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OCI inmate's death under investigation

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

An inmate at the Okeechobee Correctional Institution (OCI) died last weekend of yet-to-be specified causes. A spokesperson with the Department of Corrections (DOC) said Tuesday, Oct. 21, inmate Dustin J. McGill, 35, died last weekend. His cause of death will be determined by a medical examiner. That spokesperson said he could not comment on the manner of death.

McGill was convicted in Collier County on felony gun and drug charges in 2011. According to DOC records he had also served previous prison terms after being convicted on felony charges of drug sales, robbery with a gun and driving while license suspended-habitual offender.

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Spoof card aids new phone scam

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

"Just because it's our phone number, that doesn't mean it's us."

That statement came from Detective Lieutenant Brad Stark in regard to a current scam in which the scammer, posing as a deputy, calls a potential victim and tells them to send

him a specific amount of money or they'll be arrested.

While this is not a new scam, there is a new twist: If you have caller ID on your phone, the number you'll see is that of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

According to Lt. Stark the scammer is using a Spoof phone card. This card allows the scammer to not only disguise their voice, but

call from any phone number and the victim's caller ID will only show the phone number the con artist wants them to see.

It also means there's no way to trace who actually made the call or their real phone number.

"None that we're aware of right now," said

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Local first responders prepare for Ebola threat

Special to the Okeechobee News

Anxiety about the Ebola virus may be growing across the nation but Okeechobee first responders are preparing to combat this disease in the unlikely event the disease arrives in Florida.

"It is very unlikely we will see a case of Ebola within Okeechobee County but it's better to be prepared and not need to use the training than not to have the training," said Chief Ralph Franklin of Okeechobee County Fire Rescue.

First responders will receive refresher training this week on personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as taking a proper travel history of individuals presenting with symptoms. In addition to the first responder training, the division of Emergency Management conducted a planning meeting on Monday morning to collaborate with partners on potential response operations.

"This is not the first time we have had to deal with a new infectious disease outbreak in Florida," said Emergency Management Director Mitch Smeykal. "In the last 13 years, Florida has had to deal with Anthrax, Severe

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4-H Lifetime Achievement Award

Linda Syfrett received the UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Lifetime Achievement Award from Dr. Nick Place, dean of extension, at the 2014 Dinner of Distinction in Gainesville, on Oct. 10. Mrs. Syfrett has been a longtime 4-H leader and is a member of the Florida 4-H Foundation in Gainesville. For the story, see page 2.

Linda Syfrett honored at IFAS Dinner of Distinction

By Ruth Borger

UF/IFAST

GAINESVILLE — Linda Syfrett, of Okeechobee County, was among those honored at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences annual Dinner of Distinction, held at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center, Oct. 10.

This was the third year for the awards banquet that recognizes individuals and organizations that support and advance UF/IFAS in its research, teaching and Extension efforts.

It is held the same weekend as the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' TailGATOR event, which serves as both a celebration of alumni achievements and an opportunity for students to learn more about CALS while networking with alumnae.

During the banquet, UF/IFAS officials also honored state Rep. Bryan Nelson, who has a UF degree in ornamental horticulture, for his legislative efforts in support of UF/IFAS.

The 2014 Dinner of Distinction award recipients include:

4-H Lifetime Achievement

Linda Syfrett is founder and president of the Okeechobee County Fair. She has been a 4-H leader in that county since 1987, working with youth in both the dairy and county council clubs. She has chaperoned 4-H trips across the state, including the capitol.

She is a member of the Florida 4-H Foundation Board of Directors and works with the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee, where she helps promote Florida agriculture programs for 4-H and FFA members.

Outstanding 4-H Alumnus

Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Putnam, is a fifth-generation Floridian,

who grew up in the citrus and cattle industries. He joined 4-H at age 8 and spent the next decade in 4-H programs, including the State 4-H Council, where he was elected president. He earned a degree in 1995 in food and resource economics from CALS and was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1996.

Friend of IFAS Award

Madeline Mellinger is founder and CEO of Glades Crop Care Inc., the largest agricultural consulting firm in the Southeast U.S. The company does advanced crop scouting and pest and beneficial insect population analyses, handles food safety programs for fresh market crops and packers and offers companies help with sustainable Integrated Pest Management alternatives. Mellinger has served on a number of IFAS-related advisory boards, including the UF/IFAS Everglades Research and Education Center, a vice president search committee and co-chaired the UF/IFAS Strategic Planning Committee.

SHARE Volunteer of the Year

Debbie Swindle grew up on a strawberry and vegetable farm and as an adult, remains involved in agriculture and cattle production. She has contributed to numerous scholarships and endowments that support UF/IFAS, hosted the UF/IFAS SHARE Council meeting and helped host the first Farm Ladies' Breakfast for Ag women in Hillsborough, Polk and Pasco counties.

Horizon Award

Flint Johns, a 2004 food and resource economics graduate, also earned a master's in agricultural and biological engineering in 2006 – while remaining active on the rodeo circuit. After graduation, he went to work for Lykes Bros. Inc. and in 2011, was promoted

to ranch manager, where he is responsible for the fourth-largest cow-calf operation in the country. He has served on a number of UF/IFAS advisory and planning committees and tirelessly volunteers his time as a guest speaker and tour host for UF/IFAS groups.

Luis Martinez earned a bachelor's degree and a master's in food science and human nutrition, after moving to the U.S. from Ecuador in 2003. He served as a CALS ambassador and while in graduate school, invented a processing technology to enhance the flavor and aroma of coffee that is currently being used by the Coffee Primero Company. He now works for Darifair and is responsible for 52 manufacturing plants. He chairs the Florida section of the Institute of Food Technologists and in that role, has helped boost scholarship allotments as well as funding for student and alumni events.

Award of Distinction

Ernest Sellers of Live Oak earned his law degree from UF in 1967 and has helped UF, IFAS and CALS financially and by giving his time. He's taught many undergraduate law classes offered through the Center for Agricultural and Natural Resource Law, served on the IFAS SHARE Council since 2003 and in 2012, was recognized as SHARE's volunteer of the year.

Roger West earned bachelor's and master's degrees in animal sciences from UF before joining the Animal Sciences faculty. He chaired the department from 1985 through 1988, before retiring in 2002. Since leaving UF, he's continued to donate his time and energy to many UF/IFAS clubs, animal sciences program and youth livestock judging teams.

UF/IFAS Research Partner

The Florida Strawberry Growers Association has been instrumental in its support – financial and otherwise – of UF/IFAS research. The organization works with UF/IFAS scientists in a number of areas, including improving post-harvest technology, reducing carbon emissions and creating a reliable computer model system to predict when chemicals should be applied – which could help cut fungicide and pesticide use in half.

UF/IFAS Champion Award

Vam York was married to IFAS founder and former State University System Chancellor E.T. York for 64 years and as his partner, spent decades supporting his global work to end hunger. Since his death in 2011, she has continued in her steadfast support of UF/IFAS and its entire mission, including teaching, research and Extension. She is a longtime member of the Ag Women's Club and endowed a scholarship that supports an outstanding CALS undergraduate every year. Among the projects she's been involved with are the Austin Cary Learning Center that opened in spring 2014 and updating a long-term professorship in international agriculture.

Okeechobee Forecast



Today: Considerable clouds early. Some decrease in clouds later in the day. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 84F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy early with increasing clouds overnight. Low around 65F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 82F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.

Thursday Night: A few clouds from time to time. Low 63F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Friday: A mix of clouds and sun early, then becoming cloudy later in the day. High 82F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph.

Friday Night: Cloudy skies. Low near 65F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: A few clouds early, otherwise mostly sunny. High 81F. Winds N at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear skies. Low near 60F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

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Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and H1N1 Influenza. This makes us uniquely prepared to handle this outbreak if needed."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak over in the coun-

tries of Senegal and Nigeria. Both countries have had no new infections within 42 days. This is the required time to declare the outbreak over in a jurisdiction. There have been three cases identified within the United States. All of the 48 people who had close contact with the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the United States, have been declared medically cleared for the Ebola virus.

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Hospital hosts pumpkin patch

More than 100 children enjoyed the Pumpkin Patch event hosted by Raulerson Hospital on Saturday, Oct. 11. Even princesses Elsa and Anna were in attendance! This is the second year the hospital hosted this free community event.



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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!

Marijuana

- Marijuana is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known. No one has ever died from an overdose.

- Medical marijuana is legal in 20 states. It should be legal nationwide and controlled, just as other prescription drugs are controlled. It is less harmful than many other prescription drugs and can give people real relief from the debilitating symptoms of many illnesses.

- If we quit putting people in jail for possession of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, the jails would not be so overcrowded. These people are not dangerous to others. Our legal system is out of whack.

- The United States spends a disproportionate amount of the collected taxes on prisons. No other country in the world has such a large percentage of the population behind bars. The ill-fated war on drugs is the reason. Instead of helping those addicted to drugs find the help they need, we lock them up. Look at Colorado. Look at Prohibition. Legalize marijuana and it will take the criminal element out of it. Treat marijuana like we treat alcohol. It's no worse than beer.

Illegal immigration

- Federal law enforcement is not doing their jobs and this is making it harder for local law enforcement to do theirs. How much less in cost would the sheriff be required to spend if the borders were secure? What cost do we pay? What will the future cost be? The country is already broke, it will be bankrupt in 10 years.

Money matters

- When someone asks you to donate or to sponsor something, make sure you know exactly who they are and where the money is going. Nonprofit organizations and charities should have a tax number and give you a receipt so you can take a tax deduction. If someone knocks on your door, ask for ID, and an address to send the donation. Don't

give them cash. They could be pocketing the money. If you get a request in the mail, check it out thoroughly. There is a lot of fraud out there and organizations that are technically legal but keep 95 percent of what they collect for 'administrative' costs.

Shock

- Congratulations to the young man who was honored for saving his friend. What a bizarre situation to have a live wire in the ground with a puddle of water over it. The wire must have been there more than 5 years and the current property owners had no idea it was there. It is very lucky the boy who fell in the water survived, and very brave of his friend to risk his own life to get him out of that water.

- I am glad both boys are safe. You just never know where danger lurks. May God watch over them both.

- Thank you for running the story about the boy who saved his friend from electrocution. It was a very uplifting story. It is nice to hear about the good things kids do. I believe that most of the kids in Okeechobee are good kids, but too often the bad ones get most of the attention. The TV stations only do stories about the bad things that happen, like the kid who was beaten up at a party. I am glad the newspaper also prints stories about the good things the kids do.

- No one is promised tomorrow. Accidents like this illustrate how important it is to let your family know how much you love them every day. Never miss an opportunity to hug your kids and tell them how proud you are of them and how much you love them.

Referendums

- The Children's Services Council does so much for this county supporting all kinds of programs for children. I hope everyone will vote 'yes' on the referendum to keep it. It has to come up for a vote to be renewed every so often. Vote 'yes' on the local referendum to keep the CSC.

- Everyone I have talked to supports the two local county referendums, to keep the Children's Council and to keep the Economic Development tax incentive options. These are things that have to be renewed by a popular vote. Both are good for the community. I can't say how you should vote on the state amendments because those are pretty confusing. But the county referendums are both good things for the community, so vote 'yes' on the county referendums!



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Letters to the editor

Elephants are large animals

Elephants are large animals. It would be hard to ignore one if it were in your living room. Yet one has been sitting in America's living room for a long time and we have been pretending it isn't there. Lately it has begun to trumpet. It is domestic violence.

When Ray Rice flagrantly, unremorsefully, beat his wife in a public place, and the security video was made public, one could hear a national gasp. It truly was horrible. Then the blame game began. It was the NFL policies that were to blame, and the misogyny inherent in the men's locker room attitude of major league sports. Then came the requisite denials of responsibility: it's a personal issue not the NFL's, no it's the NFL's because football is America's public image. The media pundits began the post "game" analysis, is domestic violence that prevalent, is the culture of sports culpable, if the victim doesn't complain is it a crime, if it is so horrible how could we not have called it out before, and so on.

Now the NFL has invited women into the intimacy of its "man world," policies are being reviewed, sanctions reconsidered, other incidents revisited. The NFL culture might be beginning to change. The pressure brought upon them by the many has resulted in action. With the pressure of many, change comes. The national gasp has demanded change. This nation, as a bystander, has demanded action. This is good.

Yet amidst all this attention someone has taken a back seat in the conversation: the perpetrator. Yes, there were references for a while, and comments, some people even rallied in support of him, but somehow the focus moved away from the individual to the societal. Domestic violence is an individual crime, committed by one person against another. It is a very personal crime. For his crime Mr. Rice was processed through the judicial system of his state and was sentenced to some classes. Yes, some classes. The mighty NFL has been upended on its ear for the way it handled the affair, the media preoccupied itself for weeks, sabers were rattled and drums beaten, and Mr. Rice became a minor player on this stage. To be fair, he did lose his job. (I'm not positive, but if you or I knocked out a stranger on an elevator, and it was caught on video, I think we might be in jail for a reasonable time.)

Domestic violence is a personal crime against a person. It is heinous, insidious, malicious, grievous, and a vile violation of personhood. And the worst thing about it, yet also the one thing that gives us hope, is it is entirely preventable. No research required. Domestic violence is the result of one person's choice

to harm another. That's it. That choice is supported by a belief by that person that they have a right to commit it. The perpetrator believes he has the right to do it. He is wrong. So how does he get his belief changed? He could decide to. Or we could help him. Or both.

The NFL is changing under pressure from those around it, from the national gasp. The individual will change with the personal equivalent: Being held accountable, responsible, and with significant consequences, personal, judicial and social. This requires the input of the bystander also. Right here in our own family, neighborhood, school: the person in proximity must gasp!

The reality is we all already knew the elephant was there. We didn't need Ray Rice. What we do need is to stop pretending, to stop the little two step of denial and avoidance.

The elephant in America's collective living room has trumpeted into undeniable. How about the elephant in your living room: still doing the two step?

If you need help or have questions, call our 24-hour hotline 863-763-0202. Together we can end domestic violence.

Jonathan Bean

executive director

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Elections are coming

I would like to know why I haven't seen anything in the paper about all the candidates running in this election. I don't have means to go online and I'm hoping the paper will stay neutral and tell us both the good and bad about them. This way we will be able to decide on who we feel is the best candidate for the job.

I haven't seen or heard of any medical research that says marijuana has medicinal properties. And, if it does, then why hasn't it been put into pill form. Also, I've heard a lot about its pros and cons, and I know that most of it is propaganda.

Another thing is if it is passed, then we — Okeechobee — don't need any pill mills to dispense marijuana.

Either let the drugstores or law enforcement run its operation. This way all scripts can be verified as true and not counterfeit.

Christopher H. Winkler

Editor's Note: Information about the local candidates was printed before the primary election, and more information about the local candidates in the general election was printed in the Oct. 15 newspaper. More information will be in the paper this week.

Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County News

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County held its Inaugural Business of the Year Award luncheon on Oct. 16. These awards recognize Okeechobee County companies that lead with confidence, demonstrating a solid commitment to their business goals, their employees and their local community.

The National/Corporate category winner for 2014 was Waste Management, Okeechobee Landfill.

In view of the chamber's business composition, three awards will be given out annually — one for gross annual income of \$1 Million or less, gross income of \$1 Million or more and our National/Corporate award. The process for selection is rigorous,

including nominations, detailed questionnaire and a committee evaluation/selection. The chamber is committed to helping small business owners grow their businesses and achieve their financial goals.

Special thanks to our luncheon sponsors and plaque sponsors: Castle of Okeechobee County, CenterState Bank and Century Link, our plaque sponsors Joseph Melluzzo with Tin Fish Okeechobee Restaurant and Fred and Maria Fanizzi with the Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee.

On Oct. 28, Applebee's will host the chamber's Halloween Business After Hours! The party will include several contests. Get creative and start working on a costume for the Costume Contest. Put your chef hats on

and bake your best tasting pumpkin desert to be judged at the event and finally pull out your carving tools and paint, and decorate your pumpkin and enter it in the best decorated pumpkin contest (bring pumpkins ready carved and decorated). Prizes will be awarded. For any information on any of the Chamber of Commerce events go to: www.okeechobeebusiness.com.

- Business After Hours is one of our most popular networking events. These events bring together members of the business community in a fun-filled atmosphere designed to encourage networking and interaction while enjoying delectable food and drink.

- The Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Chamber Power Networking Breakfast on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 7 a.m. and concluding at 9 a.m. at Brown Cow Sweetery. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know your local business people and build lasting relationships in a professional environment. Want to be this month's Business Spotlight? Bring your business card to enter!

- The Concealed Weapon Permit class will be conducted on Thursday evening Nov. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the chamber. The class will last approximately two hours. Range qualification will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22. 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 of the class

is \$40 which must be paid in advance. You may sign up by clicking on register online. You may pay for the class online with a credit card or stop by the chamber and pay for the class with a check or cash. Those people who sign up and do not pay in advance will not be guaranteed a seat in the class.

- 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.

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Okeechobee Main Street Clipboard

New members

Welcome to our newest Main Street members: Donald LeFrancois, Diane Hagan and United Way Lee.

Main Street Mixers

Join Okeechobee Main Street and Rustic Style, 505 N.E. Park St., for the 10th anniversary mixer for our Accreditation on Thursday, Nov. 13. There will be an open house from 1 until 5 p.m. at Rustic Style and Cabins. Come meet and greet Highwaymen artists James Gibson and Isaac Knight. The Main Street Mixer will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fundraiser

Cruise the county with Main Street and Reggie the Regions bike. Follow Reggie's adventures on Facebook. If you would like to own this experienced traveller, visit Main Street at 55 S. Parrott Ave. or www.okeechobee mains treet.org to purchase a ticket for the bike giveaway in December. Five dollars for one and \$20 for five tickets. All proceeds go to Okeechobee Main Street.

ArteVino

Bridgette Waldau Studio presents ArteVino — A private art studio teaching you how to paint step-by-step in a relaxed setting. It's the perfect place to get together and enjoy painting while sipping your favorite beverage. Whether you consider yourself an artist or have never painted before, Bridgette will guide you through the featured painting and at the end of the session you'll go home with your own unique painting. For more, see her website at www.bridgette-art.com and Facebook.

Remodeling

Have you seen all of the current remodeling at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E.? The major work is finished, but there is still a lot of cosmetic work to be done with plants, fencing and the stone work for the front of the building. Most of the inside work is finished except for some pictures and sprucing up the foyer.

Clays for Kids

Real Life Children's Ranch "Clays for Kids" Sport Shoot is looking for sponsors. The event is Saturday, Nov. 1. Shoot registration

is at 2 p.m. and dinner will be held at 6 p.m. The event will be at OK Corral & Gun Club, 9449 N.E. 48th St. Sponsorship ranges from \$400 - \$1,000. All proceeds — 100 percent — of the proceeds benefit Real Life Children's Ranch. For more information, contact Darlene Mayers 863-634-4200.

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The staff at Gretchen Robertson State Farm are participating in Celebrate My Drive again this year with the high school. Anyone 14 years or older can go to celebratemydrive.com and make a safe driving commitment for Okeechobee High School. We need everyone in Okeechobee to make safe driving commitments from Oct. 15-Oct. 24. You can make a commitment once a day every day, so what are you waiting for? We are ranked 172 and need to be in the top 45 to win grant money! The more commitments we get the better chances of us winning grant money for the high school, or even better a concert for the whole community by The Band Perry.

Ag Ventures

Ag Venture, a project of acquainting fourth graders with agriculture, is Nov. 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Agri-Civic Center and is in desperate need of volunteers. Even if you have never participated in AgVenture, you will enjoy doing so. To see the kids absolutely devour this information and the fun way it is presented, is a real blessing. If you can help, please call Diane at 863-824-6700.

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Legion hosts Taco Day

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Taco Day on Wednesday, **Oct. 22**. Music by Carl Cable will be available from 3 until 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, features five-card bingo at 1 p.m. Karaoke by Carl Cable is from 4 until 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, features spaghetti, salad, dinner roll and dessert from 4 until 7 p.m. for a \$6 donation. Karaoke by Kevin is from 5 until 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27 is five-card bingo at 2 p.m. Don't forget about the Halloween Costume Party on Oct. 31. All events are open to the public. Be sure to like us on Facebook. For information, call 863-763-5309.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by emailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guestbooks. A link to the obituaries is available at florida.newszap.com.

Dennis M. Hoard, 82

COLUMBUS — Dennis M. Hoard died at 11:50 p.m. Sunday, October 19, 2014 at his home.



Born in Indianapolis, October 10, 1932, Mr. Hoard was the son of Joseph P. and Frances Balage Hoard.

Mr. Hoard retired from Cummins Engine Company after 15 years of service and was formerly employed at Thompson Sporting Goods for over 25 years. He married LaRetta M. Waltz, May 16, 1985.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Hoard; a sister, Juanita Ferguson; step children, David Shepherd Jr. and Dawn Shepherd.

Survivors include his wife; children, Steve Hoard of Ky.; Nancy (Wesley) Eastwood of Columbus; Ralph (Shannon) Hoard of Columbus; Mitchell Hoard of Key West, Fla. and Paul (Shannon) Hoard of Columbus; step children, Michael (Laura) Shepherd of Columbus; Teresa (Randy) Reeves of Columbus and Steven Shepherd of Columbus; 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home on Washington Street with the Rev. Roy Hendershot officiating.

Family and friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and noon to time of service Thursday.

Burial will be at Flat Rock Baptist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana.

Online condolences may be sent to the Hoard family and a video tribute may be viewed at www.barkesweavergrick.com

Moose offers bingo, dinner

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., invites you to join them Thursday, **Oct. 23**, at 1 p.m. for bingo. Lunch will be available for a small fee. Friday, Oct. 24, features beef and noodles from 5 until 7 p.m. for a \$7 donation. Music will be provided from 6 until 9 p.m. by Kenny's Country Classic. Proceeds benefit Moose charities.

R.C. flight class offered

Big Lake Hobbies is hosting a free introduction to Radio Control Flight on Friday, **Oct. 24**, from 7:30 until 10 p.m. at 110 SW 14th St. This class will be followed on Saturday, Oct. 25, with a hands-on chance to fly a radio controlled aircraft with an instructor at the Agri-Civic Center R.C. Flying Field on S.R. 70 East from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Both classes are free and open to the public. You may attend one or both. If you would like to reserve a seat in advance, call Big Lake Hobbies at 863-357-3592.

Food Day to be held

Food Day will be held Friday, **Oct. 24**. Food Day is a nationwide celebration of healthy, affordable, and sustainable produced food that promotes healthier diets and food education. The Florida Department of Health, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave., will be hosting a farmers market between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Community yard sale slated

A community yard sale, sponsored by the community action committee of Douglas Park and Deans Court Inc. will be held **Oct. 24** from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at 810 N.W. 10th St. Vendor spaces are available. Fun and games for kids is all free. To make a donation, reserve a space or information call Ossie Fleming at 863-484-2350.



Shirley Lee Pope, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Shirley Lee Pope died October 19, 2014. She was born February 12, 1941 in Clewiston to Lee Bryan and Bessie Lenora Davis Bailey.

She was a homemaker and loving mother and grandmother. Before rheumatoid arthritis took away her ability, she enjoyed cross stitch, gardening, reading and bible study. Her faith defined the person she was. Everyone she met talked to her about life as though they had known her forever. She had great empathy for people and animals. She loved her family, her dogs, her friends and her caregivers. She had an incredibly strong spirit and fought a long fight with pain and a crippling disability with a unique strength and dignity.

Mrs. Pope was preceded in death by her husband, John Donald Pope.

She is survived by two daughters, Denise Wehling (Michael) of Bristol, Ga. and Donna Lee Robertson of Okeechobee; three grandchildren, Stephanie, Heather and Matthew; great granddaughter, Carly; three brothers, Lee Bryan Bailey, Jr. of Okeechobee, Lloyd Oliver Bailey of Thomasville, Ga. and George Matthew Bailey (Judy) of Crossville, Tenn.; sister, Sheila Weldon (George) of Okeechobee.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, October 23, 2014 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 and Conway families of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

Paper Drive aids burn centers

Join us in Okeechobee as we rally for the cause and unite for the good of our children when the Okeechobee Shrine Club holds a Shrine Paper Drive to benefit the Shrine Hospitals and Burn Centers. Your Shrine membership from any Temple qualifies you to take part in our event. Bring your Fez and show up between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Publix, 3551 U.S. 441 S., on Saturday, **Oct. 25**; or Friday, Oct. 31, at Walmart, 2101 S. Parrot Ave. Donations to the Shrine Hospitals for Children can also be dropped off at Mims Veterinary Hospital, 275 S.W. 32nd St. For information, contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; or, Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200.

Masons serving breakfast

The Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth St., will host a breakfast with all the fixings Sunday, **Oct. 26**, from 8 until 11 a.m. for \$6 per plate. The public is welcomed and carry out is available. All proceeds go to local Mason giving.

Church hosting bingo

The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., invites the public to play bingo Monday, **Oct. 27**. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and bingo starts at 7 p.m. Come early and get your favorite seat. There will be no reserved seating. We typically have Jar-Balls galore. We provide a fun, clean, smoke-free environment. Our kitchen serves a variety of sandwiches, soft drinks, coffee, popcorn, snacks and desserts at reasonable prices.

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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

• The Lady Seminoles of Pemayetv Ema-hakv defeated the Osceola Middle School Lady Warriors in a competitive **volleyball** 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. The team played at West Glades Tuesday and were also victorious, 25-13, and 25-15. Micco had seven kills and one service ace. Matthews had a strong overall match with four kills, three aces and one block. Alaina Sweat chipped in with two aces and one kill and Julia Smith, and Jacee Jumper both had two aces and one kill. Jenna Brown chipped in with three service aces.

• The OHS Lady Brahman **bowling** team lost 6-1 and the boys team fell 5-2 to Martin County on Monday. Ashley Byrd led the girls with a 356 series and a high game of 221. Devon Metcalf led the Lady Tigers with a 357 series and a high game of 189.

Coach Carole Olney said the bowlers again got frustrated by the number of open frames and missed spares.

The boy's team was led by Brian Chapman with a 296 series. Admas Simmons had a high game of 160. Martin County was led by Trevor Maine with a 320 series. Angelo Boradeo had a high game of 178.

On Tuesday the girls fell to Treasure Coast 7-0 while the boys squad was also shutout 7-0 by the Titans. Jessica Olney had a high game of 214 for the girls team and a two-game series of 406. Spares continued to plague the Lady Brahmins. "It was a close first game as we lost by just seven pins. It was a good match overall for the girls until the last frame in both games," Olney remarked. The boy's team fell by 23 pins in the second game. Chapman had a high game of 269 and a two-game series of 419. Treasure Coast had a high game of 218.

• OHS **volleyball** improved to 11-7 with a 25-21, 25-13, and 25-17 at home Oct 14 against Lake Placid (18-7). It was senior night for the girls as Lexi Ward and Sarah

Hurst were honored before the match. Lake Placid was led by Mary Bates with 20 digs and two aces. Maddie Wilson added four kills and three digs for the Lady Green Dragons.

The Lady Brahman volleyball squad ended their regular season with a three-game sweep over Sebastian River on Thursday to improve to 12-7 on the season. OHS prevailed 25-19, 25-12, and 25-17. The junior varsity volleyball team defeated Sebastian River 2-0. The Brahmins lost to Lake Placid earlier this week 2-1. The Junior Varsity has a 6-4 record this year.

• The Yearling **soccer** team finished another season undefeated with a 5-1 win at Oslo on Oct. 16. Bryan Pinon had another strong match with three goals. Bobby Gomez and David Solorzano both scored one goal. Yearling finishes the season at 8-0 and win another conference championship.

Enrique Luviano had a strong game in net with several saves.

Coach Erick Rios praised many of his midfielders and defenders including Bryan Leal, Sebastian Chavez, Luis Colon, Zamir Duran, Allen Gonzales, Carlos Herrera and McKenzie Crum.

But she refused, and called the sheriff's office.

Deputy Hall said he also checked and the sheriff's office has no civil papers regarding this woman.

"The sheriff's office will never call and notify anyone that there's an arrest warrant out for them. And, we never threaten anyone," said Lt. Stark. "We don't make threats. There's a civil process we go through."

This is not the first time someone has tried to pull this scam.

In March and April there were at least nine reports filed with the sheriff's office about a "Lieutenant James Hall," who was calling local residents and telling them he had a warrant calling for their arrest. He would then demand they put a specified dollar amount on a Green Dot card and call him back with the card number.

In those earlier incidents, the calls did not come from the sheriff's office. They did, however, come from an 863 area code.

Deputy Hall pointed out in his report he told the woman not to give her personal information to anyone or give them any money.

"I reassured her if she was to be served by the sheriff's office we would send a deputy to her residence — not call," stated the deputy.

Lt. Stark echoed Deputy Hall's statement, and went on to say if you get this type of call, hang up immediately.

"We would also suggest anyone getting a phone call soliciting money to notify us about the situation," offered the detective.

Once again, the phone number for the sheriff's office is 863-763-3117.

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).

• Rigdon Leslie Woods, 62, S.E. 29th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 17 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of possession of a weapon/ammunition by a convicted felon. His bond was set at \$1,000.

• Terry Terrill Moore, 43, N.E. 14th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 17 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of robbery and the misdemeanor of battery. His bond was set at \$51,500.

• Debra Lynn Lunt, 60, N.W. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 17 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), and misdemeanor charges of carrying a prescription medication outside its proper container and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$7,000.

• Kyle Joseph Lunt, 21, S. 22nd St., Fort Pierce, was arrested Oct. 17 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$6,000.

• Cody Thomas Bunting, 25, S.E. 59th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 17 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on felony charges of grand theft, dealing in stolen property and giving false information to a pawnbroker. His bond was set at \$60,000. Bunting was also arrested on Alachua County warrants charging him with the felonies of grand

theft-auto and criminal attempt to solicit/conspire. He is being held without bond on those charges.

• Randy Dean Thomas, 54, N.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 18 by Deputy Kristen Gray on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone). His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Shane Thomas Lightsey, 23, Highlands Lake Drive, Lake Placid, was arrested Oct. 19 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

• Israel Morales Segura, 27, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 19 by Deputy Quinton Speed on misdemeanor charges of driving under the influence, driving under the influence with property damage, operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. His bond was set at \$750.

• Floyd Anderson Blake, 77, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 19 by Deputy Brant Harden on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Tiffany Michelle Platt, 27, S.E. 44th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 19 by Deputy Kristen Gray on a DOC warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) and violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

• Justin Timothy Wood, 26, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 20 by Officer Aurelio Almazan on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the misdemeanor of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$1,500.

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.

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Lt. Stark.

Here's how it works. OCSO Major Noel Stephen called this reporter from his cell phone Tuesday. However, the caller ID indicated his call was coming from the sheriff's office — 863-763-3117 — not his personal cell phone. Also, his voice was disguised and sounded much like he had been inhaling helium.

This is also what happened to a local woman Monday, Oct. 20.

When her phone rang at 10:12 a.m. her caller ID indicated the caller's phone number was 863-763-3117. When she answered the phone, a man told her he was a deputy with the sheriff's office and that he had some civil papers to serve. He was going to take her to court regarding payment of a loan she had taken out several years ago.

The fake cop also had all of the woman's personal information, including her Social Security number.

OCSO Deputy Joseph Hall, a real deputy, stated in his report the woman has paperwork indicating the loan has been repaid.

The woman went on to explain the fake deputy transferred her to another man whose voice sounded similar to that of the bogus cop. The second man identified himself as Michael Lee. He told the woman she still owed \$510 and that she should give him her debit or credit card number so the matter could be resolved.

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Fr. Sean Mulcahy at Sacred Heart Church will offer a series on "Relationship & Emotions" at 11 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. and on the first Thursday of each month. The public is invited. Each session is for one hour, for more information, please call 863-763-3727. The next meeting will be Nov. 6.

The First United Methodist Woman

of Okeechobee invite everyone to attend the Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at 200 N.W. Second St. You will find a variety of great items. All proceeds will go to mission projects local, national and abroad. For more information, call 863-763-4021.

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 N., will host a youth program for the 2014-2015 school year every Wednesday at 7 p.m.



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p.m. There are youth classes for pre-school through 12th grade. For more information call 863-763-3681.

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

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

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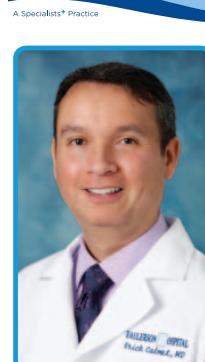


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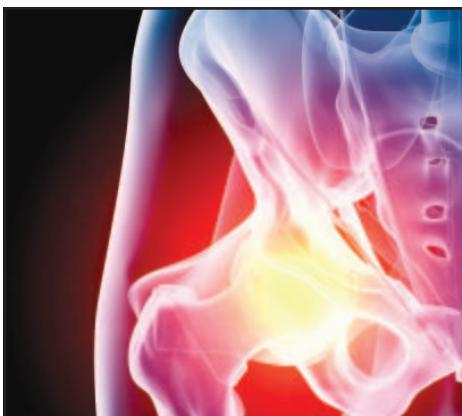
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Halloween Happenings

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The First United Methodist Church annual pumpkin patch is open! Take the entire family for great photo ops and remember purchase your pumpkin here as they are sold as a fundraiser for scholarships to the Youth's Mission Trips. Visit First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. Contact Pastor Jim for further information or to schedule a preschool visit 863-763-4021.

Fall Festival at Central

Central Elementary School, 610 S.W. Fifth Ave., will host a Fall Festival on Friday, **Oct. 24**, from 5 until 8 p.m. Join them for food, fun and games.

Visit the Haunted Hammock

Calling all Halloween revelers. Highlands Hammock cordially invites "little goblins" and "old ghouls" to attend the second annual Haunted Hammock on Friday, Oct. 24 and Saturday, Oct. 25. Younger children can play games, make a scarecrow, participate

in coloring and costume contests, and walk through the Friendly Forest, a "non-scare" play area from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Adults and teens can explore the Haunted House and take a ride on the Terror Tram from 7 to 10 p.m. Park admission to the Haunted Hammock is \$5 per person. Children 5 and under are free of charge. Terror Tram tours are an additional \$2 per person for all ages.

Children's costume party

Children's Halloween Costume Party will be held at Buckhead Ridge VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary, 29012 State Road 78 West, on Saturday, **Oct. 25**, from 2 until 4 p.m. Costume prizes, bobbing for apples, pumpkin decorating, games, food, drinks and treats. Bring your children out for this event. We support our local community plus veterans and families. Any questions, call 863-467-2882

Halloween dance is Oct. 25

The B.R.A.T. Club is hosting a Halloween dance for children ages 10-16 Saturday, **Oct.**

25, from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, 610 S.W. Second Ave. Students are invited to come and enjoy games, music, treats and a costume contest with prizes. Parents must sign students in on arrival. The club is looking for candy donations to provide a goody bag for each student. To donate, call Allison Chandler at 863-697-9096; or, drop off your donation at the Okeechobee News, 107 S.W. 17th Street, Suite D.

Ghostly fun is at DuPuis

Visit the DuPuis Management Area, 23500 S.W. Kanner Highway, in Canal Point for ghostly family fun under the stars at the annual Haunted Halloween Celebration on Saturday, **Oct. 25**, from 5 until 9 p.m. This popular event features: kids games and crafts, Trick-Or-Treat Trail, hair-raising haunted house for ages 10 and up, a Howling Hayride through the woods for all ages, and creepy critters from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center. Refreshments will be on sale. A \$10 fee per vehicle will go to support the Florida Center for Environmental Studies at DuPuis and the Indiantown Education Coalition.

Halloween drawing slated

BTC Builders, 2625 U.S. 441 S.E., will hold a Halloween drawing for a wooden playhouse Friday, **Oct. 31**, from noon until 5 p.m. Bring your costumes and get a free bag of candy plus a chance to win. For information, contact Savannah Chandler at 863-467-8877.

Trunk or Treat here

Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace, invites the community to Trunk or Treat on Friday, **Oct. 31**, from 6 until 8:30 p.m. for safe fun, candy, games and a food concession.

Church plans fall festival

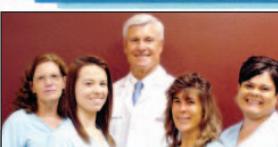
Christ Fellowship Church will host their largest children's outreach event of the year with a Friday, **Oct. 31**, Family Fall Festival from 6 until 8:30 p.m. at 701 S. Parrott Ave. Children are invited to wear family-friendly costumes. For information visit their web site at goChristFellowship.com/events.

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National Food Day puts focus on safe and healthy food supply

**By Lison A. Philor-Jonassaint
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Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County

It's October and Food Day is coming soon!

Why do we have a day to celebrate food when it is a necessity to life and living? Food Day is a nationwide celebration and a movement toward more healthy, affordable, and sustainable food. This year Food Day has a special focus on issues related to food justice. The Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County will join the celebration of National Food Day, by bringing awareness to food insecurity and its effects on nutrition.

It has been revealed that food insecurity and being overweight are two of the biggest crises facing America's children where 16 million are food insecure and 23 million are overweight. Being food insecure and overweight is sometimes hard to explain where both conditions happen simultaneously in the same household. In Okeechobee, we are not immune to these calamities because locally more than 3,000 children were food insecure and 3,436 were overweight in 2012 according to Feed America and the Florida Community Health Assessment Resource Tool Set (CHARTS).

In recent years, high unemployment rates, higher poverty and decreased homeownerships were found to be key drivers of food insecurity. When families are faced with these challenges they may lack ac-

cess to consistent healthy food and are left choosing less expensive, calorie-dense food. This leads to overweight children that are malnourished because they are lacking the healthy, nutrient-rich food their bodies need for growth and development. Food insecurity and being overweight can affect children in a number of ways including health and developmental issues, iron deficiency, asthma, learning difficulties, poor academic performance, lower test scores, difficulty concentrating, repeating a grade level, behavioral problems, irritability, getting along with others, and schools suspension.

Local programs provide resources to reduce food insecurity and obesity, for example; the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women Infant and Children program (WIC) and the USDA Child Nutrition Programs like the School Breakfast and Lunch.

These programs provide healthy food to decrease hunger and nutrition education to help families make healthy food choices and

prevent obesity.

The community can positively impact these crises by encouraging more participation in the school meal programs, becoming involved in the local food bank/food pantries, working with community groups to promote healthy behaviors and increase opportunities for safe physical activity.

For Food Day this year, Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County will bring awareness to food insecurity and obesity and will continue supporting families with nutrition education and healthy food needs, by using evidence-based strategies to decrease obesity, and by addressing hunger issues in our county. We believe these two related issues are man-made and as a community we can address and find common solutions for our children, our future. For more information about hunger and obesity, please call the WIC Office at 863-462-5795 or visit Feeding America and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) websites: www.feedingamerica.org and www.eatright.com.

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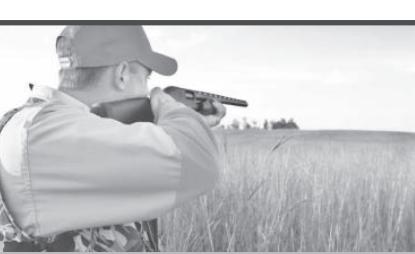
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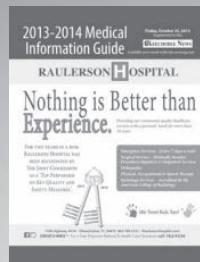


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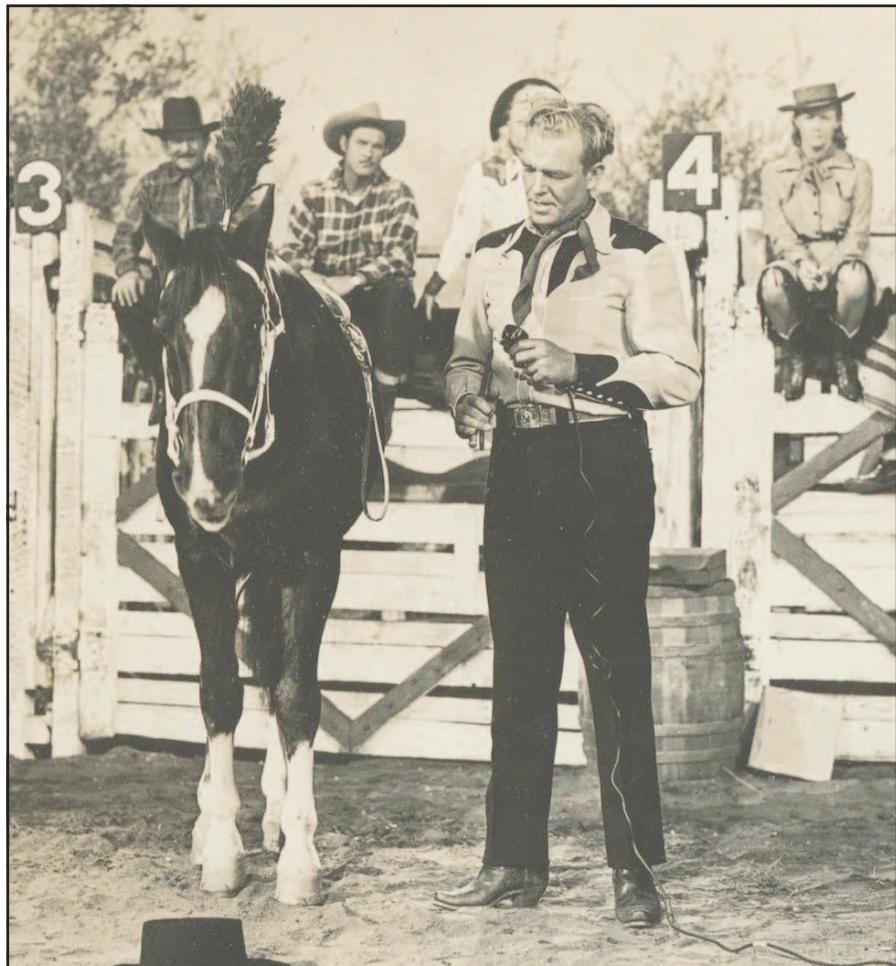
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Special to the Okeechobee News

Silver Nip: Okeechobee's own movie star

"The Gad-Fly" from the Oct. 19, 1945 Okeechobee News, mentions the equine movie star, Silver Nip. According to an article in the June 5, 1952 St. Petersburg Times, Silver Nip, born on an Okeechobee ranch in 1939, starred in more than 30 movies and was a versatile actor. The gelding played a mare in "The Adventures of Gallant Bess" and a stallion named Wildfire in "The Lion and the Horse." His natural coloring was sorrel with a black mane and tail, but thanks to movie makeup, his coloration changed — to black or paint or whatever the script called for — as needed for the movie role. The Okeechobee native worked with Elizabeth Taylor, Van Johnson, Mickey Rooney, Lana Turner, Red Skelton and other top stars. The horse's screen name changed as needed for the movies. In an Oct. 10, 1946 article in the Toledo Blade newspaper, "Horse Does Stunts for Children" when Joe Atkinson and the star of "Gallant Bess" visited the Toledo Society for Crippled Children's Home, Mr. Atkinson told the children the horse's real name was Silver Nip. The book "Animals on the Screen and Radio: An Annotated Sourcebook" listing for the movie "Gallant Bess" credits Joe Atkinson as the trainer and Silver Nip as Bess the Horse. This 1948 photo of James Milligan with "Gallant Bess the Wonder Horse" was used to promote the movie "The Adventures of Gallant Bess." The information released by the movie studio with the photo lists Joe Atkinson as the horse's owner and trainer. A 1946 documentary titled "The Horse With the Human Mind" featured Joe Atkinson and "Bess."

From the pages of the Okeechobee News, Oct. 19, 1945

THE GAD-FLY

By Marjorie B. Wallace

All weather, like all Caesar's Gaul, is divided into three parts by our lunch dietary. There is salad weather, or scrambled egg weather or soup weather. This is definitely soup weather, and I love it.

According to some comments overheard, reported or addressed to me directly, there are folks in this town who wish that my "gall" was also divided into three parts, and that at least two of them were flushed down the drain. That's just ducky.

My business is to stir up trouble, controversy, whatever, but what people think of Okeechobee is of supreme importance. If my snide remarks and occasional favorable publicity have helped to start and swell the wave of improvement now sweeping over the town, I shall swell with pride — and continue to be just as mean and aggravating as the libel laws allow.

The value of a counter-irritant is established in medicine; perhaps it will be equally effective in bringing about better civic health here. So, call me the mustard plaster if you wish, but prepare to have it slapped on your own back if you need it.

Speaking of backs, when is a back yard a front yard? Well, when it is on the same street with the Courthouse and there is nothing between it and State Road 8. If all of the folks who live on the south side of that street will drive slowly down the main highway and take a good look at their own back yards, they will see what I mean. There's nothing too obviously wrong, but some paint on the outbuildings and some high plantings on the lot lines would help tremendously, in some cases.

There has been some vague talk about establishing an asylum in Okeechobee County. No need for it. The Southland Hotel is batty enough — or was — to suit anybody. It was everybody's turn to be "at bat" the other day when a colony of the flying rodents was uncovered by the removal of a large sign on the front wall. What with the brooms and sticks and yelling and excitement and finally a stream of water from the roof, the opposing "battery" was slugged out of the box in the fifth inning. Poor little beasts. But they got in the way

of progress and improvement — and see what happened to them! After the new paint job on the wall is dry, another sign will go up, but this time so close will be the union between the wall and the sign that not even a thin dime could come between them. Tom wants no more bats. Well, anyhow, not that kind.

Out in California, Okeechobee is being made known to all and sundry by a horse. Silver Nip, Joe Atkinson's fine steed, whose training took place at times here in the parks, watched by open-mouthed admirers and a few non-conformists like myself who hate to see any animal forced to do tricks, is starring in a movie. The Dunsmuir News, of that place in sunny-California-when-it-isn't-foggy, has quite a story about the filming of "Star From Heaven," some portions being made in that town. Quoting here and there from the story, "A highly trained horse named Silver Nip shares honors with the actors in the picture. The equine star of the picture and three other horses are being kept in the corral at Shirley Park. A man who gave his name as 'Okeechobee Joe' when interviewed by telephone, said he is the owner of the horse, which came from the Everglades of Florida.

"A gentleman by the name of James McGowan, described in the story as a lover of fine horses, said he never saw a horse like Silver Nip. He said he had seen many intelligent and highly trained horses, but he never saw a more remarkable one in that respect than Silver Nip."

Silver Nip being, as I recall, a bay — I don't know anything about his nipping propensities — I asked the local authorities where he got the name, and it seems he once advertised Silver Nip grapefruit juice and just adopted the name. He wears a handsome blanket on location, donated by the Okeechobee Rotary Club.

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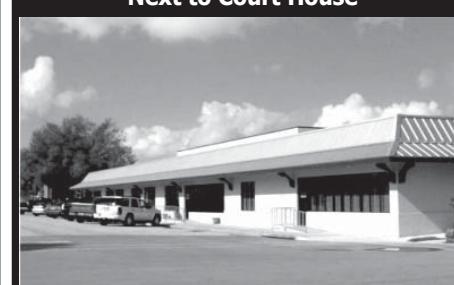
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 472013CA000512CAAXMX

ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.

ERMA JANE R. KARRH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE SAMUEL KARRH, JR. AND ERMA JANE R. KARRH REVOCABLE TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 9, 2006, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants,

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure Upon Default dated October 1, 2014, and entered in Case No. 472013CA000512CAAXMX, of the CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, wherein, the Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the 12th day of November, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment Upon Default, to wit:

That certain Condominium Parcel designated as Lot 5 of Block 30 of ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT NO. IV, a Condominium, including a 1/118 undivided interest in and to the Common Elements thereof, all in accordance with and subject to all of the terms, provisions, conditions, rights, privileges, obligations, easements and liens of and as set forth in that certain Declaration of Condominium of ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT NO. IV, a Condominium and all its exhibits and attachments, as recorded in Official Records Book 284, pages 924 et seq., including the Supplemental Declaration of Condominium as recorded in Official Records Book 290, Pages 943, et seq., and all amendments thereto, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging to or in anywise appertaining.

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

Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, on October 1, 2014
SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: Sandra L. Creech
As Deputy Clerk

467612 ON 10/22/2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000118

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR LVS TITLE TRUST I, Plaintiff,
vs.

MARCELINO MEDRANO, et al,
Defendants(s).

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Amended Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 29, 2014, and entered in Case No. 47-2013-CA-000118 of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in which U.S.Bank National Association Not In Its Individual Capacity, But Solely As Legal Title Trustee for LVS Title Trust I, the Plaintiff and Marcelino Medrano, Maria Medrano, Tenant # 1, Tenant # 2, The Unknown Spouse of Marcelino Medrano, Maria Medrano n/k/a Odion Eriza, are defendants, the Okeechobee County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, Okeechobee County, Florida 11:00 AM on the 29th day of October, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOT 21 BLOCK A. PLAYLAND PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 27, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO, DESCRIBED AS 1993 SKYBLUD BUDDY MOTOR HOME, 28611481F; TITLE #64966270. A/K/A 1170 NW 42ND AVE OKEECHOBEE FL 34972-8886

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

Dated in Okeechobee County, Florida this 9th day of October, 2014.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Okeechobee County, Florida
BY: Lynn Shain
Deputy Clerk

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OHS girls eye 2014-15 soccer slate

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School has a new soccer coach and an optimistic outlook for the 2014-15 soccer season that begins next week.

Lori Harper-Kyle replaced Sonya Smith who resigned after three years in the job after the team showed vast improvement and was able to win five matches while tying three others last season.

Harper-Kyle is assisted by her husband Robert Kyle, a native of Scotland, who has considerable experience in the game of soccer.

The roster includes five seniors that should provide experience and stability on the defensive end of the field.

Harper-Kyle said she is excited to get this opportunity and she expects to field a very disciplined team that won't make mistakes.

She has 29 years of experience in teaching in the U.S. and Scotland. She took the job during a phone call with school officials.

Her husband played soccer for years in high school and as an amateur player in Scotland, the birthplace of the sport.

Harper-Kyle said it is a different environment when you deal with 23 girls but she is getting accustomed to their personalities and the practice routines.

"We had 40 girls try out this year which is really good and we hope to field a junior varsity team next year. We also have some girls who are playing fall sports ready to tryout so the outlook looks upbeat for this year," she noted.

She said they hope to continue to improve and build on last year's success. They have a mixture of freshmen, sophomores and juniors filling out the roster.

The team will play six home matches and 10 matches on the road this year.

"We are going to give them a run for their money. They will have to come at us with all of their barrels," Harper-Kyle said. They know Okeechobee is an underdog when they play most of the coastal teams but they are looking forward to competing with strong teams.

Her message to the girls is to have good attitudes, try their best at all times, enjoy the

game and be disciplined at all times.

She lived in Scotland for the past seven years and she knows about passion and excitement for a sport as soccer is the #1 sport in Europe.

"We hope to get support at our home matches this year, come out and support us. We hope to change the outlook here," she added.

Kyle knows the fundamentals of the sport and admits he likes what he sees on the practice field. At the same time, he doesn't know how strong the opponents will be, and that will be another factor in how many matches the team wins.

"Some of the girls are good and I see ability and a few have potential. It will take some time but we will have a strong defensive team," he added.

He has a strong brogue from Scotland which can be hard to understand but some of the players have started to understand his instructions and have served as interpreters.

"A lot of the girls care and we have a good mix of players who are building for the future. I haven't seen too many goals scored and not too many goals against either in practice. Some of the girls may need some confidence," he explained.

Senior Hannah Raulerson will be counted on to provide leadership, toughness, and defensive skill. She has a positive outlook for this season.

"I think we will have a very strong team. We have a lot of new girls that know how to play their positions," she said.

"I think the talent is there. We have some good girls who know what they are doing." She predicted good players all across the field for OHS this year and she predicts the team can win even more matches in 2014-2015.

"I noticed in practice some of the girls said sorry when they were going after the ball. I told them, don't say you're sorry, this is soccer, and you have to be mean and dirty -- but not too dirty," Raulerson said.

The first home match will be Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. against LaBelle.

Top players include Karina Diaz-Argueta, a transfer student from El Salvador, Emilse Serrano, Keirstin Bostwick, Jeri Lynn Sharpe, and Lisgett Vega.

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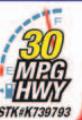
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