Canal (C-44) will continue to be allowed to pass through the St. Lucie Lock as has been the case for much of the past month.

"The increased target flow to the west allows us to release lake water when the opportunity presents itself while attempting to keep discharge rates below the high-flow harm threshold of 2,800 cfs at S-79

(Franklin Lock)," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida.

Friday, the lake stage was 13.58 feet. It is currently in the Operational Low Sub-Band of the Corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). In the Low Sub-Band, under current conditions, LORS authorizes the corps to discharge 3,000 cfs to the Caloosahatchee and 1,170 cfs to the St. Lucie.

"The lake is a foot-and-a-half lower than it was at this point last year, however, it has continued to rise for over a month and has risen over a quarter foot just in the last week," said Lt. Col. Greco. "The target adjustment is appropriate given current and forecasted conditions although we will continue to monitor conditions and make adjustments as necessary based on LORS guidance."

For information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the water management web page at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/WaterManagement.aspx>.

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Today: Partly cloudy. Scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 89F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Tonight: Thunderstorms during the evening, then skies turning partly cloudy overnight. Low 74F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Thunderstorms. High around

90F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Monday Night: Thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 73F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

Tuesday: Thunderstorms likely. High near 85F. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 100%.

Tuesday Night: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 72F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy in the morning. Thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 86F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.



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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!

Ankle monitors proposed

• If it only costs the county \$80,000 for a contract with St. Lucie County to monitor 15-20 people awaiting trial, who would otherwise be sitting in the county jail, that is a good deal. Twenty-four hours a day times 365 days a year is 8,760. So it would cost less than \$10 an hour to monitor 15-20 people electronically. Keeping just 15 people in jail for a year at \$65 a day costs \$355,875. Why should we, the taxpayers, foot the bill for their food, shelter and medical care while they await trial if there is a less expensive, safe alternative to jail?

• I like the idea of charging those on ankle monitors a fee to help cover the costs of the program. It could be a sliding scale so the poor wouldn't be priced out of the program. In other counties, the judges have done that with some who could afford it, like that Goodman guy who was convicted of DUI and then got a new trial. The judges should do anything they can to get the burden off the backs of the taxpayers.

City tax increase

• Must be nice to just take a vote to raise more money to pay the bills. This election year I will vote to lower taxes by a no vote to those who raise the tax. If ACA (Obamacare) cost the city more does the city council not think this is a cost increase for the tax payers own budgets? Now you want us to also pay for your increase? Pay it yourself and keep your hands out of our pocket. Cut some of your expenses by 23 percent, reduce staff, I'm sure there is dead weight in government as is proven every day. My suggestion is whatever the cost of insurance increase, 10 percent, the employees receiving the item pay for it, I have to pay my own.

County taxes

• How about just cutting the salaries of some of the county employees and not replacing those retiring. I see very little improvement in the services in the county, only the growth of government expenses.

• County commissioners, donate your salaries back. Raise court fees and jail fees for those inside. How ever much it takes to care, guard and feed them, charge the criminals. Tag and title seems to have too many employees there. We did not to keep the DMV here either. Most can renew by mail. If you cannot, then take a ride to the coast. Be a better driver and be able to renew by mail.

• To 10 mils we go so these commissioners can spend that money trying to undo what they have sewn in the past several months. We must stand up and vote when it is time.

South to extend school day

• Everglades' FCAT score went up. I don't know how much of that was due to the extra hour of reading. If they continue with this longer day, I hope they do away with homework. My son is not lazy and it's not that I don't want to help him, but it's just too much.

Who will run the jail?

• Looks as if some of our elected officials might get an inside look at the operation. Maybe they can assist in the operation when on visit (sentence). Let the county have it, then watch the cost double. They cannot even run a dysfunctional county without seeing the waste.

School taxes

• In regard to school taxes, as I understand it the state sets the minimum the county must levy in local taxes in order to qualify for the state funding. Without the state funding our schools could not function. Maybe a larger, richer county could get by without the state funds, but Okeechobee can't. So the best the school board could do is keep it to that minimum required by the state.

Water, water

• People need to understand they live in Florida, and some flooding is natural. It recharges the aquifer. Having water standing on your property for a couple days is good for the aquifer. If they would quit trying to move the water so fast during the wet season, we would not have so many problems during the dry season. Plant native grass and plants that can survive the floods and the droughts.

Reflections from the pulpit

Some Golden Daybreak Calvin H. Fryar, pastor

Brighton Baptist Church

Revelation 22:7—"Behold, I come quickly..." [Read from the Bible Jeremiah 7:31-33.]

Years ago, a great crowd was waiting on the streets of Edinburgh to greet Gladstone, who was going to speak at the Exchange. In the crowd was a man, upon whose heart the Holy Spirit had been working tenderness and interest in Divine things. Suddenly, as with a flash of penetrating light, the thought flashed into his soul, "One of these days they will be gathering to meet the coming Christ. Will you be ready?" The thought would not let him rest. He went home, and found the Son of God as his Savior.—Bible Illustrations

Someday there will be a "Golden Daybreak"—THE RETURN of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has promised "...behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me..." (Rev 22:12).

Asked by Dr. George E. Guille what was his attitude on the Lord's Second Coming, Pastor William Anderson, Jr., of Dallas, Texas, answered that he didn't know that he had any attitude on the subject. He wasn't interested. He had been so busy preaching the first coming that he had not had time to think about the Second Coming.

"Well," said Mr. Guille, "I only wanted to know whether you loved His appearing." Left alone in his study, "Dr. Bill" as his many friends called him, sat at his desk asking himself over and over, "Do I love His appearing?" Later, the church was as much amazed as Mrs. Anderson had been, when the pastor explained what had happened to his convictions, that he had become a premillenarian. He explained that he had come to their church a postmillenarian, and thought the only fair thing was to resign. One of the elders cried out, "Why, my dear pastor, this is what we have been praying for. Resign nothing! God has answered our prayers!" From that time Dr. Bill Anderson's ministry was transformed, and his pastorate became so fruitful as to be "spoken of throughout the whole world."—Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations.

Tim LaHaye noted, "When I was a boy, I took a tour of Henry Ford factory in Dearborn, Mich. Then we saw an electromagnetic crane move over a large railroad car filled with what seemed to be junk steel. At the flip of a switch, everything in that car leaped up to the magnetic crane. Then I saw a strange thing: some pieces of steel fell back

into the car. I waited until others had left on the tour and then climbed up to look inside and find out why these pieces fell back in. I found they were not steel at all. Lying on the bottom of the car were some old two-by-fours, a broom handle, and some broken pieces of wood. Only objects made of the right component responded to the magnet; the rest were left behind." —Tim LaHaye.

The purpose of our return to earth is for THE RETRIBUTION and THE RESTORATION of all things. John reminds us in the book of Revelation of His return: "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him..." (Rev. 1:7). It is not only Christian people who are expecting the Second Coming of Christ, the frustrated youth of America sense that judgment is near. Their sons and daughters reflect their anxiety. A once popular record was called "Dooms-Day." In his big number one record, "Bad Moon Rising," Credence Clearwater warned that the time of the end is near and hoped that we were ready. One hit song suggests a meeting in the air with the Lord. In some of the communes, where groups of boys and girls lived together in remote areas under primitive conditions, young people turned to some religion in an effort to get right before the day of judgment.—The King Is Coming.

While preaching on the radio on the subject of the second coming of Christ, the Rev. C.A. Blackmore was outlining some of the marvelous things that would happen to Christians at the Rapture. A lady who had been bedridden for twenty-three years heard the message and wrote, "Will I really be well? Will all pain and sorrow actually be gone?" Blackmore replied; "Yes, my friend, some glorious day, when Jesus comes, you will leap from that bed with all the vigor of youth and never know pain again." Blackmore's son, Carl, was greatly impressed with the reality of this coming event. As he pondered the glorious prospects, the words and melody of a chorus took form in his mind, and he said to his father: "Dad, you should write some verses for this chorus." After much prayer, early one morning, unable to sleep as he anticipated the thrill of the rapture, the elder Blackmore rose from his bed and wrote the verses of "Some Golden Daybreak." As the song became known, it grew in popularity, until today it is used almost by all the leading publishers of gospel songs. Some golden daybreak, Jesus will come; Some golden daybreak, battles all won; He'll shout the vict'ry, break through the blue; Some golden daybreak, for me, for you.—Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations.

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American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **July 20** 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.

Church of God to host VBS

Okeechobee Church of God, 301 N.E. Fourth Ave., will host Vacation Bible School **July 21 - 25**, from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Supper will be provided and transportation is available. For information, call Terri Rucks at 863-634-1336.

Garden & Orchid clubs meet

Both the Garden and Orchid clubs will meet Monday, **July 21**. The Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. That meeting will be followed by the Orchid Club at 7 p.m. The meetings are held at the Extension Center, U.S. 98 N. Everyone is welcome. Bring a plant or orchid to show or a problem plant to discuss. For information, call 863-763-6469.

Meet your GOP candidates

Come hear your Republican candidates on Monday, **July 21**, at 7 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's. Each of your Republican candidates will have five minutes to speak and at the end we will have time for Q & A. Everyone is welcome. For information, call Debi at 863-532-2482.

Eagles will host bingo

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4137, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will host bingo Wednesday, **July 23**, at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m. and will consist of meat loaf with all the fixings. Friday, July 25, is Italian night from 6 until 9 p.m. You choice of spaghetti or lasagna will be served with salad and garlic bread for a \$6 donation. Music by the Hard Country Band will be from 7 until 11 p.m. Saturday, July 26, features a fish fry with coleslaw, hush puppies, cheese grits and brown beans for a \$7 donation. For information, call 863-763-2552.

New Lions Club holds sign ups

Past Council Chairperson Richard Werkmeister will be at the Harbor Bank in Okeechobee Wednesday, **July 23**, at 10:30 a.m. taking applications for the organization of a new Lions Club in Okeechobee. The club that was there for over 50 years closed and it was brought to my attention that a new club was needed. We have several applications already, but need at least 20 to submit application to Lions International for a charter. For information, call 812-459-4788.

Library hosting Gordie Peer

Friends of the Library will present Gordie Peer and the history of U.S. cattle ranching, free of charge at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., Thursday, **July 24**, at 5 p.m.

VFW hosts Christmas in July

Big Lake VFW Post 10539 is having Christmas in July on Saturday, **July 26**. Dinner will consist of ham with all the fixings starting at 3 p.m. for a donation. Then an auction of donated gifts will follow. The public is welcome. Proceeds go to the unmet needs of veterans. For information, call 863-763-2308. The post is also looking for people interested in singing acappella. Contact Dave at 520-977-9694.

Amvets plan Christmas in July

The Lady Amvets of Buckhead Ridge Post 9528 are hosting Christmas in July on Saturday, **July 26**. We will have a shrimp boil that includes roll and dessert for a donation of \$7. Plans call for Santa and Mrs. Claus pictures, the giveaway of a lotto ticket Christmas tree and a living Florida-style Christmas tree. All proceeds directly benefit local veterans programs. Call 863-467-2882 for details.

Rusty Nail Degree offered

Masonic Lodge 237, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave., is inviting all Master Masons to join them Saturday, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. until noon for the first Rusty Nail Degree. It is intended to help refresh the memories of all three Degrees of Masonry, lodge customs and reviews the mysteries and legends of Freemasonry. If you have not attended Lodge for a while, they urge you to attend to refresh your memory on procedures and work. The Lodge will be open to the public for those who might be interested in becoming a Mason, or are interested in learning more about the fraternity. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by **July 28**, to Bro. George Williams at 863-467-0038 ; or, e-mail gwilliams@masonlodge237.com.

Photo workshop planned

A free photo editing workshop will be held at the Okeechobee Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., Thursday, **July 31**, from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Learn to crop, brighten or color-correct the photos you take with your digital camera or phone using free software. For information, call 772-708-6764.

School supply drive starts

The Children's Home Society of Florida is now accepting new backpacks and school supplies or cash donations for its Back-to-School Drive going on now through **Aug. 1**. The drive is to help children and teens go back to school feeling prepared and confident. Check out details at www.chsfl.org/bts. For information, call Ashleigh Gaultney at 405-250-4762.



Courtesy photo/OCSO

Thirteen suspected marijuana plants and over \$17,000 in cash were seized during the Thursday afternoon raid of a suspected marijuana grow house on The Prairie. One man was arrested and is being held on \$31,000 bond.

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Rodriguez is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$31,000 bond.

Thursday's arrest comes on the heels of last week's raid on a home about "a mile as the crow flies" from the home being rented by Rodriguez, said a task force detective.

In that July 10 raid, a man and woman were arrested when suspected pot plants were allegedly found growing in an underground concrete block vault.

Jorge Luis Pellicer-Pantoja and Magdielis Nunez-Mojena were arrested in that raid on their home at 22320 N.W. 258th St. Both Pellicer and Nunez are being held without bond in the county jail.

In that raid, task force detectives seized 22.9 pounds of purported marijuana and estimated its street value at \$68,700.

Both of these arrests came about after authorities were notified of electrical power being diverted before it reached the electrical meter and detection by the power company.

Because of the theft of electricity, Rodriguez was charged with grand theft.

Thanks to a savvy Glades Electric employee the power diversion did not go undetected.

While the detectives were standing near that power diversion, they heard the humming of an electrical ballast and could smell raw marijuana, stated an arrest report.

After Circuit Court Judge Gary Sweet signed a search warrant, task force detectives entered the home being rented by Rodriguez around 2 p.m.

According to the Okeechobee County Property Appraiser's web site, the home is

actually owned by Carlson Norman of Bemidji, Minn.

During that search of the home, detectives reportedly found: 13 suspected pot plants with active root systems that were all around 4 feet tall and, together, weighed about 38.10 pounds; large plant buckets; timers; capacitors; breakers; AC chiller; 1,000-watt bulbs with aluminum housings; ballasts; a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana trimmings; and, a calendar with a list of chemicals needed to grow marijuana.

That calendar, continued the report, also "... contained numbers that coincided with the marijuana grow and what stage the plants were in."

Detectives also found approximately one-half ounce of suspected pot in two plastic baggies located in a dining room cabinet, added the report.

As their search expanded, detectives found a loose panel in an upstairs loft area. Behind that panel was a shoebox that contained \$17,060 in cash, added the arrest report. Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Kiki, handled by Deputy Bart Potter, reportedly sniffed that cash and gave a positive alert to the odor of illegal narcotics on the money.

A task force detective said Rodriguez is apparently unemployed.

The suspected marijuana plants had an estimated street value of \$114,000, continued the report.

That task force detective described those plants as "good" and said they were likely "... in their first week of flowering."

The suspected marijuana was field tested and those tests indicated positive results for the presence of marijuana.

Obituaries

Helen Dungee, 84

OKEECHOBEE — Helen Dungee died July 17, 2014. She was born Aug. 4, 1929 in Beverly, Mass. to Antonio and Helen Laitinen Maggiacomo. A resident of Okeechobee for 25 years, she was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she was part of the Women's Guild, Ladies of the Moose and she volunteered at the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach.



Mrs. Dungee was preceded in death by her first husband, George Beaulieu; and her son, Joseph Beaulieu. She was the sister to the late Antonio and Joseph Maggiacomo and Louise Gosbee-Young.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Paul Dungee; daughter-in-law, Sue McNabb (Duncan) of Ft. Myers; grandchildren, Joey and Chelsea; two sisters, Pauline MacDonald of Reading, Mass. and Frances Regan (Richard) of Beverly, Mass.; 16 nieces and nephews; four stepsons, Jim (Deb), Joe (Ann), Mike (Pat) and Jerry (Linda).

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 21, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Mass will be at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yves Francois officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, 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.

Joanne Angela Melchiorre, 65

OKEECHOBEE — Joanne Angela Melchiorre passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 15, 2014. She was born in Brookhaven, New York to John and Catherine Richards Melchiorre. She was a secretary for many years at Kraeer Funeral Home and retired to become a caregiver in her hometown. She enjoyed her work and cared deeply for her patients.



Joanne has three Chihuahuas, Piccalena, Ozzy, and Zowee who were her babies.

She is survived by her loving family, daughters, Catherine Ann Recio (Sheri A Southard), Carol Anne Recio-Madonia, and Joanne Rachel Recio; grandchildren, Latasha James, Anastasia Catherine Madonia, Dennis Aaron, Jr., Joseph Anthony Madonia, II, Dionysus Aaron, and Denisha Joanne Aaron; great grandson, Marquis Antoine Ewing; twin sister, Maryanne Melchiorre; sister, Michelina Therrien; brother, Dominic Melchiorre; niece and god daughter, Angelina Anne Ruiz, and numerous nieces and nephews all of whom will miss her dearly.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wed., July 23, 2014 with Catholic services at 5:00 p.m. at Buxton and Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home in Okeechobee, FL.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to Buxton and Bass Funeral Home to alleviate funeral expenses.

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

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Road Watch

The Florida Department of Transportation advises drivers to use caution in areas where road work is under way. Work is planned this week at the following locations.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY

U.S. 441 (North Parrot Avenue) from 290th Trail to N.W. 344th Street: Maintenance project: Crews will repair concrete mitered end sections. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

U.S. 98 from SR 70 to CR 68 (N.W. 160th Street): Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing roadway shoulders. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

U.S. 98 from SR 70 to N.W. 9th Street: Maintenance permit project: Crews will install gas mains along the roadway. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 70 east of Okeechobee/N.E. 34th Avenue to Williams Road/N.E. 48th Avenue: Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled.

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GLADES COUNTY

• **U.S. 27 from SR 78 west to Moore Haven:** Maintenance contract project: Crews will be sodding along the west side of the road. Lane closures not expected. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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JAIL

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missioners that if it did not approve a total sheriff's budget of \$14.8 million, he would no longer operate the county jail nor provide courthouse security effective Oct. 1," stated the press release.

Sheriff May has told commissioners he plans on giving them the keys to the jail when this fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. And, because he has no current intention on being the chief correctional officer for the county, he gave commissioners a flat dollar amount to run the jail and not a budget that

Chikungunya virus contracted in South Florida

The University of Florida/IFAS is warning area residents that mosquitoes in the area may carry the Chikungunya virus.

"This week there were two cases of Chikungunya (transmitted by mosquitoes) reported from Florida in people who did not travel to areas where outbreaks are on-going," stated Extension Medical Entomology Specialist C. Roxanne Connelly, a professor with UF/IFAS Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory in Vero Beach. "This means that Florida mosquitoes transmitted the virus to the people who became sick. Prior to this news, there were about 80 cases of IMPORTED Chikungunya reported in Florida. There are major outbreaks of Chikungunya in the Caribbean this summer, with over 300,000 cases reported to date."

Chikungunya is a disease caused by a virus transmitted by mosquitoes. It is also called "contorted fever" and "that which bends up." The virus is cycled between mosquitoes and humans. There is no vaccine against Chikungunya virus.

Two species of mosquitoes can transmit Chikungunya virus. Both mosquito species are present in Florida: the *Aedes aegypti*, also called the Yellow Fever Mosquito; and, *Aedes albopictus*, also called the Asian Tiger Mosquito.

The symptoms of the disease can include: fever, joint pain, headache, muscle pain, joint swelling and rash

Area residents are urged to do what they can to reduce the mosquito population and avoid contact with mosquitoes. Mosquito larvae are found in items that hold even very small amounts of water. Residents are encouraged to clean up the yard by removing containers.

Repellents that are currently available are either synthetic chemicals, such as DEET, or plant-derived chemicals such as Citronella.

Various formulations of these repellents are available that differ in the amount of active ingredient, which is the substance that actually repels the mosquito. These products are available as sprays, wipe-ons, sticks, foams, and lotions.

details all planned expenditures.

"I don't feel I have to because I've told them I won't run the jail unless some things happen. There are 10 sheriffs in the state who don't run their jails, do they have to turn in a budget?" asked the sheriff in an earlier interview. "We've been advised by our attorney and the Florida Sheriff's Association we don't have to submit a budget."

Sheriff May was not available to provide a comment for this article.

It's also the sheriff's position he does not have to run the jail, and it's the county's position he does.

The county's press release states if the sheriff believes the dollars budgeted by the county are insufficient to run the jail he can file an appeal with Governor Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet. Sheriff May did just that a few months ago and both he and county representative met with aides to the Cabinet in Tallahassee.

After that meeting, the county offered to give the sheriff an additional \$500,000 for the 2013-2015 budget and he took it. The appeal was then called off.

Still, the big question looms: If the sheriff is not going to run the jail come Oct. 1, and the county isn't going to either, who will?

According to county administrator Robbie Chartier the county will have to supply Sheriff May the funds needed to run the jail until a hearing can be held during which a judge will determine who will do that until the case is settled.

"We will fund the jail, that's the intent," she said.

Mrs. Chartier added the county will provide \$5.577 million for the jail's operation.

As for that hearing, the administrator said she had no idea when that hearing would be scheduled.

The county commission has hired Edward Dion to represent them. Mr. Dion is a partner in the Fort Lauderdale law firm of Nabors, Giblin and Nickerson. Mrs. Chartier explained that Mr. Dion was hired because county attorney John Cassels is not a trial attorney.

"The hourly rate (\$250 per hour) is the same, but I get more bang for my bucks," said Mrs. Chartier, adding that the Fort Lauderdale firm is much larger than the local firm of Cassels and McCall.

Mr. Dion did not return a phone call seeking comment.

Port St. Lucie attorney Adam Fetterman is representing Sheriff May.

When contacted, he said he knew the suit was coming "but I have not read the specific complaint."

Although the suit will be heard initially in a circuit court, the final decision will likely come from the appellate level, said Mrs. Chartier. She reasoned that no matter who wins in circuit court, the other side will appeal that decision with the 4th District Court of Appeals.

When asked, the county administrator said the money to pay for the action will come from the county's general fund.

"There's no other resource that's appropriate," she said.

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When you do come in for your mammogram appointment, you may notice that the Raulerson Hospital's mammography suite has been remodeled recently. The mammography suite has beautiful new pink tones to reinforce the themes of hope and power.

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Stormy weather

Okeechobee County experienced storms and heavy rainfall all week. Pictured here, storm clouds gather on Thursday, July 17, at the O.K. Corral Gun Club in Okeechobee.

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The bride is the granddaughter of Thomas and Adell Dees and Wilson and Peggy Rucks all of Okeechobee. The groom is the grandson of Frank Bullock and the late Mary Jean Bullock of Williston and the late Harold and Dorothea Ekhoof of Wauchula.

The bride is a graduate of Okeechobee High School and is currently a student at the University of Florida from where she will be graduating with her Bachelor's degree

in Animal Science this December. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue her Doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine. The groom is a graduate of Williston High School and will be receiving his Bachelor's degree in Food and Resource Economics from the University of Florida this summer. Immediately following graduation, he will begin pursuing his Juris Doctorate Degree at the University of Florida's Levin College of Law.

A July wedding is planned in Williston, Florida, and the couple will be residing in their new home in Archer, Florida.

Tammi's "TOP" of the Lake

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Shrimp Scampi Linguine

Ingredients: 1 (16 ounce) package linguine pasta, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, 1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper, 1/2 cup chopped yellow bell pepper, 6 cloves garlic, sliced, 48 large shrimp - peeled, deveined, and tails removed, 1/2 cup dry white wine (such as Chardonnay), 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1/4 cup clam juice, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 tablespoons heavy cream, 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste, tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, 1 teaspoon sea salt.

Directions:

1. Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil over high heat. Once the water is boiling, stir in the linguine, and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 11 minutes. Reserve 1 cup of the linguine cooking water, and drain pasta well in a colander set in the sink.

2. Melt 2 tablespoons of butter and 1 1/2 tablespoon of olive oil together in a large skillet over medium heat, and cook and stir the red and yellow bell pepper and garlic until the peppers have softened, about 10 minutes. Stir in the shrimp, and cook and stir until the shrimp are opaque and pink, about 5 minutes. Remove the shrimp to a bowl and set aside, leaving the peppers and garlic in the skillet.

3. Stir the wine, lemon juice, and clam juice into the skillet, and bring to a boil over medium heat. Mix in 2 more tablespoons of butter and 1 1/2 tablespoons of olive oil, and return the shrimp to the skillet. Stir in reserved pasta cooking water, cream, red pepper flakes, parsley, and sea salt. Add the cooked linguine, and toss lightly with the shrimp and sauce in the skillet. Simmer the mixture over medium-low heat for 5 minutes to let the pasta absorb some of the sauce, and serve hot.

Pet of the week

Louie is great with everyone, about 1 year old, neutered, and his vaccinations are up to date. He wants a family to give him a loving home. He is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on U.S. 98 North, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104. To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.



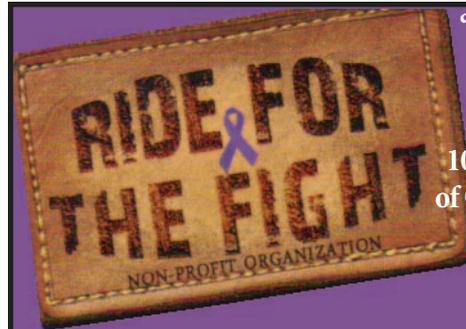
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leaders enjoyed a series of presentations on the Tribe's cattle operation and Seminole Pride™ Beef, a brand developed to showcase the quality of the Tribe's 100 percent Florida-bred cattle.

The Tribe also used the opportunity to lay out its recent business expansion into Noble® juices, OWV™ spring water, Intermezzo™ wine, fresh fruit, and seafood. Product samples were given out to underscore the reality of the Tribe's extensive business diversification program, led by the Board of Directors of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

But the major focus of the day was on the Seminole Pride™ Beef business. The Seminoles run the nation's fifth-largest, cow-calf operation with nearly 14,000 Brangus cattle, based on rankings from the National Cattlemen's Association.



Larry Howard, Brighton representative to the board of directors of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., speaks to cattle industry experts and journalists.

According to Alex Johns, the Natural Resources Director for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., and the current Treasurer of the Florida Cattlemen's Association, the ancestors of the Seminoles were involved with cattle as early as the year 1521. Spanish explorers brought the first cattle to Florida and the herds were broken up and lost when the British attacked Spanish settlements; Seminoles caught many of the roaming cows and bulls, which helped early Seminole communities flourish.

A series of Seminole wars decimated the Tribe and its

cattle, beginning in the 1830s and lasting nearly 50 years. Many Seminoles fled deep into the Everglades to avoid capture and relocation to "Indian Territory" in Oklahoma following passage of the U.S. Indian Removal Act. Seminoles who kept their cattle herds were easier to find and capture since they travelled across the state with them so as not to overgraze; hundreds were forced from Florida as part of the "Trail of Tears."

During the Dust Bowl of the Great Depression, a herd of 700 cattle was shipped from the San Carlos Apache Reservation in southeastern Arizona to the newly-established Brighton Seminole Reservation, northwest of Lake Okeechobee. Although only a few hundred of the cattle survived the trek across the southern tier of states, those that did were the start of a herd that has grown and improved over time.

About 5,000 head are in herds owned and managed by 67 individual tribal members and their families, who participate in a co-op program. The balance of the herd is managed by the Tribe on behalf of its 4,000 members. Of the 67 individual tribal members who raise cattle, 55 percent are women, in keeping with the Tribe's matrilineal, clan-based culture.

Until recently, the full focus of Seminole Tribe cattle operations has been birthing calves and raising them to an age of 10 months, when they have been shipped to western feedlots for growth over another eight to 12 months, before eventually being harvested and marketed.

The focus has expanded in the last few years to include a branded beef production program under the name "Seminole Pride™," recently embraced as the first "Fresh from Florida" beef program. The Seminole tribe of Florida, Inc., and the Florida Department of Agriculture worked together to establish program criteria. The "Fresh from Florida" logo is now placed on all branded Seminole Pride™ beef.

Only cattle born and raised in Florida, fed Florida corn and harvested in the state can be certified "Fresh from Florida," a set of criteria that is more difficult to meet than might be initially imagined. Only one harvester operates in Florida, and corn production is limited to acreage along the north-

ern Florida border, where a few peanut farmers have begun to rotate corn into their production cycles.

Seminole Pride™ Beef has developed a following among Florida food purveyors and chefs, who are serving it in more than a 100 of the state's restaurants, including several high-end restaurants, which use USDA Prime and USDA Choice-rated Seminole Pride™ Angus Beef for steaks, ribs, and roasts.

"The biggest problem we have is feeding capacity," says Alex Johns. "We need more feeding capacity and local corn produced in Florida."

Beef from about 100 head of cattle per week is moving through the supply chain under a contract with Cheney Brothers, a major Florida food distributor based in Riviera Beach. Demand is so strong that the Seminoles have formed an alliance with other Florida beef producers who measure up to strict standards of quality and meet specific production quantity levels.

All Seminole Tribe cattle are electronically tracked from birth as part of an innovative high-tech microchip program called Electronic Identification Tagging, which stores each calf's weight, health, diet, and medical history on a quarter-sized computer chip attached to a calf's left ear. It provides 100 percent traceability for Seminole cattle from "farm to fork."

Technology is also important to the Seminole Tribe's calf-breeding program, which uses Brangus genetics to drive continual improvements in calf quality. Brangus is a cross between the Brahman cattle, which are heat tolerant, and the Angus, which have superior carcass quality.

The Seminoles are also spreading their cattle interests to neighboring Georgia, where they have recently acquired Salacoa Valley Farms of Fairmount, Ga., northwest of Atlanta. Salacoa is noted for its top-quality registered pure bred Brangus cows and bulls, which are expected to be incorporated into the Seminoles' successful Florida breeding program.

"I think we're growing at the right time," said Mr. Johns. "We're in full expansion mode at Salacoa."

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Local historic building to be used for donut shop

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A building that once housed a United States Post Office, later the South Florida Water Management District offices and most recently the First Bank of Indiantown building will now become a Dunkin' Donuts at 205 N.E. Park St.

The City Site Plan and Review Committee approved plans for the building renovations Thursday.

The only issues were parking per square feet of restaurant and how to access and exit the property safely.

Planner Bill Brisson said the plan called for 1,000 feet of restaurant.

The City Planning Board recommended approval last month. Mr. Brisson had recommended denial of the special exception at that time.

The drive thru proposed in the alleyway was the reason for that recommendation. The plan would require 10 parking spaces. The plan includes over 4,000 square feet of storage. The company plans to build other donut shops near Okeechobee and will use part of this building as a warehouse, Mr. Brisson added.

The driveway and drive-thru window would accommodate up to eight vehicles at one time. The traffic study stated there was a 26 percent chance of this volume at one time.

The new plan would require 17 parking spaces.

Mr. Brisson pointed out some traffic concerns for entry and exit onto the property.

Engineer Steve Dobbs said all of the concerns could be remedied.

Access to the drive-thru window would be from Northeast Second Avenue. The window would be located on the west side of the building. They will enlarge the access point from S.R. 70 East to at least 28 feet. After construction of the U.S. 441/S.R.70 improvements, east bound traffic on S.R. 70 will not be able to make a left turn into this property due to a new median. Traffic on Northeast Second Avenue will only be allowed to make right turns onto North Park Street.

City Police Chief Denny Davis said he saw some traffic concerns ahead.

The company's target date for opening is the end of this year. They expect the drive thru to be busiest from 7 until 9 a.m. The business will be open 24 hours per day.

City Fire Chief Herb Smith said emergency vehicles would have difficulty getting to the property off S.R. 70. He said they could park fire trucks on Northeast Second Avenue in the event of a fire.

"I want to make sure 70 isn't our only access. It isn't the best situation," he said.

The city would also require landscaping



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City officials Denny Davis (standing back), Herb Smith (seated, center), Bill Brisson (left) and David Allen (right) review plans for a new Dunkin' Donuts.

equal to about 15 percent of the size of the property.

The applicant said they could make the entrance on S.R. 70 an exit only to alleviate the city's concerns.

"It is a lot better alternative," Chief Davis said. "The further west we can move the entrance and exit the better."

The state Department of Transportation will review the planned entrance.

Glades Air Conditioning receives 2014 President's Award from Carrier

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Glades Air Conditioning formerly Glades Gas Co. has been honored with the 2014 President's Award from Carrier in recognition of being an outstanding dealer in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) industry.

Dealerships were honored at a ceremony held in Nashville, Tenn., on March 21.

One of Carrier's highest honors for its dealers, the President's Award is given to Carrier® Factory Authorized Dealers who achieved excellence in product promotions and delivered superior customer satisfaction. Recipients of this award exemplify Carrier's

model for operational excellence, business effectiveness and delivering the best in cutting-edge technology to consumers.

Glades Air Conditioning demonstrates technical expertise, while also serving as a leader in promoting the Carrier brand and raising the standard for equipment sales. Moreover, the dealership is committed to service excellence and provides exceptional customer care. Glades Air Conditioning specializes in HVAC installations for residential new construction and custom homes, as well as commercial buildings and complete building restorations.

"This year's recipients achieved their business goals while successfully represent-

ing Carrier to their communities and continually focusing on customer satisfaction," said Chris Nelson, president, residential and commercial systems, Carrier. "Winners will be able to continue to grow their businesses through publicity, marketing and merchandising opportunities that are unique to President's Award recipients."

The President's Award is designed to encourage self-analysis and reward dealers

who have excelled in customer satisfaction. This award presents the opportunity for recipients to serve as role models, share best practices and offer peer mentoring to help cultivate excellence across the dealer group.

To learn more about Glades Air Conditioning and its heating and cooling products and services, call 800-763-2114 or visit our website www.gladesac.com.



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Glades Air Conditioning was recently honored with the 2014 President's Award from Carrier. From left to right are Pedro Guerrero, Matt Robbins, Monica Clark, Veronica Arana, Gustavo Fernandez (carrier Enterprises district manager), Kevin Coronato (Carrier Enterprises sales representative) and Billy Farrenkopf.




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Coleman Ray fighters compete in kickboxing classic



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C.J. Tullio (left) and Taylor Davis show off their awards earned this past weekend in Orlando.

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

C.J. Tullio and Taylor Davis of Okeechobee won first place in their respective divisions at the 16th annual Muay Thai Kick Boxing IKF World Classic this past weekend at the Buena Vista Palace Resort in Orlando.

Tullio, a former football player for Okeechobee High School and Concord University, won the heavyweight novice division and Davis, a former Brahman cheerleader and band member, won the women's welterweight division.

Tullio said he likes competition and this was another activity he could get involved in. He wants to enlist in the U.S. Army later this year. "I really like the sport and the smaller school. Everybody helps me and coaches me and they are really tight around here."

Tullio defeated Jermaine Farrell of Palm Coast by knockout in the first fight and won a decision over Regnato Cunha or Orlando in his second fight.

"It's not really real until you get hit (in the ring), then it just clicks from there. You re-

ally have to be in the ring to understand the experience," he added.

Tullio said he has some lingering soreness from a long football career but he really has embraced this new hobby and activity and hopes it can make him a better person.

Davis graduated from OHS two years ago and is on her way to earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indian River State College. She wanted to get in better shape and really has enjoyed her time at the Coleman Ray School.

"It really makes me appreciate what I have and it pushes me to my limit. It shows me what I can do and I live to work out," she added.

This was the first competition for both competitors. She said she was proud she was able to win an award.

Both fighters thanked Ring to Cage, Lawn Tamer and Fifth Street Barber Shop for sponsoring their trip to Orlando.

Three clients of the school, Gerald Shockley, Jared Figley, and Matthew Grumbling received patches for going through Haganah training with Israeli soldiers in the Everglades this month. The training included three long days of hand gun and rifle drills and training. Grumbling is a deputy with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and a member of the SRT unit.

Figley and the others got to use a Glock 17 handgun and an AR 15 rifle during the training at Pops Gun Range in the Everglades.

"It was a good opportunity to improve my skills," Figley said.

The trio had five hours of training each morning with dry weapons, which means unloaded weapons. In the afternoon they went through over three hours of training with live ammunition.

Shockley said they put the guys in real life situations that can happen.

"Everybody has a gun and knife, arms and legs, but very few know how to use them. This was a way to improve my skills and become more proficient," he said.

He noted the Israeli soldiers were very

good at what they do. These soldiers are constantly on edge and aware of their surroundings because of the dangers they go through living in the Middle East, which is a spot of constant missile strikes and warfare. He noted every time a plane flew over they stopped what they were doing because often in Israel this results in a bomb exploding nearby. He noted safety was highly emphasized and all of the students were pushed to their limit.

Grumbling said he wanted to improve his training and takes advantage of every opportunity he can get to become a better law enforcement officer. He said this gave him a different skill set that could come in handy.

"I would rather know something and not have to use than need it and not know it."

Only four of the 12 who enrolled in the class were able to complete it and three were from Okeechobee.

Ray said he was thrilled with all of his award winners this year and noted all of them have gotten in better shape and better able to defend themselves, "This is changing lives for them and I have one of the best jobs in the world."

Grumbling said it was an honor to train with individuals of such high caliber and said he enjoyed the three days of training.

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 Left to right are Matthew Grumbling, Gerald Shockley and Jared Figley.

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Many at-risk heart disease patients lack guidance

Special to the Okeechobee News

A daily low dose of aspirin can offer important protection against cardiovascular disease, but University of Florida researchers say that the people who could receive the most benefit from the medication may not be taking it.

A UF study found that only 40 percent of people who were at high risk of cardiovascular disease said they received a doctor recommendation for aspirin therapy, while one-quarter of people at low risk reported their doctors told them to take the drug.

The results appear today (July 14) in the *Journal of the American Heart Association*.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a panel of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine, recommends aspirin use to prevent heart attack and stroke in men age 45 to 79 and women age 55 to 79 when the benefit outweighs the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding, a possible side effect

of regular aspirin use.

“Cardiovascular disease is a significant problem in the United States and the appropriate use of prevention strategies is particularly important,” said Arch G. Mainous III, Ph.D., the study’s lead investigator and chairman of the department of health services research, management and policy at UF’s College of Public Health and Health Professions. “Aspirin has been advocated as a prevention strategy but only for certain patients. There are health risks associated with the treatment. It is important that doctors are directing the right patients to get aspirin for cardiovascular disease prevention.”

Other studies have examined whether people at risk of heart attack or stroke were taking aspirin, but the UF study is the first to explore whether a person had received a doctor’s recommendation for aspirin.

For the study, UF researchers analyzed data from the National Health and Nutrition

Examination Survey 2011-2012, a large, nationally representative survey that combines survey questions with laboratory testing. About 3,500 participants over age 40 were asked if their doctor had recommended they take low-dose aspirin for the prevention of cardiovascular disease, stroke or cancer. If they had received the recommendation, participants were also asked if they were following their doctor’s advice.

The UF team compared individuals’ survey responses to their Framingham Risk Score, a risk assessment tool for determining a person’s 10-year risk of having a heart attack. The tool calculates a score based on a person’s age, gender, total and HDL cholesterol, smoking status and blood pressure. Researchers classified people who had a 10-year risk score of more than 10 percent as high risk, while patients with less than a 10 percent risk were classified as low risk.

“The results indicated that more than half

of the patients who should have been recommended to take aspirin did not report being told by their health care provider to take aspirin,” said Mr. Mainous, the Florida Blue endowed chair of health administration. “Further, a substantial proportion of those not at increased risk for cardiovascular disease were recommended to take aspirin.”

“The vast majority of patients who reported being told to take aspirin were complying with their doctor’s advice. The issue that was concerning to us wasn’t adherence to treatment, but whether the right patients were being given advice on aspirin treatment appropriate for them.”

Future research should evaluate whether making Framingham Risk Score computations available through electronic medical records would aid doctors in making accurate decisions about who should take low-dose aspirin, Mr. Mainous said.

March of Dimes seeks applications for community awards

Special to the Okeechobee News

March of Dimes Florida Chapter is seeking applications for their Community Awards grants to support programs that address unmet maternal and child health needs. Awarding grants to organizations is one of the ways the March of Dimes pursues its mission of improving the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality.

The goal of the Community Awards

program is to identify and fund community-based programs addressing the health concerns of pregnant women and infants in Florida. They must also fall under our 2015 funding priorities.

Community Awards, which can be requested for amounts up to \$3,000, may not be used to support the purchase of equipment or furniture, individual tuition or conference fees, dues or membership fees, employee salary, or programs requir-

ing long-term March of Dimes funding. For larger projects, please contact the March of Dimes Florida Chapter to learn more about its Chapter Grants Program.

Applications are being accepted until Aug. 4, 2014, and grantees will be notified on Jan. 5, 2015. The funding period extends from Feb. 15, 2015 to Feb. 14 of the following year. For more information or questions, please email Donna Poynor, Director of Program Services, at dpoynor@marchofdimes.com, or call 352-642-8291.

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Calorie restriction with resveratrol key to kick-starting cell health

Special to the Okeechobee News

As cells age, damaged proteins and lipids accumulate within them. Impaired cell parts can send free radicals into the body, and dysfunctional proteins and lipids may break down DNA within cells, causing them to become toxic. Cells usually clean up their own damage through a “housekeeping” process called autophagy. But as the body ages and in people with certain diseases, cells’ ability to do this housekeeping becomes less efficient. That means it may be harder for people to recover from cardiac events such as heart attack or other illnesses.

University of Florida researchers have found that combining calorie restriction with a supplement of resveratrol, an antioxidant found in the skin of red grapes, dark chocolate and blueberries, could kick-start this housekeeping process, helping heart cells recover from damage, according to a study in rats published in the journal *Free Radical Biology and Medicine*.

“The damaged proteins and lipids remain inside cells, eventually making them toxic,” said lead author Debapriya Dutta, Ph.D., who earned her doctorate from the University of Florida and is now a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. “We wanted to see whether an increase in autophagy would remove such damaged cellular components and make the cells healthy again.”

In an earlier study published in the journal *Autophagy*, Dutta and UF researcher Christian Leeuwenburgh, Ph.D., showed that increasing the housekeeping process protected cardiac cells from cell death. In their current study, the researchers wanted to test interventions that could improve autophagy in the heart. They further investigated whether the improved process helped protect rats’ heart cells against induced stress.

To study this, the researchers restricted the calorie intake of one group of 26-month-old rats — approximately equivalent to a 65-year-old human — by 20 percent over a period of six weeks. Another group received only the resveratrol supplement. A third group received both the calorie-restricted diets and the resveratrol.

“Only the group with caloric restriction plus a higher dose of resveratrol induced autophagy,” said Leeuwenburgh, who is also chief of the division of the biology of aging in the University of Florida Institute on Aging.

The researchers think the combination of resveratrol and calorie restriction promotes the role of a protein called mTOR, which regulates cell growth, proliferation and survival, though they say they need to further investigate exactly why the combination of interventions was more effective than either just calorie restriction or just resveratrol.

Leeuwenburgh compares cells unable to clean themselves of damaged parts to smol-

dering houses.

“If you’re older and you have a sudden stress condition, the smoking homes become fires,” Leeuwenburgh said. “A little bit of smoke is okay, but if they’re not removed quickly, the smoke will turn into a fire, and the cell will start releasing proteins that will cause the breakdown of other apparently functional proteins and DNA in the cell, leading to cell demise and ultimately, organ dysfunction.”

That also means cells may not be able to react as well to the onset of diseases, especially in older adults. Aggregations of plaque within neurons contribute to Alzheimer’s disease, for example. But the plaque could be alleviated by spurring autophagy, which

could help clean out the plaque, the researchers said. Increasing the cleaning process could also help cells protect themselves against inflammatory diseases and cancer.

“These kinds of diseases aren’t solely due to a lack of autophagy. There are so many factors that come into play,” said Dutta, who was the paper’s lead author. “But if you increased autophagy for many of these pathologies, it can help the body fight the disease.”

Dutta said the next steps are to test autophagy-enhancing treatments in different disease models, eventually starting clinical trials including the combination of weight loss and resveratrol, exercise and other natural compounds such as papaya.

Cooking ideas for diabetics class at Raulerson Hospital

Join us at Raulerson Hospital to learn about diabetic cooking ideas with Executive Chef Ron Corrado on Wednesday, **Aug. 6**, at 5:30 p.m. at Raulerson Hospital in the cafeteria, 1796 U.S. 441 N. Learn new recipes and sample some of the creations. There is no fee to participate. Space is limited. RSVP at 863-763-9228.

Political Forum to be held Aug. 13 in the OMS gym

An Okeechobee Political Forum will be held Wednesday, **Aug. 13**, at the Osceola Middle School Gymnasium, 825 S.W. 28th St., from 5:45 until 9 p.m. Candidates from the following races are invited: U.S. Representative – District 17; Commissioner of Agriculture; Circuit Judge – District 19; Okeechobee City Council; Okeechobee County School Board – District 1; and, Okeechobee County Commission – Districts 2 & 4. Concessions will be available and those sales will benefit local students.

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).

• Annie Mae Basile, 67, S.R. 78 W., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

• Myrick James Puente, 18, Jones Road N.E., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a felony charge of leaving the scene of an accident with injury and a misdemeanor charge of driving while

license suspended. His bond was to be set.

• Melisa Lynn Lighty, 21, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Officer Victoria Davito on a felony charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

• Lazaro Diaz Duarte, 41, N.W. 47th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of driving while license suspended. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Enevin Edward Lutjen, 29, N.W. 102nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Deputy Bart Potter on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with assault on a law enforcement officer. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Cynthia Deuse Hancock, 24, N.W. 304th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 16 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on a felony charge of perjury in an official proceeding.

Her bond was set at \$1,000.

• Blaine Fulwider, 17, N.E. 26th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 17 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on an Okeechobee County juvenile take and hold warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - grand theft-motor vehicle. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

• Ryan Ohenio Mason, 46, Deerbrooke Creek Circle, Tampa, was arrested July 17 by Trooper D. Maliszewski on a felony charge of driving while license suspended and a misdemeanor charge of driving with an expired license. His bond was set at \$5,400.

• Hailey Louise Hughes, 21, N.E. 11th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 17 by Officer Jack Boon on a felony charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

• Justin Ross Wells, 23, N.W. 24th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 17 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on a Hillsborough County warrant charging him with felony battery. He is being held without bond.

• Tiffany Michelle Platt, 27, N.W. 45th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 18 by Deputy Elbert Kline on a DOC warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of drug paraphernalia. 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.

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5 1/2 year old Neutered White Male Schnauzer. Last seen wearing a black collar with blue tags at 13243 SW 144th Pkwy Okeechobee

If you have seen me, please call (954) 214-7883 or 663-3693 600-3693 or 336-9435

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Employment Full Time

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Employment Full Time

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Public Notices

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on AUGUST 1, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

1996 NISSAN MAXIMA
 VIN#JN1CA21D8TM404669
1981 CADILLAC DEVILLE
 VIN#1G6AD4791B9217983

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantee.

466358 ON 7/20/2014

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Turn your trash to treasure with an ad in the classifieds.

Public Notice

Okeechobee County School District NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

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The School District of Okeechobee County shall comply with all federal and state laws which include the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended by the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Title IX, Section 504, Florida Education Equity Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.

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Director of Human Resources
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 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974
 (863) 462-5000 Ext. 267

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466192 ON 7/20/2014

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a **WRIT OF EXECUTION** issued by the County Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, on the 21st day of May, 2014, in the cause wherein RASHA RENTALS, LLC., Plaintiff and SONYA TYSON, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONYA TYSON & UNKNOWN TENANTS(S) Defendant(s), being Case No. 2014-CC-33 in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida, have this day levied upon all of the right, title and interest of the Defendant SONYA TYSON in and to the following described personal property lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

2000 SILVER DODGE RAM - 4 DOOR EXT CAB PK
 VIN # 1B7HC13YXYJ104650, TAG # Q582HI
 MAUVE 1993 DOUBLE K, INC/FREIGHTLINER -
 TILT TANDEM TAG #928PEA

I shall offer the above described personal property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 31st day of July, 2014 at 10:00 AM, or as soon as possible thereafter at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 N.W. 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title, and interest of said Defendant SONYA TYSON in said property.

Vehicle may be seen one hour prior to sale @ BMJ Towing, 414 S Parrott Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34972.
 Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 25th day of June 2014.

Paul C. May, Sheriff
 Okeechobee County

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117, ext. 5028.
 466064 ON 6/29/7/6,13,20/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CASE NO. 2013 CA 000369

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
 Plaintiff,
 VS.
 BROOKS COVERT A/K/A COVERT
 BROOKS, DENISE COVERT AKA
 DENISE M. COVERT A/K/A
 DENISE V. COVERT A/K/A DENISE
 VALLEY COVERT, et al.
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BROOKS COVERT, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, 18931 NW 280TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the

Public Notice

following described property:
EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 10, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. ALSO KNOWN AS LOT N OF TRACT 10, VIKING

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on McCalla Raymer, LLC, Nicholas J. Youtz, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 660, Orlando, FL 32801 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the Okeechobee News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demand in the complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 16th day of July, 2014.
 SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
 Clerk of the Court
 By: Linda F. Young
 As Deputy Clerk

466357 ON 7/20,27/2014

OCSO Investigations

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

ASSAULT

- 4300 block of S.E. 26th St.
- 3000 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 6600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3500 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 3400 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 6800 block of N.E. Fifth St.
- 600 block of N.E. 13th Ave.
- 6600 block of N.E. Ninth Lane
- 6100 block of S.E. 96th Trail

BURGLARY

- 3200 block of N.W. 37th Ave.
- 3400 block of N.W. Sixth St.
- 12500 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 22300 block of N.W. 176th Ave.
- 1600 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 14000 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 8900 block of S.E. 67th Way
- 1000 block of N.E. 13th Ave.
- 11300 block of N.E. 51st Court

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ANSWER:

Public Notice

Okeechobee County School Board Meetings for July and August

The Okeechobee County School Board will meet for a regular business meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., to consider advertisement of proposed millage rates and proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. The School Board will meet on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., for a public hearing to consider adoption of tentative millage rates and the tentative budget for 2014-15. Regular School Board business will also be conducted at these meetings. The regular August business meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. All meetings will be conducted in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 600 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, and are open to the public.

Ken Kenworthy
 Superintendent of Schools
 465914 ON 7/2/2014

Public Notice

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- 4800 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3400 block of S.E. 34th Ave.

FRAUD

- 32600 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 4300 block of S.E. 49th Court

THEFT

- 500 block of N.W. 27th Lane
- 3400 block of N.W. 26th Lane
- 1600 block of N.E. 14th St.
- 6800 block of S.E. 86th Blvd.
- 900 block of S.E. 38th Terrace
- 3400 block of N.W. 26th Ave.
- 9800 block of S.R. 78 W.
- 3800 block of N.W. 21st Ave.
- 22000 block of N.W. 264th St.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Kazantzakis title hero
- 6 Singer James
- 10 Apple variety
- 14 "Water is life" brand
- 15 Bishop's rte.
- 16 Jet Propulsion Lab org.
- 17 "The Goodbye Girl" Oscar winner
- 20 Classical theaters
- 21 Private
- 22 Has no obligation to
- 23 Org. with an interlocking rings logo
- 25 Journalist Tarbell et al.
- 26 CD precursors
- 29 Short-muzzled dog breed
- 35 Shoe box letters
- 36 Devoured
- 37 French 101 word
- 38 West Coast natl. monument since 2012
- 40 Disney doe
- 41 Times for action
- 42 Honorable
- 43 Rear
- 45 Disappoint, with "down"
- 46 Futuristic car unveiled at the 1933 New York Auto Show
- 49 "... good witch, bad witch?"
- 50 Part of Q.E.F.
- 51 Tourney pass
- 53 Hallowed
- 56 ___ alai
- 58 City on the Rhone
- 62 Court wrap-up ... and what's hidden in 17-, 29- and 46-Across?
- 65 Puma rival
- 66 Pull down
- 67 Two-masted craft
- 68 Stores in a large building?
- 69 Till opener
- 70 Iroquois foes

- 2 "Ars amatoria" poet
- 3 It might be sticky or dirty
- 4 Religion founded in Persia
- 5 Actress Gasteyer
- 6 Current event
- 7 Current influence
- 8 Current observer
- 9 Things to do
- 10 Pest-ridden
- 11 Irish revolutionary ___ Gonne
- 12 NCAA member?: Abbr.
- 13 Play group
- 18 Saw again
- 19 Words said in passing?
- 24 O.T. book after Amos
- 25 Damage
- 26 Some jabs
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- 31 Like some eclipses
- 32 Author Calvino
- 33 Fritter maker
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- 39 About-face

- 41 Like early morning links
- 44 Pulitzer-winning Ferber novel
- 47 "... harken ___ die": Tennyson
- 48 Portrayer of Wawa and Litella
- 52 Film composer Bernstein
- 53 Phishing lure
- 54 Menlo Park middle name
- 55 Slinky, e.g.
- 56 Lawn game projectile
- 57 River under the Ponte Vecchio
- 59 Mountain legend
- 60 Grimm start
- 61 Unspecified degrees
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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REAL ESTATE DIRECTORY



RIVER OAK ACRES - Beautiful home on 2.3 acres. 21' high cathedral ceilings, fireplace, balcony off master bedroom.

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1021-M: Palm Village 4/2 DW, 2,482 total sq ft/1,716 under air, open porch, Large Family rm, fireplace, nice open kitchen. HOA includes Clubhouse, pool, lawn care, more. 55+ comm. \$80,000 MLS #208093



5007-H: Conners Gables Modern Style 3 br, 2 ba with 1,980 Total Sq Ft/1,319 under air, energy efficient, built 2009. Split bdrm plan, Master bdrm, spacious living room, and much more! \$145,000 MLS # 208204



LAKE ACCESS

4002-H: Buckhead Ridge totally furnished! 2,085 Total Sq ft/974 under air. Metal roof, attached carport, screened patio, bonus room. Concrete seawall w/boat slip and fish cleaning area. \$130,000 MLS #208051



NEW LISTING

5004-H: Basswood spacious 3BR/2BA with 2,012 Total Sq Ft/1,536 under air. Built 2006 with plenty of kitchen cabinets. Tile floors throughout and concrete driveway. Make Offer! \$92,500 MLS # 208249



5039-H: Indian Hammock Gated Community 3BR/2BA, 3,144 Total Sq ft/ 1,936 under air, detached garage for your cars and toys, lg barn and fireplace on almost 3 acres. \$84,900 MLS #208224



5043-M: Viking Large 4bd/2ba Mobile with 2,000 Total Sq Ft/1,620 under air. Newer Model built in 2001, Garden Tub and Screened back porch all on 1.25+/- acres. \$37,500 MLS # 208226

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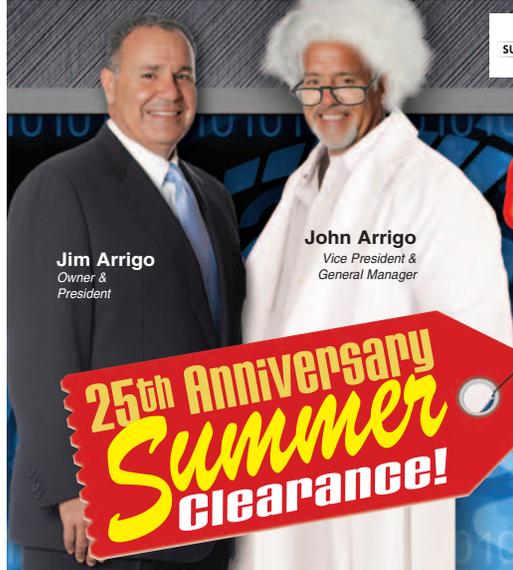
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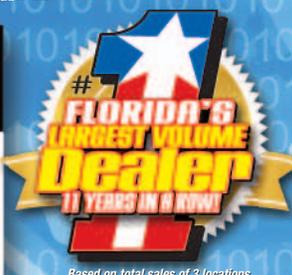
ORIGINAL MSRP ...28,780
DISCOUNTS & REBATES-2,948

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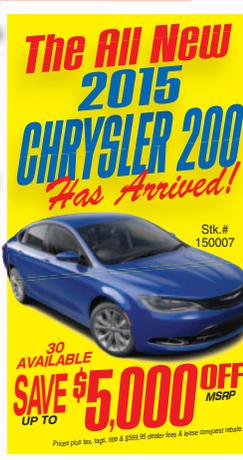


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ORIGINAL MSRP ...31,760
DISCOUNTS & REBATES-7,000

YOU PAY AS LOW AS

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ORIGINAL MSRP ...21,890
DISCOUNTS & REBATES-6,715

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Prices plus tax, tags, title & \$599.95 dealer fees & lease conquest rebate.

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ORIGINAL MSRP ...18,385
DISCOUNTS & REBATES-3,060

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\$15,325*

Prices plus tax, tags, title & \$599.95 dealer fees & lease conquest rebate.

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DISCOUNTS & REBATES-4,275

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DISCOUNTS & REBATES-6,322

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ORIGINAL MSRP ...30,634

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2014

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ORIGINAL MSRP ...62,535
DISCOUNTS & REBATES ...-13,000

YOU PAY AS LOW AS

\$49,535*

Prices plus tax, tags, title & \$599.95 dealer fees & lease conquest rebate.

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