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Navarro found guilty of manslaughter

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Manuel Navarro caught a break Thursday when a six-member jury found him guilty of manslaughter instead of second-degree murder as he was originally charged.

Navarro, 51, was on trial for killing his

roommate during an Aug. 31, 2013, argument in the home they rented on N.W. 16th Avenue in Basswood. Navarro was charged with stabbing Francisco Soto-Herrera to death during an argument fueled by a day, and night, filled with drinking.

Both the prosecution and defense rested their respective cases and the case was given

to the jury shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday. But, as of 3 p.m. they still had not reached a unanimous decision — or, at least, they thought they hadn't.

Confused on what they should do, the jury sent a handwritten note to Circuit Court Judge

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SES parents protest transfer of teacher

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

South Elementary School parents complained about a lack of communication in a recent teacher's transfer and the school board said farewell to two veteran members when they met for their regular October meeting Tuesday night at the school board offices.

Nine parents addressed the board concerned about the transfer of a teacher at South Elementary, Joshua Van Wormer. They complained about the possible impact this will have on their children and complained about a lack of notice about the decision.

Parent Makayla Mason said her 6-year-old son was upset by the decision.

"They can't be shaken up like this. I have received no reply from administration. I received a phone call last night at 10 p.m." She said this is a crucial grade and her child should not be penalized.

Mr. Van Wormer will teach third graders who were retained due to failure on the FCAT. Florida law is specific on which teachers are qualified for these positions. They must be graded "highly effective" in their last evaluation

to teach this class.

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy assured the parents this decision will be reviewed.

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
David Williams (left) was honored Tuesday for serving five terms on the Okeechobee School Board. At right is Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Gay Carlton (left) was honored at her final school board meeting. She served 50 years for the school system the last 20 as a school board member. At right is Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.

Corps adjusts flow from Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District will adjust the target flows to the Caloosahatchee River as a result of rising water levels at Lake Okeechobee.

Beginning Friday, Oct. 17, the corps will adjust the target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary to a seven-day average of 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) as measured at W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79) near Fort Myers. Runoff

that accumulates in the Caloosahatchee River (C-43) west of Moore Haven will be allowed to pass through the Franklin structure as has been the case for much of the summer and early fall.

The target flow for the St. Lucie Estuary is unchanged at 0 cfs as measured at the St. Lucie Lock & Dam near Stuart. However, local basin runoff that accumulates in the St. Lucie Ca-

nal (C-44) will continue to be allowed to pass through the spillway as necessary.

"The increase target flow at Franklin Lock & Dam is in response to increasing lake levels from rainfall earlier this week," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida. "We will continue

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Sherwood Bauer telling him they were split, 3-3, on the second-degree murder charge. However, they all agreed the state had proven a lesser charge of manslaughter without a reasonable doubt.

All six also agreed Navarro should not be acquitted.

"A split decision on the higher charge does not cause a mistrial," explained Judge Bauer. "If you agree on manslaughter, then you have a unanimous decision."

He then sent the jury back to their deliberation chambers to fill out the verdict form.

While they were gone, Judge Bauer reminded the attorneys the law can sometimes be confusing to the public.

"We have to remember, we do this on a daily basis," he said. "I'll give them all the credit in the world for asking good questions."

After the verdict form had been returned to him, Judge Bauer found Navarro guilty of manslaughter and revoked his \$250,000 bond. Navarro, who will be sentenced Friday, Nov. 14, at 9 a.m., is facing a minimum sentence of 10 years and could face a maximum sentence of 15 years, said Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright, one of the prosecutors on the case.

If he had been convicted of the murder charge, Navarro was looking at a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Testimony throughout the three-day trial centered around the argument between the two men that apparently began at a local club where Soto and Navarro had gone. While at the club, Navarro saw Soto talking to a married woman. He then went over to the woman and told her to stay away from Soto because "... he only wanted one thing."

Later, when the two men returned home, they began to argue about what had transpired at the club and Soto threatened to beat up the older Navarro.

During cross examination by Mr. Albright, Navarro said he picked up the switchblade knife and plunged it into Soto's chest out of fear.

"I was protecting my life," he said,

through an interpreter.

Mr. Albright pointed out to the jury that while Navarro had testified he was swinging the knife back and forth when he "cut" the much younger man, District 19 Medical Examiner Roger E. Mittleman's testimony disputed Navarro's claim. He testified his finding at autopsy was that the knife wound was a straight-on wound.

Navarro went on to testify that Soto was calling him names and referring to him as "old man."

Even though Navarro was afraid of the 29-year-old Soto, he testified that he would not fight him "because I am a coward."

However, a public records request found that Navarro not only has a problem with alcohol, but he is also no stranger to violence.

In 1996 Navarro was convicted locally of driving under the influence. Then, in 2000, he was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of domestic battery. He was found guilty on one count and adjudication was withheld on the other.

The domestic battery arrest stemmed from an Aug. 21, 2000, incident in his home where he told his wife that "... he would kill her and do her a favor," stated an arrest report. He then slapped his wife. She later divorced him.

That same report also stated that he grabbed his daughter by the hair and acted like he was going "... to punch her ..." but he didn't.

Those arrest records also indicate Navarro was arrested in Hendry County in 2004 on a misdemeanor charge of affray, which is a legal term for fighting in public.

Julie Casals, a forensic biologist with the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce, testified Wednesday afternoon that DNA testing found Soto's blood on a white undershirt being worn by Navarro, on the blade of Navarro's knife and on Navarro's right wrist.

And although there was only a small amount to sample, Ms. Casals went on to tell the jury she found Navarro's DNA on the handle of the knife. But, because it was such a small sample, she said those same DNA markers would be found in 1-out-of-93,900 people. The other samples — on the shirt, knife blade and Navarro's wrist — could only be from Navarro.

Even though the jury did not convict Navarro of murder, Mr. Albright said he was "happy" with their decision.

SCHOOL

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"We will get a transition plan in place, but it is among the principal's authority to do this," he said.

Patricia Yates said there are other options so fewer kids are affected.

"My understanding is the board oversees administration," she said. "There must be a little pull here. I know what changes like this can do to a child, short and long term."

She wanted to be assured that the new teacher is fully qualified and certified.

"We have debated staying there. We have had positive experiences there until this. If we allow a negative year in first grade, how many years do we have to make that up?" she said. Superintendent Kenworthy said he plans to meet with principal Mike Radebaugh to discuss the options. He suggested that the parents submit their thoughts and that he will discuss those with the principal.

School board member Malissa Morgan said the comments have been heard and will be considered.

"I have been in your shoes, your voices have been heard, and Mr. Kenworthy will do what is best for the students," she said.

Many of the parents complained they got a letter from their upset children on Friday after the decision was made.

"We are working to make the best decision possible," Mr. Radebaugh said. He said the school and its administration appreciate all of the parents' concerns.

The board honored 20 students who earned perfect scores on segments of the FCAT exam this year. The list included Solomon Albright, Kyle Barrett, Emily Beatty, Nikolas Montero, Matthew Nguyen, Jeffrey Rhoden and Cristian Rios of Osceola Middle School, Adrian Chavez, Christine Grosso, and Artha Jonassaint of Yearling Middle School, Bronze Bishop, Jennifer Ehrlich, Candace McGlamory, and Harry O'Hagan of the Freshman Campus and Emily Crews, Margarita Martinez, John McGehee, Michael Muros and Rachel Williams of Okeechobee High School.

In business actions, the board honored long-time Director of Operations Dale Barrett who served for 44 years, science teacher Kay Duke who served 33 years, Johnnie Ruth Fralix, secretary to the assistant superintendent who served 35 years and South Elementary custodian Faye Walker who served 29 years, upon their retirements.

They proclaimed the week of Oct. 20-24 as National School Bus Safety Week.

Approved a new three-year contract with the Okeechobee Education Association 1604 Classified Unit. It was also the final meeting of school board members Gay Carlton and David Williams, who both served five terms on the board.

"It has been an honor and sometimes a pleasure to serve this county," Ms. Carlton told the crowd.

"We have the best students, teachers, and administrators that I could ever think of," said Mr. Williams, who was born and raised in Okeechobee. He started in the seat at age 29.

Mr. Barrett said it took a team to get things done.

"I always had high expectations and my replacement will keep those standards high," he said. His son Brian Barrett was appointed to that position last month. Barrett said the

renovation projects of the administrative building and the freshman campus may stand out on his list of accomplishments.

Mrs. Duke said after 33 years she has worked with a lot of people and she hopes she served the county well.

"It has been a time well served and has been the joy of my life," she said.

The board appointed Suzan Eshleman as assistant principal at South Elementary and Mark Moore as maintenance foreman.

Everglades Elementary principal Leslie Lundy said they have more tutors on campus thanks to a YMCA grant. They do have a need for at-night transportation. A second grade student entered a recipe contest run by Uncle Ben's Rice. You can vote on Everglades Facebook page.

North Elementary has zero first-year teachers this year. FCAT reading scores were raised in all grade levels tested. Math scores went up 24 points in the lowest performing students. While writing scores dipped, science scores rose by 15 percent. They were a B school last year despite a 32 percent rate of students as English language learners and 75 percent who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Mr. Kenworthy said the classified employees contract was ratified 146-7 by union members. The contract includes a step salary hike plus a 10-cent per hour raise.

The five-year work plan for the district includes \$306,000 budgeted for electrical improvements which include lighting improvements at Osceola Middle School, \$475,000 for new school buses, \$225,000 to finish demolition of the former New Endeavor High School, and \$100,000 to add GPS to school buses.

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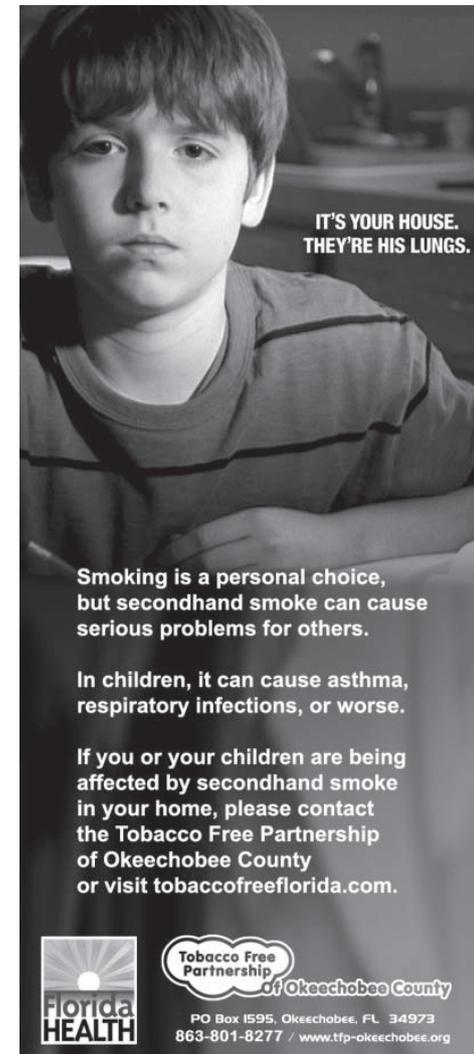
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to monitor conditions and adjust flows as warranted."

Thursday, the lake stage was 15.81 feet. It is currently in the Operational Low Sub-Band (but within 1 foot of Intermediate Sub-Band) of the Corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS). Under current conditions, LORS authorizes the Corps to discharge 4,000 cfs to the Caloosahatchee and 1,800 cfs to the St. Lucie.

For information on water level and flows data for Lake Okeechobee, visit the Jacksonville District water management website page at

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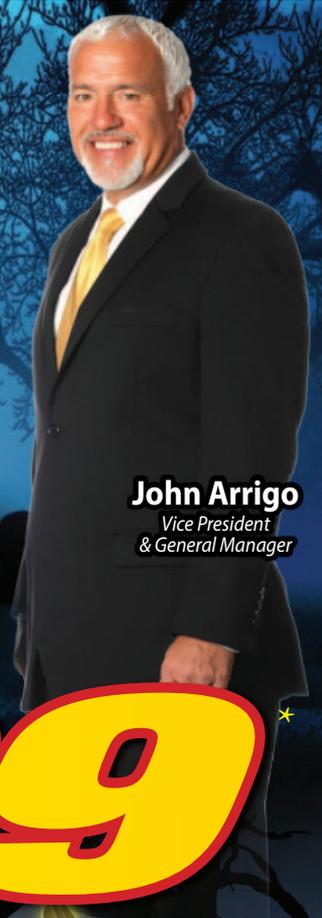
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Smart meters

• The World Health Organization in 2011 placed radiation from Smart Meters on the Class 2-B carcinogen list. Smart Meters do not shut off. They are emitting radiation around the clock — that is 100 times greater than the radiation from cell phones. Minimize the radiation by installing some lead sheeting around the meter. Just Say No to Big Brother's Smart Meters. Hawaii and Maryland have done just that — NO to Smart Meters. Smart Meters are the "Atomic Bomb" for radiation.

Medical marijuana

• Medical marijuana is a good thing, but amendment 2 is a bad way to go about it. Vote 'no' on amendment 2, but work with your state legislators to enact a law that allows medicinal use of marijuana.

• This is a very personal issue for me. I watched my 52-year-old brother trying to keep food down during the last year of his struggle with liver cancer. Where he got the marijuana that allowed him to eat enough food to survive, I don't know and don't care. It gave him the choice to live and die at home with Mom and his family around him rather than in a lonely hospital room being stuck with needles which he hated.

• The medical marijuana issue needs to be addressed at the national level. Marijuana needs to be reclassified by the federal government so that it can be regulated by the FDA. It can't be FDA regulated now because the federal agencies only treat it as an illegal substance, not as a medicine.

• Anyone who is on chemo should be allowed the option of using marijuana to offset the side effects. It is cruel to deny this option to people who are suffering so much. They're dying from cancer and you are afraid they might get addicted to marijuana? That would be the least of their worries.

• I think it would be a mistake to put the medical marijuana issue in the state constitution. We don't need more amend-

ments. The state legislature should grow a backbone. Let Florida legalize marijuana for medical use with legislation that can be reviewed and changed as needed to make sure it is not abused. If you pass an amendment, you can't change it without passing another amendment.

• There are doctors not just in Okeechobee but in different parts of Florida who have been waiting a long time to be able to write a script and their patients could get marijuana and be able to come off a lot of pills. Believe it or not there are a few doctors who really would like to see their patients be able to come off some of the pills and have a better quality of life by being able to put them on marijuana. The doctors know their patients would never abuse using this and it's much safer without all the side effects than the pills. Doctors have been just waiting for this to be legal in Florida.

• Marijuana is a lot less addictive than hydrocodone which is already legal. Let the doctors decide who should be allowed to use marijuana to help with pain. It's something that is natural, not a chemical cooked up by Big Pharma.

• I wonder if those being treated with prescription medicine, paid for by their insurance, will gladly pay for it out of their own pocket? "(6) Nothing in this section shall require any health insurance provider or any government agency or authority to reimburse any person for expenses related to the medical use of marijuana."

• Marijuana can help people who had tried everything else. Vote yes.

• I do not understand why the federal government treats marijuana so harshly when it should be in the same classification as alcohol. Yes, both marijuana and alcohol can be addictive, but both can also be used by the majority of people in moderation. Marijuana is not as harmful to the body as so many things that the federal government allows to be sold as prescription drugs. I think the drug companies give some major campaign contributions to keep marijuana on the illegal list because unlike the prescription pain pills, if marijuana was legal, people could grow their own and not have to spend half their paycheck on their medications.

• I wondered who is supporting or sponsoring this amendment, so I looked it up. Charlie Crist is one of the supporters as well as Florida Senators Jeff Clemens and Oscar Brayon, Representatives Dave Kerner and Katie Edwards and Chairman of the Florida Democratic Party Alan Clendenin.

Letters to the editor

Vote 'yes' for the children

Devereux Community Based Care of Okeechobee and the Treasure Coast is responsible for the safety and well-being of every known abused, abandoned and neglected child in Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties. It is because of those children, and those we might prevent from ever entering the child-welfare system, that we support the Okeechobee County Children's Services Council.

The council exists to improve the quality of life for all children and families in Okeechobee County and funds a core group of programs that have been steadily meeting that goal. Combined, the programs funded by the council create a safety net of prevention and early intervention that preserves the family, keeps children out of foster care and saves taxpayer money. Consider the math: It costs Devereux CBC more than \$19,000 per year to care for a single child who has been removed from home, but it costs the average homeowner in Okeechobee County about \$26 per year to fund the council and help keep that same child at home, safe and healthy.

Please vote "yes" this November — "yes" to children, "yes" to the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County.

Sincerely,

Carol Deloach

chief executive officer

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Health and Safety Expo

You are invited to the Eighth Annual Okeechobee Family Health and Safety Expo on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015. The Expo will take place at the Agri-Civic Center, 4601 State Road 710, Okeechobee, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The 2014 Expo was a fun-filled, educational day for the more than the 2,200 people who attended. This year we want to offer additional health and safety displays, first responder vehicles, vendor booths, entertainment, food and giveaways. There is no charge to set up, eat lunch (while supplies last) or to attend the Expo. However, donations are always welcomed!

We need your support to make this Expo bigger and better! We are inviting you to participate by setting up a vendor booth or by bringing a display for the community to see. We would love to see participation from everyone in the health and/or safety field. Profit and not-for-profit agencies and organizations will offer free health screenings or display items related to health and/or safety and offer demonstrations. Our target audience will range from young children to senior citizens. This is a great opportunity to share with Okeechobee what you have to offer! We are expecting more vendors and more participants this year so do not miss this Expo!

We are soliciting food donations and door prizes to be given away during the Expo. Donations of hot dogs, chips, bottled water, juice, fruit and other giveaways and of course, financial contributions will be accepted and greatly appreciated. You or your company's involvement will add to this exciting day of health, safety and education for the citizens of Okeechobee. As a donor, you or your business will be recognized during the Expo, and in our thank you ads in the local media. Sponsors are given coverage on signage, programs and in other areas; see the sponsorship form for complete details. It is not too late to join the list of sponsors. Contact Sharon Vinson, 863-462-5000 Ext. 257 or Donny Arnold, 863-634-6464, for registration forms. The deadline is: December 15, 2014.

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Yours for a Healthy and Safe Okeechobee,

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Report: Men caught with coke at Mexican rodeo

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



C. Gordillo-Herrera

Three men were arrested at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center after a deputy allegedly watched them snort cocaine in a bathroom.

When Deputy Leland Schoonmaker, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), reportedly ordered the men to "... give me the dope ...," one of the men threw the bag into the toilet and flushed it. But, continued the deputy, the bag of suspected powder cocaine was not flushed away and he was able to retrieve it.

Arrested Sunday, Oct. 12, were: Julio Cesar Gordillo-Herrera, 25, S. Shore Blvd., Wellington; Carlos Alfonso Gordillo-Herrera, 31, S. Shore Blvd.; and Eulises Salites, 27, Indian Mound Road, West Palm Beach.

Each man was charged with possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and tampering with evidence. Each man is also being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$10,000.

According to the deputy's report the three men were attending a Mexican rodeo Sunday, Oct. 12, at the county facility.

Deputy Schoonmaker stated when he entered the bathroom he saw three people standing in one of the stalls. When he looked through a small opening by the door he could see the three men were all facing the door.

"I then looked over the stall door and I witnessed all three subjects put their hands up to their noses and snort powder cocaine," stated the deputy.

The deputy went on to add a man later identified as Julio Gordillo-Herrera was



J. Gordillo-Herrera

holding the bag.

When the deputy ordered them to open the door all three men turned toward the toilet, stated the report. Julio then threw the bag into the toilet and Carlos Gordillo-Herrera flushed the commode. When the water stopped running, the men stepped out of the stall and were placed under arrest, continued Deputy Schoonmaker.

The deputy went on to state the bag did not go down the drain.

The contents of that bag were field tested



Eulises Salites

and that test reportedly indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

Deputy Schoonmaker then used clean cotton swabs and wiped the outside of each man's nose. Each swab was then field tested and each test, continued the deputy, indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

When the men were searched, Deputy Schoonmaker stated he found two more bags of suspected powder cocaine on Julio Gordillo-Herrera.

The total weight of the cocaine was 1.6 grams, pointed out the deputy's report.

Tire slashed on SUV at high school

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A deputy is looking for information into the identity of the person, or persons, who slashed a tire on a sports utility vehicle parked in a parking lot at Okeechobee High School (OHS).

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Donnie Holmes indicated in his report the incident happened sometime Tuesday, Oct. 14. Deputy Holmes, who is also the school resource officer at OHS, said he was made aware of the vandalism around 2:20 p.m.

The deputy indicated someone had cut the right-front tire on the passenger side of the student's 2008 Saturn SUV.

"I saw a slash approximately 4 inches long in the sidewall of the tire. The slash went all the way through the tire," stated Deputy Holmes.

According to the report it will cost an estimated \$200 to replace the tire.

If anyone has information regarding this vandalism, they are asked to contact the sheriff's office at 863-763-3117.

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).

- Aysia Simone Browdy, 30, N.E. Third St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 10 by Deputy Paul Jackson on a felony charge of credit card fraud. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

- Andrea Renee Milling, 36, S.E. 22nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 10 by Officer Aurelio Almazon on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and possession of a controlled substance (methadone) without a prescription, and misdemeanor charges of possession of a legend drug (three counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$39,000.

- Robert Anthony Garrick, 54, N.W. 38th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 11 by Deputy Yero Todman on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Emanuel Ferdinand Safo, 56, N.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 12 by Deputy Paul Jackson on a felony charge of domestic battery by strangulation. His bond was set at \$100,000. He was also arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. He is being held without bond on that charge.

- Bret McKlain Corrales, 17, N.W. 34th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 12 by

Deputy Jonathon Kemp on a juvenile take and hold warrants charging him with the felony of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence (two counts) and the misdemeanors of criminal mischief (two counts), possession of marijuana under 20 grams (two counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts). He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Kelly Robert Johnson, 55, N.W. 63rd Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 12 by Trooper Lawrence J. Quinto on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Frederick Lamar Davis, 30, N.E. 168th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 13 by Deputy Corporal Michael Hazellief on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - lewd and lascivious exhibition in the presence of a correctional facility employee. He is being held without bond.

- Eric Andrew Pena, 26, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 13 by Deputy Cpl. Michael Hazellief on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of burglary of a structure. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Kimberly Ann Rantz, 44, S.E. 34th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 13 by Detective Kelley Margerum on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the misdemeanor of driving under the influence. She is being held without bond.

- Ervin Edward Jackson, 22, Fifth Street, West Palm Beach, was arrested Oct. 13 by

Deputy Mark Margerum on a Palm Beach County warrant charging him with the felony of burglary of a structure and the misdemeanor of petit theft. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Richard Anthony Bonnell, 35, S.E. 36th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Brian Cross on felony charges of driving while license suspended - habitual offender and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$12,500.

- Thomas David Arnold, 29, Taymouth St. N.W., Palm Bay, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Brian Cross on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$7,500.

- Benjamin Lee Jones, 37, N.E. Ninth St., Mulberry, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Brian Cross on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

- Michael Prescott Brantley, 49, S.W. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Brian Cross on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) (two counts) and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts). His bond was set at \$20,000.

- Tanya Renee Huggins, 43, N.W. 38th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Brian Cross 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 \$4,000.

- Jaqurus Lee Coston, 17, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Mark Margerum on a Hillsborough County take and hold juvenile warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling (two counts) and grand theft. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Cindyann Knowles Conrad, 52, N.E. 30th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Steven Pollock on felony charges of carrying a concealed firearm and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Ronald Dale VanMetre, 62, S.E. 128th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 14 by Deputy Steven Pollock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the misdemeanor of violation of probation - driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Elizabeth Grace Blackman, 30, N. Horseshoe, Clewiston, was arrested Oct. 15 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam) and violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (hydromorphone). She is being held without bond.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

Obituaries

Lavon Bass, 79

OKEECHOBEE — Lavon Bass, of Okeechobee, Florida and Mountain City, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014 at the Mountain City Care Center.



He was born on July 6, 1935 to the late J. Avery Bass and Annie Maude Horne Bass.

In addition to his parents, Lavon was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Van Moore, who passed away in 2000.

Lavon was a retired funeral director and former owner of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and was a co-founder and former co-owner of Mountain City Funeral Home. Lavon proudly served our country in the United States Air Force.

He was a member of First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, Florida and attended First Baptist Church of Mountain City, Tennessee.

Lavon is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 42 years, Gail M. Bass; daughter, Becky L. Barnhart and husband Jim of Okeechobee, Fla.; grandchildren, Joshua P. Moore of Parrish, Fla., Max O. Norman, Tad A. Norman both of Okeechobee, Fla., and Brianna Moore Swartzfager and husband David of Gainesville, Fla.; many nieces and nephews and many special friends and neighbors in Tennessee and Florida.

Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014 at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

George 'Gene' Eugene Collier, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Gene Collier passed peacefully on the evening of October 15, 2014 surrounded by his family. He will be remembered as a loving and proud father and grandfather.

Mr. Collier is survived by LeAnna Collier; daughter, Cheryl Collier; son, Robin Collier and his wife, Lori; and three granddaughters, Summer, Rainn and Star.

Visitation will be Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery with Pastor Dan Applewhite officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to UWMCC Research, Attention Dr. Paul Nghiem, 850 Republican Street, Seattle, WA 98109.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton, Bass and Conway families of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

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Martha Killian Cockrell Yancy

OKEECHOBEE — Martha Killian Cockrell Yancy, a longtime resident of Okeechobee passed away Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014 after an extended illness.

She was born Dec. 22, 1919 in Bollinger County, Missouri, to the late Emanuel Richard and Sarah Octavia Killian. She attended Scott County, Missouri's Chaney school with some of her eight siblings, and was valedictorian there.

In 1938 she married Wilburn Cockrell in Sikeston, Missouri who was later killed in action in W.W.II. Martha married Herbert Elmo "Spud" Yancy in 1946.

Martha and Spud were early members of Sikeston's young Bonus Hill First Baptist Church in Sikeston. The family moved to Fort Pierce in 1967. There she worked as an agent for "Welcome Wagon." She and Spud later moved to Buckhead Ridge, near Okeechobee where she attended Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church. She worked as a new-account representative for Commercial Bank in Okeechobee before retiring. Martha moved to West Plains in 1994 and attended First General Baptist Church and then West 160 Church of Christ there. She was active in her church and always involved with her large family, as her many friends will attest.

Martha was preceded in death by her husbands, Wilburn Cockrell, Herbert "Spud" Yancy; and one son, Wilburn Allen "Sonny" Cockrell.

She is survived by six children and their spouses, Beverly and Richard Teitsort of West Plains, Missouri, Dale and Gwen Yancy of Monroe, Louisiana, Deidra and Richard Rappa of Port St. Lucie, Herbert Jr. and Kathleen Yancy of Fort Pierce, Janice and Dave Crosby of Lead Hill, Arkansas, and Cirt and Hazel (Beebee) Yancy of West Plains, Missouri. She also is survived by 17 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

A memorial service for Martha was held in West Plains on Thursday. A graveside service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Okeechobee, where she will be laid to rest on Monday.



Mignon K. Coers, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Mignon K. Coers died Oct. 9, 2014. She was born Sept. 6, 1940 in Blue Ridge, Indiana. A resident of Okeechobee for 26 years, she was an active member of the Women of the Moose #956.

Mrs. Coers was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Mabel Coers; and her daughter, Kimberly Riley.

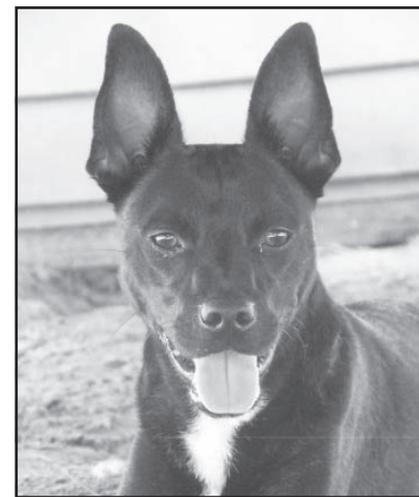
She is survived by her husband of 18 years, Norm Riley of Okeechobee; six sons, Daniel, David, Kenneth, Mudd, Richard and Robert; numerous grandchildren and stepdaughter, Lisa Denton and Lisa's son, Matthew Riley.

No services will be held at this time.

Donations may be made to Moose Heart or Moose Haven.

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Special to the Okeechobee News

Pet of the Week

Skipper is a small young male neutered dog. He is very friendly, and does well with other dogs. Skipper would make a great companion dog to nearly any home. Skipper is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. The Humane Society/Pet Rescue also has many healthy puppies that want a home of their own, paper trained, with all vaccinations up to date. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104, or go online to petfinder.com.

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Legion to host a dinner

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host a spaghetti dinner with salad and desert Friday, **Oct. 17**, from 4 until 7 p.m. for a \$6 donation. Music with Medicine Man will be provided from 5 until 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, features five-card bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, is taco day with music by Carl Cable from 3 until 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, features five-card bingo at 1 p.m., with music by Carl Cable from 4 until 6 p.m. Don't forget about our Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 31. All events are open to the public. Be sure and like us on Facebook. For information, call 863-763-5309.

WOTM offering dinner

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., invites you to join them Friday, **Oct. 17**, for WOTM dinner that will consist of scalloped potatoes with a ham slice for a \$7 donation from 5 until 7 p.m. Music will be provided from 6 until 9 p.m. by Carl Cable. Proceeds benefit Moose charities.

Eagles planning dinner

The Cypress Hut Eagles, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., will serve choice ribeye steak and seafood dinners starting at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment by Sho Nuff on Friday, **Oct. 17**. Saturday, Oct. 18, the Auxiliary will serve an Italian dinner with Carl Cable providing music. Also, Saturday is game day from 2 until 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, features fried chicken by The Eagle Riders from 2 until 6 p.m. Monday sloppy joe's and dogs will be served. Tuesday, Oct. 21 is the weekly dart tournament with burgers being served. For information, call 863-467-1154.

Special workshop slated

A free domestic violence workshop will be held at the Hampton Inn, 1200 S.R. 70 East, on Friday, **Oct. 17**, from 6 until 9 p.m. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call 863-169-2893.

Auction helps bowling team

The OHS bowling team will host a Quarter Auction on Friday, **Oct. 17**, at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the auction starts at 6 p.m. Bring your quarters to help the team raise money for all their needs. For information or to become a vendor, call Donna Watson at 863-634-9043.

Leather Craft Class offered

Big Lake Hobbies, 110 S.W. 14th St., is hosting a free Basic Leather Craft Class on Saturday, **Oct. 18**, from 2 until 5 p.m. The Class is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a seat in advance, call Big Lake Hobbies at 863-357-3592.

Younified offers free event

Osceola Middle School (OMS), 825 S.W. 28th St., will be the site of a free Plugged in Parenting event featuring Jeffrey Dean. He will be speaking to parents on how to "Plug into the Hearts of Your Teens." The special event is set for Oct. 18 from 6 until 8 p.m. For information, call 863-634-6523. The event is sponsored by Younified.

Howl-O-Ween bash slated

Bella's Angels is hosting the inaugural Howl-O-Ween Bash at 30076 S.R. 78 E., behind the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department, on Saturday, **Oct. 18**, from noon until 5 p.m. Feel free to bring your pooch for free trick or treating. All breeds are welcome. All dogs must be leashed, friendly and current on shots. For information, email bellasangels1012@yahoo.com. Vendors are welcome.

Golf tourney aids blood drive

A golf tournament will be held Saturday, **Oct. 18**, at the Blue Heron Golf Club, 1925 S.E. Ninth Ave., as a fundraiser for the Okeechobee Blood Roundup. The tournament will get under way with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The field will be limited to 12 teams, made up of four players each. The entry fee is \$35 per player, or \$140 per team. For information, call 863-763-2971 or 863-697-0211.

Garden, Orchid clubs to meet

The Garden Club will meet Monday, **Oct. 20**, at 6 p.m. The Orchid Club will then meet at 7 p.m. Both will be held at the Extension Center, 451 U.S. 98 N. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 863-763-6469.

Play bingo at Sacred Heart

The public is invited to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., Monday, **Oct. 20**, to play bingo. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and bingo will start at 7 p.m. Come early to get your favorite seat. Our kitchen also offers a variety of sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee, popcorn, snacks and desserts.

GOP candidates will speak

Meet Your Candidates of the Republican Party of Okeechobee invites you to meet your local candidates and hear them speak Monday, **Oct. 20**, at 7 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave. Come early to order your dinner. You will also be able to pick up signs. For information, call 863-532-2482 or 863-532-1139.

Historical Society will meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society will have their next meeting Monday, **Oct. 20**, beginning at noon in the Museum on U.S. 98 N. They ask that anyone interested in joining bring along a covered dish to share. Yearly dues are \$10. The Tantie Quilters will also resume their meetings every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Dinner, dancing offered

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1740 S.W. 53rd St., will hold a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Oct. 21**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. Music is provided from 5 until 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact: Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200; or, the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Meeting seeks public input

Glades County residents interested in supporting older adults are invited to attend a public meeting Tuesday, **Oct. 21**, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Hope Connections office, 101 Florida Ave. N.W., in Moore Haven. For information, call 239-652-6900.



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County candidates respond to questions

The County Commission District 4 race pits Republican Terry Burroughs against Democrat Tommy Clay. Joey Hoover, who currently serves as the District 4 commissioner, lost his bid for re-election in the primary election.



Terry Burroughs

Mr. Burroughs and Mr. Clay were asked to respond to questions submitted by newspaper readers.

If elected, how much time a week do you expect to devote to county business?

BURROUGHS: I consider this position a commitment to serve our community without placing a number on the amount of time to be expended. The needs of the community are great and the more elected officials take the position of serving the community to the fullest, the better the community will prosper.

CLAY: My schedule is very flexible so I can spend as much time as needed.

Are you in favor of installing red light cameras in our dangerous intersections?

BURROUGHS: I am sure on the surface this seems like a great idea, but this needs to be fairly evaluated in terms of initial and

ongoing costs. Additionally, recent studies have determined that red light cameras have caused more accidents and have become a revenue-producing opportunity for some of those communities currently deploying them over the original intent of preventing accidents. At this time I am not in favor of installing red light cameras given the current level of facts.

CLAY: I would like to see the statistics from other cities first to see if it saves lives or is it just a revenue source and if it is just a revenue source then what is the payback?

What is your opinion of the current county administrator?

BURROUGHS: I am not in a position to offer an opinion of the effectiveness of the county administrator at this time due to not being fully engaged with the administrator on a full-time basis.

CLAY: It is hard to form a fair and honest opinion of someone's ability and skill set until you have a chance to work with them. But, do not misunderstand me, I have no problem voting to replace someone that does

not have the skills needed to help move this county forward. I would also fight just as hard to keep someone that does.



Tommy Clay

Voters will be asked to keep Children's Services Council here

In the November general election, Okeechobee County voters will be asked to renew the Children's Services Council (CSC) with a referendum vote. The CSC is an independent taxing district that uses dedicated property tax revenue to improve the lives of children.

For 24 years, the Children's Services Council has provided funding for much needed services in the community. In order to continue, the CSC must be reauthorized by a referendum vote.

Programs that have received funding through the Children's Services Council include: 211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Area Agency on Aging, Big Brothers Big Sis-

ters, Children's Home Society Heart Gallery, Communities in Schools PAL, Early Learning Coalition, Exchange Club CASTLE, Helping People Succeed, Hibiscus Children's Center, IRSC Expanding Horizons, Martha's House, My Aunt's House, New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Okeechobee Extension 4-H, Okeechobee Healthy Start, Okeechobee Special Equestrian, Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition, Planned Parenthood, Real Life Children's Ranch, Suncoast Mental Health, Sacred Heart Martial Arts Program and United for Families Foster Parent Mentor.

Collaborative Council will meet

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, **Oct. 28**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. The special guest speakers will be Lonnie Steiert, representing Okeechobee County schools, and Sara Frahm from CASTLE. 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. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

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Single seat tickets are now on sale which will allow Okeechobee theatre audiences to be transported to the funniest church service they've ever attended, and also to go along with Dorothy and Toto to the wonderful land of Oz.

The tickets are for the first two of the three live theatre productions to be presented this season by the Okeechobee Community Theatre (OCT). The November performance is the gospel music comedy "The Service at Rocky Bluff," and the December offering is the family classic, "The Wizard of Oz." Seats for either show may be reserved for \$12 each at the office of Okeechobee-The Maga-

zine, in the Plaza 300 building, 300 N.W. 5th Street, 2nd floor, suite 316. "The Service at Rocky Bluff" is a riotous comedy that features more than a dozen gospel music favorites, in the tradition of the OCT's most successful show of all time, "Smoke On the Mountain." When a small North Carolina Baptist church learns that they are to be visited by a search committee from another congregation which plans to woo away their beloved minister, they hatch an outlandish plot to keep him. Despite all the comedy, the show is also something of a gospel concert, including such tunes as "I'll Fly Away," "It is Well With My Soul," "Daddy Sang Bass," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," and other well-known hymns and gospel tunes sung

by a talented group of six performers.

"The Service at Rocky Bluff" will be presented on November 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 8 p.m., with a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2 p.m. on Nov. 15. Performances are at the theatre on the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, 610 S.W. Second Ave., one block west of Golden Corral restaurant.

"The Wizard of Oz," to be performed three times only, on Dec. 5 and 6, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the classic M-G-M motion picture. All of the familiar characters including the Scarecrow, the Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion are included, but it's likely that you've never seen them quite like this. The uniquely-staged performance features a cast of 22, with a dazzling array of whimsi-

cal costumes which are somewhat different from the traditional, but are extremely appropriate for each. The show will definitely appeal to adults and young people alike.

Performances of "The Wizard of Oz" are at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, with a Saturday afternoon matinee at 2:00 pm. The Okeechobee Community Theatre, now in its 36th year, is an all-volunteer organization of local adults and young people who produce high-quality, live Broadway-style musicals, comedies and dramas. For information on the theatre and its activities, or to volunteer, call 863-763-1307; or, visit the website at www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com.

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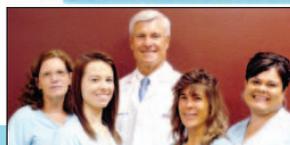
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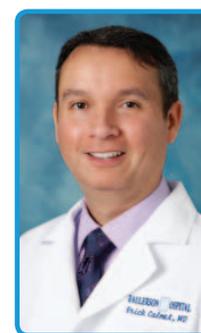
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Highlands Hammock announces Music in the Park concerts

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Back Porch Revival will launch the 2014 - 2015 Music in the Park concert series on Saturday evening, Oct. 18. Highlands Hammock cordially invites residents, visitors, and returning snowbirds throughout the greater Heartland to join the park in celebrating the arrival of autumn. Plan to relax, kick back and tap your toes to classic and contemporary folk tunes played by this old-time string band as they fill the air with sweet notes of fiddle, guitar, banjo, ukulele, mandolin, and bass.

Back Porch will be followed by six other concerts.

GrooVus, one of the most eclectic groups in the Heartland, will mix up a blend of classic pop, rock and roll, and rock hits from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s on Nov. 15.

"Hog Wild" Rick Arnold will join the park in welcoming the New Year and deliver a rollicking night of country, classic oldies, great guitar and harmonica on Jan. 17, 2015.

Save the date and mark the calendar for the California Toe Jam Band on Feb. 28. Toe

Jam will pack the park and bring the crowd to their feet dancing to the best classic rock from the 1960s and 1970s.

Concert goers can take a musical journey through the 1960s folk scene with newcomer William Florian, former lead singer of the New Christy Minstrels and hear the best of Peter, Paul, and Mary, Pete Seeger, John Denver, the Mamas and the Pappas and other greats in this upbeat and moving show on March 28. Florian reminisces with humor and nostalgia about breaking into the business, engaging audiences to sing along with him.

Lotela Gold, booked to play "golden oldies" Rock and Roll from the 1950s and early 1960s on April 18, recalls a fondness for high school days when teens rocked 'round the clock, Elvis was King and Sam Cooke pioneered soul music.

The unique and original Quasimojo Band will close out the series on May 16 with hard driving guitar, high energy rock, blues, and alternative music.

Concerts are held outdoors in the picnic

area from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person (accompanied children 12 and under are free of charge). Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and flashlights and enjoy a night of music under the stars. Food vendors are present. The Music in the Park concert se-

ries is sponsored by the Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park. All proceeds benefit park improvements via the Friends. Regular park entry fee of \$6 per vehicle (up to 8 people per car) is waived after 6 p.m. on concert nights.



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United Way kicks off local campaign

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The United Way kicked off its 2014-2015 Campaign on Oct. 2, at the Brown Cow Sweetery in Okeechobee. Jennifer and Steve Lafferty are the United Way Campaign Co-Chairs in Okeechobee County. The campaign has a fundraising goal of \$110,800. Last year the United Way Campaign raised \$85,482.

Okeechobee City Council member Dowling Watford welcomed the crowd of local residents and United Way Partner Agencies. Jonathan Bean of Martha's House and Mark Mayers of Real Life Children's Ranch spoke about their agencies. Campaign Co-Chairs Jennifer and Steve Lafferty unveiled the United Way thermometer showing the goal of \$110,800. Pacesetters who start their campaigns before the official kick off have already contributed 30% of the total.

"Steve and I are very excited about the campaign. It is a substantial increase over last year, but with your help we will make it," said Jennifer Lafferty. The campaign will continue through the end of February.

"There is a great need in our community," said Steve Lafferty. "We must reach the goal to fund the agencies and programs that are truly needed in Okeechobee County. Every gift is important because added together they can make a real impact and change people's lives."

The funds raised for the United Way go to the 13 local United Way Partner Agencies in Okeechobee County including Big

Brothers Big Sisters, Martha's House, Real Life Children's Ranch, Hibiscus Children's Center, CASTLE, Early Learning Coalition, Hospice of Okeechobee, My Aunts House, Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Treasure Coast Food Bank, 211, Shared Services

Network and Children's Home Society. All funds raised in Okeechobee County support programs in Okeechobee.

For more information, please call United Way at 863-484-3887, or visit www.united-waylee.org.



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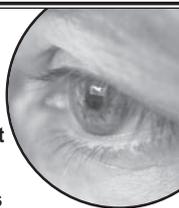
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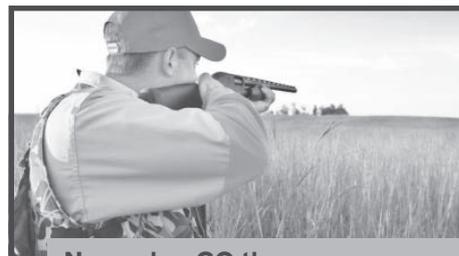
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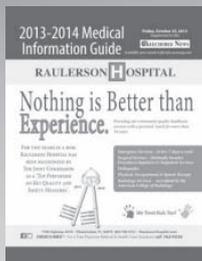
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OMS Students of the Week

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NES Students of the Week

Congratulations to the North Elementary School Students of the Week for Oct. 5: Christian Rogers, Alondra Guzman, Cooper Nolte, Genesis Estrada Virto, Dayana Vega, Caden Ciorrocco, Julia Escalante, Perlacia Paz Rivera, Leo Chavez, Ethan Becerra, Samaya Palmerin, Jalyssa Koestler, Aubrey Clay, Beyonce Guzman, Hannah Williams, Emilio Gonzalez, Taylor Padgett, Paisley Norman, Ashley Holloway, Sara Hazeliff, Ethan Bloomfield, Emma Raulerson, Jordan Robbins, Anna Robinson, Chelsea Johnson, David Wallace, Kayley Najera, Skylar Raulerson, Bella Becerra, Lauren Raulerson, Briana Santibanez, Aleksa Cardona and Salvador Luviano. Keep up a good job!

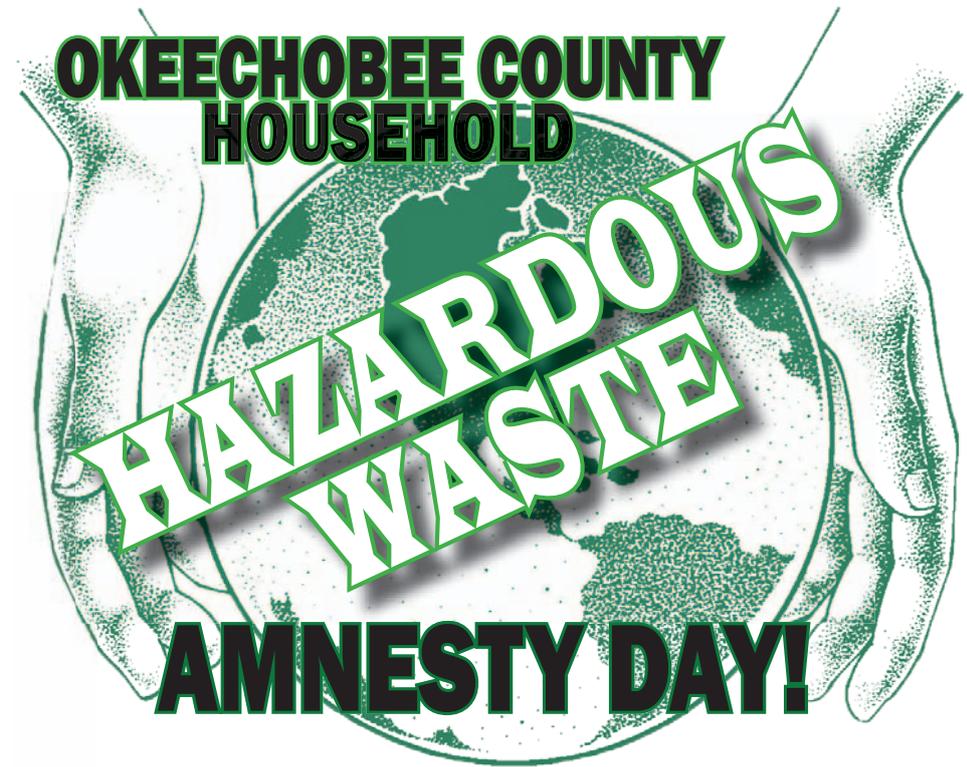
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Real Estate

Houses - Sale

FOR SALE 2BD/ 1.5BA HOUSE ON 100X125FT LOT \$36,000.00 CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION 213-280-2080

Wood frame house 1,850 sq ft, fully renovated, 3br 2.5 ba, Office/Den, 2 lrg sheds on 1 acre lot fenced in, Off 710 hwy & SE 86th Blvd (15A) \$89k Call 863-610-1600

Houses - Rent

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Mobile Homes

Mobile Home Rent

3BR, 2BA, Screened porch. Living Room add on. Storage. Central Heat/Air. \$600 mo. Renter insurance & sec. dep. required. Lake Port area. 573-718-8074 or 573-718-3624

Mobile Home Rent

ADULT PARK 55+ 44FT FURNISHED 1 ADULT ONLY \$360.00 PER MONTH PLUS SECURITY ALSO SMALL TRAVEL TRAILER \$325.00 PER MONTH PAYS ALL 1 ADULT ONLY. NON DRINKERS, NON PARTY PEOPLE 6MILES 70 EAST CALL 863-697-1336

FULLY FURNISHED: All utilities paid. On water. Quiet neighborhood. Adult complex. No children or pets. (863)357-2044 for appointment.

Office Space Rent

Office Space Rent

Mobile Home Sale

NICE MOBILE HOME, SINGLE WIDE WITH FLORIDA ROOM. 2 BEDROOMS SEPARATED, 2 BATHS, 2 CARPORTS, TOOL & LAUNDRY ROOM. PINE RIDGE PARK \$14K 863-801-9295



Trailer for sale 1BD w/FL. ROOM, NEW A/C, DISHWASHER, W/D, RECENT REMODEL, NEW SCREENS/WINDOWS, ON RIM DITCH. 9750 SR 78 WEST LOT#44, LOT RENT \$250.00MO. \$3,500.00 OR CONSIDER TRADE/PONTOON BOAT 772-323-5803

Mobile Home Sale

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1995 FORD ESCORT 1FASP15JXSW389585 BRADLEY GT 117277089 1989 RANGER BASS BOAT FL1137GU RRG12263G889

Recreation

Campers/RVs

Wanted all Travel Trailers, Motor Homes and Fifth Wheels. Any Condition, Cash paid on the spot Call 941-347-7171

Automotive
Autos Wanted

CASH FOR CARS No Title Needed, Any Condition. 268junk.com Located in Okeechobee Call (863)268-5865

Public Notices

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its Regular Session on **Thursday, October 23, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office not later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Frank Irby, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Paula Poskon/ Deputy Clerk
467694 ON 10/17/2014

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a **WRIT OF EXECUTION** issued by the County Court of Broward County, Florida, on the 30th day of September, 2014, in the cause wherein WESTPORT RECOVERY CORPORATION Plaintiff and JON S. GOTTESMAN AKA JON GOTTESMAN & BONNIE N. GOTTESMAN AKA BONNIE GOTTESMAN Defendant(s), being Case No. 94-04655 COSO (62) in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida, have this day levied upon all of the right, title and interest of the Defendant JON S. GOTTESMAN AKA JON GOTTESMAN & BONNIE N. GOTTESMAN AKA BONNIE GOTTESMAN in and to the following described real property lying and situate in Okeechobee County, Florida to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
Lot 54, Block 51, BASSWOOD, UNIT 5, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, at Page 51, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida

Aka: 3032 NW 35th Ave, Okeechobee, Fl 34972.

I shall offer the above described real property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 18th day of November, 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 JON S. GOTTESMAN AKA JON GOTTESMAN & BONNIE N. GOTTESMAN AKA BONNIE GOTTESMAN in said property.

Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 14th day of October 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. 467774 ON 10/17,24,31;11/7/2014

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held at B M J Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 31st day of SEPTEMBER, 2014 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows

1995 FORD ESCORT 1FASP15JXSW389585 BRADLEY GT 117277089 1989 RANGER BASS BOAT FL1137GU RRG12263G889

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. The seller reserves the right of final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobiles will be sold in "AS IS" with no guarantees. 467785 ON 10/17/2014

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

Public Notice

NOW ACCEPTING BIDS FOR LAWN MOWING/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT For gated community (Seminole Cove) Must have own insurance and be licensed. Please direct all inquires to Larry Maynard At (863) 623-4880 467750 ON 10/15,17,19,22 2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 47 2013 CP 000184 AXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RENTERIA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of ELIZABETH RENTERIA, deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2013 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-5199, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court **WITHIN THE**

LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

Personal Representative: Roberta Arellano 3534 NW 21st Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34972

Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott Rosen, Esquire 150 S. Pine Island Road, Suite 417 Plantation, FL 33324 Tel. (954) 915-0510 Fla. Bar #747777 467659 ON 10/10,17/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2014-CA-000258

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DUDLEY J. MOUNTJOY, SR. A/K/A DUDLEY JAMES MOUNTJOY, SR., DECEASED. et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DUDLEY J. MOUNTJOY, SR. A/K/A DUDLEY JAMES MOUNTJOY, SR., DECEASED whose residence is unknown if he/she/they are living; and if he/she/they are dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 24, LAKE MONTAZA ESTATES SECTION 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 40 & 41, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 within 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Okeechobee County, Florida, this 6th day of October, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Arlene Nealis DEPUTY CLERK

ROBERTSON, APSCHUTZ; SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 6409 CONGRESS AVENUE SUITE 100, BOCA RATON, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL: MAIL@RASFLAW.COM 467650 ON 10/10,17/2014

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LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 2014-CP-161 JUDGE: GARY L. SWEET

IN RE: Estate of RAY RUSSELL DOMER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration
The administration of the Estate of RAY RUSSELL DOMER, Deceased, whose date of death was August 17, 2014, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-0397, Case Number 2014-CP-161 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 125 Okeechobee, FL 34972. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.**

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court **WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is October 10, 2014.

Sherry D. Fogleman Personal Representative 10400 SW Fox Brown Rd. Indiantown, FL 34956 LAW OFFICES JOHN R. COOK, P.A. PO Box 515 Okeechobee, FL 34973 (863) 634-1648 Florida Bar #262951 467660 ON 10/10,17/2014

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2014-CP-120

IN RE: ESTATE OF: PEARL SANDERS HENDRICK

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of PEARL SANDERS HENDRICK whose date of death was May 25, 2014 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-0249, is pending in the circuit court, nineteenth judicial circuit of Florida, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida; probate division, which address is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and address of the personal representative and the attorney for the estate are set forth below.

ALL CREDITORS of decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, or whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file such claims with this court:

WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL OTHER creditors of the decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court **WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.**

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of the first publication of this notice is October 10, 2014.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2014-CP-161 JUDGE: GARY L. SWEET

IN RE: Estate of RAY RUSSELL DOMER, Deceased.

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If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court **ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.**

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CYNTHIA W. DOMER Personal Representative 204 SE 10th Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974

BY: JOHN D. CASSELS, JR. Attorney for Personal Representative FBN: 0261521 Post Office Box 968 Okeechobee, FL 34973-0968 (863) 763-3131 jdc@legal-one.com pleadings@legal-one.com 467713 ON 10/17,24/2014

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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• The Okeechobee **cross country** teams ran in the Disney Cross Country Classic last weekend in Kissimmee.

The boy's squad took 16th out of 30 teams with an average time of 19:44.85. Marvin Ridge High School was the victorious school in the Captain Hook 5 K run with an average time of 17:30.41. There were six different divisions this year for boys. Marshall

Dillon of Charlotte High School won the race with a time of 16:33.

Okeechobee was paced by Daniel Shelley who finished 59th with a time of 19:04. Brendan Patterson took 89th place with a time of 19:43. Gerardo Saucedo took 97th place with a time of 19:52. Dylan Ferneau finished 100th with a time of 19:57. Isaac Garcia finished with a time of 20:06 finishing in 106th place.

The Lady Brahmins team took 21st out of 28 teams with an average time of 26:45. They competed in the Queen of Hearts division. Palmetto Ridge was the victorious school with an average time of 21:32.09.

Top runners for OHS included Vernice Leon, 53rd place at 23:37, Alexis Muller 85th place in 25:04, Crystal Castaneda 133rd at 27:22, Valerie Alvarez, 149th place at 28:23, and Ruth Palacios 158th at 29:21.

• The Lady Seminoles of Pemayetv Ema-hakv remained undefeated with a 25-17 and 25-17 victory over Yearling on Wednesday on the reservation. Aleina Micco had six aces and two kills. Raeley Matthews added three aces and three kills. Julia Smith and Cady Osceola both had three kills and one service ace.

• The Brahman JV team defeated Vero Beach on the road at the Citrus Bowl, 22-20.

• The Lady Seminoles of Pemayetv Ema-hakv defeated the Osceola Lady Warriors in a competitive match Monday, 25-18 and 25-20. Raeley Matthews led the Seminoles with seven aces and six kills. Aleina Micco had four aces and three kills. Krysta Burton added two service aces.

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ANSWER:

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Just the right amount of tight
- 5 Hip-hop's Run-__
- 8 Significant
- 14 *Approach
- 16 *Overly ornate
- 17 Beef at the dinner table
- 18 Provoke
- 19 Sports drink suffix
- 20 Healing aid, briefly
- 21 Some August babies
- 22 Cyrus the Great's domain
- 24 *Messing with one's head
- 28 Right in an atlas
- 29 Author Dahl
- 31 Cease, with "off"
- 32 High-tech debut of 1981
- 34 Butcher's offering
- 36 What the answers to starred clues are comprised of
- 40 Dressing vessel
- 41 "Oh, yeah!"
- 42 Minor concern, maybe
- 43 In a way, informally
- 45 Cries of pain
- 49 *Tom Wolfe coinage for the 1970s
- 52 "60 Minutes" first name
- 54 Choice usually made secretly
- 55 Minute measures: Abbr.
- 56 Rehab concern, familiarly
- 57 Like old videos
- 60 Zealous to the extreme
- 62 *Drink of the gods
- 63 *Simple forecasting aid
- 64 Eucharist plates
- 65 Suffix for Brooklyn or Manhattan
- 66 "Lemme __!"

- 4 Angela Merkel's country: Abbr.
- 5 *Sell weaponry
- 6 Like the days of the week, in Span.
- 7 Old PC component
- 8 Transgress
- 9 __ insurance
- 10 Asian menu assurance
- 11 Gold or silver source
- 12 Pie holder
- 13 D.C. summer setting
- 15 "The Little Red Hen" denial
- 21 Short, for short
- 23 Michael of R.E.M.
- 24 Gruesome
- 25 Hand lotion ingredient
- 26 __ best friend
- 27 Major TV logo
- 30 Go (for)
- 33 AI game competitor
- 34 Play (with)
- 35 Annual celebrations, casually
- 36 Impulse

- 37 Took to court
- 38 Housing plan unit
- 39 *Appalachian resource
- 40 Rotating piece
- 43 Half-goat creatures of myth
- 44 Lines of praise
- 46 Dated
- 47 Sloppy kiss
- 48 Nervous __
- 50 Cybernotice for a party
- 51 Late-night host
- O'Brien
- 53 Business sign abbr.
- 55 IOU
- 57 Econ. yardstick
- 58 "In Dreams" actor Stephen
- 59 Fake being
- 60 Doughboy's conflict, briefly
- 61 Actress Mendes

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By Greg Johnson
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Cooler weather brings hunting opportunities in South Florida

By Tony Young
FWC

Football season is in full swing, and the 2014-15 hunting season is cranking up. Heck, in Zone A, they're already into general gun season. But for the rest of us, I'd like to cover some things you should know regarding three hunting seasons that are just around the corner: muzzleloading gun, gray squirrel and the first phase of dove.

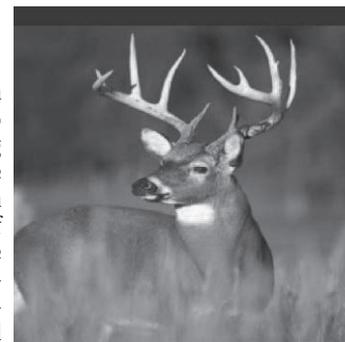
Immediately following the close of crossbow season in each zone, the muzzleloading gun season begins. Season dates on private lands run Nov. 22 - Dec. 5 in Zone B, Oct. 18-31 in Zone C and Dec. 6-12 in Zone D.

During muzzleloading gun season, bows and crossbows are also legal methods of taking game on private lands, in addition to muzzleloaders. But on wildlife management areas (WMAs), only muzzleloaders may be used.

The most common types of game to take during muzzleloader season are deer and wild hog. Regarding deer, only bucks that are legal to take in your area may be harvested, and the daily bag limit is two. You can hunt wild hogs year-round on private lands, and there are no bag or size limits.

For hunting deer, muzzleloaders firing single bullets must be at least .40-caliber. Guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger. The only muzzleloaders that can be used during muzzleloading gun season are those that are fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or centerfire primer (including 209 primers). Muzzleloaders that can be loaded from the breech are not legal to use during this time.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during muzzleloading gun season. You may now take up to two a day



Outta' The Woods

By Tony Young



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
MyFWC.com

on private lands, but there's still a two-bird fall-season limit. You can't hunt turkeys in Holmes County during the fall or winter. And on WMAs, you may still shoot only one turkey per day and antler/size restrictions on bucks/hogs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

Gray squirrel season on private lands starts Oct. 11 statewide and runs through March 1. There's a daily bag limit of 12 gray squirrels, and shooting fox squirrels is against the law.

Legal shooting hours are from a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Except for turkeys, hunters may take resident

game over feed such as corn but only on private lands. No baiting is allowed on WMAs.

The first phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season began this year on Sept. 27 and ends Oct. 27 statewide. Shooting hours during this first phase is noon to sunset, and there's a 15-bird daily bag limit.

The only firearm you're allowed to use for hunting doves is a shotgun, but you can't use one larger than a 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined).

You may hunt doves over an agricultural field, as long as the crop has been planted and manipulated under normal agricultural practices.

In addition to a Florida hunting license, you'll need a \$5 muzzleloading gun permit to hunt during muzzleloader season. To hunt deer, you need a \$5 deer permit, and if you'd like to take a fall turkey, you'll need a \$10 turkey permit (\$125 for nonresidents). If you're going to hunt doves, you'll need a no-cost migratory bird permit, and if you hunt on a WMA, you also must have a management area permit, which costs \$26.50.

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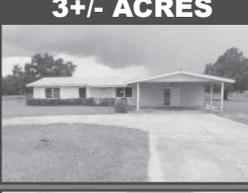
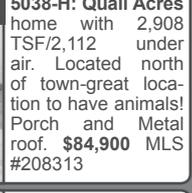


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Brahmans host Bulldogs in District match

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The South Fork High School (3-3) and Okeechobee High School football teams (2-4) both have a lot to play for as they meet tonight at Brahman Stadium in a District 14-6A game.

South Fork has dominated the recent series between the two teams which included a 55-34 defeat of Okeechobee last year.

This will be the final time South Fork coach Dennis Lavelle coaches against Okeechobee as he is retiring from coaching at the end of the season.

South Fork is led by sophomore quarterback Stone Labanowitz who has completed 56 percent of his passes. Top runners include



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Stanley Spence, 4.5 yards per carry, Trevor Boice 5.4 yards per carry, and Cephus Leonard 9.1 yards per carry. The Bulldogs top receiver threat is Walter Thomas who has 15 grabs and 293 yards. Top defenders include linebacker Blake Lucky with 22 solo tackles, 63 assists and three sacks, Travis Eve with 34 tackles and two sacks, and defensive backs Estrale Joseph and Griffin Lang who both had two interceptions this year.

South Fork comes off a disappointing 34-13 loss at Jensen Beach last week

while Okeechobee defeated Port St. Lucie 20-14.

Brahman coach Chris Branham said his team was up and down against Port St. Lu-

cie. One area that has been solid has been defense. The area of improvement needed is the offensive line.

“South Fork is touch and well coached. I’ve admired coach Lavelle for a long time. South Fork gets off the line very hard. They spread the ball around and their quarterback is a top young talent.”

Branham said his team was no nonsense this week in practice. He said the team continues to improve week by week as they gain in experience.

While Okeechobee had 287 yards in offense last week, they still have struggled in the passing game. Branham said South Fork does not cover the short passes well but prevent big plays. They have been hurt themselves by turnovers this year.

“I feel our defense is one of the best in the area this year. We’ve given up some yards but we don’t give up points and that is the object to defense,” Branham stated.

Branham said his secondary has picked

off passes and covered receivers well, his linebackers have played assignment football and his defensive line has done a solid job rushing the passer this season.

This is the Brahman senior night and nine senior players will be honored along with three of the senior girls that provide support duty for the team. The seniors include Devion Wigfall, Brandon Shockley, Daniel Nunez, Greg Hernandez, Cornelius Horton, Markies McDonald, Juan Mata, Matthew McClanahan and Tyrone Peterson. Athletes and cheerleaders from other fall sports will also be honored before the game.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

Among injuries, Edrick Neal will play after banging his knee in practice. Joseph Benjamin suffered a foot injury in practice but is also ready to go tonight.

There is a charge for admission and parking.

For the game story, see the link on the Okeechobee News Facebook page.

Yearlings blank Warriors in 2-0 soccer victory

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School took advantage of two critical Osceola Middle School errors as they defeated the Warriors, 2-0, to sweep the season series between the two schools Monday.

Bryan Pinon scored on a penalty kick after being fouled near the Warrior net in the first 12 minutes of the match. Pinon added a second goal when a goal kick hit a player close to the Warrior net and the Bulls took advantage.

Osceola played a spirited game and controlled possession of the ball more than the Bulls but couldn’t get any good shots on goal. When they did get openings, all of their shots were wide of the mark.

Goal keeper Bobby Gomez said it felt good to get back-to-back shutouts against his team’s cross town rivals especially this year since the Warriors have a formidable team.

“My team played well. The only way they get to the goal is to get through the team. All

of the shots were off and none were on the net,” he noted.

Pinon said the early penalty kick gave his team some momentum and was a key moment in the match.

“It was a foul, I didn’t fake it, I was pushed in the back and got off balance and fell. When I went to kick it, I was worried because their goalie nearly got it and almost blocked it,” he said.

A light drizzle fell to start the game but played no factor in the result. The wind helped the ball travel further and both teams did not allow many scoring chances.

Gomez said he didn’t mind not having many shots on net.

“This win feels good. I count on my team and my defense. Osceola is a good team this year but we always play better on the field. It was a good match and I enjoy the competitive matches,” he said.

Pinon said he expected a lot of congratulations from his classmates at school this week. He praised Osceola’s defense led by Miguel Sanchez, Jose Rodriguez and Gage

Ingram that kept his team from getting a lot of good shots.

“The defense for Osceola is really good. The kids at school will be excited and I was encouraged to try harder and win this game,” he added.

Osceola’s worked hard to get back in the match but shots by Ingram, Pablo Martinez, and Angel Garcia could not reach their mark. Pinon had an open net late in match but kicked it wide. Justin Comfort also had a shot near the Bulls net late in the match that also went wide.

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Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration were united on Jan. 1, 2009, in Local Church. Their guests included family and friends. The officiant was Nancy Frost. Moderators were the maid of honor Nancy Frost, Neighbor and Mother of the Bride, Susan Example, and the best man was Greg Example, Neighbor and Father of the Bride. The bride was Joseph Example, Neighbor and Mother of the Bride. The groom was Jane Illustration, Neighbor and Mother of the Bride. The ceremony was held at the Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Example. The groom is the son of Tom and Mary Illustration. After a honeymoon in Barbados, the couple will reside in Okeechobee.

BIRTH
SUSAN A. EXAMPLE
Susan A. Example was born at 5:08 p.m. on Oct. 1, 2009, in North Florida. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her mother is Jane Illustration, Neighbor and Mother of the Bride. Her father is Joseph Example, Neighbor and Father of the Bride. Her maternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Susan Example of Fort Worth. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Example of Fort Worth. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Example of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Example of Fort Worth.

ANNIVERSARY
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Example celebrated their wedding anniversary with family and friends on October 17, 2009. The Example family was joined by the Illustration family. Their celebration was held at the Country Club. The bride was Jane A. Example, Neighbor and Mother of the Bride. The groom was Joseph W. Example, Neighbor and Father of the Bride. The ceremony was held at the Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Example. The groom is the son of Tom and Mary Illustration. After a honeymoon in Barbados, the couple will reside in Okeechobee.

ENGAGEMENT
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. EXAMPLE
John and Sally Illustration of New York announced the engagement of their daughter Jane A. Example to Joseph W. Example, son of Tom and Mary Example of Fort Worth. Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Susan Example of Fort Worth. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Example of Fort Worth. The couple's engagement party was held at the Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Tom and Mary Example. The groom is the son of Tom and Mary Illustration. After a honeymoon in Barbados, the couple will reside in Okeechobee.



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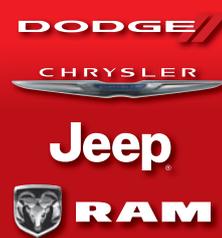
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