



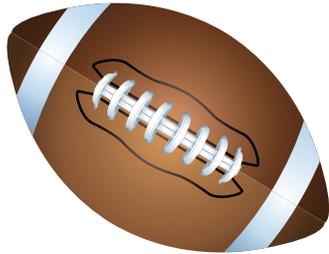
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Veteran honored by governor

World War II Veteran Lemoyne C. Ezell (center) was presented with the Governor's Veterans Service Award on Aug. 15 by Governor Rick Scott (right) at the Avon Park U.S. Army National Guard Armory. Mr. Ezell, 85, enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a teenager. At left is Ray Worley, historian for Sons of the American Legion Post 64.

Unemployment up

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

While jobless rates rose from 7.6 to 8.3 percent from June to July, rates remain lower than they did in 2013 in Okeechobee County according to the monthly report from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statis-

tics and the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Okeechobee had 1,481 residents collect benefits last month, up from 1,362 in June, but down from 1,770 that collected benefits in July 2013.

Okeechobee still ranked 12th

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Friend, fiscal conservative will be missed

Community shocked and saddened by sudden death of commissioner

By Katrina Elskan
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee community was shocked and saddened Sunday by the death of Okeechobee County Commissioner Ray R. Domer.

Commissioner Domer, 58, died in his sleep at the family's house in Pine Island Sunday morning. The medical examiner ruled cause of death as an unexpected cardiac arrest, according to the family.

In a press release issued Tuesday, the county administration stated, "We are overwhelmed with sadness at the untimely passing of Commissioner Ray R. Domer on Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014. He was first elected to office in November 2004 and successfully was re-elected for two more terms. He served the community he loved for the past 10 years with a tremendous commitment to being fiscally conservative in order to keep Okeechobee an affordable place to live and own a business. Commissioner Domer served as Chairman of the board from November, 2006 to November, 2007. He represented Okeechobee County on numerous boards and committees, including serving as a member to



Ray Domer

the Small County Coalition, the Lake Okeechobee Coalition, and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, on which he was an active member of the Finance Committee."

Commissioner Domer was a native Floridian and a life-long resident of Okeechobee. He graduated from Okeechobee High School in 1974 and attended Indian River Community College.

He was a member of the Masons.

For many years, he coached Dixie boys baseball.

Except for a short time when he worked in Louisiana, Commissioner Domer worked all his life at his family business, Domer's Machine Shop and Well Drilling,

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Auxiliary serving sandwiches

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Photo workshop planned

A free photo editing workshop will be held at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., Thursday, **Aug. 21**, from 5:30 until 7 p.m. Learn to crop, brighten, or color correct the photos you take with your digital camera or phone using free software. For information, call 772-708-6764.

Eagles to host steak dinner

Fraternal Order Of Eagles, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will serve a 16-ounce rib eye steak dinner Friday, **Aug. 22**, with salad, garlic bread and baked potatoes from 6 until 9 p.m. Music will be provided by Lisa from 7 until 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, a '50s Sock Hop will be held from 7 until 11 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Gerry Harmon. Come out and have a great time. All events open to the public. For information, call 863-763-2552.

VFW to host bingo

VFW North Post 4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host bingo Friday, **Aug. 22**, at 1 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 23, at 1 p.m. Friday karaoke will be 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, Aug. 24, dinner from 1 until 3 p.m. that will feature a ham dinner. All proceeds will benefit our veterans programs. The public is invited.

OHS fundraiser to be held

2nd Street Pizza, 202 N.E. Second St., will host a fundraiser Saturday, **Aug. 23**, from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. for the Okeechobee High School athletic department. Fifty percent of all sales will be donated to OHS. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and more. For information, call 863-763-5000; or, Annie at 772-267-8168.

Enjoy 4-H night with the Mets

Come join your fellow Okeechobee 4-H club members for 4-H night at the Mets game Saturday, **Aug. 23**, at 6:30 p.m. 4-H families and 4-H day campers from H20, history, cooking and horse camps. Tickets are \$10 each and include admission, hot dog and drink. Call the extension office at 863-763-6469 to RSVP and your ticket. Be sure to wear your 4-H club shirt or camp shirt to the game.

OCRA sign up date set

OCRA will hold football/cheerleader sign ups Saturday, **Aug. 23**, at the sports complex from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Any child 5 to 12 years of age can register. The cost for football is \$80 and cheerleading is \$60. Bring a copy of the child's birth certificate and payment to register. OCRA is also offering fall baseball/softball to boys and girls ages 5-13 (boys) and 5-14 (girls). The cost to sign up for fall ball is \$50 per child. Sign ups will be held Saturday, **Aug. 23**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the sports complex. For information, call 863-634-0515 for football and cheerleading; or, for fall ball 863-234-8024.

'60s reunion party planned

Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge #2417, 1016 Linda Road, is hosting a '60s reunion party at 7 p.m. Saturday, **Aug. 23**. DJ John Gallagher will be playing '60s music. There will also be a \$25 bar tab for best woman and man outfits, and '60s TV theme trivia. Hamburgers and fries will be served for a donation. For information, call John Gallagher at 954-592-3111.

Benefit angling tourney set

Skull Hill Steel Archery will host 'Somethin' for Nothin', a bow and trash fishing tournament to benefit Tony Sudduth, at Okee-Tantie airboat ramp on **Aug. 23**, at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person and \$10 per person for the 50/50 big fish entry. For information call Jacob Mayfield 561-635-7470; or, email jmayfield113@yahoo.com.

Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo **Aug. 24** 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.

OCT will hold open auditions

The Okeechobee Community Theatre will hold open auditions **Aug. 25 and 26** for parts in its first two shows of the season -- the gospel-music comedy "Service at Rocky Bluff" and "The Wizard of Oz." The auditions will begin at 7 p.m. and will be staged in the Okeechobee Freshman Campus Auditorium, 610 S.W. Second Ave. For information, call 863-763-1307; or, visit www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com/postings.

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Tonight: Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Lows around 75°F. Southeast wind 2 to 7 MPH. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Day: Mostly sunny. Highs around 91°F. Heat index around 105°F. Southwest wind 0 to 8 MPH.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear. Lows around 75°F. East southeast wind to 7 MPH.

Friday: Day: Mostly sunny with scattered showers. Highs around 91°F. Heat index around 107°F. South wind 1 to 6 MPH.

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Extension Office offers help in fighting invasive species



Special to the Okeechobee News/Sara May/
NRCS Soil Conservationist

UF Extension Agent Dan Culbert places a leaf covered with air potato beetles on a air potato vine in preparation for an Invasive species workshop. The program will be held at the Okeechobee Extension office on Tuesday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Late summer is a great time to watch the forces of nature at work. Here in Okeechobee there are many different kinds of newcomers always trying to take hold of this area and make it their new home. But a new weapon was recently unleashed to help reduce the spread of a most unloved weed — the air potato has now met its match.

County Horticulture Agent Dan Culbert has arranged with the Florida Department of Agriculture to release a brick-red colored beetle that chews up the air potato like there's no tomorrow. This beetle has been extensively tested by USDA and FDACS and the only thing it will eat is the air potato vine. Use of this beetle will reduce this pest, much like what has occurred with the Tropical Soda Apple.

In the three weeks since it has been working over the vines, holes are now appearing

on the weedy leaves in the test site due to feeding damage from the adult beetles. And new growth of the air potato vines is also being attacked by small grubs that are feasting.

Examining this air potato demonstration site will be a key part of an upcoming program on Invasive Exotic Species and Management. It is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Okeechobee Extension office. Besides the air potato field demonstration, there will be presentations on herbicide safety, identification of local invasive species, and what can be done about them. Partnerships, programs and assistance available will also be a focus of the day's program.

The program is sponsored by the Heart-

land Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). Other presenters will be Michael Sowinski, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission; Cheryl Millett, The Nature Conservancy; Rose Godfrey, UF/IFAS School of Forestry; Ken Gioeli, St. Lucie County Natural Resources Agent and Ken Hibbard, FDACS Division of Plant Industry. The day's workshop agenda is available on line, and will include lunch and program materials. Ranchers and property owners will learn how to get their own air potato beetles! Pesticide applicators can earn 3 CEUs towards their licenses.

Persons interested in attending may preregister on-line at <http://fsp-workshop090414.eventbrite.com/> or by calling the UF/IFAS Okeechobee Extension office at 863-763-6469. There is a \$15 fee if registered by Aug. 25 or a \$20 fee after Aug. 25.

Come out and watch the beginning of the end of air potatoes woes!

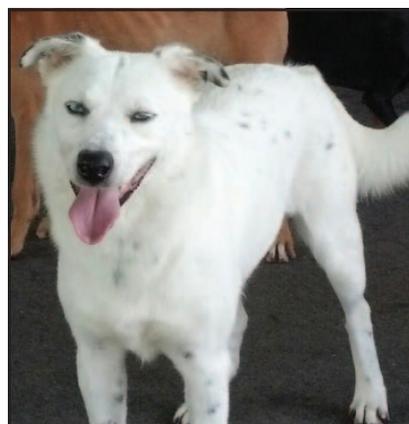
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4-H Show Stoppers compete in Regionals

4-H Club Show Stoppers Horse Club attended Regionals on July 29 through Aug. 2 in Raleigh N.C. competing against 14 different states. Show Stoppers 4-H Horse Club member Hunter Bryant (left) with his horse Reba placed eighth in Ground Handling and fifth in Reining. Katie Brummett (center) with her horse Sandy placed sixth in the Working Cow Horse competition. Sierra Coward (right) and her horse Remy placed first in the state for Ranch Roping. All interested youth are invited to join the club. Contact the 4-H extension office at 863-763-6469.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Pet of the week

Cowgirl, a 2-year-old female Aussie mix, wants a home with a fenced-in yard. She's house trained, crate trained, and likes a lot of attention. She is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104. To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.

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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!

MSTU?

• At the Thursday meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission, Mr. Culpepper brought up the MSTU for law enforcement and said they should have used it to broaden the tax base. He was quickly corrected by the administrator who explained that the MSTU would be subject to the same homestead exemptions as ad valorem taxes. To his credit, the commissioner admitted his mistake and that he had misunderstood how it works.

• One of the speakers at the political forum mentioned using a MSBU — which is a benefit unit rather than a taxing unit — to fund the sheriff's office. The problem is the county staff already researched that idea and found out that under state law they can't use a MSBU for law enforcement services. You can use it for things like fire protection or mosquito control that have a direct benefit to each property. But other counties tried to use it for law enforcement and it was thrown out in court.

The calling

• Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper. David had an affair. Noah got drunk. Jonah ran from God. Paul was a murderer. Gideon was insecure. Miriam was a gossip. Martha was a worrier. Thomas was a doubter. Sarah was impatient. Elijah was depressed. Moses stuttered. Zaccheus was short. Abraham was old and Lazarus was dead ... God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

Safety

• As a mother, I will be preaching to my kids no matter what time of day or night, call me for ride. Someone will be there and don't be ashamed for asking their friends to let them out of the car because they are driving recklessly.

• Wearing a seat belt is the single best way to prevent death or serious injury in a

motor vehicle crash. Though a small percentage of people in motor vehicle crashes are better off not wearing a seat belt those examples are outliers in the statistics. According to the CDC, "People not wearing a seat belt are 30 times more likely to be ejected from a vehicle during a crash. More than 3 out of 4 people who are ejected during a fatal crash die from their injuries." It is a personal choice to wear a seat belt or not and I respect that choice but, one should at least be educated on the survival and injury statistics before making that choice. My personal choice is to always wear my seat belt as I have a better chance of surviving with it on than with it off. Just as they do in Vegas, I always play the better odds.

• When you're a passenger in a vehicle with your peers, never feel embarrassed to ask the driver to let you out in these reckless situations.

• Always tell your children and show them how much you love them as we know not what God has planned for us the next moment in time.

FPL

• What is happening with FPL? Our electric goes out every day and last night it was off for over an hour. We have never had this problem before. FPL cannot blame the storms. Storms have not caused this much problem before. So, does anyone know what the problem is?

• One issue is not enough people with the outage call in to complain. FPL also does not listen too closely to their linemen on area issues. They ask for tree trimming and get one or two branches trimmed. The main thing is call in every time an outage happens, even if it is just for a few seconds. Call, call, call!

Back to school

• Time for our kids to go back to school. I'm so happy they have awesome schools to go to and have good, quality teachers. We are blessed to have such a great school system here in Okeechobee!

• We have excellent teachers who care so much for our students. I went to Open House last week and was reminded again how much work our administrators and teachers go to. I saw the superintendent out at Open House too talking to parents and making people feel welcome. I love it that he cares so much for our kids. You can tell he loves his job when you see him talking to kids.

Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce News

• The next Chamber of Commerce "Networking breakfast" will be held on Sept. 9, at Applebee's Okeechobee.

• The Chamber of Commerce Concealed Weapon Permit class will be conducted on Thursday evening Sept. 18, beginning at 7 p.m. at the chamber. The class will last approximately two hours. Range qualification will take place on Saturday, Sept. 20. You will be instructed where to meet on Saturday during the Thursday evening class. You may use your own weapon or you may use the weapon we provide you during qualification. The cost to attend this class is \$40.

• The next Chamber of Commerce "Business after Hours" will be on Sept. 30, at Beef O' Brady's. Fee is \$5 and \$10 for members.

• Mark your calendars for the Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Luncheon on Oct. 16, at 11:45 a.m. This will be the Inaugural Presentation of the Business of the Year Awards!

• 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. 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
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Letter to the editor

Keep the good commissioners

I am taking this time to remind all registered voters to get out and vote and make this a year to stand up and make our county realize that we do care about it and its future.

As a voter living in district one, I applaud Bryant Culpepper (district two) as a working county commissioner who represents the entire county of Okeechobee.

As property owners in the northwest section of Okeechobee on and near the area of 141st Street, we have been dealing with a severe drainage problem for several years now and could not seem to get the problem taken care of.

After contacting Bryant regarding the problem, as recommended by several people, the problem has been addressed, approved and the project is underway.

As citizens of Okeechobee, we need to get personal situations out of the way and keep in office the working commissioners.

As residents, property owners and people that love Okeechobee, let's get out and vote for the men or women who love our county and will work to keep it alive!

Thanking you once again for your help, Bryant Culpepper, from the residents of the 141st Street area who care.

Sincerely,
Marilyn A. Chandler and many others

Health and Safety Expo meeting planned

The Eighth Annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. The Expo will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. If your organization would like the opportunity to share information about your local services as they relate to health and/or safety, this is the event for you. The first planning session will be held Tuesday, **Aug. 26**, at 9 a.m. in the board room of the school board office. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

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DOMER

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In a 2012 election interview with the *Okeechobee News*, Commissioner Domer said he ran for county office because he wanted to make a difference in Okeechobee.

Mr. Domer was a graduate of the Florida Association of Counties Advanced Commissioner course.

County Commissioner Joey Hoover said Commissioner Domer was a lifelong friend.

"I do not remember a time when I did not know Ray," said Commissioner Hoover. He said Commissioner Domer was the most consistently conservative member of the board.

"Ray's message was always the same: 'You've got to get your spending in line. The flush times are not going to last.'

"His message never changed," he said. "You see some people whose positions may change. Ray's message was always to get the spending in line and make sure the tax rate is affordable for the taxpayers."

He added that while Commissioner Domer worked hard as a commissioner and at his business, he also knew how to relax and have fun.

"Ray worked hard, but he also knew how to put that down and enjoy his life," he said.

"I'll miss him a lot, as a commissioner and as a friend," he said.

"Ray was a personal friend as well as a fellow commissioner," said County Commissioner Margaret Helton.

"He was a dedicated and compassionate commissioner and only wanted to serve the citizens of Okeechobee County and leave the county financially sound when he vacated his seat. He will be greatly missed as a friend and commissioner," she said.

"Ray was a man of conviction and he believed that each of us living in this community, or any community, have a civic responsibility to serve," said County Commission Chairman Frank Irby.

"I think that willingness to serve is the essence of true leadership. I certainly will miss him in the dais, and I am sure everyone else will.

"He was always thoughtful with his comments," he continued. "I think that was obvious to most people. He didn't just give his answer. He tried to explain why he felt that way or why he believed that.

"Even though Mr. Domer and I were sometimes at 180 degree opposite opinions, I certainly respected that opinion and the time he gave to his job as a county commissioner," said Commissioner Bryant Culpeper.

As the news spread in the Okeechobee community and beyond on Monday, many shared their thoughts on Mr. Domer's page

in July, compared to 388 in June and 483 in July 2013.

Glades ranked fourth highest among Florida counties trailing only Hendry, Flagler and Hamilton counties.

Around the region, Hardee County had 8.8 percent, St. Lucie 8.7 percent, Indian River 8.5 percent, Highlands 8.5 percent, DeSoto 7.8 percent, Osceola 6.9 percent, and Martin 6.8 percent.

on Facebook.

"He was one of a kind. He loved his family and friends and the town he lived in ... always willing to help others and had a grin like no other," wrote Francine Woodham-Keezer.

"You couldn't help but admire him immediately because he wore his integrity like a name badge. I'll miss that man who I looked up to from the day I met him," wrote Curt Todd Siegmeister II.

"Okeechobee has lost one of its most dedicated public servants. Ray Domer cared deeply for the people of Okeechobee and fought passionately for the ideals that he knew would improve the lives of everyone. We were lucky to have him as our commissioner and even luckier still to call him our friend," wrote Libby Alexander Maxwell.

Commissioner Domer was proud of the heritage of the family-run operation, Domer's

Machine Shop and Well Drilling, which was established in 1926 by his grandfather, Victor Jacob Domer. Justin Domer said Tuesday that the family business will continue.

"Dad left a tremendous legacy," he said. "We will continue to run this business with our family and with our team, which is like our family. Jacob and I will be the fourth generation in the business. We'll make Dad proud."

County attorney Laura McCall said Florida Governor Rick Scott will appoint a new commissioner to represent Okeechobee County District 1. She explained the Florida Constitution states, "the governor shall fill by appointment any vacancy for the remainder of the term if it is less than 28 months."

Funeral services will be Friday, at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Okeechobee. For more information, see the Obituary notice on page 5.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Email for the spam folder, probably
- 5 Comparable
- 9 Indy participant
- 14 ___ socks
- 15 Fiddling emperor
- 16 Drop names, maybe?
- 17 Flightless flock
- 18 Swarm member
- 19 Nodding off at a meeting, say
- 20 Ballplayer's home renovation advice about the bare hallway floor?
- 23 Caution to drivers
- 24 Flamenco cheer
- 25 "... but I could be wrong"
- 27 Tech's home renovation advice about a dark basement?
- 32 Bygone TV control
- 33 Reef denizen
- 34 Small drink
- 35 Autumn bloom
- 38 Nursery rhyme fiddler
- 39 Pleasing to the palate
- 41 Luau bowlful
- 42 Wheels
- 43 Limit
- 44 Housekeeper's home renovation advice about a cheap fourposter offer?
- 50 Joyous hymn
- 51 Lee follower
- 52 Cold War jet
- 54 Bartender's home renovation advice about the tiny kitchen sink?
- 58 Capital on the 30th parallel
- 60 Mill site
- 61 Sticky stuff
- 62 Day one
- 63 Aquatic predator
- 64 Catches
- 65 Mild cheese
- 66 Bucks, perhaps
- 67 Hook's right hand

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- 1 Mother May I? movements
- 2 Fluffy clouds
- 3 Lie alongside
- 4 Monument Valley sight
- 5 Sharp-cornered
- 6 Boxer's hotel
- 7 Caspian Sea land
- 8 Sticky writing?
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highest among Florida counties in unemployment, the report noted.

Glades County saw an increase in unemployment from 8.1 to 9-percent in July. The rate was 9.1 percent in July, 2013. Glades County had 430 residents collect benefits

OHS Class of '15 senior photos scheduled

Senior pictures are coming. Okeechobee High School seniors are reminded to visit prestigeportraits.com/fl to view your session options and FAQs. You can book your appointment online or call 800.749.2796, ext. 1.

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Aug. 26, 1 until 9 p.m.

Aug. 27, 1 until 9 p.m.

It is your responsibility to set up your appointment. For information, contact Mr. Pung at pungc@okee.k12.fl.us.

Community Collaborative Council to meet Aug. 26

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Aug. 26**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. For August the special guest speakers are Gina Thompson, of Mary's Shelter, and Gail Griffith, Guardian ad Litem. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and their families. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

Entries sought for annual Labor Day parade

Okeechobee's 49th Labor Day Parade is set for Monday, Sept. 1. If you would like to be part of the parade, please pick up an applications at Okeechobee News or the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce. Hurry — deadline is Thursday, **Aug. 28**. For information, contact Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by emailing obits@newszap.com. A link to the obituaries is available at florida.newszap.com

Briana Kay Banuelos, 17

OKEECHOBEE— Briana Kay Banuelos died August 15, 2014. She was born January 3, 1997 in Stuart to Jose Banuelos and Esther Tagle. She enjoyed spending time with her friends, who considered her a mother. She was a waitress at Cowboy's and had a laugh and smile that will never be forgotten. She was a member of the Okeechobee High School class of 2015.



Briana is survived by her father, Jose Banuelos (Denise); mother, Esther Banuelos (Davy); three brothers, Jose Banuelos, Jr., Jose Tagle and William Grace all of Okeechobee; three sisters, Cassandra Rodriguez of Lake Placid, Natalie Banuelos and Erin Grace both of Okeechobee; grandparents, Idalia Mendoza (Martin) of Moore Haven, Tomasita Corral (Rafael) of Indiantown and Gilbert and Esther Tagle of Palm Beach; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family will receive friends at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. At 6 p.m. a public service will be held for her friends with time set aside for them to share memories. The private family services will be held Thursday, August 21, 2014. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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Violet Louise Williams, 86

OKEECHOBEE — Violet Louise Williams died August 17, 2014. She was born July 28, 1928 in Wauchula to William Elmer and Teanie Branning Howell. A resident of Okeechobee since 1968, she was a member of Oakview Baptist Church and enjoyed life and good laughs and music.

Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her husband, James "Amos" Williams.

She is survived by two daughters, Robin Wilson of Okeechobee and Holly Belser of Atlanta, Georgia; son, Ronnie Williams of Okeechobee; grandson, Josh Wilson of Orlando; granddaughter, Lindsey Williams of Okeechobee; and one great grandchild.

The family will receive friends 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, August 21, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2014 at Lake Dale Baptist Church Cemetery in Wauchula.

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David D. Sparks, 43

FRANKLIN, Ind. — David D. Sparks, 43, of Franklin, Indiana passed on away Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Franciscan St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. He was born on April 28, 1971 in Salem, Indiana. He had been a driver for Heritage Crystal Clean in Indianapolis for 5 years. He was a member of Nineveh Christian Church and he enjoyed drag racing, building race cars, motorcycles and the outdoors, and was a warm hearted, loving man who cared for his wife, children and his family. His son Logan Sparks was his world and his extended children as well. He married Mindy (Kottowski) Bengé Sparks on July 19, 2014 in Franklin; she survives. Other survivors include his children, Logan D. Sparks, Chesney B. Bengé and Brody T. Bengé, all of Franklin; his mother, Janie (Sparks) Ingersoll of Franklin; his mother-in-law, Teri Johnson and step-father-in-law, Don Johnson of Nineveh, Indiana; his sister, Sylvia Anuez (Manolo); stepbrothers, Bobby Ingersoll and Nathan Ingersoll, both of Mobile, Alabama and Winfield Ingersoll of Okeechobee, Florida; step-sister, Linda Robertson (Dave) of Okeechobee, Florida; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Ingersoll; grandparents Henry and Elsie Sparks; and stepbrother, Van Ingersoll.

Reverend Tom Knight and Reverend Don Klutz will conduct a service on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 300 S. Morton Street (US 31) in Franklin. Friends may call on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at: www.swartzmortuary.com. Information: 317-738-0202.

Harry 'Mickey' Osteen, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Harry "Mickey" Osteen, 69, passed away Sunday, August 17, 2014 at Hospice of Okeechobee in Okeechobee, FL.

Mickey was born in Dothan, AL. and had been a lifelong resident of Okeechobee and Fort Pierce, FL. Mickey served in the US Army during the Korean and Vietnam War.

Prior to retirement, Mickey worked for Pratt Whitney in West Palm Beach, FL. and he was also a Heavy Equipment Operator. Mickey also spent time working for Forest Services in Utah, Idaho and Alaska. He loved hunting, fishing and being outdoors.

Survivors include his companion, Vera Maguire; sons, Michael Wade Osteen, of Okla., Jeremiah Osteen, of Okla.; daughter, Linda Waters, of Okla.; sister, Constance (Beth) Enders, of Houston, Texas; brothers, Robert Allen Osteen, of Milton, Fla., Roger Eric Osteen, of Fort Pierce, Fla.; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A Graveside Service with Military Honors will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 23, 2014 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Fort Pierce, FL.

Friends may visit the online guest book at www.aycock-hillcrest.com

Arrangements are under the care of Aycock Funeral Home, Fort Pierce, FL.



James 'Jim' A. Sanders, 70

OKEECHOBEE — James "Jim" A. Sanders of Okeechobee died August 16, 2014 in Palm Beach. He was born November 10, 1943 in Columbus, Georgia. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. A retired heavy equipment mechanic, he came to Okeechobee from Las Vegas in 2000. He enjoyed fishing, NASCAR, and bowling.

Mr. Sanders was preceded in death by his father, James Douglas Sanders.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cara Sanders of Okeechobee; two daughters, Kristine Farnsworth (Roby) of Salt Lake City, Utah and Heather Jaynes (Clinton) of Wichita, Kansas; three sons, Keith Sanders of Las Vegas, James Martini, Jr. (Lisa) of Lincolnton, N.C. and Johnny Crow (Kelly) Las Vegas; ten grandchildren; mother, Vivian Rosser of Palm Bay; sister, Linda Trenner (Bob) of Palm Bay.

No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in honor of James A. Sanders may be made to Fisher House (122), 1201 NW 16th Street, Miami, FL 33125.

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Emory 'Sam' Richard McGee, Jr., 77

OKEECHOBEE — Emory "Sam" Richard McGee, Jr. died August 16, 2014 at his home. He was born February 20, 1937 in Sebring to Emory Richard McGee, Sr. and Hazel Beatrice Raulerson. He was a former longtime resident of Okeechobee and a member of First Baptist Church, Cottontdale, Florida. He was a man who deeply loved the Lord Jesus and was devoted to his wife and family. His friends knew him as a man of integrity. He was an accomplished cattleman that was well known among the local ranchers and dairymen. He was a member of the Cattleman's Association over the years and he also enjoyed flying.

Mr. McGee was preceded in death by his parents, Emory Richard Sr. and Hazel McGee; and his brothers, Clarence and Paul.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Jackie" Jacqueline McGee of Okeechobee; children, David McGee (Tracy) of Okeechobee, Karen Lewis (Alan) of Kansas, Bennie McGee (Karen) of Okeechobee, Steve McGee (Rhonda) of Lakeland, Mary Ellen McGee of Lake Placid and Richard McGee (Cynthia) of Okeechobee; 14 grandchildren, Michael, Justin, Matt, Seth, Dusty, Caleb, John Mike, Colby, Jill, Cori, Leslie, Jessica, Whitney and Tiffany; 18 great grandchildren, Aubrie, Emma, Monte, William, Macey, Samuel, Jacqueline, Josh, Madison, Kinley, Mollie, Lucas, Kason, Reece, Cole, Eli, Trista and Laney; sister, Lavern Williams (Robert) of Okeechobee; brother, Jimmy McGee (Joan) of Clewiston.

Visitation was at Oakview Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. with Pastor Steve McGee and Pastor Jack Brock officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee FL 34973.

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

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Obituaries

Ray Russell Domer

OKEECHOBEE — Ray Russell Domer of Okeechobee passed away in his home in Pine Island on August 17, 2014. As a sixth generation Floridian, Ray was born in Okeechobee on February 29, 1956 to Russell and Martha (Walker) Domer. At just twenty-two years old, Ray became the third generation owner and operator of Domer's Machine Shop. Started by Ray's grandfather, Victor, in 1926, Domer's is one of the oldest family owned storefronts in Okeechobee and is celebrating its 88th year in business.

In 1982, Ray married the late Ginger Greenberger Domer (1956-1987). In 1987, the couple welcomed son Justin to their family. In 1989, Ray married Cynthia (Cindi) Woodham Domer in Roseburg, Oregon. Some of Ray's fondest memories were made while traveling through the Pacific Northwest with Cindi shortly after their wedding. Cindi quickly stepped into the role of mother to Justin and the family welcomed son Jacob in 1995. Ray and Cindi gave birth to, but sadly lost, daughter Nettie Graceson in 1996.

While he was happiest spending his days on the water with his loved ones, Ray was passionate about continuing his family's dedication to service in Okeechobee County. In November 2004, Ray upheld this tradition when he beat a second-term incumbent and was elected to the Okeechobee County Commission. Ray proudly continued to serve his community with subsequent reelections in both 2008 and 2012. In addition to his service as a County Commissioner, Ray also was a dedicated member of the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge for over thirty-five years.

Ray was predeceased by his late wife, Ginger Greenberger Domer; his daughter, Nettie Graceson Domer; his father, Russell Victor Domer; and his mother, Martha Walker Domer. He is survived by his wife of twenty-five years, Cynthia Woodham Domer; his sons, Justin Ray Domer and Jacob Holdon Domer; his sisters, Alvina Domer Robertson and Jean Domer Rogers (Steve), as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family members, and friends.

Ray's legacy will forever live on, not only in the hearts of his friends and family, but in the community as a whole. He served as a beacon of strength, morality, and love and we were all made better by his presence.

A viewing will be held Thursday, August 21, 2014 at the Buxton and Bass Funeral Home (400 N. Parrott Ave.) from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The family requests that you bring your favorite photo of Ray to add to a family memory book. The funeral service will take place at the First Baptist Church (401 S.W. 4th Street) on Friday, August 22, 2014 at 10 a.m.; graveside service and reception to follow.



Gatorama hosts annual Alligator Hatching Festival

Special to the Okeechobee News

PALMDALE—It is the time of year that chirping, grunting and snapping baby alligators emerge from their shells to meet the world. Gatorama is hosting its annual "Alligator Hatching Festival" Aug. 23-Sept. 1 at their animal park at 6180 U.S. Highway 27, Palmdale, Fla.

"This is a great opportunity for parents to teach their children about one of nature's fascinating life cycles," said Allen Register. "For the next couple of weeks we will welcome over three thousand alligators into the world at Gatorama. Guests will actually be able to see these little baby alligators wiggle out of the eggs."

Visitors to Gatorama will also be able to learn about the history of the American alligator and how the populations have been protected through one of the most truly successful, sustainable-use management programs ever implemented. American alligators have been off the endangered species list since 1987 and populations are still growing. Alligator farming is an important part of the program.

"We have been very busy this last year, making huge improvements to the farm, and we can't wait to share it with everyone. We are so proud of the new additions

to this piece of Florida History we've been sharing with folks for over 50 years," says Allen Register. "Come see the new wetland area added to the nature park and hatch eggs under our new pole barn which we affectionately call the Crackin Barn in August!"

There will be four programs each day. Regular admission includes the educational hatching program. For guests who want a hands-on experience, a "Hatch and Hold" package is available.

"This year we are offering an after-hours program, "The Baby Break-OUT" on Tuesday and Thursday evenings said Patty Register. "It's a smaller more intimate gathering after the park closes to the general public. This special opportunity requires reservations and includes a dinner and everybody gets to hatch a baby! Incubator reports can be followed on Gatorama's Facebook page.

Gatorama opened in 1957 as one of Florida's first alligator attractions. It is still a popular tourist attraction as well as an operating alligator farm.

For information, ticket prices and directions call 863-675-0623 or visit www.Gatorama.com.

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Local men arrested in Fort Pierce

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Jerome Johnson

Two Okeechobee men are being held on bond in the St. Lucie County Jail following their arrests on felony charges in Fort Pierce last week.

Jerome Myron Johnson, 19, and Chase Wyatt Weeks, 19, were both arrested Aug. 12 by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office (SLCSO). Johnson was arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon (firearm) and Weeks was charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams.

Johnson's bond on that charge has been set at \$35,000, while Weeks is being held on a \$75,000 bond.

According to SLCSO Jail information Johnson was also arrested on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with the misdemeanor of battery. He is also charged with the felonies of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, burglary, criminal mischief and grand theft.

Johnson is being held on a total bond of \$71,500.

It was not clear when Johnson will be returned to Okeechobee County to answer to those charges.

The SLCSO arrest report stated Johnson was stopped for speeding last week on south U.S. 1 near the intersection of Farmer's Market Road in Fort Pierce around 11:40 p.m. When the deputy walked up to the 2014 Honda sports utility vehicle, he purportedly saw Johnson behind the wheel and Weeks in the back seat.

The deputy's report goes on to state there was a strong smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle.

SLCSO Deputy N. Stublely went on to state in his report that a total of 39 grams of suspected marijuana was found under the front passenger seat and that it was easily seen from the rear passenger-side door. The suspected pot was packaged in three separate bags.

The seat, continued the report, was moved forward as far as it would go.

The suspected marijuana was field tested and that test allegedly indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana.

Deputy Stublely stated when he moved the SUV's front passenger seat back he found a loaded Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-

automatic handgun. The gun, stated the deputy, was on the front floorboard and was "readily accessible to the driver only."

Deputy Stublely next ran a check on the gun and it came back as stolen in Okeechobee County, continued the report.

According to Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Public Information Officer Michele Bell the gun was reported stolen from an unlocked vehicle in 2010.

In the local cases against Johnson, OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman obtained warrants for the man after linking him to a King's Bay incident in which a woman was supposedly attacked by two men as she walked to her front door. The men struck her in the face, knocked her to the ground and kicked her in the stomach, indicated the detective's report.

She managed to get away from her attackers and secure herself in her home.

As for the other case, an arrest report by OCSO Detective Howard Pickering stated he had enough probable cause to charge Johnson with the July burglary of the A&J Discount Store at 4340 S.E. 26th St. That store was formerly known as the Shady Rest Grocery.

Detective Pickering stated in his report that Johnson was in and out of the store in less than a minute and that he allegedly took miscellaneous jewelry items, a display case of tobacco pipes, a case of cigars and a case of cigarettes. The total loss was \$6,500, added the detective.

Johnson was also the victim in a July 24 shooting incident in front of a home at 804 N.W. 11th St.



Chase Weeks

Detective Bill Saum, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), said Johnson and Anthony Brown, 50, were standing next to a car parked at the residence when a man walked up to them and opened fire from a distance of about 10 feet.

The detective said he found four spent high caliber rounds at the scene. Witnesses, however, reportedly heard one to nine shots fired.

Johnson was shot in the finger, and Brown suffered an injury to his chest from shrapnel, said Detective Saum.

No arrests have been made in that case yet, and that probe continues.

Detective Pickering also stated in his report that his investigation is continuing.

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2014 Okeechobee Brahman Varsity Football Team (listed by team number): 1 - Juanyae Ford, 3 - Jajuan Cherry, 4 - Drayton Billie, 5 - Bubba Fludd, 6 - Marquez Mclemore, 7 - Brandon Shockley, 8 - Markies McDonald, 9 - Deshon Wellington, 10 - Terrence Boswell, 11 - Jacob Emmick, 12 - Tristen Anderson, 13 - Alex Garcia, 14 - Jarrett Mills, 15 - Zeke Matthews, 18 - Chris Epps, 21 - Daniel Nunez, 22 - Wyatt Bessenbacher, 30 - Andrew "Pinky" Wine, 34 - Lamar Williams, 42 - Fred Bradley Jr., 50 - Cornelius Horton, 51 - Caleb Smith, 52 - Arthur Woodruff, 55 - Greg Hernandez, 56 - James Thomas, 58 - Joseph Benjamin, 62 - Edrick Neal, 63 - Tyrone Peterson, 64 - Mikel Sadler, 66 - Eli McMullen, 70 - Devion Wigfall, 74 - Darian Kessler, 77 - Matt McClanahan, 85 - Juan Mata

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Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
8/22/2014	Friday	Lake Placid (Kickoff Classic)	HOME	7:00
8/29/2014	Friday	Glades Day	HOME	7:00
9/5/2014	Friday	Sebring	AWAY	7:00
9/12/2014	Friday	Martin County	HOME	7:00
9/19/2014	Friday	Westwood*	AWAY	7:00
9/26/2014	Friday	Heritage*	HOME	7:00
10/3/2014	OPEN	OPEN		
10/10/2014	Friday	Port St. Lucie* (Homecoming)	HOME	7:00
10/17/2014	Friday	South Fork (Sr. Parent Night)	HOME	7:00
10/24/2014	Friday	Bayside	AWAY	7:00
10/31/2014	Friday	Jensen Beach	AWAY	7:00
11/7/2014	Friday	Clewiston	AWAY	7:00

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Date	Day	Opponent	Site	Time
8/28	Thurs.	Vero Beach	HOME	7:00
9/4	Thurs.	Martin County	HOME	7:00
9/11	Thurs.	Clewiston	AWAY	7:00
9/18	Thurs.	Jensen Beach	HOME	7:00
9/24	Wed.	Sebastian River	HOME	7:00
10/2	OPEN			
10/8	Wed.	Vero Beach	AWAY	7:00
10/16	Thurs.	South Fork	AWAY	7:00
10/23	Thurs.	Clewiston	HOME	7:00
10/30	Thurs	Sebastian River <i>(Freshman Only)</i>	AWAY	6:00



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Okeechobee Brahman football coaches: L-R, Jimmy Mills, Steven Smith, Joe Smith, Rueben Guerrero, Head Coach Chris Branham, Rex Erwin Jr., Ty Smith, Rafe Erwin, Jeff Whitlock, Josh McCall

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Junior Varsity cheerleaders: Front (L-R): Shelby Kirton, Shannen Mae, Nicole Cristi, Simiya Washington, Kelsey Schoonmaker, Kaitlyn Hoyle, India Coons, Mackenzie Johnson, Jessica Trent, Lauren Coffey; Back (L-R): Kaylee Whidden, Hope Wisener, Percint Wiggins, Dymond Wiggins, Maliah Wright, Kendyll Smith, Kristen Shorter, Ashley Boland

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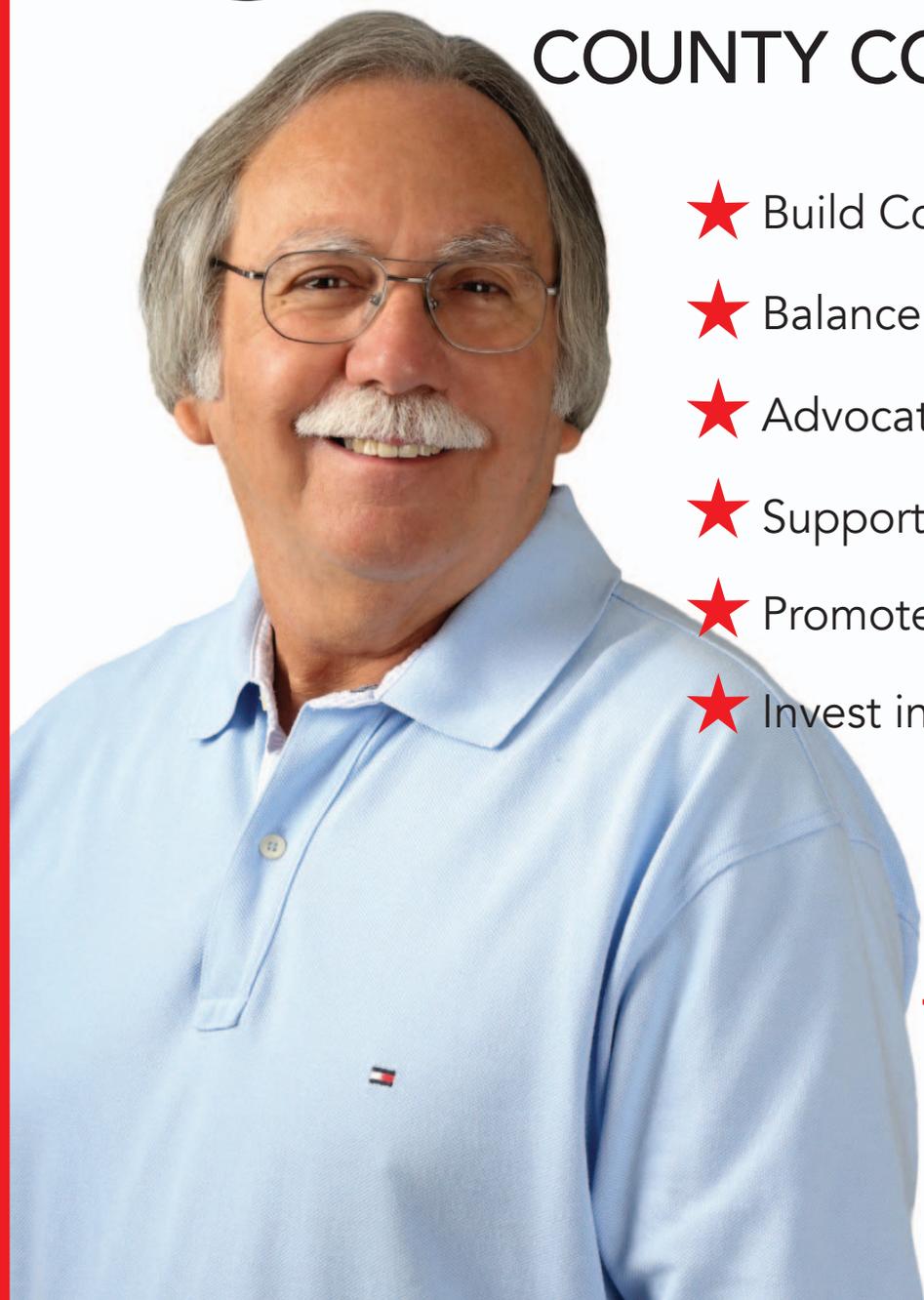
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IN RE: ESTATE OF STANLEY E. GARVEY, SR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Stanley E. Garvey, Sr., deceased, whose date of death was April 28, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a WRIT OF EXECUTION issued by the County Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, on the 11th day of July, 2014, in the cause wherein CACH, LLC Plaintiff and CLINTON B CHAPMAN Defendant(s), being Case No. 13000143CCAXMX in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida, have this day levied upon and to the following described personal property lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
2005 WHITE CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500
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I shall offer the above described personal property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 23rd day of September, 2014 at 10:00 AM, or as soon as possible thereafter at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 504 N.W. 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida and will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title, and interest of said Defendant CLINTON B CHAPMAN in said property.

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Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 18th day of August, 2014.

Paul C. May, Sheriff
Okeechobee County

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117, ext. 5028. 466867 ON 8/20,27/9/3.10/2014

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1. Letter of Interest
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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: lynch@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 lynch@irsc.edu and sdonahue@irsc.edu. Thank you for your interest in our projects. 466618 ON 8/6,13,20/2014

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The Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast (DBA, CareerSource Research Coast) - Region 20 and the Treasure Coast Job Training Consortium announce a meeting of the Workforce Development Board and Consortium to which all persons are invited:

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.
Place: CareerSource Research Coast
584 NW University Blvd., Suite 100
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

PURPOSE: To discuss matters concerning the Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Employment Opportunities, the Welfare Transition Program, One-Stop Career Centers and the Workforce Development Board (DBA, CareerSource Research Coast). A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

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Should any person wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above referenced meeting, they will need to ensure a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, in order to provide a record for judicial review. 466786 ON 8/20/2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2013 CA 0386
WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
KAREN D. PINDER; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANE; BRIAN PINDER; UNKNOWN TENANT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN D. PINDER; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 14th day of July, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013 CA 0386, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. is the Plaintiff and KAREN D. PINDER WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK BRIAN PINDER UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KAREN D. PINDER UNKNOWN TENANT; and IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, 11:00 AM on the 17th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

ADDENDUM A TO MORTGAGE
Description of Property

THE LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS EXHIBIT IS LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN DEED BOOK 640 AT PAGE 1047 AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ALSO KNOWN AS LOT 31K ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF FOUR SEASONS ESTATES AND BEING FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE N. 00 DEGREES 05'07" EAST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, A DISTANCE OF 300.10 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 88 DEGREES 34'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1075.72 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE S. 88 DEGREES 34'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 214.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF N.E. 60th AVENUE (B&K MCARTHUR ROAD); THENCE N. 00 DEGREES 03'07" EAST ALONG SAID EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY, A DISTANCE OF 364.30 FEET TO A POINT LYING IN THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF N.E. 2nd STREET (SW 3rd PLAT); THENCE S. 89 DEGREES 54'53" EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY, A DISTANCE OF 214.01 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE S. 00 DEGREES 05'07" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 358.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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 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.

SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711.

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Dated this 18th day of July, 2014.
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, that the application(s) for permit described below has been received for project(s) in Okeechobee County. The application(s) and future additional application documents can be obtained by any of the following methods: 1) Accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and clicking on Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page; 2) Submitting a written request to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680; or 3) Submitting an electronic request at permits@sfwm.d.gov.

FQLLC (Finn Ranch) 22 West Frontage Road, Northfield, IL 60093, has submitted Application 131220-18 for a new Water Use Permit to irrigate 579 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Lower Floridan Aquifer and the project is located in Sections 28,29,32, Township 37 South, Range 36 East.

Watershed Technologies LLC (HWTT Nutrient Removal Projects) 3208 Westchester Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926, has submitted Application 140515-17 for renewal of Water Use Permit 47-00854-W for an industrial use on 1 acre. The water will be withdrawn from Lemkin Creek and the project is located in Sections 5,18, Townships 37,38 South, Ranges 35,36 East. 466810 ON 8/20/2014



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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION:
CASE NO.: 2009-CA-494
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF16, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF16,
Plaintiff,
vs.
MANUEL MORALES, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MANUEL MORALES; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 24th day of July, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-494 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF16, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF16 is the Plaintiff and MANUEL MORALES and UNKNOWN TENANT(S) are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3RD STREET, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, 11:00 AM on the 17th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK 41, BASSWOOD UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 37, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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Dated this 25th day of July, 2014.
SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000444
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Plaintiff,
v.
JASON S. LAWLIS; JENNIFER F. LAWLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON S. LAWLIS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JENNIFER F. LAWLIS; UNKNOWN TENANT 1; UNKNOWN TENANT 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S), WHO (IS/ARE) NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIM AS HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, SPOUSES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on October 28, 2013, and the Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale entered on August 4, 2014, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

LOT 16 AND THE SOUTH ONE-HALF (S 1/2) OF LOT 15, BLOCK 76, CONNERS HIGHLANDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 21, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
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at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room on the Second Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, located at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on September 17, 2014 beginning at 11:00 AM.

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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).

- Dustin Lee Werk, 29, N.E. 18th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Sergeant Belen Reyna on felony charges of burglary and grand theft. His bond was set at \$3,500.

- Mark Daniel Smedley, 32, Billie Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Sergeant Justin Bernst on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Kevin Oscar Larson, 28, S.E. 86th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Deputy Yero Todman on DOC warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of proba-

tion - felony battery and violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (cocaine). He is being held without bond.

- Kristin Nicole Clendenin, 32, N.E. 11th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Detective Kelley Margerum on felony charges of grand theft and dealing in stolen property. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

- Dazsma Lorethea Washington, 25, N.W. Seventh Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Officer Chad Troutman on a felony charge of child abuse. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

- Justin Luis Rodriguez, 22, S.R. 70 W., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Deputy John Hazy on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, refusal to submit to DUI test and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. His bond was set at \$750.

- Janet Nichole Raynor, 32, S.E. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Deputy Matt Crawford on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$15,500.

- Reba Lynn Bailey, 24, N.E. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 17 by Deputy Yero Todman on a felony charge of bat-

tery on an inmate by an inmate. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Tab Milton Morgan, 25, S.R. 78 W., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 18 by Deputy Marcus Collier on a felony charge of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence, and misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and disorderly intoxication. His bond was set at \$2,000.

- Harrison George Eaton, 26, N.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 18 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

- Jesus Ildelfonso Alvarado, 16, N.E. 13th Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 18 by Deputy Keith Murrish on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer. His bond was set at \$2,500.

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.

Public invited to wildlife corridor film

The Florida Humanities Council and Indian River State College will present the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition film documentary and panel discussion at the Williamson Conference Center at Indian River State College Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Refreshments will be provided at 6:00 p.m. followed by a screening of the documentary film, "Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee." The film follows four biologists on a 1,000-mile, 100-day trek from the Everglades to the Okefenokee Swamp. Afterwards panel discussion. The event is open to the public and all ages are welcome.

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ANSWER:

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2013-CA-000276

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ANTONIO ARROYO, ET AL.
Defendants

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 24, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013-CA-000276, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC (hereafter "Plaintiff"), is Plaintiff and ANTONIO ARROYO; YOLANDA MUNGARAY; STATE OF FLORIDA; NORMA L. SANDOVAL; STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, at 11:00 a.m., on the 10th day of September, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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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. Our website is oakviewbaptist.com.

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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.

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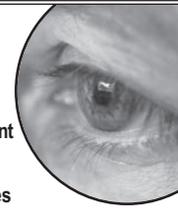
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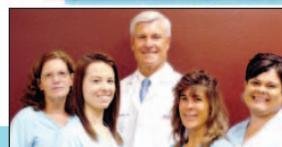
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Jones gets 18 months for beating woman

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Jeremy
Jones

A local man with a history of battering women and then escaping prosecution when they refuse to testify ran into a determined state's attorney earlier this week and is going back to prison.

Jeremy Lamont Jones, 27, was slated to go to trial Wednesday, Aug. 20, for allegedly beating and raping a local woman in May. However, when he learned he was going to go to trial with or without a victim as a witness Jones decided to enter a plea to the court.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright explained that during the jury selection process Monday, Aug. 18, he told the potential jurors there may not be a victim to take the witness stand when the trial got under way. But, he was going to proceed with his case against Jones anyway.

Then, during a break in the selection process, Jones chose to enter a plea to the court. Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer found Jones guilty of felony battery and sentenced him to 18 months in prison. He will receive credit for the 102 days he has already served in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Mr. Albright said he had the victim in this case subpoenaed last week and that she was supposed to be in court Monday so he could talk to her. But, she didn't show up.

"I was going to get a writ of bodily attachment for the victim and, if warranted by the judge, she could have been taken into custody and held until trial. The detectives hunted for her but could not find her," he said. "We've not been able to find her since we served her last Thursday."

Jones' latest arrest came on May 8 when Detective Kelley Margerum, of the Okeechobee

City Police Department (OCPD), arrested him on charges of kidnapping, aggravated battery and sexual battery.

The detective's arrest report stated the alleged incidents started April 9 when the victim was at Jones's N.W. 17th Ave. home where he was smoking crack cocaine. The 180-pound man apparently became paranoid and started to hit the 115-pound victim.

Then, continued the report, Jones took the woman outside and threw her to the ground where she landed on an ant bed and suffered ant bites on her back. At this point, stated the detective, he was hitting her in the face and kicking her.

Detective Margerum went on to state Jones literally threw the victim into the rear seat of his 2011 four-door Ford Raptor pickup truck — with her legs behind the driver's seat and her head behind the front passenger's seat.

As he was driving he was smoking crack in a glass pipe and would occasionally touch the hot pipe to the victim's legs, added the detective.

"You're going to die today. Bitch, you're going to die today," he reportedly told the woman.

Detective Margerum stated in her report that Jones laughed when he threatened the victim.

At some point he drove to the Okeechobee County Sports Complex and raped the woman, stated the report.

Jones returned to his home where he picked up a bottle of bleach and poured it on the victim's head, stated the detective. He then demanded she fix him something to eat.

Detective Margerum said the woman fixed Jones some hot dogs and he passed out in his bedroom. While he was asleep, she fled the house.

She was later found by a female friend

Man faces felony charge for impregnating minor

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Leopoldo
Ruiz

A man being held on bond for allegedly molesting a young girl was charged with another felony after it was learned the child is reportedly pregnant.

Assistant State Attorney Robert Moeller said Tuesday the child, who is under the age of 16, is due to give birth in December of this year.

Because of that, the prosecutor issued a warrant for Leopoldo Ruiz and he was arrested at the Okeechobee County Jail late last week on a felony charge of child abuse - impregnating a minor. His bond on the third-degree felony is \$50,000.

Ruiz, 36, N.W. 102nd St., Okeechobee, was already being held on \$300,000 bond following his arrest in July on three felony counts of lewd and lascivious battery - victim 12 to 15 years of age.

"If convicted as charged, the lowest permissible sentence is 283.65 months," said Mr. Moeller.

The maximum penalty Ruiz could receive is 45 years, added the prosecutor.

According to an arrest report by Detective Rosemary Farless, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Ruiz and the girl began a sexual relationship in January of this year. The girl learned she was pregnant in June, added the report.

Detective Farless went on to point out Ruiz is already married with a family.

When asked, Mr. Moeller said there was no physical force in this case.

who took her to Raulerson Hospital.

This was not the first time Jones had beaten and abused women. A criminal history check revealed he has been arrested: four times on felony battery charges; once on a felony aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charge; and, twice on felony aggravated battery charges.

In each one of those cases the charges were dropped.

Mr. Albright said in six of those cases the charges were dropped because the victim either decided not to prosecute or failed to show up for meetings with the state attorney. In one case, he added, the victim's mother actually witnessed the attack on her daughter but would not testify.

As an example, Jones was arrested Feb. 21, 2012, and charged with aggravated assault and aggravated battery. In that case he reportedly battered the female victim by punching her in the head, then hitting her in the head with the handle of a screwdriver. Then, according to the arrest report, he made her get on the floor and he urinated her. He also allegedly burnt her with a cigarette.

Mr. Albright said those charges were eventually dropped because the victim failed to show up for any state attorney hearings. She also would not answer letters sent to her, or return phone calls from his office.

But now, because of Mr. Albright's determination, Jones is returning to prison.

He explained Tuesday that if he couldn't find Jones' latest victim he was going to proceed without her.

"I'd put on evidence and argue that her not testifying was based on his actions — he caused her to not be present," Mr. Albright explained. "We did have a prior statement from her at the time of his arrest."

The prosecutor went on to say he was happy Jones decided to enter the plea.

"I think he deserved a lot more. But the equal possibility was he could have been found not guilty. So, it was a good resolution for the state," said Mr. Albright.

Department of Corrections (DOC) records show Jones was convicted of felony battery in 2008 and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. He began his DOC incarceration Jan. 15, 2009, and was released from the Taylor Correctional Institution April 5, 2009.

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Applebee's teams up with chamber of commerce to collect school supplies

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With the start of the new school year approaching, the Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar located at 1210 Highway 70 E. in Okeechobee teamed up with the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County for "Stuff the Bus," a community effort to fill a school bus parked outside Applebee's with school supplies for local youth. The supplies were donated to My Aunt's House, a non-profit organization committed to providing the tools local underprivileged children need to pursue an education and get on track for a bright future.

"At Applebee's, we believe in the power of community involvement to help overcome the challenges that some students face," said Serrin Dongen, general manager of the Okeechobee Applebee's. "A special 'thank you' to Antoinette Rodriguez, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County for facilitating this wonderful event."

Ms. Rodriguez stated that she was so glad that the Chamber of Commerce was able to

participate in this event.

"What a great feeling it is to have so many contributions from our community and be able to help over 350 children from Okeechobee and almost fill an entire school bus with school supplies," she said. "This is one of the many advantages of living in a small community."

Applebee's kicked off the day's festivities with a pancake breakfast, followed by "Dine to Donate." Proceeds from both events went toward purchasing additional school supplies. In addition, WOKC 100.9, broadcasted live from the event, and the Okeechobee Storm cheerleaders performed for guests.

Applebee's extended special thanks to all those who participated in the Stuff the Bus event, including Malissa Morgan, Dowling Watford, Robert and Bianca Keefe, Holiday Inn, City Cuts, Sam's Club (PSL), CVS Pharmacy, Okeechobee Discount Drugs, Waste Management, Edward Jones Investments, Primerica, State Farm Insurance, American Drilling, Brown Cow Sweetery, United Way Okeechobee, Okeechobee Correctional Institute and A Child's World.



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The Stuff the Bus event at Applebee's helped collect school supplies for area children. Left to right are: Brittany Sweeney, marketing coordinator for Applebee's; Serrin Dongen, general manager of the Okeechobee Applebee's; Yvette Moroz, area director for Applebee's; Allison Chandler, Okeechobee United Way; and Antoinette Rodriguez, executive director for the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County



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The Okeechobee Storm cheerleaders performed for guests at the Stuff the Bus event at the Okeechobee Applebee's.

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Okeechobee News: Celebrating our Centennial!

From the Okeechobee News July 1, 1981

City to hold straw vote on fluoride

By Dennis Kevlin

Adding fluoride to public water supplies is nothing new.

It stormed in America's towns during the 1950s and 60s. While health experts touted the mineral's ability to fight dental cavities, opponents claimed fluoridation was a communist plot to poison the U.S. citizenry.

Since the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services offered to pay for the first two years of starting a fluoride program here, fluoridation has sparked controversy in the city of Okeechobee.

When they receive their July water bills, city and Okeechobee Beach Water Association customers will find a ballot by which the issue – to fluoridate or not to fluoridate – will be partially decided.

Okeechobee city councilmen, who could not settle the matter during a public hearing last Tuesday night, voted 3-2 for the straw poll. After the ballots are turned in and tallied Sept. 15, the council hopes to use popular opinion to decide whether to accept the state grant.

The HRS money is being offered state-

wide. It pays for engineering fees, all equipment needed to add fluoride into the water system, installation costs, monitoring devices, training local water plant operators and the cost of chemicals for two years. Afterwards, the chemicals would cost \$1,500 or 10 cents per water customer annually. To remain eligible, the city must spend the HRS money by Oct. 1.

After hearing nearly three hours of pro and con testimony, council finally agreed on the straw poll despite opposition from Councilmen Dowling Waterford and Jim Knight.

Earlier, Watford and Knight voted in favor of fluoridation. They were out-voted by Councilmen David Burk and Oakland Chapman and Mayor Dr. Edward Douglas, who cast the tie-breaking vote three times during discussion. Council also voted 3-2 against a motion by Burk who wanted the issue settled by a citywide referendum.

A group of Okeechobee dentists and physicians voiced arguments in favor of fluoridation. All said it especially benefits children by guarding against tooth decay.

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, August 25, 1961

BOLITA AND BOOTLEG ACTIVITIES HALTED BY RAIDS BY FEDERAL MEN

A combined operation of the State Beverage Department, the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit agents swooped down in Okeechobee and St. Lucie County Saturday and pounced upon two large stills and bolita "bank."

The stills with a weekly capacity of 700 gallons produced "bootleg" whiskey worth approximately \$14,000 a week when sold wholesale — with about 90 percent of the output being distributed in the two counties.

Ground work for the simultaneous raids started last April, according to Tom Lee, State Beverage Department Director, and for the past four or six weeks, undercover agents have worked directly with the illicit operators.

While agents were working the Fort Pierce area, the raids in Okeechobee were being conducted under SBD Agent Dick Romelle, who told the News that a bolita bank with a weekly take of \$3,500 was broken up.

The raiding operation started from West Palm Beach early Saturday morning with more than 40 agents, carrying Federal arrest warrants for nine persons, along with John Doe warrants for others not named at that time.

In Okeechobee operations, warrants were handed to J.C. Rogers and his two sons, J.C. Jr. and Adrian, Lacey Tillman, Ernest Burgess and George Winn, who along with others, appeared before Judge Pink in West Palm Beach and were released on a

\$1,000 bond. In the bootlegging operation, Lee said the arrests in this particular raid were the result of a raid on a 3,000-gallon still which was seized and fingerprints taken from the metallic surfaces by experts from the department. He also stated that as a result of this lead, undercover agents Grady Grimes of Ocala, Bob Wolfe of Jacksonville and George Gould of Tallahassee were able to slip into the operation.

Lee said that the people arrested were all major operators in a "vicious" professional ring of criminals" and that the agents who conducted the undercover investigation should be commended for their outstanding work.

Confiscated during the raids was a 1959 station wagon and a truck belonging to Casaras Produce Co. of Vero Beach, but agents said that in all probability, the produce concern was unaware that its truck was being used to transport illicit liquor.

Meanwhile, a third still was being sought by agents on foot and by airplane, but it is not known whether the agents had been successful in locating it, or whether additional arrests had been made in this instance.

(Editor's note from 2014: According to Wikipedia, Bolita is a type of lottery which was popular in the latter 19th and early 20th centuries. In the basic bolita game, 100 small numbered balls are placed into a bag and mixed thoroughly, and bets are taken on which number will be drawn.)



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Looking Back ...

This house on Southeast 10th Avenue in Okeechobee was built by Victor Jacob Domer in the 1920s. At first, Domer's Machine Shop was housed in the front of the house. Later, Mr. Domer built a shop adjacent to his house. The first meeting of what was to become Grace Brethren Church was held in this house. Do you have an old photo to share? Email it to the Okeechobee News at okeenews@newszap.com or bring it by the newspaper office, 107 S.W. 17th Street (in the plaza next door to Brahman Movie Theater.)

From the Okeechobee News, August 18, 1961

Cow Gives Birth To Triplets

A Holstein cow owned by the B.B. McArthur Dairy, east of Okeechobee, gave birth to a set of triplets Aug. 6. All were healthy, normal calves,

The cow was about six years old and had given birth to four singles before the birth of triplets. The calves were sired in the old fashioned way.

McArthur says that this is the first triplets born to his herd of over 1000 at his farm in the past five years. He did state, however, that a cow formerly owned by them when they were in business in south Florida had given birth to triplets, but they did not live.

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