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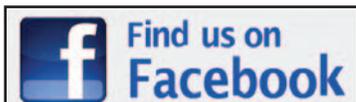
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Flood waters attract wildlife

Recent heavy rainfall has attracted an abundance of water fowl. These Black-bellied Whistling Ducks were spotted in a flooded pasture in Okeechobee County. The Black-bellied Whistling Ducks can be found year-round in areas such as Texas and Louisiana, but are less common in Florida. They eat a diet composed mostly of plant life.

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Leamsi Leon Alvarado

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ler were found in the bedroom with Alvarado. The couple's other two children were found in another part of the home.

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Commission to discuss plans for Okee-Tantie

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Improvements to the Okee-Tantie Campground and Marina are on the agenda for the Thursday, July 24, meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioners will be asked to give staff further direction on how they would like to proceed with Okee-Tantie Campground and Marina improvement options. This expense will be covered by the Capital Improvement Fund.

Also on the agenda is the awarding of a bid to Close Construction for \$417,592 for improvements to the county annex on U.S. 98. The Okeechobee County Annex Facility is a 22,500-square-foot facility built in 1989 and consists of a pre-engi-

If you go ...

WHAT: Okeechobee County Commission meeting
WHEN: Thursday, July 24, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St.

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neered metal building with concrete block end walls. When it was built, only 11,250 square feet was developed into conditioned office space and the remaining 11,250 square feet remained undeveloped and has been used as storage.

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Drug dealer reportedly caught again

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Crying baby saves family

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A crying babe awoke an Okeechobee family during a structure fire at 114 N.E. 11th St. last Thursday and probably saved their life, City Fire Chief Herb Smith said Monday.

The fire caused about \$20,000 in property damage to the duplex while another \$10,000 in family personal items was lost in the blaze.

Chief Smith said the occupant's baby woke them up crying and they heard noise above their heads and in the walls above the child's bedroom.

"The smoke detector was not working at the time. It is my opinion that the family are very blessed with the fact they woke up because this is a perfect example of where the carbon monoxide levels overtake people in their sleep and they never realize it and die," he stated.

Fire crews arrived shortly before 2 a.m. and found heavy smoke and fire coming from the northwest corner of the building

and roof. County Firefighters were called in to provide mutual aid and city police were on the scene first to ensure all occupants were out of the home.

Fire crews attacked the blaze and found most of the flames in the northwest corner bedroom. They had the flames out in about 15 minutes.

The American Red Cross was on the scene to assist the family and firefighters and the State Fire Marshal investigated the cause of the blaze.

City firefighters were on the scene for close to four hours.

Chief Smith said this is an example of the value of smoke detectors and he urged residents to check their detectors to make sure they are operational and that the batteries are charged.

"God was looking out for the children! This is a wake-up call to all of us to keep the smoke detectors up and running with new batteries every time the time changes in the fall and spring."

Back to school tax holiday set for Aug. 1-3

Florida shoppers won't be charged sales tax on school supplies, clothing and some computers during the Back to School Sales Tax Holiday Aug. 1-3.

The three-day sales tax holiday will begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1, and end at midnight, Sunday, Aug. 3. During this period, no Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$100 or less per item, on certain school

supplies selling for \$15 or less per item, and on the first \$750 of the sales price for computers and certain computer-related accessories when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

Youth bicycle helmets, child restraint systems and booster seats are now tax exempt year round.

Effective July 1, 2014, the State of Florida exempted these safety items from sales tax.

Okeechobee Forecast



Today: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. Calm wind.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

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Chamber of Commerce News

• Business Spotlight winner goes to ... Congratulations Robert and Bianca Keefe, owners of "The Lounge at Sacred Sanctuary"!

They will be the first business to be spotlighted!! Thank you for attending our power networking breakfast in July!

• Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Paint Bucket for the "Power Networking Breakfast" from 7-9 a.m.

• The chamber is now accepting donations for the "Stuff the Bus for School Supplies" project. On Saturday, Aug. 9, Applebee's is hosting a flapjack pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. for the project. WOKC will be there live, as well as a school bus to fill with SCHOOL SUPPLIES! Contact Antoinette at 863-467-6246 or 561-718-0536 for more information.

• On July 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Buxton Bass Funeral Home the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County will have its Business After Hours, one of the most popular networking events. These quarterly events bring together members of the business community in a fun-filled atmosphere designed to encourage networking and interaction while enjoying delectable food and drink.

• Inaugural Business of the Year Award—The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee would like to announce the "Inaugural Business of the Year Award!" Make sure to check your email and mail. We will send out NOMINATION forms for the awards. Self nomination is encouraged!

• Leadership Okeechobee - 2015: The purpose of the Leadership Okeechobee Program is to cultivate leadership through education, exposure to the community, and interaction between class members. Our ultimate goal is to prepare students for a personal journey along the wonderful and rewarding path to community service. The following are our program objectives:

- To prepare future/potential leaders to meet the challenges ahead for Okeechobee;
- You will explore critical issues via a series of seminars and related activities;
- You will interact with key decision-makers, local leaders and representatives of local government to gain a better understanding of the forces which impact your community as a whole;

• The key to preserving and enhancing the quality of life is a well-informed citizen;

Our program begins in September and continues each month until graduation in

May. To enroll use the following guidelines: Pick up application form at Chamber of Commerce.

- Applicants will complete and submit application form.

- Application will be reviewed by the Leadership Committee.

- Once accepted, a fee of \$425 is required to cover meals, transportation and other program expenses.

- If you have any questions, please call the chamber at 863-467-6246.

- Chamber Ambassador Program, The Ambassador Program consists of enthusiastic volunteers from the chamber membership who donate their time to help build member commitment and raise community awareness of chamber activities and benefits. In doing so, the Ambassadors grow professionally and personally by building business relationships within the community. The program is ideal if you have a desire to:

- Become more active in the local business environment;

- Raise awareness of your business or organization; and,

- Give back to your community.

Each year, the program accepts up to 10 individuals to serve as Ambassadors for the following calendar year. If you are accepted into the program, you will receive training on the skills and responsibilities necessary to succeed in the program. Getting involved with the Ambassador Program is one of the first steps you can take to become more involved with the chamber. Contact Mariah Parriott, administration, 863-467-6246; info@okeechobeebusiness.com

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Church collecting for back-to-school giveaway

By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

Church of God of Prophecy/Open Arms Ministry will host a back to school giveaway, which happens every year with the help of Candi Nelson.

So far donations are fair, but they could be better because the need is always great.

Mrs. Nelson started this program eight years ago when she saw a need. While visiting homes to invite people to come to church, she noticed many families could not afford school supplies.

"The first year we had 167 backpacks filled with an assortment of school supplies," said Mrs. Nelson.

The backpacks were given to children

who live near the church. Each year since, the number of backpacks filled with school supplies has increased, meaning more children could be helped.

In 2010 Mrs. Nelson approached the school board about expanding the program to more families in need. At that time Seminole Elementary was the school in most need. She contacted Dale Barrett at the school to find out when and how they would want them to give them out. Open house was the day given for the students to get their supplies. The backpacks were packed to include items on the school supplies list for the year.

This year, while collecting for the 2014-2015 school year, the church would prefer

to collect donations in order to buy all supplies in bulk, which is more cost effective. The deadline for the donations is Aug. 1 for this school year but donations may be given directly to the church at any time.

The program will not only help the students, but will provide "first day of school survival kits" for teachers and staff.

The survival kits will contain donations from the community to show how much the teachers and staff are appreciated.

In the future, Mrs. Nelson said they would like to provide help to more schools. They would also like to add items such as socks and toothbrushes to the backpacks.

"Then maybe one day I would like to supply every kid with a pair of new shoes.

That is my ultimate goal," said Mrs. Nelson.

Last year the program supplied 800 backpacks to area children. This year they hope to have that many or more.

"I never plan on stopping," said Mrs. Nelson.

God's Closet provides clothing to families in need, and a food pantry the first and third Wednesdays of every month. At Christmas time they adopt a family and provide gifts, decorations and even a Christmas meal. At Thanksgiving, they give out boxes of food to families in need.

Church of God of Prophecy/Open Arms Ministry is located at 102 N.W. 10th St. and can be contacted at 863-763-4059.

Student chefs invited to enter contest

Are you a student going into 4th through 12th grade? Do you like to cook? Then this is the contest for you!

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is searching for student chef ambassadors to promote "Fresh From Florida" recipes and products.

Entry requirements include:

- You must be a Florida student going into 4th-12th grade.
- You must create an original recipe and submit with a photo.
- The recipe must contain one fresh fruit or fresh vegetable.
- The recipe must have clear directions, provide four snack-size servings and be prepared in 45 minutes or less.
- Your recipe must promote good nutrition and healthy eating habits.

Students in five regions will submit recipes that will be judged on nutrition, presentation/appeal, and originality. Three qualifying round winners will be chosen per grade category, for a total of 45 finalist entries statewide. The grade categories are 4th-5th grade, 6th-8th grade and 9th-12th grade. These qualifying round winners will be invited to cook their recipe for a panel of judges at Publix Aprons Cooking Schools in their region.

- Finalist rounds will be held at:
- Sept. 27: Tampa—Central/West;
 - Oct. 11: Tallahassee—Northwest;
 - Oct. 25: Jacksonville—Northeast;
 - Nov. 1: Miami—South;
 - Nov. 15: Orlando—Central.

Each regional cook-off will have three winners from each grade category. Third-

place winners will receive a \$50 gift certificate, second-place winners a \$75 gift certificate and first-place winners a \$100 gift certificate. All winners will also receive a certificate for a free Publix Aprons Cooking School class and an additional \$50 gift certificate to cover travel and ingredient expenses. The high school first-place winner will be designated each region's student chef ambassador.

Deadline to enter is Sept. 15. For rules and to submit your entry, go to www.FreshFromFlorida.com/Cookoff.

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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!

Water, water

• Someone stated that the reason Ousley Estates was flooding was due to Seminole Cove. Sorry, you need to look north for the problem! We are having problems as well. Water is shedding from the property just north of us. When the church was granted a permit to build, they required a retention pond around the church. Doing so has stopped the water flowing toward the east and now only flows south. There is a fix for this and it was explained at a commissioners meeting last year. Unfortunately, nothing has been done to this date. Flooding will continue until such time as this is corrected.

• Too often when the county tries to fix a flooding problem in one place, they create a problem for someone else.

• The county is a lot of help. We complained about the flooding in our area, and how did they address it? They came out and put up some "road flooded" signs. Guess that is easier than actually addressing the problem that is causing the flooding.

Exemptions

• Here's the problem with homestead exemption, extra exemptions for widows, veterans, agriculture and so forth. Every time you give someone a break, it means those who don't get that break have to pay more, and more and more. And at some point, they can't pay more and lose their home to taxes. Then there are even fewer people left to pay taxes. It has to stop.

Ag classification

• Right after Mr. Sherman took office many people in the county lost their green belt exemptions and had to reapply; we were one of them. We re-applied, showing where our place had been green belted ever since it was purchased in 1970, had been in continuous use for cattle, figuring we had met all requirements yet were told, "We just were not producing on a commercial level." After reading article after article on green belt and what it took, we considered an ap-

peal, gathered all our receipts for fertilizer, animal medications, cow pen costs/repairs, land clearing, etc ... but were still told "No" and that we would have to go before the county commission for appeal. It was just not worth the fight.

• I think they need to go back and do what they did before and scrutinize each and every property that has that exemption, and see if it really is being used as a bona fide agricultural business. Four or five cows on 30 acres should not count as a bona fide ag business.

Who will run the jail?

• I would think the sheriff has a much better knowledge of what it costs to run the jail safely, more so than the county. When I voted for the sheriff I voted for the man to be sheriff not jailer, he had taken that upon his department as an extra, along with the courthouse. My biggest concern is for the safety of the guards and inmates. This is a 24/7 job not a 40 hour-a-week government job. The elected sheriff is liable for the operation and any issues created by the employees and inmates; are the county commissioners ready for that responsibility? It seems to me they have enough to handle, and can hardly handle, the county operations.

• They should just pay what is needed to run the jail. The county commissioners can't run the county, let alone the jail.

• Instead of the commissioners trying to find money or a better idea to fix this problem they are hiding behind a lawsuit?

• So much for staying within the budget.

• From what I could gather at the county meeting when they were discussing the budget, the county didn't object to the amount asked for to run the jail. It was the law enforcement portion of the budget they think is too high. But the sheriff said it was \$14.8 million for the combined sheriff's office, jail and courthouse security or he won't run jail or courthouse security. Even at 10 mills, the maximum allowed by the state, the property taxes won't raise enough money for that \$14.8 million.

• How about putting the money and time it costs to sue toward the sheriff's budget!

• Can I file a lawsuit on the county commissioners for not bringing in jobs; for not trying to make Okeechobee a better place?

• While we moved to Okeechobee 10 years ago because of our country setting, we need more to happen, but without destroying our special town. There has to be a way to do that but without the problems. Fresh eyes, new people and new ideas.

Letters to the editor

Remember Bobbi

It's been five years since Okeechobee tragically lost a precious Angel, Roberta "Bobbi" Christensen. Her greetings and pleasant care at Golden Corral will always be missed. Her smile her laughter would always bring a smile to someone when they feel down.

We lost a wonderful Lady that horrible day, July 28, 2009, as she sat at home enjoying her day off. Taken away from us by a neighbor we never knew was a habitual offender. She was a wonderful wife of 31 years, an awesome Mom, a terrific "Nanny" and friend that would be there for anyone.

She would know if you were down or sad and when she saw you again she'd have a card for you. She called these her "pick me up cards" and say "Everyone needs a pick me up from time to time." Remember her as you enjoy her bench. She'd sit at that bench after a hard night's work for a hour after work, just sitting unwinding and chatting with co-workers. A lot of laughs on that bench. She'd love the moon; would tell family from states away. "Tonight's a full moon. Go outside at 9:15 and we'll all be looking at the same moon at the same moment." She'd love that, said it made her feel closer to them.

Since she was brutally taken from us, our family has grown. During her funeral, Lil Lyaha was born. She was so excited to see her born, but never got that chance. Then a year later Violet. Then a year later, Molly. And we are now waiting for our son Eric Jr. and Ashley who found his mom that terrible day. They have one or two due in February. This number adds to the seven we had, making 11 grand babies that miss that caring loving Nanny's hugs, kisses, kindness and love. We all miss her kindness laughter and fun, and the "all" meaning this entire town that knew

her, us family, us friends.. us customers, me Husband.

Our life was awesome. We were "All" so blessed our lives crossed paths with that beautiful red-headed lady, who would do anything for anyone and go without, herself, to see another had what they needed.

Love you, my Roberta as I always called her.

Okeechobee Loves "Bobbi." Always "Remember Bobbi" and learn from this nightmare we all have lived through. Never let your guard down, trust no one!

Thank You Okeechobee. If it wasn't for your kind comments and friendship to me I wouldn't have healed to where I am.

Thank you all

Eric Christensen

Customer appreciates waste management

Dear Mr. Recycling Truck driver,

Thank you so much for letting me watch you pick up the recycling on my street every Friday morning!

You work really hard and yet you always have a smile and something nice to say. No matter how early, how hot or how messy it is, you always do such a good job and you always smile.

Thank you for always honking your horn too!

I am very sad to say good-bye, but we are moving to St. Augustine Beach. I will miss you a lot but I will remember more than your really neat truck (although your truck is really really neat and I love to watch it go!). I will remember how important it is to work hard and smile and be nice.

I will sure miss seeing you every Friday!

Love love love

Jack Smith

P.S. My mommy and daddy say thank you and please take care!

Corps fights invasive plants on Lake Okeechobee

The Army Corps of Engineers has released Lake Okeechobee Invasive Species Treatment Schedule through July 28.

There will be invasive floating plant treatments on the outside boat trail between Pearce and Indian Prairie Canals, Fisheating Bay, old Moore Haven Canal, Industrial Canal in Clewiston and the Rim Canal south of Pelican Bay.

Crews with ATVs will be treating cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica*) and torpedograss (*Panicum repens*) out of Buckhead Ridge throughout the northwest marsh.

Treatment schedules will be posted at fish camps, boat ramps and marinas.

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Comfort faces more charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man being held in the county jail, accused of molesting young children, has been arrested on three more felony counts.

Tommy Gene Comfort, 35, N.W. Concord Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Monday, July 21, on three counts of sexual battery - victim under 12 years of age and perpetrator under 18 years of age. His bond was set at \$150,000.

Comfort was already being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on two counts of sexual battery - victim under 12 years of age and perpetrator 18 years of age or older. His bond on those two counts had been set at a total of \$600,000.

Monday's warrants were filed by Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson, who will be prosecuting the cases.

According to those warrants, Comfort reportedly sexually molested the victims be-

tween Jan. 1, 1990, and Dec. 31, 1996.

Comfort's brother, Carlton Daune, is also being held in the county jail. He has been charged with one county of sexual battery - victim under 12 and perpetrator 18 years of age or older.

Carlton, 53, U.S. 441 S.E. in Okeechobee, is being held on \$100,000 bond.

Detective John Fisher, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), initially arrested the brothers on June 16.

It has been determined, so far, that all of the alleged victims were females between the ages of 4 and 12, said the detective.

Clerk of Courts records show Tommy is being represented by Stuart defense attorney Jeff T. Gorman, while Carlton is being defended by the District 19 Public Defender's Office.

Arrestment for Tommy on these most recent charges has been set at 9 a.m. on Sept. 3 in front of Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer.

Teen accused of having gun

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Dwan S. Marshall

The investigation into a suspicious person complaint led to the arrest of a local teenager on felony charges and the recovery of a handgun that had been reported as stolen.

Dwan Sharrod Marshall, 17, N.W. 11th Ave., was arrested Friday, July 18, on felony charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and carrying a concealed firearm. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Marshall was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

An arrest report by Officer Michael Jordan, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), indicated he was investigating the suspicious person complaint around 11 p.m. Friday.

That report stated the complaint was filed by a homeowner on N.W. Second St. whose home had been burglarized the night be-

fore. In that burglary, a wrist watch and a .22 caliber handgun were reported as stolen.

The homeowner apparently told the officer that as they were pulling into their driveway Friday night they saw a black male wearing red shorts and a black and red shirt walking up the driveway.

As Officer Jordan searched the area he and Deputy Brian Cross, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), saw a man matching that description behind a residence on N.W. 11th Ave.

They identified Marshall and as they were patting him down for a weapon, a five-shot revolver was allegedly found in his pants pocket. The serial number on that gun matched the serial number of the firearm reported stolen the night before.

Officer Jordan then went to Marshall's home where he asked the teen's mother for permission to search her son's bedroom. Instead, she went to her son's room and returned with a gold watch that matched the description of the timepiece stolen Thursday night from the home on N.W. Second St.

The handgun and the watch were both placed into evidence, stated the officer.

Paul May said some people apparently never learn their lesson.

"I believe that if I had been to prison for doing something, when I got out I would change my ways," he said. "I can promise him (Alvarado), we will continue to arrest him and others caught doing the same thing. I have confidence in the criminal justice system that they will take notice that this man does not learn from his past mistakes."

Alvarado was arrested locally on March 31, 2005, and charged with trafficking in cocaine. He was later convicted on that charge and was sentenced Oct. 19, 2006, to five years with the Department of Corrections.

Records show Alvarado was released from prison Dec. 1, 2010.

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Eagles will host bingo

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 meatloaf with all the fixings. Friday, July 25, is Italian night from 6 until 9 p.m. with a choice of spaghetti or lasagna served with salad and garlic bread for a \$6 donation. Music with the Hard Country Band runs from 7 until 11 p.m. Saturday, July 26, will feature a fish fry with coleslaw, hush puppies, cheese grits and brown beans for a \$7 donation. Don't forget to come check out our new drink specials. 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 on 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. The event is free of charge and will be held at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., on Thursday, **July 24**, at 5 p.m.

Christian singles plan dinner

A Christian singles potluck dinner will be held in The Gathering Fellowship Hall, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., Friday, **July 25**, at 6 p.m. For information: call Molly at 863-763-7195 or 863-763-9626.

VFW will host bingo, karaoke

VFW North Post 4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host bingo Friday, **July 25**, at 1 p.m. and Saturday, July 26, at 1 p.m. Friday, karaoke will be D&K Entertainment from 7 until 10 p.m. The grill will be open on Friday from 5 until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m. Please join us for Lori's Sunday, July 26, dinner from 1 until 3 p.m. featuring liver and onions or cube steaks. All proceeds will benefit our programs for veterans. The public is invited.

Moose hosting crawfish boil

The Amvet Riders annual Crawfish Boil and Fish Fry will be held Saturday, **July 26**, at 1 p.m. at Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St. There will be prize giveaways, music and great food. Donations are \$10 per person. A 50/50 drawing will be held to benefit Moose Charities. All other proceeds from this event will benefit our veteran charities and 16-year-old Bailey who is going through cancer treatment.

Caladium Festival is July 26

The Gathering Church, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., is organizing a caravan-style trip from Okeechobee to the Lake Placid Caladium Festival on Saturday, **July 26**, at 8 a.m. For information, call 863-763-9629 or 863-801-0184.

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 for a donation. It will start at 3 p.m. 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 seeking 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, a lotto ticket Christmas tree giveaway and a living Florida-style Christmas tree. All proceeds directly benefit local programs for veterans. Call 863-467-2882 for details.

VFW offers riders' breakfast

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 activities are open to the public this week. Sunday, **July 27**, is the riders' breakfast from 8:30 until 11 a.m. plus \$1 bloody marys, screwdrivers and drafts. Five-card bingo starts at 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, the Ladies Auxiliary is serving a chicken and dumplings dinner from 5 until 7 p.m. for a \$6 donation. Thursday, July 31, has bingo and food at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, night dinner features pork loin, fish and shrimp for \$7-\$8 donation with music from CC Live, from 6 until 11 p.m. All proceeds benefit veterans and their families. Call 843-467-2882 for information.

Legion has Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **July 27** 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.

Cute Apron Bake Sale slated

Women of The Moose Chapter 2036, 1016 Linda Rd., Buckhead Ridge, will host a "Cute Apron Bake Sale" Sunday, **July 27**, from 8 a.m. until noon. Proceeds benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven. For information, call 863-763-2250.

DRUGS

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up safe in his bedroom, the man reportedly denied its ownership. However, detectives opened that safe with the same key that opened the smaller safe in the bathroom, stated the report.

The detective went on to point out that a field test was done on all of the suspected marijuana, and those tests all indicated positive results for the presence of pot. Another field test was done on the suspected molly, and that test indicated a positive result for the presence of amphetamine, added the investigator.

The home in which Alvarado was living is 663 feet from a church.

When asked about this arrest, Sheriff

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Terry Lee Farnham, 65

OKEECHOBEE — Terry Lee Farnham died July 18, 2014. He was born January 8, 1949 in Wooster, Ohio to Alton Farnham and Wilda Young. He graduated from Jupiter High School. Mr. Farnham proudly served our country in the U.S. Army 69th Battalion from 1969 - 1970 during the Vietnam War. A resident of Okeechobee for nine years, he loved bass fishing.



Mr. Farnham was preceded in death by his wife, Melody Farnham and his sister, Connie D'Agostini.

He is survived by two sons, Scott Farnham (Tammy) and Russell Farnham (Julia) all of Port St. Lucie; daughter, Dawn Crawford (Timothy) of Stuart; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; brother, Wesley Farnham of Ohio; three sisters, Judy Chefan of Boca Raton, Jean Pergle of Ohio and Cindy Dryden (Mark) of Jupiter; father and mother, Russell Collard and Wilda Young of Palm Beach Gardens; a host of nieces and nephews; close friend, Joyce Frennd of Ocala; sister-in-law, Beverly Missant (Matt) of Jupiter.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Jupiter.

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.

Sandra Jean Brown, 66

OKEECHOBEE — Sandra Jean Brown died July 20, 2014. She was born February 18, 1948 in Laconia, New Hampshire to Maynard and Evelyn Dalton Brown. A resident of Okeechobee since 2008, she was a member of Okeechobee Stitchin'.

Ms. Brown is survived by her son, John Beard; granddaughter, Megan Beard; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Kenneth Brown (Andrea) of Franklin, New Hampshire, James Brown of Ethan, Oklahoma and William Brown of New Hampshire; three sisters, Nancy Cochran, Lois Donaghy both of Franklin New Hampshire and Judy Landry (Alan) of Abbotville, Maine.

A Celebration of Life will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Loy D. Mershimmer of Okeechobee Presbyterian Church officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, the Humane Society or research for premature babies.

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

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Donald Hayward Murray, 76

OKEECHOBEE — Donald Hayward Murray died on July 16, 2014.

Donald was born on May 25, 1938 in Yonkers, New York to parents Hayward and Sophia Murray. Donald attended St. Ann's School in West Palm Beach from Kindergarten through the 12th grade, graduating in 1956. In 1960, he graduated from the University of Florida and then served his country in the United States Marine Corp. Donald retired from General Motors Acceptance Corporation after thirty years and owned/operated the Peter Pan Preschool in Palm Beach Gardens from 1978. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Larock Murray, children; Scott C. Murray (Jamie), Kimberly Murray Hill (William), grandchildren; Sutton and Chandler Hill, Alexandra, Ava, Gavin and Grayson Murray, brother; Raymond Murray.

A funeral service was held on July 19, 2014 at Quattlebaum Funeral Cremation and Event Center, 5411 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida, 33417. (561) 832-5171.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www.jdrf.org.

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Proposed improvements to the facility consist of 11,250 square feet of concrete floor, installing two new larger size roll-up doors, replacing two existing roll-up doors with storefront style doors, building a fire-wall between the storage and the office area, restroom and shower facility, renovation of the entire building's fire sprinkler system and fire-line connection to the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) water system, replacement of the fire alarm panel, information technology upgrades, interior lighting and power circuits. The improvements will be funded from the Capital Improvement Fund.

In other business, the board will discuss a

plan to offer Florida Power & Light tax incentives for locating a Natural Gas Power Plant in the northeastern corner of Okeechobee County. FP&L owns a 2,800 acre sight in northeastern Okeechobee County. If they build the plant, they would use 100 acres of this land. Estimated cost of the project is around \$1 billion. The meeting will be held in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse and start at 9 a.m.

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, through **Aug. 1**. Check out details at www.chsfl.org/bts. For information, call Ashleigh Gaultney at 405-250-4762.

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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).

- Ashley Nicole Ripoll, 30, 20th St., Buckhead Ridge, was arrested July 18 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on felony charges of sale of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) with intent to sell. Her bond was set at \$30,000.

- Emily Ann Garrard, 13, N.W. 160th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 18 by Deputy Timothy Porter on a felony charge of battery on a pregnant woman. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Ashley Meachel Moore, 27, S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 18 by Detective Kelley Margerum on a felony charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

- Samuel Ramon Curbelo Jr., 23, S.W. 13th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 18 by Deputy Ben Lisle on a felony charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Jason Collier Smith, 34, S.E. 22nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested July 19 by Deputy Paul Jackson on DOC warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - forgery (two counts), violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument (three counts), violation of probation - grand theft (two counts), violation of probation - petit theft (two counts). He is being held without bond.

- Leydanette Cintron, 19, S.W. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 19 by Officer Chad Troutman on a felony charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

- Bryan Dewayne Williams, 52, S.W. 28th

St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 19 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Joshua Aquental McCollum, 24, 84th Court N., Loxahatchee, was arrested July 19 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a felony charge of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. His bond was set at \$2,000.

- James Richard Baldauf Jr., 40, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 20 by Deputy Brian Cross on a felony charge of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at \$3,500.

- Guillermo E. Gonzalez, 55, S.W. 67th St., Miami, was arrested July 20 by Trooper D. Maliszewski on a felony charge of possession of a counterfeit driver's license or ID card, and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license expired. His bond was set at \$5,400.

- Robert Wayne Duquette, 24, 87th Lane N., Loxahatchee, was arrested July 20 by Deputy Corporal Shane Snyder on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

- Glenda Clay, 25, Lake Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested July 21 by Deputy John Ashby on felony charges of grand theft, dealing in stolen property and defrauding a pawnbroker. Her bond was set at \$15,750.

- Alfonso Lares Jr., 19, N.W. Second St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 21 by Deputy Matthew Grumblin on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. His bond was set at \$10,500.

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.

DUI checkpoint set for July 24

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) has announced a DUI/driver's license checkpoint will be held Thursday, July 24, on U.S. 441 S.

The purpose of the initiative is to meet with drivers passing through the checkpoint and check for alcohol or drug impairment. Law enforcement personnel will also be checking to make sure all drivers have the proper licensing.

DUI checkpoints are a proven enforcement tool that are effective in reducing the number of persons killed and/or injured in alcohol-

involved automobile accidents. Research shows crashes involving alcohol drop by an average of 20 percent when well-publicized checkpoints are held enough.

Drivers caught operating a vehicle while impaired can expect jail, license suspension and an increase in insurance costs, fines, fees, DUI classes and other expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

Area law enforcement reminds drivers if they are going to be drinking they should have a designated driver, call a friend or family member, call a cab or just stay home.

The Okeechobee City Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol will be taking part in the checkpoint.

Sexual Offender Notification

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office is disclosing this information to the public in order to enhance public safety, awareness, and protection.

This information is not intended to increase fear: rather it is this agency's belief that an informed public is a safer public. This bulletin should be used only for information purposes. Citizen abuse of the information to threaten, intimidate, or harass offenders will not be tolerated, in any manner.

The individual who appears in this bulletin have served the sentence imposed on

them by the courts. They are NOT wanted by the police at this time. Sex offenders have always lived in the communities. The only change is the public is now better informed.

Rodney Leitner, 48, of 5269 N.W. 24th St., is 6'3" and 230 pounds. He has blond hair and blue eyes. Leitner was convicted of Lewd & Lascivious victim less than 12 YOA, offender over 18 YOA on April, 19 2001 in Palm Beach County, Fla. The victim was a minor.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, contact Michele at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at 763-3117, extension 240 or website <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>.



Rodney Leitner

Cooking ideas for diabetics by hospital chef planned

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.



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Special to the Okeechobee News

Horse camp under way

The summer horse camp, sponsored by the Okeechobee Extension Office is under way at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. Week one of horse camp was all about improving basic riding skills. This week horse camp is all about performance riding. Next week will be rodeo week. There are still camp slots available. Pictured on horseback are: (left to right) are Joellyn Kelley, Jenna Brown, LaRanda Southerland, Dylan Hodges, Nathan Stewart and Tatum Bickel. In front are riding instructors Maci Culligan and Stephany Fish. Horse camp is partially funded through a grant from the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County. It is open to children ages 8 to 18. Campers provide their own horses, which may be housed in the Agri-Civic Center barn for the week. For camp information, call the Okeechobee County Extension Office at 863-763-6469.

Dunklin Memorial Camp representatives visit Rotary

Dunklin Memorial Camp representatives were the speakers at the Rotary Club of Okeechobee on Tuesday, July 22. Pictured from left to right are Brian Neener, Nick Reynolds and Rotarian Debi Large. Rotary meets every Tuesday at noon at Golden Corral.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Quarters for a Cause holds benefit for the Pilgrims

Okeechobee Quarters for a Cause will host their monthly auction Tuesday, **Aug. 19**, at the American Legion with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. They will be supporting Lee and Larry Pilgrim who have both been through a lot of health issues in the past year and need funds for their medical bills. Wear boots and pearls to be entered in a special prize giveaway. For information, call Christy at 863-697-1247.

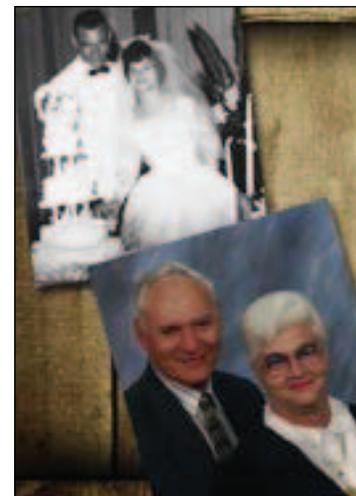
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KAY MCCOOL & DAVID MCCOOL

David and Kay McCool will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on July 25, 2014.

They, along with their children and grandchildren, are having a celebration on July 26, 2014 at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. If you taught with, were taught by, or fellow-shipped with either, please join us in sharing this special time.

In lieu of gifts, they request donating to the FBC Mission House, an unwrapped book for the Hooked on Books program, or to your favorite charity.



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Okeechobee News: Celebrating our Centennial!

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, July 28, 1944

News of our Boys In Various Camps At Home & Abroad

Mrs. T. M. Jerrell of Palm Harbor has received notice from the War Department that her son, Cpl. Rufus G. Jerrell, was wounded in action in Italy on June 16. No further details were announced.

Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Stello are in receipt of a letter from their son, Sergeant Carl Stello, in which he says he is getting along fine in England. Carl has been in England for the past eighteen months and says that he likes it fine over there but would like to be home.

W.T. Smith and wife (colored) received a letter this week from their son, Maxie Lee Williams, in which he says he is doing fine in the army. He is now stationed on the Island of Corsica where he has been with the army of occupation since it was invaded by the Allies several months ago.

Alfey Ming who is stationed with the army at the training camp in Jacksonville spent several days of this week here with his wife and mother.

Sergeant J.D. Wilson left Wednesday afternoon to return to army training camp at Frederick, Oklahoma, after spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Wilson.

Pensacola, Fla.
July 17, 1944

Okeechobee News,

Hello Bryant: Just wonder what you are doing these long, hot days. I guess you are trying to catch all the fish in the lake. Well there is no place to fish here much except salt water and I don't care much for that kind of fishing but boy I would like to be down there for a week or two and if nothing happens I am coming down there on a 15-day leave in October.

Well in the first place I know you are surprised to hear from me but you will be surprised to know that I really do like the Navy. I think it is the best branch of the service that Uncle Sam has. Tell all them boys down there that were in the same class that I was, and which should have been inducted when I was eight months ago, and which have not been inducted yet, that it is not so bad so come on in and do their part.

Bryant, I don't know who subscribed for this paper for me but I do appreciate it. I have moved and my address has changed so please change my paper to my new address.

Well, tell all the people hello for me and family. I hope to see them all soon.

Yours truly and thanks,
Eddie Tindall

**US MARINE CORPS COMBAT
CORRESPONDENTS READY TO
SERVE OKEECHOBEE NEWS**
Atlanta, Georgia, 17 July 1944

Okeechobee News

Dear Sir;

During the months since December 7, 1941, this Section and its publicity sergeants have been calling on you from time to time for the publication of stories aimed at recruiting, both for the Marine Corps and the Marine Corps Women's Reserve.

I am happy to report that unless casualties are unexpectedly high, our recruiting needs are now well taken care of, thanks to the patriotic cooperation of the newspaper men of the South and Southwest. Accordingly, this Section and its District Sergeants will no longer be calling on you for recruiting publicity. May I offer my thanks and that of the United States Marines for a job well done.

During recent months, through our Combat Correspondents and Photographers, we have been increasing the flow of live, hometown news about the Marines from your town. In the future, this will increase as more of the Marines roll on toward Tokyo. These news stories and pictures are submitted to you for your judgement solely on their news value. Our job of supplying you with the news of the hometown Marine has now become our full-time job, and our policy has become one of the news and news alone.

And may I again remind you that the Marine Corps Division of Public Relations would like to have you consider our Combat Correspondents as members of your staff. Please feel free to call on us for stories and photographs of Marines for your community who might have been overlooked by our busy Combat Correspondents. All we need is the man's full name and home town. If he's a Smith, a Jones or a Brown, please give all three names if they are available. Then the assignment will be sent on to the Combat Correspondent with his unit, and in a few weeks the story will be back for your exclusive use.

Again let me thank you for the favors during our intensive recruiting campaigns, and let me promise that you will be repaid by many good news stories on the Marines from your community.

Sincerely,

R.P. WHITE

Major, U.S. Marine Corps Acting Officer in Charge, Public Relations Section, Southern Procurement Division.

**SGT. GEORGE REICHERT
IS HOME AFTER BEING
WOUNDED AT ANZIO, ITALY**

Sergeant George Reichert returned to his home here yesterday after spending several months in the army hospitals after having been wounded in the fighting at Anzio beach-head in Italy. Serg. Reichert was wounded in

the leg by shrapnel and the bone was shattered badly,

He is at the home of his father, George Reichert, on the Fort Pierce Road.

CORPORAL GLENN McLAUGHLIN WON

THE PURPLE HEART

Word has been received that Cpt. Glen McLaughlin has been awarded the Purple Heart by the United States Army. Cpl. McLaughlin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.J. McLaughlin of Okeechobee.

Cpl. McLaughlin took part in the invasion of Attu Island and was one of the first few men that were landed on the island. He was carried there in a submarine and he and the others were landed from it. He remained ashore and took part in the fighting in the cold weather until his feet and legs were frozen. After he left there he was carried to an army hospital where at first the doctors wanted to take his feet and legs off but he objected so strenuously that they decided not to operate on him. After several months, his feet and legs

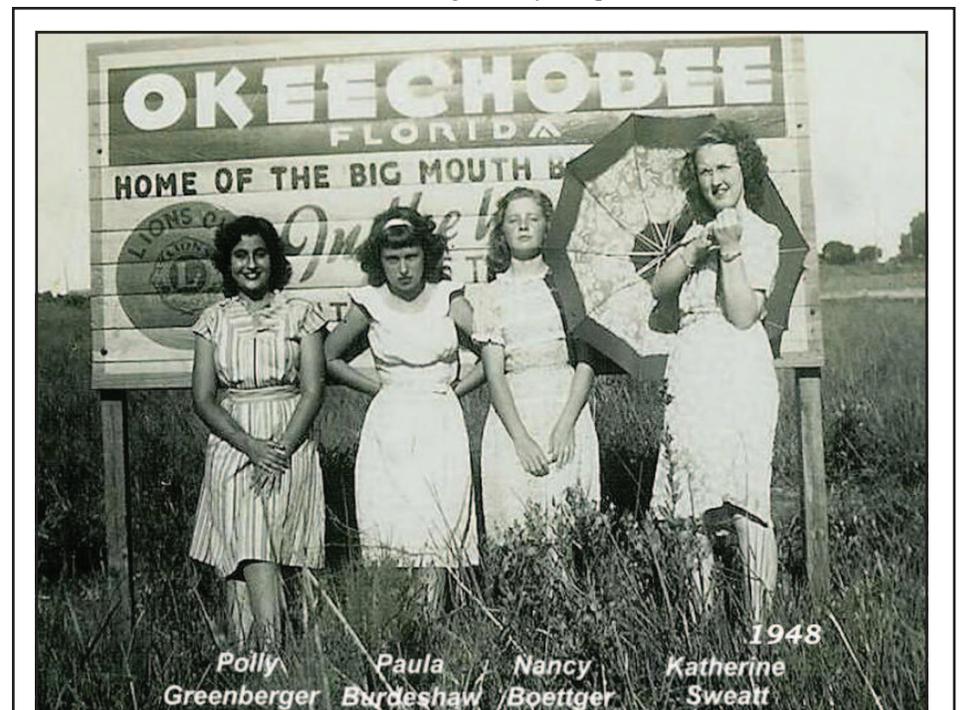
started to improve and he was later moved to a hospital in Texas where he is now located and word has been received by his parents that he has so far recovered that he is able to drive trucks for the hospital.

Cpl. McLaughlin was home last year after his return from Attu and spent some time here on furlough.

McCARTHY FAMILY HAS REUNION WITH MEMBERS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

A family reunion with members of the family who are now in the armed services of the country was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McCarthy Sunday. Those present were Lieutenant Dan McCarthy, Master Sergeant Maurice J. McCarthy, and Corporal and Mrs. Lawrence McCarthy, who were on leave from the army. Beside these, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. McCarthy were also present.

Lieut. Dan McCarthy left Sunday to return to North Camp Hood, Texas. Master Sergeant Maurice J. McCarthy left Monday for Miami and places unknown, and Cpl. and Mrs. Lawrence McCarthy left Tuesday to return to the army camp at Winter Haven, Fla.



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Looking Back ...

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Local churches plan special speakers and VBS

Randy Whipple will present a sermon in song at **Peach Lutheran Church** on Sunday, July 27, and on Aug. 3. Both will be at the worship hour of 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend these very special worship services. The 10:30 services will be the only worship service those Sundays at Peace Lutheran Church.

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

Believers Fellowship Church will host Vacation Bible School the week of July 28 thru Aug. 1. The church is located at 300 S.W. Sixth Ave, behind the ROC. The times are 6 to 8:30 p.m. each night. This promises to be a fun time for all children ages 4 thru high school. Games, music, crafts, food, bible study and loads of fun are planned. For more information, call 863-634-4327.

Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St. will host a Vacation Bible School Monday, July 28 - Friday, Aug. 1, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. for 1st-5th grade. To register for Vacation Bible School, call 863-763-8945. There is no fee, but organizers need to know how many children to plan for, so please call in advance to register.

Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St., will present "The Bait of Satan," by John Bever. This free program started June 18 and will run for 12 weeks, each Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute DVD of John Bever teaching with a brief follow-up emphasis on key points of scripture and how to apply each to us today. Worksheets for each lesson will be available at the church. Bring your Bible and a heart and mind open to receive instructions through the word of God. For questions, call the church at 863-763-8945.

Haven of Rest Church, 912 N.W. Second St. would like to invite you to a weekly Bible study and or youth service every Thursday at 7 p.m. For more information call Pastor Tom Velie at 863-357-3053.

Oakview Baptist Church welcomes everyone to join them on Sunday mornings for Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. On Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. they have a Bible Study in the sanctuary. They also have a Wednesday evening Worship Service at 6 p.m. We are located at 677 S.W. 32 Street in Okeechobee. For more information please call 863-763-1699.

The Gathering Church, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., invites you to attend "Living Free" a Christian recovery group for women on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Theresa Brown at 863-357-4418.

The Gathering hosts "Joy in the Mourning" a grief support group and bible study for anyone who has lost a loved one, through death or divorce. All are welcome to attend. The support group will meet every Monday at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m. at 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. For more information, call Gale at 863-623-8504.

Love Jesus? Every Monday morning, 8 a.m. at Hampton Inn, there is a **Bible study** held and you are invited. It is free if you don't eat, or you can have a great breakfast for only \$5. Brandon Tucker and Pastor Jim Benton are the speakers. More questions? Call 863-532-2482.

Gathering in Grace and Prayer meets every Wednesday at 7:45 a.m. in the park at the pavilion. All are welcome.

Northside Baptist Church invites all to join the church for old-fashioned preaching based on the Bible, God-focused prayer, hymns we grew up on, Southern-Gospel favorites, with piano and bass duets on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Northside Baptist is located about 6 miles north on 441 at 51 NW 98th St.

There are many opportunities at **Peace Lutheran Church**, including the newly founded Peace Outreach, whose goals include getting everyone to discover their gifts and use them for the Glory of God. Another new opportunity is the Peace Garden Club, focusing on church grounds beautification and growing vegetables in raised garden



Places of Worship

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beds. All are welcome to attend the Peace Garden Club meetings on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

*Note: An Okeechobee Church Directory is now available at Florida.Newszap.com with addresses and service times for local churches, or go to www.newszap.com/okeechobeechurches. Send additions or corrections for the online directory to okeenews@newszap.com, or fill out the form provided on the website. **The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this weekly column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com.***

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ACCOUNT	ISSUED TO	DATE ISSUED	AMOUNT
General Operating	TD BANK, N.A.	02/14/12	\$31.00
General Operating	KAHANE & ASSOCIATES, PA.	03/13/12	\$10.00
General Operating	FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INS CO	05/18/12	\$8.50
General Operating	RESOURCE TITLE NAT'L AGENCY	08/17/12	\$65.80
General Operating	CENTERSTATE BANK	08/13/12	\$40.00
General Operating	MARSHALL C WATSON, PA.	09/12/12	\$6.00
General Operating	SHAPIRO, FISHMAN & GACHE, LLP	10/31/12	\$13.50
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General Operating	JOHN H JOHNSON	01/17/12	\$15.00
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General Operating	SHIRLEY H DOWELL	03/02/12	\$15.00
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General Operating	MICHELLE STORY	05/10/12	\$45.00
General Operating	MICHELLE STORY	05/31/12	\$46.50
General Operating	BRITNEY A BALL	07/05/12	\$15.00
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General Operating	SHARON D LUCKY	08/21/12	\$15.00
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General Operating	JESSICA L PLASCENCIA	11/20/12	\$15.00
General Operating	ARMANDO W RIVERO	11/20/12	\$15.00
General Operating	KEVIN D COOK	11/21/13	\$15.00
Cash Bond	JUAN CARLOS LOPEZ	02/01/12	\$22.50
Cash Bond	JOSE E CANIZALEZ	06/27/12	\$250.00
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION Case No. 47-2011-CA-000289-CA

RE-NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order resccheduling foreclosure sale dated July 3, 2014 entered in Case No. 47-2011-CA-000289-CA of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff and GUSTAVO CASTREJON, ET AL; are defendant(s). I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312, NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida (second floor-Jury Assembly Room) IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES, AT 11:00 AM, August 20, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE WEST 20.0 FEET OF LOT 9, ALL OF LOT 10, BLOCK 7, SOUTHWEST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 7, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1111 SOUTHWEST 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, this 3rd day of July, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Okeechobee County, Florida By: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk 466279 ON 7/23,30/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000266

LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF FNF SERVICING, INC., Plaintiff,

VS. ELLENE A. HARRIS, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 30, 2014, and entered in Case No. 47-2013-CA-000266 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which LoanCare, A Division of FNF Servicing, Inc., is the Plaintiff and Elene A. Harris, Thomas B. Harris, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 20th day of August, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 2, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 23 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 3A-D, INCLUSIVE, OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS. (A/K/A LOT D)

A/K/A 19584 NW 272ND ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972-5956

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 3rd day of July, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court Okeechobee County, Florida By: Sandra L. Creech

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Albertelli Law Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 (813) 221-4743 (813) 221-9171 facsimile eService: ervealaw@albertellilaw.com JR - 11-82037

In Accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. 466303 ON 7/23,30/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000513

US. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOANASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4 Plaintiff,

VS. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Public Notice

VS. CATHERINE D. BROOKS A/K/A CATHY D. BROOKS A/K/A CATHERINE D. HAWK, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment entered in Case No. 47-2013-CA-000513 in the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-4, Plaintiff, and, CATHERINE D. BROOKS A/K/A CATHY D. BROOKS A/K/A CATHERINE D. HAWK, et al., are Defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, second floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at the hour of 11:00AM, on the 20th day of August, 2014, the following described property: LOT 70, OKEECHOBEE ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 20, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. DATED this 3rd day of July, 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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BY: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-CA-00312

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

VS. JAN D. OLDENBOOM: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAN D. OLDENBOOM, ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; TENANT #1; TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, the Clerk of the Court will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida described as: PARCEL 9, SUNCREEK RANCH, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 15, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, and commonly known as: 13614 Southeast 56th Circle, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972, on August 20, 2014, at 11:00 A.M.

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS 1 Meddle, in a way 7 Regarding 11 Shakes at rehab 14 Carelessness? 15 Skater Michelle 16 P-like letter 17 No ordinary creation 19 2008 govt. bailout recipient 20 Some Super Bowl highlights 21 Typical leader? 22 Send an IM to 23 More than glance over 24 " _ Tonk Women" 25 Golfer's concern 28 Get ready on the golf course 30 Pelican relative 31 Like the action in "High Noon" 34 NFL's Jim Brown et al. 35 Colonial environment? 38 _ patch 39 Walls are an important part of it 41 Drop-down item 42 Cartoon mouse 43 Instrument for Jimmy Dorsey 46 "The Hot Zone" subject 48 '90s sitcom neighborhood 50 Gossamer 51 Like some livestock 52 " _ Am": 2007 Alicia Keys album 55 "For shame!" 56 Pub purchases, and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters 58 Pickax picking 59 Yemeni seaport 60 Tout's tidbit 61 "Opposed" 62 Kid 63 Entry for Ripley

- 31 '60s atty. general 32 Suvari of "American Pie" 33 _ de vie: French brands 35 Spelling word? 36 Neither partner 37 Places for action figures 40 Serpentine 41 "Eat _ chikin": Chicks-til-A slogan 43 "Put _ on it!" 44 Cry from a nest? 45 Steering system component 46 Entertainer John, whose middle name is Hercules 47 Iraqi seaport 49 It happens 51 Tarry 52 Lock opening? 53 Satiric bit 54 Traveling game 56 Coll. focus 57 " _ be an honor"

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- 1 Hindu god of desire 2 Air, for one 3 Largemouth _ 4 Long-haired cousin

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Okeechobee High School students honored at scholarship night



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The Mid Florida Scholarship was presented by Amy Daniel and Esther Banelos and awarded to Kyle Revels (center, left) and Cayuna Williams (center, right).



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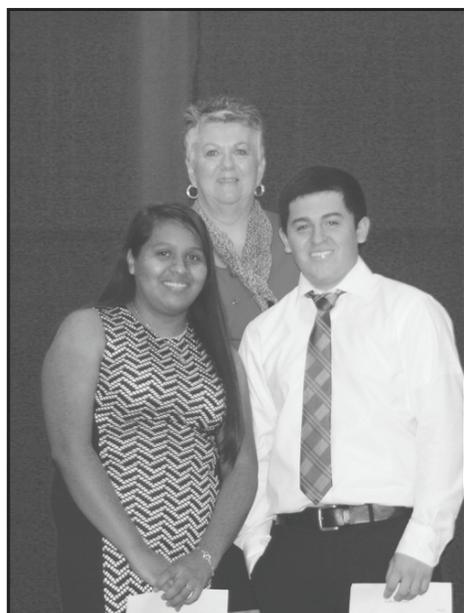
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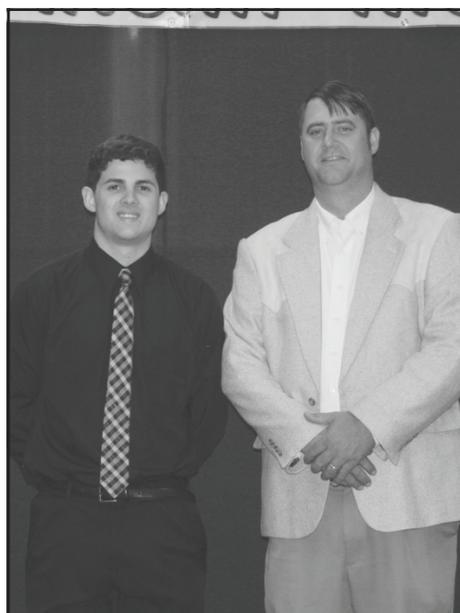
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Kids' knowledge from internet leaves researcher hopeful

By Brad Buck
UF

GAINESVILLE — Parents sometimes link the Internet to negative social behavior, but some children use the Web to learn about their communities, a new University of Florida study shows.

While most research on young people's media use focuses on negative effects, UF Professor Rosemary Barnett sees it as a good thing.

"Two key factors to consider are the nature of the content and how it is used," said Mr. Barnett, who teaches in the Department of Family, Youth and Community Sciences, part of UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. "The ability to tap into a phenomenal amount of information so easily and quickly on a variety of topics has allowed the Internet to enhance education for children."

After a 12-year-old Lakeland girl who endured cyber-bullying committed suicide in September 2013, the American Academy of Pediatrics changed its media exposure policy. The group now recommends children use media for entertainment no more than two hours each night. They make an exception for online homework.

While the UF/IFAS study gave clues to children's general Internet use, it focused on how students use the Internet to learn about their communities.

In the study, 133 children with an average age of 13 went to after-school programs at community centers in Volusia and Seminole counties. The children, all of whom qualified for free or reduced-price lunches, did not

have computers at home and had never used the Internet outside of school.

Children used the Internet for about 30 minutes to an hour each day, Mr. Barnett said. They were taught to search for certain topics and shown approved web pages.

The study, published in the current issue of the Journal of Youth Development, showed children knew more about their community, based on their use of the Internet and other media at the community centers.

Researchers surveyed students at the end of each of the study's three years. Students answered questions about "community connectedness." They answered the questions on a 1 to 5 scale, with 1 meaning you strongly disagree and 5 meaning you strongly agree.

Children's responses to the community connectedness questions increased from an average 2.95 after the first year to 3.42 after the third, a statistically significant increase, said Caroline Payne-Purvis, state coordinator for UF's Children, Youth and Families at Risk

program.

Researchers also measured community knowledge on the same scale, asking the students their sources of information.

Children said they learned community issues from several media sources, but their Internet-use score rose from 3.52 to 4.04. Of particular interest to Barnett was the fact that kids read newspapers and magazines more — their score on that question going up from 2.78 after the first year to 3.46 after the third.

These findings encourage Mr. Barnett. By increasing at-risk children's exposure to various community-based websites, Facebook pages and other social media, she said, they learn to use the Internet in a positive way.

Besides Mr. Barnett and Ms. Payne-Purvis, the research team included Gerald Culen, an associate professor in family, youth and community sciences at UF and Jeffrey Neely, a former UF graduate student and now assistant professor of journalism at the University of Tampa.

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