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Murder trial delayed again

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

New York Yankee-great Yogi Berra had it right when he so famously said, "It's déjà vu all over again."

When the lawyers and 14 jurors gathered Tuesday, Aug. 5, in Courtroom A of the Okeechobee County Judicial Complex for the trial of accused murderer

Matthew Morris they were soon sent home. Morris, 41, is charged with the Nov. 15, 2007, killing of John Melvin Hall in his U.S. 441 S.E. home. The case has yet to go before a jury.

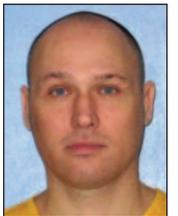
Morris is charged with first-degree murder, burglary of a dwelling with an assault or battery while armed, robbery with a deadly weapon (two counts) and

grand theft-motor vehicle.

The Alum Creek, W. Va., native was indicted by an Okeechobee County grand jury on Oct. 13, 2009.

He has had at least two other attorneys who, for whatever reason, have been discharged from their stand-by attorney status. They were stand-by at-

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Matthew Morris

Lockett estate's future uncertain

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined they won't use the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate as a museum or welcome center for the proposed Northern Everglades Headwaters Wildlife refuge.

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) spokesperson Randy Smith confirmed that the cost of repairs and upkeep were more than they were willing to invest in the property.

In the interim the property is being considered for surplus by the district and they are still working on options to keep the property in public hands. They began maintaining the property in 1993 but admit it is not their specialty and keeping it up as an historic site can be expensive.

The Highlands County Board of County Commission was an option but they turned down a lease on the nearly 423-acre site along the Kissimmee River several years ago.

Mr. Smith said the district does not have

the funding or the expertise for historic buildings. He said staff has no recommendation for the governing board and in the interim will be working on all options, including the federal government.

"We really hope that another agency will take it over as it is a nice facility that would be an asset to the public as an historic site. Our preference is to keep it in the public's hands," he added.

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Nat Stratton reaches college rodeo finals



Nat Stratton

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

OHS rodeo alumnus Nat Stratton has taken his game to the next level as he reached the college rodeo finals this year in Casper Wyoming as a member of the Panhandle State University rodeo team from Oklahoma.

Stratton finished his sophomore year strong and is among the top bronc riders in college. Two of his teammates were able to win national championships at the rodeo finals.

"It is a totally different level of competition. It is just awesome. The rodeo finals was the cool-

est thing I've ever been to. It was great to compete against the best guys and the best stock," he said.

Stratton starred on the Okeechobee High School rodeo team and thanked all of his supporters in Okeechobee, the high school rodeo team, and his parents Rodney and Becky Stratton for his success.

Nat studies Agriculture Business in college with a minor in animal science. He intends to seek a career in the Professional Rodeo Association after graduation.

He has been busy competing in bronc riding across the country this summer. He has competed

and won prize money at rodeos in Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma and Utah since the national finals.

He said he feels he can compete with the best in the world in bronc riding.

"I'm right there with them," he said. "I had some hard luck at the finals and didn't draw the best horses but I did the best I could. I made do with what I have but it was not enough to end up winning."

His college coach Craig Latham praised Nat for his contributions to the rodeo team. He met Nat at the National High School finals in

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Okeechobee Retired Educators to meet Aug. 11

The Okeechobee Retired Educators will meet Monday, **Aug. 11**, at 11 a.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. This will be the first meeting after the summer break. Any retired school employees are invited to join us to find out about OREA and the state organization, Florida Retired Educators. We have several projects that we work on each year: Hooked on Books, where we provide books for the public school media centers; underwear and shoes provided to kids in need at the elementary schools; reading in the schools; raising money for high school scholarships through our ornament sales; and, providing money for the End the Hunger Project.

Okeechobee Political Forum planned for Aug. 13

An Okeechobee Political Forum will be held Wednesday, **Aug. 13**, in 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 – Circuit 19, City Council, School Board – District 1, County Commission – Districts 2 & 4. Concessions will be available benefitting local students. For candidate information see the Sunday, Aug. 10 edition of the *Okeechobee News*.

Big Lake Missions Outreach hosts school supply drive

Big Lake Missions Outreach is currently sponsoring their annual school supplies drive for needy families. Last year they helped many children with their list, but this year the need is even greater. They will accept donations up until **Aug. 15**. Most all school supplies are needed such as 3-ring-notebooks, pencil pouches, colored pencils, marker hi-liters, backpacks, etc. (No trapper keepers.) All donations stay in Okeechobee County. We accept checks made out to Big Lake Missions Outreach or gift cards and our staff does the shopping. Call 863-763-5725 or 863-610-1815 for information or drop-off locations.

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Mr. Smith said while no deal is on the horizon, that doesn't mean a good opportunity won't come along to save the facility.

Okeechobee Forecast



Today: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Highs around 93°F. Heat index around 112°F. West wind 2 to 7 MPH. Chance of precipitation near 40%.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Lows around 73°F. West southwest wind 0 to 5 MPH. Chance of precipitation near 40%. New precipitation amounts up to one quarter inch possible.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Highs around 93°F. Heat index around 115°F. Light wind. Chance of precipitation near 35%.

Night: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Lows around 75°F. Southeast wind to 5 MPH.

Chance of precipitation 35%.

Friday: Partly cloudy with isolated storms. Highs around 93°F. Heat index around 121°F. Light wind. Chance of precipitation near 40%.

Night: Partly cloudy with scattered storms. Lows around 75°F.

"Right now we don't have a deal in place but we will continue to work on it and we have no real time line," he said.

If the property is surplus it could conceivably be bought at a public auction by the highest bidder.

STRATTON

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Wyoming when Stratton was a senior. He said Nat had a strong interest in rodeo and he's glad he chose to come to Panhandle State.

"He has done really well and made the top six in the college finals, he's a good kid and we're happy to have him on the team," said Latham.

Latham said he wouldn't be surprised if Stratton became a very successful professional bronc rider on the PRCA circuit.

The school competes against some of the biggest colleges in the country like Kansas State, Oklahoma State and several smaller universities. The school has about

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torneys because Morris has elected to represent himself at trial.

And just like in January of this year, Morris complained Tuesday to Circuit Court Judge Gary Sweet he could not mount an effective defense because he was having problems accessing documents and evidence he needed. So, for that reason, he wanted his current stand-by attorney to take over his case.

At that point Fort Pierce defense attorney Michael C. Heisey asked the judge for a mistrial and continuance because he hasn't had enough time to prepare a defense because he's only been on the case for the past three months.

"There's no possible way, stepping in right now, I could effectively represent him," said Mr. Heisey.

He went on to explain that if he was forced to try and defend Morris right now, he would also be opening himself up to a malpractice lawsuit.

But, argued Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright, Mr. Heisey's problems were created by his client.

"He (Mr. Heisey) was appointed for the sole purpose of stepping in and taking over," argued the prosecutor. "Any lack of preparation is 100 percent created by Mr. Morris. Any lack of preparation is solely due to the defendant not sharing his strategy."

"This could go on forever," he added.

1,200 students and is located in the town of Goodwell, Okla.

Stratton said living in Oklahoma took some getting used to, with all the tornadoes and rough weather. He said he enjoys touring up and down the roads of Oklahoma.

"It can be a little nerve racking. This is my first summer in Oklahoma and the weather does change a bunch, but I've been really blessed. I've won enough to keep going and I'm still drawing good and doing well on the circuit this summer," he said.

Stratton started as a bull rider but his parents convinced him to try something safer, so he tried roping, didn't take to it, and then hit on bronc riding. He said after one ride on a bronc he was hooked and that is all he's ever wanted to do since that moment. He said he keeps healthy by riding good rides and relying on the grace of the good Lord above.

He went on to tell Judge Sweet the state was opposed to a continuance or mistrial.

"We find ourselves here due to some manipulation by Mr. Morris," pointed out Judge Sweet.

The judge continued by agreeing that "it would be extremely difficult for Mr. Heisey" to step in and take over Morris' case so he granted the mistrial and continuance.

He then ordered everyone to be back in his courtroom on Thursday, Aug. 28, to once again set a trial date.

This time, he vowed, "the earth will have to move" before Morris will get another continuance.

Morris is accused of entering Mr. Hall's home at 13800 U.S. 441 S.E. around 2:42 a.m. and killing him while he slept in his bed with his wife at his side. Mr. Hall was 42 at the time.

There were reportedly two other family members in the home at the time, but no one else was injured.

According to detectives heading up the 2007 investigation there were signs of forced entry into the 1,800-square-foot home.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigators have not released what type of gun was allegedly used by Morris or what items were taken from the home.

When Morris was indicted by the Okeechobee grand jury he was in a federal penitentiary. According to the Bureau of Prisons, Morris has an extensive federal conviction record that includes bank robbery, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Stratton and some teammates went to Florida this spring and won rodeos in Lake City and Fort Myers. He also competed in the Okeechobee Spring Rodeo.

"We went fishing and to the beach and rodeoed our way down there and all the way back. It was awesome to make some money and have some fun and hang out with my folks for a week," he added.

Stratton grew up in Okeechobee at the Bluefield Ranch off State Road 70. He fondly remembers hunting, and fishing and being on the Okeechobee High School Rodeo Team.

"If it weren't for that place I wouldn't be here," he said. "I want to thank everybody there who supported me and helped me get through everything. I want to thank them for helping me to live my dreams," he added.

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Regions Bank awards Okeechobee Main Street \$2,500

Funding will support efforts to strengthen the downtown commercial district

On Friday, July 25, Regions Bank (NYSE:RF) announced a \$2,500 contribution that will reinforce Okeechobee Main Street's economic development initiatives. The donation will support Okeechobee Main Street's programs that provide technical assistance to small businesses and promote commerce in the Downtown and North Central Business Districts.

"Okeechobee Main Street is a locally-driven program that benefits both the quality of life and the business climate here," said Steve Nivet, South Florida Area President for Regions Bank. "Regions Bank has long been a part of this community, and we believe it is our responsibility to help our communities thrive. We have seen first-hand the hard work and dedication of the staff and supporters of Okeechobee Main Street, and we are honored to help them further their mission



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Regions Bank (NYSE:RF) contributed \$2,500 for Okeechobee Main Street's economic development initiatives. Left to right are Dowling Watford, Mark Bragel, Ramon Rodriguez, Devin Maxwell, Bridgette Waldau, Mike O'Conner, Maurisa Tremain, Sharie Turgeon, Kaylee Davis, Frank DeCarlo, Maureen Burroughs, Gary Scherrer, Luis Adarve, Nick Mirabal, John Gurney and Terry Burroughs.

of supporting local businesses and promoting commerce."

Okeechobee Main Street is a nonprofit organization with roots dating back to 1980

Baby dies as result of car crash

By Eric Kopp
 Okeechobee News

A 5-month-old baby has died as an apparent result of injuries received when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was involved in an accident at a downtown intersection.

Detective Bill Saum, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), said the baby was with his mother, Mandy Frazier, when the accident occurred at 2:57 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, at the intersection of U.S. 441 and S.R. 70.

According to the detective Ms. Frazier, 25, was operating a 1997 Ford pickup when she made a left turn on a green light at the intersection. She allegedly turned in front of a 2001 Ford van being driven by Ashley Walker, 30, of Okeechobee.

The OCPD investigator explained that Ms. Frazier was northbound on U.S. 441 South and was in the left-hand turn lane. She apparently saw the southbound van coming her way but thought she had time to make the left turn at the intersection, added Detective Saum.

Both vehicles had a green light, pointed

out the detective.

The left front of the van reportedly struck the right side of the pickup.

Detective Saum said the baby was taken to Raulerson Hospital by Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue emergency personnel. The baby was later transported to St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach where he died at 7:20 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, added the detective.

With Ms. Frazier were her two other young children. Those children sustained minor injuries, said the detective.

Ms. Walker and a passenger with her were not seriously injured, the detective added.

The pickup truck reportedly sustained an estimated \$10,000 in damages, while damages to the van were estimated to be \$12,000.

Both vehicles, offered Detective Saum, have been towed to dry storage where they are both being treated as evidence.

The crash is still under investigation by OCPD Traffic Homicide Investigator Sergeant Justin Bernst.

when the National Trust for Historic Preservation formed the Main Street program. Okeechobee Main Street utilizes partnerships and local resources in order to develop long-term economic growth and pride in the traditional area of downtown Okeechobee.

Sharie Turgeon, executive director of Okeechobee Main Street, said the organization's local focus helps it develop customized plans to support existing companies, entrepreneurship and Okeechobee's overall economy.

"Building community awareness of Main Street's place in the downtown area is vital to the continued development of an

economically-strong Okeechobee," Turgeon said. "We appreciate Regions for its support of our mission and for continuing to invest in your community."

The donation was announced at an event bringing together Okeechobee Main Street board members and Regions associates at the Okeechobee Main Street offices. A portion of the donation will be used to purchase new street banners that welcome visitors, residents and shoppers to Okeechobee.

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You might be from Okeechobee...

• If you still refer to the shopping center with Publix and Tractor Supply as “the old Wal-Mart” plaza — even though Wal-Mart moved more than 15 years ago ... you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you have ever gotten into an argument about the spelling of Pogy Bill Collin’s name ... you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you’ve ever needed snorkel gear to inspect your pastures ... you might be from Okeechobee.

• When it is raining in your front yard and you go check your back yard to see if it is raining there too — and sometimes it isn’t — you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you see your friend bucked off a horse, and you hold up signs to indicate how many points for bucking and how many for style ... you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you think the best parking spot is the one in the shade — no matter how far it is from the building — you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you’ve actually tried using dryer sheets to ward off mosquitoes — because you will try just about anything to ward off the bloodsuckers — you might be from Okeechobee.

• If you know when the seasons change up north by the amount of traffic on the local roads ... you might be from Okeechobee.

County lawsuit

• Okeechobee County’s tax rate is already at the maximum allowed by state law. This lawsuit will just cost the county more money. Good luck with that.

Fired officer sues city PD

• Don’t you know when you sue a municipality in which you live, it only raises your taxes and my taxes. Easier to get another job and move on.

Lake Okeechobee

• On Channel 25 over the weekend there was a story about a protest on the east coast and they were complaining about releases of “pesticide laden” water from Lake Okeechobee. First, there have been no releases of lake water to the east this year at Port Myacca. The only releases were on the west, to the Caloosahatchee River, and most of those releases were to benefit that river and prevent salt water intrusion. The water the east coast estuaries are having a problem with is from runoff in their own basin. Second, there have never been any reports of pesticides in the lake water. The problem has been excess nutrients. Where do these TV people get their facts? They slander our lake and don’t care about the truth.

Reserves

• From what I watched off and on during the budget hearings, it was interesting that many departments were carrying their own “reserves” adding in some extra money to each year’s budget in case of emergency. The sheriff had about one million extra in his budget every year until recently. He even bragged about “giving back” a million each year. If all of the departments are building in “extra” we will never have a true accounting of the actual costs.

• It seemed clear during the budget workshops that at least Commissioner Irby was attempting to change this long-standing practice in favor of having these funds held centrally with more availability to the BOCC to use as needed. He even used the word “fiduciary” which is a personal favorite. Was anyone else watching?

• I say put it all into the general fund reserve. If a department needs more than they have an approved budget for then they should request those additional funds from the board as needed.

Chamber of Commerce News

• Join the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County on Aug. 12 from 7 to 9 a.m. at Brown Cow Sweetery for our Power Networking Breakfast

• We are now accepting donations for the “Stuff the Bus for School Supplies” project.

• On Aug. 9, Applebee’s will host a flapjack pancake breakfast from 8-10 a.m. for the “Stuff the Bus for School Supplies” project. We will have a live radio broadcast, as well as a school bus to fill with SCHOOL SUPPLIES! Contact Antoinette at 863-467-6246 or 561-718-0536 for more information.

• The Chamber 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 at 863-467-6246; info@okeechobeebusiness.com.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Chobee Play opens

Chobee Play, 1465 U.S. 441 S.E., celebrated their grand opening on July 30. Left to right are: (front row) Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County executive director Antoinette Rodriguez, Chobee Play owners Tom Levins and Lynn Levins, Chobee Play chief operation officer Leslie Maynor, Chobee Play director of operations Ben Levins, Okeechobee Mainstreet promotions director Mark Bragel, Brown Cow Sweetery owner Paulette Bragel, Chamber of Commerce business assistance chair John Gurney, (middle row) Chobee Play risk manager Bryan Levins, Trish Grygo, Chobee Play supporters Dorinda and Chester Lambdin, Chobee Play staff Hunter Hair, Justin Maynor, Maritza Hernandez, Josefina Hernandez; (back row) Patti Berglund, Chobee Play staff Nicholas Flood, Brandon Griesemer, Russell Bourgault, Tiffany Patterson and Samantha MaGee.

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From the pages of the Okeechobee News, July 1, 1981

Sheriff Collier seeking 28 percent budget hike

By Fran Kerce

Sheriff John Collier is requesting a 28.62 percent increase in his law enforcement budget for 1981-82 including a 9 percent salary raise and pay for three new deputies and a corrections officer.

His proposed budget, to be discussed by county commissioners in a workshop beginning July 6, is \$1,284,900. The 1980-81 budget was just under \$1 million at \$998,925. Collier wants \$285,975 more than former Sheriff Clayton Williams received after giving up an appeal to Gov. Bob Graham for almost \$110,000 more.

Collier was unavailable Monday and Tuesday for comments on the budget. Chief Deputy O.L. Raulerson said, "As the county grows, our budget will grow."

This is the second time in the county's history that the proposed sheriff's budget has surpassed \$1 million. Williams asked for \$1,092,000 during his four-year term but was re-

fused.

The largest increase reflected in Collier's budget is for deputies' and assistants' salaries, from \$560,609 in actual costs this year to a request for \$720,000 for 1981-82.

"Cost of living raises and additional employees account for the increase," said Collier in a memo to county commissioners. "I feel a 9 percent pay increase is justified with the inflation increases during the past year exceeding 9 percent."

The sheriff said that even with his uniform division working a required 50-hour week, many times the department only has three men working on one shift.

To correct this situation, Collier is asking for three more deputies.

He also needs one additional female jailer to comply with the Division of Corrections rules and regulations. Raulerson said the jail has only one female jailer who is certified, Sherell Parker, and two more must attend school.

The additional female corrections officer will help to meet

the 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week requirement for coverage of female and juvenile inmates.

Raulerson said a female jailer must be accompanied by a male jailer to go into male quarters and a male jailer must be accompanied by a female jailer when he enters the female section.

The salary request also includes three dispatcher positions, one of which is presently a CETA employee, and a clerical position, left open due to lack of finances when Collier took office in January.

Collier is asking for a \$63,272 increase in this year's auto allowance to trade in 12 cars. Former Sheriff Williams' appeal to the governor included an \$84,000 request to replace eight patrol cars.

After losing the Oct. 7 runoff election to Collier, Williams cancelled his second appeal and the cars never materialized.

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, July 22, 1981

You know it's summer when ...

Since Florida does not experience the changing of the seasons as in other areas of the country, and we all exist in perpetual air conditioning, it might be difficult at times to recognize when summer is here.

For those of us who may be having problems in recognizing if summer has truly arrived, here are a few tips and clues that may help you decided.

You know it's summer when --

-- the atmosphere in the home becomes permeated with the smell of damp bathing suits and beach towels.

-- the carpeting becomes buried under three inches of beach sand.

-- nothing in the bathroom can be grasped as it is all covered in a quarter inch of suntan oil.

It's certainly summer where --

-- mountains of laundry suddenly appear as college students arrive home at the end of the term.

-- the monthly electric bill jumps from two to three digits before the decimal point.

-- the light in the refrigerator blinks off and on so often you are certain it is sending out a Morse code message,

-- lemonade, ice tea and soft drinks disappear at an alarming rate, not entirely due to evaporation.

Summer is an indisputable fact when --

-- the increase in the growth rate of the lawn is in direct proportion to the rate of decrease in your husband's willingness to push a lawn mower.

-- the daily jog around the block becomes



a walk from one air-conditioned room to another.

-- you find your "get up and go" got up and left for a cooler clime.

-- your children have all the energy in the world for swimming and tennis, but declare it's too hot to wash windows, car, and dog or to carry out the trash.

You can have no doubt summer is on the scene when --

-- your husband hears the call of the wild and wants a camping vacation in some spot known only to the Creator, while you dream of a luxury hotel suite on Miami Beach or at Disney World.

-- your industrial strength deodorant doesn't last from the house to the car.

-- the snow scene melts on your travel poster from the Swiss Alps.

If these tips do not help you decide if we are in the midst of summer, then I suggest you call the time and temperature number, and when the mercury shoots out of the phone at you, you can then be certain that summer has descended upon us for another siege.



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Looking back...

(Left to right) Theron Croft, Sport Rucks, Margaret Rucks and Ollie Croft caught fish in Lake Okeechobee in the early 1960s. Do you have an old photo to share? E-mail it to OkeeNews@newszap.com or bring it by the Okeechobee News office, 107 S.W. 17th Street (in the plaza next door to the Brahman Movie Theater.)

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William S. McManus, 83

OKEECHOBEE — William S. McManus died Aug. 2, 2014 at the Hamrick Home. He was born Feb. 25, 1931 in Pine Hill, N.J. to William S. and Margaret (Mackintosh) McManus.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Naval Reserve. A resident of Okeechobee for 27 years, having relocated from Pine Hill, N.J., he was a lifetime member of the Pine Hill Fire Department. He was also a member of IBEW - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Okeechobee Masonic Lodge 32nd Degree Mason, Consistory Scottish Rite, Order of the Eastern Star and served as Deacon at Westside Christian Church. He loved fishing and woodworking.

Mr. McManus is survived by his wife of 63 years, Ruth McManus of Okeechobee; three sons, Raymond T. McManus (Maria) of Lindenwold, N.J., William S. McManus (Lisa) of Franklinville, N.J. and David A. McManus (Michelle) of Williamstown, N.J.; six grandchildren, Danielle Klais (Karl) of Pine Hill, N.J., Raymond McManus of Lindenwold, N.J., Stacy Hoban (Brian), Shaina McManus all of Franklinville, N.J., Brenda Martinelli (Jerry) of Barrington, N.J. and Amanda Shannon of Williamstown, N.J.; great-grandchildren, Ethan Klais, Maddie Klais both of Pine Hill, Ian Hoban, Mason Hoban both of Franklinville, N.J., Kayla Stevens and Adam Stevens both of Barrington, N.J.

No services are planned at this time.

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Rayburn "Kent" Kenneth Price, 89

OKEECHOBEE — Rayburn Kenneth "Kent" Price, formerly of Reform, Ala., died July 25, 2014, in Reform, Ala. Mr. Price was born Dec. 30, 1924 in Reform, Ala. to the late James Booker Price and Pearl Christine Johnson Price. He was a retired Director of Okeechobee Agriculture Extension Office and a WWII veteran of the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sarah Frances McCrary Price; and his son, Harold Edwin Price.

Survivors include his daughter, Kenna Price Noonan and her husband, Terry; daughter-in-law, Sharon Price all of Okeechobee, Fla.; grandson, Ben J. Noonan of Orlando, Fla.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 at Oakview Baptist Church, 677 SW 32nd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974 with Dr. John Garrison of Oakview Baptist Church and Pastor Johnny Jarriel from Victory Baptist Church will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Florida 4-H Foundation.

Liam Dalt Ower

OKEECHOBEE — Liam Dalt Ower died Friday, Aug. 1, 2014. He was born Feb. 28, 2014 in Tradition to Dalton Ower and Mandy Frazier. He was a happy baby and was always smiling.

Liam was preceded in death by his grandfather, Rodney Phelps; and his uncle, Justin King.

He is survived by his parents, Dalton Ower and Mandy Frazier; two sisters, Lawrelle and Jersey; and many loving family and friends.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Lorene Bowers Gopher, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Lorene Bowers Gopher, of Brighton Seminole Reservation, died Aug. 4, 2014 in Weston, Fla. She was born Feb. 13, 1945 in Florida to Andrew Jackson Bowers, Sr. and Annie Pearce.

Ms. Bowers was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Gopher, Jr.; son, Steven Jones; sister, Mildred Bowers and niece, Marcella Bowers Green.

She is survived by her children, Norman "Skeeter" Bowers, Charlotte Gopher Burgess (Gregory James) and Lewis Gopher (Sarah Keith) all of Brighton; eleven grandchildren, D'Anna Osceola, Steven Jones, Tamara Bowers, Lewis Gopher, Jr., Ruben Burgess, Jr., Ashlee Gopher, Karey Gopher, Winnie Gopher, T.L. Gopher, Willo James and Gregory James II; great grandchildren, Spencer Jones, Shane Jones, Tommy Jackson, III and Autumn Jones; three sisters, Elsie Bowers, Martha Jones and Gladys Bratcher; brother, Andrew Bowers, Jr. (Kay); and a host of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014 at Brighton Seminole Reservation with Moses Jumper, Jr. and Joe Osceola officiating.

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Cypress Hut Eagles Auxiliary, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., will serve sandwich selections Wednesday, **Aug. 6**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Diners include desert. For information, call the Cypress Hut Eagles at 863-467-1154.

Coalition board meets Aug. 6

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **Aug. 6**, at 11 a.m. at their office located in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact Executive Director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

Diabetic menu ideas offered

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.

Firefighters collect supplies

Okeechobee Firefighters Union Local 2918 will collect back-to-school supplies at Okeechobee Walmart Friday, Saturday and Sunday, **Aug. 8, 9 and 10**. All supplies will be given to My Aunt's House for distribution to local foster and needy children. For information, call Matt Vinson 863-697-1205.

Candidate meet & greet slated

On **Aug. 7**, at 6 p.m., the Okeechobee Federated Republican Women will host an event for the local Republican candidates running for office. "Cocktails and Candidates" will be open for the public to come in the private dining room at Cowboy's and meet and speak to participating candidates. Confirmed for the event is Cheryl Kirton and Joe Arnold for school board, Bobby Bennett, Bryant Culpepper and Terry Burroughs for county commission. We hope you will take advantage of this free event and come have a drink and finger foods on us and get to know your candidates in this intimate setting. For details, contact club president, Josie Elliott at 863-634-8474 for further information.

VFW hosts Friday bingo

VFW North Post 4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host bingo Friday, **Aug. 8**, at 1 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m. Friday karaoke will be by D&K Entertainment from 7 until 10 p.m. The Grill will be open Friday from 5 until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m. Please join us for Lori's Sunday dinner from 1 until 3 p.m. featuring chicken cordon bleu. All proceeds will benefit our veterans programs. The public is invited.

Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo **Aug. 10** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs determined by player attendance. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

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Local churches plan services

Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church 1751 Hunter Rd., would like to invite everyone to visit. Sunday School class is for all ages and meets at 9:45 a.m., and morning service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday services are at 6 p.m.

Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St., will present "The Bait of Satan," by John Bevere, each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through Sept. 3. There will be a 30-minute DVD of John Bevere teaching with a brief follow-up emphasis on key points of scripture and how to apply each 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 all 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, 677 S.W. 32nd St., 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. For more information, please call 863-763-1699. Their website is oakviewbaptist.com.

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 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

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

Okeechobee Mission Baptist Church will host a discover youth program every Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 863-763-3681.

Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Ministry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store, 1401 N.E. Park St., is in need of donations of any type. All donations are tax deductible. Help is needed in putting a roof on the church and painting the building. The thrift store is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and the building fund yard sale will be the first and second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The soup kitchen is under construction. For more information, call 863-634-9194.

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, at 102 N.W. 10th St. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This is a ministry for women of all ages who are going through or have been through crisis in their lives. For more information, please call 863-254-8304.

The **First United Methodist Church** Library would like to invite everyone to visit their Lending Library, Room 20, at 200 N.W. Second St., in Okeechobee. All are welcome to complete an application, no charge, to take advantage of wholesome reading, viewing and educational material for adults, children and youth. They have fiction and nonfiction in literature, philosophy, religion and Christian romance, social sciences, geography and history. They also have materials for home schooling, with over 200 DVDs, VCRs, cassettes, national magazines, etc. Hours are Sunday, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. For further information, call Doris Entry at 863-467-1548.

Victory Baptist Church, 500 S.W. 9th St, would like to invite the public to attend any or all of their services each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. for all ages. Morning worship service is at 10:45 a.m. and includes old fashion singing and praising God. The youth "band," consists of the piano, violin, mandolin and guitar, as well as, various singing groups. Be blessed with the preaching of God's Word (KJV) and a church family with a heart of love. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. For more information, please call: 863-763-0669.

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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Wet season brings above average rainfall

South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) meteorologists reported Aug. 1 that above-average rainfall fell throughout most of the 16 counties in July. Water managers also began the new month monitoring a tropical system.

"Water levels are rising across the region, and we continue to operate the system with a focus on wet season flood control," said Jeff Kivett, SFWMD Director of Operations, Engineering and Construction. "District engineers adjust the system and monitor water levels closely as tropical systems and above-average rainfall have the potential to quickly change conditions."

July Rainfall

For July, a total of 8.22 inches of rain fell district-wide from Orlando to the Keys, rep-

resenting 117 percent of average, or 1.19 inches above average. Miami-Dade and Broward counties were the wettest portions of the district, with both receiving more than 150 percent of average rainfall. Eastern Palm Beach, Martin and St. Lucie counties also received more than 120 percent of average rainfall.

An exception in the system was the East Caloosahatchee basin, which received 6.51 inches of rain, representing 84 percent of average or 1.25 inches below-average.

Lake Okeechobee stood at 13.94 feet NGVD on Friday which was 0.18 feet above its historic average for this time of year. The lake received 6.94 inches of direct rainfall, representing 115 percent of average, or 0.90 inches above average.

Wet Season Forecast

The National Weather Service's issued the following outlook on Aug. 1:

- Latest outlooks by NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) are for equal chances of above, below or near-normal precipitation for the second half of the rainy season.
- Past years with similar atmospheric conditions have produced below normal rainfall during the second half of the rainy season.
- The CPC outlook for August to October also calls for the likelihood of above normal temperatures.

South Florida

Wet Season Facts

SFWMD maintenance and infrastructure upgrades are critical to the optimal operation of the regional flood control system of nearly 2,100 miles of canals and 2,000 miles of levees and berms. During the past five years, the district has invested \$276 million in essential maintenance work, including:

- Hardening pump stations
- Overhauling gated spillways

- Replacing project culverts
 - Dredging canals
 - Stabilizing canal banks
 - Enhancing treatment wetlands
- On average, South Florida's wet season begins around May 20 and ends around Oct. 13, lasting for about 21 weeks.

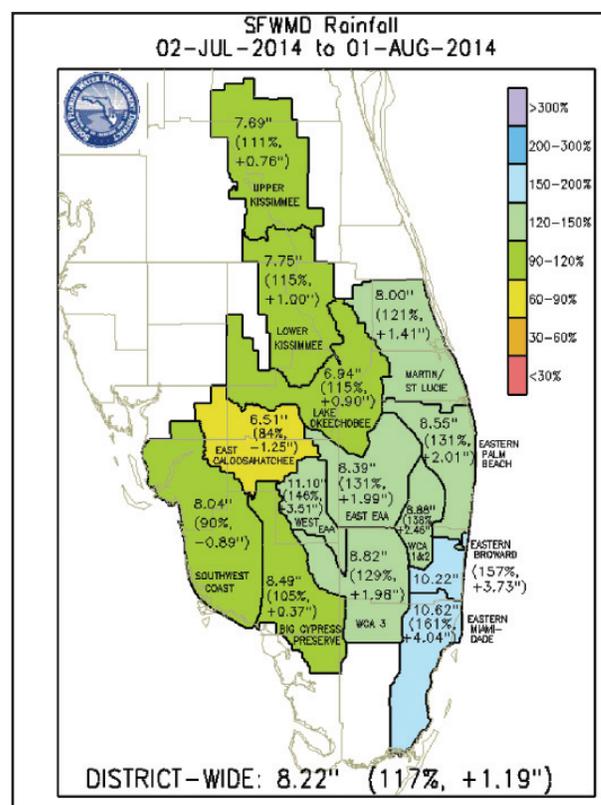
Typically, about two-thirds of annual rains fall during the wet season, or approximately 35 inches out of 52 inches.

Since 1932, virtually all wet seasons have produced 2 to 4 feet of rainfall.

June is usually South Florida's wettest month.

The wet season has three general phases:

- Memorial Day weekend through July 4 weekend, which are typically the wettest six weeks of the year.
- Early July through mid-August, which are hotter and often drier.
- Late August through October, which are characterized by highly variable rainfall mainly due to tropical activity and cold fronts.



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The new TrophyCatch website meets 'I Do'

By Bob Wattendorf
FWC

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) staff were at the world's largest tackle trade show when it came to Florida, the "Fishing Capital of the World," in July. ICAST attracted 11,000-plus attendees, all of whom were professionals involved with recreational fishing.

FWC staff took this opportunity to thank the industry for its contributions. They also highlighted the importance of recreational fishing in Florida while showcasing programs that benefit Florida anglers and resources. Among these are the latest TrophyCatch website and a new "I Do" campaign.

Recreational fishing provides an \$8.9-billion benefit to the state's economy, which supports 79,200 fishing-related jobs, greater than in any other state. Florida fishing license fees and federal aid provide critical investments to enhance recreational fishing and boating. State statutes ensure "revenues from fees paid by hunters and sport fishers may not be diverted to purposes other than the administration of fish and wildlife programs by the FWC." This is a guarantee that your license money will not be diverted to other purposes.

In addition to fishing license fees, a percentage paid on the purchase of fishing equipment and motorboat fuels, and import duties on boats are placed into a federal trust

fund administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. States and territories are then allocated their share based on the number of paid fishing-license holders and the state's land and water area.

On the freshwater side, these funds allow the Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management to produce more than 3 million sport fish per year for stocking public waters, including about 2 million largemouth bass. Biologists evaluate fish populations and angler use in fresh waters throughout Florida. When combined with public input and research on the ecology, genetics and life history of Florida's freshwater sport fishes, this information allows the FWC to focus management activities, such as habitat restoration, stocking and aquatic plant management, to ensure sustainable use.

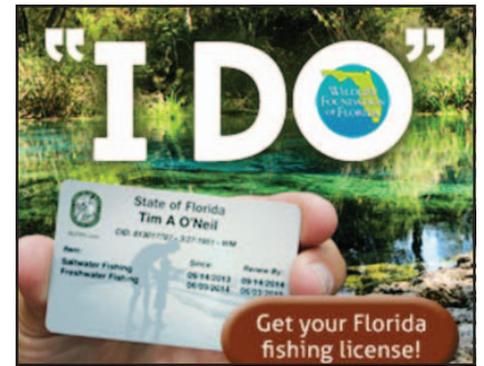
Boating access and safety also benefit. Fuel purchases for boats are a major source of Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) funds, so 15 percent of those dollars go to boating programs. These include an average of 30 boating-access projects annually with local government entities. In addition, the FWC maintains more than 240 boat ramps statewide, and provides location and access information on about 1,700 public boat ramps (MyFWC.com/BoatRamps).

Through TrophyCatch, the FWC has partnered with the fishing industry to reduce the need for regulations and to bring extra

value to anglers. Rewarding anglers for releasing trophy bass, rather than prohibiting their harvest, accomplishes many of the same goals and has additional benefits. TrophyCatch is a citizen-science, data-collection program that rewards anglers who document and release bass heavier than 8 pounds. By providing valuable rewards, donated by industry partners such as those at ICAST, TrophyCatch acquires hard-to-obtain information about when, where and how trophy bass are caught in Florida. That information helps determine which conservation efforts are most effective. It also encourages live release of trophy bass and keeps the mature females in their native waters.

Thanks to Brandt Information Services, a new TrophyCatch website (TrophyCatch-Florida.com) was introduced at ICAST. Every angler who fishes in Florida should go online and register. Registering makes you eligible for a drawing for a Phoenix bass boat, powered by Mercury Marine and equipped with a Power-Pole shallow-water anchoring system and MotorGuide trolling motor, all donated by the industry to support this conservation effort. While on the site, check out the rules and be sure to have a scale, camera and tape measure with you next time you go fishing. If you catch, document and release a qualifying bass, you will earn at least \$100 in gift cards from Bass Pro Shops, Dick's Sporting Goods and/or Rapala, as well as a shirt from Bass King Clothing, certificate, decal and bragging rights on the Web and with your social media friends.

In recognition of the importance of license fees and SFR funds, the Wildlife Foundation of Florida, "Florida Sportsman" magazine and other valued partners also launched the "I Do" Florida fishing license campaign at ICAST (FloridaFishingLicense-Campaign.com). This campaign encourages all anglers, even those who are exempt, to buy a Florida fishing license to contribute



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Rotary host guest speaker

March of Dimes District director of the Treasure Coast, Pam Crowley, attended the Rotary Club of Okeechobee's meeting on Tuesday, July 29. She said Rotarian Donna Gaiser is Okeechobee County's 2015 Chair for the annual March for Babies. The March is scheduled for March 28, 2015, starting in Flagler Park. Pictured, left to right, is Donna Gaiser and Pam Crowley.



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Report: Dad beat sons with belt

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The father of two young boys is being held on bond in the county jail after his arrest for allegedly beating his sons excessively with a belt.

According to an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) detective's report the two boys were beaten about their bodies. The oldest boy, 7, was reportedly bruised about his back, right hip, right abdomen and left thigh. His younger brother, age 4, allegedly had bruises on his right hip, left hip, left rib cage and his left thigh.

The man's name is being withheld to protect the identity of the children.

In his arrest report, Detective Ted Van Deman stated the 31-year-old father of three became so irate he ripped out the air conditioner in the children's room and threw it onto the front steps of the home. Next, continued the report, he grabbed the children's TV and threw it down on the front step.

Both items were apparently demolished. These two incidents came about after he had already beaten his sons because one of them had poked some holes in a wall in their bedroom with a screwdriver. The boys had apparently been beaten with a belt, added the report.

The older of the two boys, who made the holes in the wall, was struck 11 times with the belt, indicated the detective's report. That boy reportedly told the detective his dad also struck his younger brother three times with the belt, although he didn't know why.

Detective Van Deman said the man's wife, and the mother of his children, finally calmed him down.

But the man became angry at his sons

again the next night when he found out one of the children had broken the pull cord for a fan.

It was the older of the two boys who broke the cord, said the detective.

The detective said the man allegedly removed his belt and began spanking the boys again. The children's mother again intervened, and she began to argue with her husband.

The man allegedly went so far as to throw his wife's clothes on the back porch, into the yard and into a canal.

Detective Van Deman said there was also some pushing and shoving between the couple.

At one point, continued the detective, the man poured a container of cold water on his wife "... and the 2-year-old girl she was holding."

He then cut up her driver's license and bank card, added the report.

According to the detective's report the man had not been drinking and had not used narcotics.

"When she (the wife) told her story, she painted a picture of a man furious and out of control," stated Detective Van Deman.

The arrest report points out that OCSO Deputy Max Waldron handled the complaint initially, but when he saw the bruising on the two children "... he feared the punishment had gone too far and asked for the on-call detective to respond."

Deputy Waldron, continued the report, "... felt the severity of the bruising was too much for the circumstances and age of the victims."

C-44 reservoir construction to start next year

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District has completed the first construction contract for the Indian River Lagoon-South, C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) project in Martin County, Fla.

Once all contracts are completed, the project will capture local run-off from the C-44 basin, reducing average annual total nutrient loads and improving salinity in the St. Lucie Estuary and the southern portion of the Indian River Lagoon by providing, in total, 60,500 acre-feet of new water storage (50,600 acre-feet in the reservoir and 9,900 acre-feet in the STAs) and 3,600 acres of new wetlands.

"Completion of this construction contract is an important step forward for the C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area project," said Col. Alan Dodd, Jacksonville District commander. "We now have the foundation in place to begin constructing the larger components of the project, which when completed, will be extremely beneficial to the St. Lucie Estuary, Indian River Lagoon and our Everglades restoration program as a whole."

The C-44 project includes the construction of a 3,400-acre reservoir, a pump station with a capacity to pump 1,100 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water and 6,300-acres of STAs. Construction on the project's first

contract began in 2011 and consisted of constructing the western intake canal, eastern C-133/133A canal, all access roads and staging areas, and the construction of the Citrus Boulevard bridge and culvert. The corps is scheduled to award the construction contract for the reservoir in summer 2015.

All project components were originally planned to be built by the corps, but in an effort to construct the project as expeditiously as possible, the local sponsor the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is scheduled to award the construction contract for the STAs and a portion of the project discharge canal in October 2014, and award the construction contract for the reservoir's pump station in April 2015. Construction of the C-44 Reservoir and STA is scheduled to be completed in 2020. Upon construction completion, up to two years of operational testing will occur.

The Indian River Lagoon is considered the most biologically diverse estuarine system in the continental United States and is home to more than 3,000 species of plants and animals. The C-44 Reservoir and Stormwater Treatment Area is the first component of the multi-billion dollar Indian River Lagoon-South (IRL-S) project, part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

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INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE (IRSC)

Former FAU Buildings Remodel Located at the IRSC Pruitt Campus (St. Lucie West/Port Saint Lucie)

Firms desiring to provide Professional Services for the subject project shall submit **One (1) original and Five (5) copies** of the following information in the order listed:

1. Letter of Interest
2. General Services Administration (GSA) Form SF330
3. Consultant Questionnaire Form -- which can be obtained by calling the IRSC Facilities Planning Office at 772-462-7360, or preferably by e-mailing your request to: tlynch@irsc.edu and sdonahue@irsc.edu
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation from owners with whom you have had experience in the past three (3) years
5. Copy of firm's current Florida Professional Registration License
6. If your firm is a corporation, please provide a copy of your current Florida Corporate Charter

Submittal documents will be accepted at the Indian River State College Facilities Planning Office, Building "S", Room #233, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981-5596, no later than 12:00 Noon on September 3, 2014. Submittals received after that time/date will not be considered.

Scope of services include, but are not limited to, the design and architectural supervision of the remodel of the former FAU Buildings on IRSC's Pruitt Campus.

The subject facility is located at the IRSC Pruitt Campus, 500 N. W. California Boulevard, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986. Please direct inquiries to the IRSC Facilities Planning Office by calling 772-462-7360, or by e-mailing tlynch@irsc.edu and sdonahue@irsc.edu. Thank you for your interest in our projects. 466618 ON 8/6,13,20/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2013-CA-057

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC,

Plaintiff,

VS.

MICHAEL P. LEPPERT, SR.; ROBERTA LEPPERT; MICHAEL P. LEPPERT, JR.; TERESA M. LEPPERT; CITIFINANCIAL AUTO CREDIT, INC. F/K/A AUTO ONE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 16, 2014, and entered in 2013-CA-057 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC is the Plaintiff and MICHAEL P. LEPPERT, SR.; ROBERTA LEPPERT; MICHAEL P. LEPPERT, JR.; TERESA M. LEPPERT; CITIFINANCIAL AUTO CREDIT, INC. F/K/A AUTO ONE ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2 are the Defendant(s). Sharon Robertson as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Fl., Okeechobee County Judicial Center 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 AM, on September 03, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 AND 16, BLOCK 31, FIRST ADDITION TO PINWOOD HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 46, 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 17th day of July, 2014.

Sharon Robertson
As Clerk of the Court
By: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. 14-000112 CP

IN RE: ESTATE OF: **BOYD HENRY JENKINS** Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO: ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has

been entered in the Estate of BOYD HENRY JENKINS, deceased, File Number 14-000112 CP, by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972; that the decedent's date of death was March 21, 2013; that the total value of the estate is \$14,286.00 plus accrued interest and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such Order are:

DOUG PAUL JENKINS
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JAN HENDRICKSON
5936 Lancer Court,

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 472010CA000086CAXXXX

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP Plaintiff,

v.

RAYMUNDO MEDRANO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYMUNDO MEDRANO, N/K/A LUCIA MEDRANO Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated July 23, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 472010CA000086CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 4, BLOCK 51, BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, OF THE 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.

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Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 24th day of July, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: SANDRA L. CREECH
DEPUTY CLERK

466491 ON 8/6,13/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000464

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

VIANEY CARDENAS; PERFECTO BALTARAZ; YASMIN CARDENAS; SERGIO PENA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000464 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 15, A PLAT OF UNIT NUMBER 2 BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 30th day of May, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY: SANDRA L. CREECH
DEPUTY CLERK

465713 ON 08/6,13/2014

Huber Heights, Ohio 43724

NICHOLAS JENKINS, JR.,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Cancel and Reschedule Foreclosure Sale dated July 23, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 472010CA000086CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 4, BLOCK 51, BASSWOOD, INC. UNIT NO. 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51, OF THE 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.

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Dated at OKEECHOBEE, Florida this 24th day of July, 2014.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 47-2012-CA-000464

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

v.

VIANEY CARDENAS; PERFECTO BALTARAZ; YASMIN CARDENAS; SERGIO PENA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 28, 2014, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000464 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on the 3rd day of September, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 13, BLOCK 15, A PLAT OF UNIT NUMBER 2 BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Chain named for two oceans
- 6 Diet guru Jenny
- 11 Slender slider
- 14 Patch plant
- 15 Cuban dance
- 16 "The Lead With Jake Tapper" ailer
- 17 *Aperture
- 19 ___ polloi
- 20 Suffix with Senegal
- 21 First American to orbit Earth
- 22 Oak product ... or source
- 24 *Words said between courses
- 26 Email again
- 29 Pie perch
- 30 Seed-bearing organ
- 31 Many a preadolescent
- 34 Hiker's reference
- 37 Southernmost Ivy
- 38 Game where the ends of the answers to starred clues are commonly heard
- 39 Bean used in falafel
- 40 Call off
- 41 Underground anchors
- 42 Turning part
- 43 Mine find
- 45 Like some partners
- 46 *It can be a painful reminder
- 51 Atelier fixture
- 52 Mission where Jim Bowie fell
- 53 Hub WNW of LAS
- 56 Mohawked muscleman
- 57 *Sister's symbol
- 60 In the infirmary
- 61 Hold water
- 62 Maudlin
- 63 Lao-___
- 64 Irritable
- 65 Fast-growing school's need, perhaps

- 2 God with a vulture symbol
- 3 Diamond group
- 4 Trial VIPs
- 5 Scion
- 6 Walk on tiptoe
- 7 Like noses, at times
- 8 Kind of acid in proteins
- 9 Hebrew : Ben :: Arabic : ___
- 10 First Russian to orbit Earth
- 11 *Part of a class act
- 12 Stock market giant?
- 13 Confident way to solve crosswords
- 18 Earnestly appealed
- 23 Grey Cup org.
- 24 "Show Boat" composer
- 25 Takes advantage of
- 26 It's often skipped
- 27 ___ number
- 28 *Place to see shell decorations
- 31 Nevertheless, informally
- 32 Slippery, perhaps
- 33 Pothook shape

- 35 Skin So Soft seller
- 36 Barbershop division?
- 38 Future stallion
- 39 Traditional genre
- 41 Gives a tongue-lashing
- 42 Cannoli cheese
- 44 World Cup cheer
- 45 One usually keeping to the right

- 46 Send in
- 47 British nobles
- 48 Barbecue venues
- 49 Influence
- 50 Half-woman, half-bird monster
- 53 Bridge
- 54 Blaze
- 55 Jet-black gemstone
- 58 Flowery composition
- 59 Kyoto currency

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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ANSWER:

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).

- Enevin Edward Lutjen, 29, N.W. 102nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 29 on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He was released on his own recognizance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. He is being held without bond on that charge.

- Randall Edward Johnson, 46, W. Center St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 1 by Deputy Ronald Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the misdemeanors of violation of probation - driving under the influence and violation of probation - driving while license suspended. He is being held without bond.

- Foye Eugene Crews, 42, S.E. 26th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 1 by Deputy Brant Harden on Glades County warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied conveyance (two counts). He is being held without bond.

- Ramona Roberta Baker, 38, Red Barn Road N.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 1 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - contributing to the delinquency of a child. She is being held without bond.

- Ashley Lynn Beltran, 26, S.E. 38th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 1 by Deputy Cari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Robert Russell Bolling, 40, Linda Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 1 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Stanley Raymond Brown, 42, Ashley Court, Jupiter, was arrested Aug. 2 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a felony charge of battery on a law enforcement officer/firefighter and on a misdemeanor charge of assault on a law enforcement officer/firefighter/EMT (three counts). His bond was set at \$8,000.

- Michael J. Corsetti, 57, S.E. 94th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 2 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (dilaudid) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of a drug not properly labeled. His bond was set at \$5,750.

- Walter David Saunders III, 32, S.W. Third Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 2 by Deputy Corporal Chris Hans on a felony charge of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer and a misdemeanor charge of attaching an unassigned tag. His bond was set at \$2,750.

- Justin Luis Rodriguez, 22, S.R. 70 W., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 3 by Deputy Matthew Grumbling on a felony charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Johnny Office Williams Jr., 48, N.E. 72nd Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 3 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an amended Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the misdemeanor of violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

- Florencio Serrano, 23, N.W. Seventh Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 4 by Deputy Brant Harden on an amended DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - burglary of a conveyance. He is being held without bond.

- Terrance Lee Johnson, 38, Pahokee Circle, Pahokee, was arrested Aug. 4 by Deputy Steven Pollock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of possession of a motor vehicle with a removed manufacturer's identification plate. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Johnny Henry, 62, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 4 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on a DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - felony battery. He is being held without bond.

- Ycherra Denise Lucky, 27, S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 4 by Deputy William Jolly on a DOC warrant charging her with violation of probation - criminal use of personal identification and violation of probation - credit card fraud. She is being held without bond.

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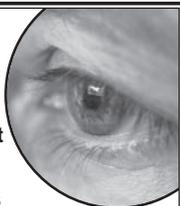
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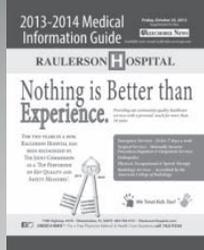
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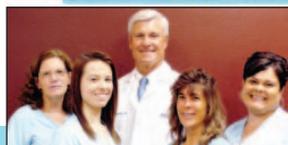
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