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## Lake Levels

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## Concert boat moors at Pahokee Marina

The Point Counterpoint II (shown here entertaining a crowd in Dordrecht, Netherlands, in 1989) has a new home on Lake Okeechobee. In Pahokee, the floating concert hall (shown with its top open) is undergoing renovations and soon will be the setting for sunset concerts on Lake Okeechobee. For the story, see Page 11.



Okeechobee News/Richard Marion

Okeechobee High School junior Ashley Snyder (kneeling) digs a volleyball at the Purple and White game on Aug. 16. Snyder will be one of the veterans on a new, younger volleyball team for the 2018 season.

## Mast argues for lower lake level

By Katrina Elskén  
Okeechobee News

Congressman Brian Mast's proposal to lower Lake Okeechobee to 8 feet by the end of the dry season to prevent wet season releases to the coastal estuaries was the topic of discussion at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District briefing on Aug. 17 in Stuart City Hall.

Ernie Marks, South Florida Water Management District executive director, said trying to lower the lake to 8 ft. would be dangerous for South Florida.

"What are the consequences of lowering the lake below 9 ft. by the end of the dry season? We can't get there with the infrastructure we have in place today. So what do we have to do? We have to send more water west and more water east," he explained.

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## Young talent brings life to OHS volleyball team

By Richard Marion  
Okeechobee News

After the Lady Brahman volleyball program went through a self-described "rebuilding year" during the 2017 season, coach Taylor Padrick thinks the addition of new talent will give Okeechobee a whole new look in 2018.

"This is a completely different year," said Padrick. "We have five new freshman on varsity. We had a class that came in from eighth grade that we knew was coming in, so it's still somewhat of a re-

building year in the sense a lot of the girls are just now getting to play together. But I think we'll definitely be more successful than last season."

The Lady Brahmans finished with an 8-13 record for their 2017 season.

Many of the new players who are joining the team this year are from both the 2017 Yearling and Osceola Middle School volleyball teams, which performed very well last year. The Yearling team went

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# Meet the officer: Police services coordinator Terisa Garcia

By Matteo Tullio

Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Police Department services coordinator Terisa Garcia was born here in Okeechobee. Ms. Garcia recalled that when she was 4 years old, she lived in Hollywood and a family that worked in the circus moved into their neighborhood. "They taught us how to do back bends, flips, splits and all kinds of fun stuff," Ms. Garcia said of her experience living next to a family of talented performers. She would spend every summer with her family as they would drive from Florida to Texas to visit relatives.

Ms. Garcia began her first job at the age of 14 when she would ride the bus from the high school to the fifth-grade center. She would then work in the office for a couple of hours, calling parents of children who missed the school bus and passing out school supplies to teachers.

Ms. Garcia graduated from Okeechobee High School and, as an avid reader, her favorite thing about campus was being able to go to the library. "I loved to read," she stated. "When I was in elementary school, my favorite books were from The Nancy Drew Mystery Stories collection." First published in 1930, The Nancy Drew Mystery Stories collection has sold over 70 million copies. The series is about a teenage sleuth and has been a noted inspiration for generations of women, including Sonia Sotomayor, Sandra Day O'Connor and Hillary Clinton.

Aside from exhibiting tendencies of a bibliophile, Terisa was also involved with

such extracurricular activities as being a cheerleader and serving as class treasurer in her first year of high school.

While certified as an emergency medical technician, Ms. Garcia enrolled and attended some classes at what is now Indian River State College, but she recalled not having an opportunity to work in the field at the time, as the Okeechobee County Fire Rescue facilities were not designed to accommodate female employees. This lack of facility accommodation is what Ms. Garcia said "made me decide to work for the police department instead, and I never looked back."

Having started back on June 7, 1985, Ms. Garcia began her employment with the city as emergency dispatch operator before later moving to records clerk, school crossing guard and then to her current position. When asked how she got into her line of work, Terisa replied, "I had a friend, Maggie Fadley, that started working in dispatch for the (Okeechobee County) sheriff's office, and she persuaded me to apply for the position. That started my career." She has been



Okeechobee Police Department services coordinator Terisa Garcia

the police services coordinator now for over 22 years and is starting on her 34th year as a city employee. Her anticipated retirement date is set for Dec. 31, 2020.

Ms. Garcia is one of many in her family to work in the sector of government and public service. Her brother, Pete Garcia, served four years as a sailor with the United States Navy before serving an additional 20 years as a member of the National Guard. Her uncle, Owen Pruitt, retired with the rank of captain as a former

deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Lastly, her mother, Betty Compton, retired from the Southwest Regional Juvenile

Detention Center located in Lee County.

When she is not serving the people of the community, Ms. Garcia enjoys spending her time traveling. "I love traveling and had opportunities to visit 17 states. I've also been able to snorkel in Cozumel, Mexico and the Grand Cayman Islands," she said enthusiastically. She also enjoys "catch and release" fishing along with watching the NFL. "My favorite quarterback was Joe Montana," she said of the former San Francisco 49ers legend who started and won four Super Bowls. Ms. Garcia also has four children; B.J., Stephanie, David and Danielle; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who occupy some of her time as well. "Lately, I have been teaching my grandchildren how to make homemade flour tortillas, tamales, refried beans and many other dishes," stated Ms. Garcia. "We're having fun and feeding the family at the same time," exemplifying the filling of paramount needs, family fun time and food, with one deed: teaching.

## OCSO Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated reports of the following crimes last week:

### ASSAULT

- 6400 block of Northwest 24th Street
- 1100 block of Northeast 39th Boulevard

### BURGLARY

- 3000 block of Southeast 31st Avenue
- 3200 block of U.S. 441 Southeast
- 11400 block of Northeast Third Circle
- 1500 block of Northwest 23rd Drive
- 2300 block of Southwest 28th Street
- 3100 block of Southeast 28th Street
- 9300 block of Southeast 57th Drive

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- 2400 block of Northwest 16th Boulevard

- 1900 block of Northeast Second Street
- 1200 block of State Road 70 East

### FRAUD

- 4200 block of Southeast 29th Court

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**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy late. Low 73F. Winds light and variable.

### Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 91F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday Night:** A few clouds from time to time. Low 72F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy in the morning followed by scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 91F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy skies. Low 71F. Winds light and variable.



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# SFWMD to raise water levels on Kissimmee River

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days, water managers at the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will

gradually raise the headwater elevation of the S-65D structure on the Kissimmee River by more than a foot to 27.8 feet NGVD.

backfilled as part of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.

This operational action is being taken at the request of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reduce the potential risk of erosion in areas of the C-38 Canal that have been

Boat owners upstream of the S-65D structure may need to move and/or secure vessels that are docked underneath covered shelters to handle higher water levels.



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## Donation helps K-9 unit

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, attorney Daryl J. Krauza presented the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit with a donation on behalf of the Ronald J. Woods Charitable Trust. The donated monies will be used for K-9 equipment related to their protection and health, and chew toys for the outstanding service the K-9s provide to the sheriff's office. Pictured are (left to right) K-9 Deputy Matt Crawford, lawyer Krauza, K-9 Deputy Robbie Lamb, Captain Shannon Peterson and K-9 officer Brian Cross.

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## Awareness group meets

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# Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Latte option
- 6 Difficult position
- 10 It's cut and dried
- 13 Loud, as a crowd
- 14 African city where pounds are spent
- 15 Tree feller
- 16 Venue that keeps you up-to-date
- 18 \_\_\_ Tin Tin
- 19 Hunk
- 20 Really bother
- 21 Bus terminal
- 23 "Beaches" actress Midler
- 25 Canadian stadium renamed Rogers Centre in 2005
- 27 Tropical cocktail whose color comes from curacao liqueur
- 30 First name in game shows
- 31 Work-wk. start
- 32 Basic Latin conjugation word
- 36 "Got it, man?"
- 37 This puzzle's theme, as suggested by the ends of 16-, 27-, 47- and 61-Across
- 41 Big heart?
- 42 Ladies of Sp.
- 44 Chicago's \_\_\_ Center
- 45 Elena of the Supreme Court
- 47 Chaste priestess of ancient Rome
- 51 Record covers
- 54 "\_\_\_ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny
- 55 Upright, e.g.
- 56 Bow (out)
- 57 Disaster relief org.
- 60 Longtime football commentator Cross
- 61 Biblical wise man
- 65 Actress Charlotte
- 66 Where to learn une leçon
- 67 Practical joke
- 68 CIA forerunner
- 69 "Man, you are not serious!"
- 70 Rocker Patty married to John McEnroe

### DOWN

- 1 24 Hours of Le \_\_\_: auto race
- 2 Hurler Hershiser
- 3 Ninja Turtle's "Awesome!"
- 4 Faded star
- 5 Curved part
- 6 Went under
- 7 Alley target
- 8 Load from a lode
- 9 "Shoulda listened to me!"
- 10 Silent Marx
- 11 Assumed truth
- 12 "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker
- 14 Hall of Fame infielder Rod
- 17 Words before homer or brick wall
- 22 Novelist Ferber
- 24 Takeout option
- 25 "The Da Vinci Code" priory
- 26 Warm-hearted
- 27 Some undies
- 28 Lion's den
- 29 Range maker
- 33 Rod Stewart classic with the line "You stole my heart but I love you anyway"

- 34 Trendy berry
- 35 Ky. neighbor
- 38 Postage-paid enc.
- 39 Gobs
- 40 Banana peel
- 43 Kristoff's reindeer in "Frozen"
- 46 Sculpture or ballet
- 48 Brought forth
- 49 Run out
- 50 Corleone patriarch
- 51 Veep between Hubert and Gerald
- 52 Turkish coins
- 53 Some nest sites
- 56 Give the eye
- 58 \_\_\_ Blanc: tallest Alp
- 59 Egyptian cross
- 62 Post-ER area
- 63 Sign of approval
- 64 Old DJ's records

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By Kurt Krauss  
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# Reflections from the Pulpit

## Don't let the sun go down on your anger

By Rev. Kay Mueller, deacon  
Episcopal Church of Our Saviour

In Ephesians 4, Paul writes: "Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. (V.26-27) Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you." (V.31-32) (NRSV)

This morning I would like to focus a few minutes on anger. Anger is one of the hardest emotions for Christians to deal with! We usually do not acknowledge we have it, because we feel we are not supposed to have it in the first place! There has to be a better way ... and there is!

We all have pet peeves. One of mine, and possibly yours, is telemarketers. They strike all hours of the day or night and are seemingly impervious to our disinterest or outright anger. Tell them you're not interested ... they'll call back. Ask them to take your number off their list ... they might, or they might not and call again to inflict their torture. If they encounter your voicemail, they may leave a recorded message, but you can rest assured — they will call again. Even if you are registered with the "do not call" service, chances are you will still receive a call.

What gets to you? Your neighbor's son or daughter playing music too loud? You are on time and wish others would be as courteous? You are extremely neat with all you do and wish the other members of your household were as "together" as you?

You feel you have a right to be angry. So you become angry. Yet — what are you going to do with that anger? Will you stay angry until the responsible parties admit their guilt — well you may wait a very long time. Will you stay angry until you feel you have sufficiently "paid them back?" Well, you may wait a very long time. Will you get even by sharing their crime with others? Congratulations, you have just enlarged the problem. Will you explode at them because you cannot take the injustice any longer? Well — not much got solved, did it? Some people, when they are very angry ... become very passive. That is safer (or so we think!). We still might get even, but in more acceptable ways than throwing a chair or shouting at the top of our voice. We procrastinate, show up late, lower our performance, obstruct progress, or use other indirect methods of getting even — all of which derail being one in the Spirit.

Anger is one of the hardest emotions for Christians to deal with ... due to our confusion regarding it. An article I researched said the average person feels some degree of anger, or its lower-grade cousin (frustration), some 10-14 times a day, which is all the more reason to identify it, accept it and address it.

My brothers and sisters, the scriptures tell us that God, too, gets angry. Where God's love is refused — where God's holiness is mocked ... God cannot remain indifferent. To do so would make him impersonal rather than compassionate. The more you appreciate God's love, the more you can respect God's anger. Jesus showed anger when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and dove sellers in the temple as recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. Another time Jesus showed anger was in the synagogue of Capernaum when the Pharisees refused to answer Jesus' question, "He look around at them in anger, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts." (Mark 3:5).

Friends, be angry, but do not sin. Jesus got angry — so it is possible to be angry without sinning. The problem is that often our anger leads to sin. Anger is an emotion, a response, to a threat — a threat to our life, our character, our opinion, our family, our property, our time. What we do in that emotional response of anger determines whether we sin, or do not sin. There are numerous references in both the Old and New Testaments regarding God being "slow to anger," including Psalm 103 (v. 8-9): "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever."

"Do not let the sun go down on your anger." In other words, deal with your anger, address your anger and do it quickly and correctly. In Matthew 5:25, we are instructed to "settle matters quickly with your adversary." Anger neglected leads to bitterness, and that is a sin. Bitterness is anger ... gone to seed ... in your heart. Bitterness eats away at the soul ... like a cancer ... affecting both the body AND the spirit — and crippling unity.

In James 1:19-20, the scripture states: "You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness."

Remember Paul's words of encouragement — "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

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# Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

- Charles Lynn Spiva III, 23, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with aggravated battery and a misdemeanor charge of battery. His bond was set at \$26,000.

- Emmanuel Ferdinand Safo, 59, Northeast 13th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Dylan Krecic on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with

two counts of sale, manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver a controlled substance (cocaine). His bond was set at \$100,000.

- Tammy Michelle King, 43, Northeast Seventh Street, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Tyler Ott on a DOC felony warrant charging her with violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance without a valid prescription. She is being held without bond.

- Enrique Carlos Vega, 17, Northeast 304th Street, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Tyler Ott on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with unarmed burglary of unoccupied conveyance and grand theft (motor vehicle). His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Shaun Anthony Tedford, 34, Southeast

86th Boulevard, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (synthetic cannabinoid) without a valid prescription and a misdemeanor charge of possession of a controlled substance (cannabis) without a valid prescription. He is being held without bond.

- Jazma Jahday Washington, 23, Northwest 27th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 14 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on a DOC felony warrant charging her with three counts of violation of probation - aggravated battery and one count of violation of probation - felony battery. She is being held without bond.

- Ashley Michelle Christian, 28, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (morphine sulfate) without a valid prescription, possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a valid prescription, violation of probation - arson and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and knowingly driving while license suspended. She is being held without bond.

- Timothy Sherman Courson, 25, Northwest 17th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Deputy William Jolly on a DOC felony warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft (more than \$300 but less than \$5,000) and violation of probation - uttering forged bills. He is being held without bond.

- Codie James Posila, 23, South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Deputy Sergeant Aric Majere on a DOC felony warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of unoccupied structure or conveyance and violation of probation - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

- Allen Michael Thornton, 23, State Road

70 West, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 15 by Deputy Sgt. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with felony battery - prior conviction. His bond was set at \$3,500.

- Jeffrey Michael Mullin, 44, Castile Road, Sebring, was arrested Aug. 15 by Deputy Sgt. Aric Majere on a DOC felony warrant charging him with violation of probation - knowingly driving while license suspended. He is being held without bond.

- Daniel Salazar, 36, Northwest 25th Avenue, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on an Okeechobee County felony warrant charging him with bringing a controlled substance (cannabis) into the state. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Joel Santiago, 36, Northeast 131st Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Deputy Quinton Speed on two DOC felony warrants charging him with two counts of violation of probation - uttering forged bills, two counts of violation of probation - grand theft (more than \$300 but less than \$5,000) and one count of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) without a valid prescription. He is being held without bond.

- Felicia Jean Pringle, 31, Northwest Sixth Street, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 16 by Deputy Ashley Waskiewicz on a DOC felony warrant charging her with three counts of violation of probation - forgery and three counts of violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument. 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.*

# Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM...TUESDAY SALE AT 12:00PM

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800-1600	52.00	57.00	HIGH
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450-500	150.00	168.00
500-550	142.00	154.00
550-600	137.00	147.00
600-700	128.00	138.00

**STEERS MED & LARGE 2:**

200-250	0.00	0.00
250-300	0.00	0.00
300-350	182.00	190.00
350-400	170.00	176.00
400-450	156.00	170.00
450-500	140.00	156.00
500-550	133.00	143.00
550-600	130.00	136.00
600-700	115.00	123.00

Slaughter cows and bulls were steady to \$2 lower. Average cows around 50 and bulls in mid 70s. Feeder calves seemed to be higher with a little more activity but when the final numbers came in, they ended up being steady at best. There are so many cattle moving right now and lots to pick from for the buyers. Next week is OKEEVAC Tuesday so there should be some good quality calves on a good health program. Reports show meat exports up to almost record numbers and optimistic trade talks going on. Maybe we'll see some improvement in the near future!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	657	1449
COWS	204	296
BULLS	14	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1776</b>

**HEIFERS MED & LARGE 1:**

200-250	170.00	180.00
250-300	166.00	184.00
300-350	160.00	175.00
350-400	138.00	150.00
400-450	138.00	148.00
450-500	130.00	140.00
500-550	122.00	131.00
550-600	123.00	134.00
600-700	121.00	129.00

**HEIFERS MED & LARGE 2:**

200-250	155.00	160.00
250-300	158.00	168.00
300-350	150.00	150.00
350-400	128.00	138.00
400-450	124.00	136.00
450-500	118.00	126.00
500-550	112.00	120.00
550-600	117.00	121.00
600-700	0.00	0.00

Horace Waldron, Okeechobee, topped the Calf Market with a high of \$2.95 bought by Oak Lake Cattle.

B & H Cattle, Okeechobee, topped the Cow Market with a high of \$.60 bought by Florida Beef.

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 29 bred cows - calving Oct.-Feb. \$900.

## Enhancement planned for Oak Park

Special to the Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Department heard the concerns of the citizens and is launching its next neighborhood enhancement effort.

On Wednesday, Sept. 12, Okeechobee County code enforcement officers will be visiting the Oak Park area. This neighborhood enhancement effort is intended to help property owners stay in compliance with county regulations and improve the appearance of the neighborhood. Our goal is to maintain safe and economically viable neighborhoods.

Code enforcement officers will inspect properties for the following:

- Outdoor storage such as car parts, appliances and similar items;
- Junk, trash and debris;
- Overgrown grass and weeds;
- Inoperable/abandoned vehicles;
- Unauthorized farm animals;
- Exterior property maintenance such as broken windows, damaged roofs and other types of exterior damage.

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### VFW serves breakfast

The VFW Auxiliary will serve breakfast on Sunday, **Aug. 19**, at Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 W., from 8:30 to 11 a.m. All benefits will go for veteran's services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

### Amvets host 5-card bingo

Join Amvets Post 200, 3651 U.S. 441 S.E., Suite 6, on Sunday, **Aug. 19**, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. for five-card bingo. For information, call 863-484-8135.

### Legion hosts Sunday bingo

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **Aug. 19**, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

### BHR Moose serve breakfast

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge, 1016 Linda Road, will offer a full breakfast on Sunday, **Aug. 19**, from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcomed.

### Legion will host 5-card bingo

American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host five-card bingo on Monday, **Aug. 20**, from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. For information, call 863-763-5309.

### BHR Moose serve dinner

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge, 1016 Linda Road, will offer a spaghetti dinner with all the fixings on Monday, **Aug. 20**, from 5 to 7 p.m., all for a donation of \$7. The public is welcomed.

### Big Lake post serves tacos

Big Lake Post #10539, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E., will host a taco night from 5 to 7 p.m., and five-card bingo will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, **Aug. 20**. Pizza night from 5 to 7 p.m. with Karaoke from 6 to 9 p.m. will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 21. On Wednesday, Aug. 22, enjoy patty melts and Philly cheese steaks from 5-7 p.m.

### Widows & Widowers to meet

The Okeechobee Widows and Widowers Group will meet Tuesday, **Aug. 21**, 8 a.m. at Ding-a-Ling Deli, 2107 U.S. 441 S.E. New members are welcome. For information, call Jane at 863-824-8700 or Connie at 863-801-0482.

### VFW serves Wednesday dinner

The VFW Auxiliary will serve a beef brisket dinner on Wednesday, **Aug. 22**, at Post 9528, 29012 SR 78 W. All proceeds will benefit Florida military veterans in distress. For information, call 863-467-2882.

### BHR Moose to serve pork dinner

Buckhead Ridge Moose, 1016 Linda Road, will have a pork chops dinner, fried or grilled, with all the fixings for a \$7.50 donation. Dinner is served on Wednesday, **Aug. 22**, from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

### Fall prevention lecture is set

A fall prevention lecture is set for Thursday, **Aug. 23**, at 10 a.m. at Raulerson Hospital, 1796 U.S. 441. Join four-year FSU Medical Students in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria as they provide an educational community lecture about falls prevention. Refreshments will be provided.

### Annual banquet set

Okeechobee Friends of NRA will host its annual banquet on Friday, **Aug. 24**. The doors will open at 6 p.m. at the KOA, 4276 U.S. 441. For information or tickets, call Jeff at 863-634-9474, Carrie at 863-634-8678, Katie at 863-801-7789 or Julie at 954-482-2935.

### Theatre auditions scheduled

Okeechobee Community Theatre will hold open auditions for adult acting/singing roles in the Broadway musical "Oklahoma!" on Monday and Tuesday, **Aug. 27 and 28**, at 7 p.m. at the freshman campus auditorium, 610 S.W. Second Ave. Participants will be asked to read from a provided script, and sing a song of their choice without accompaniment. No previous experience is necessary. For information, visit the website: okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com or call 863-763-1307.

### Labor Day parade is Sept. 1

The 2018 Labor Day parade will be held Saturday, **Sept. 1**. A poll was conducted through Facebook and the community voted to change the event from traditional Monday to Saturday to help kick-off Okeechobee Main Street's festival in the park and Cattle-men Association's weekend rodeo events.

### Take the reading challenge

The Okeechobee Library, 206 S.W. 16th St., will team up with Scholastic from now through **Sept. 7**, as students take the pledge to read as many minutes as they can this summer! To join, simply call the library at 863-763-3536 or come in to sign up with a librarian. Students will receive a pledge certificate along with a username and password. By logging reading minutes on the Scholastic website, students can unlock digital rewards and complete weekly reading challenges online. Reading minutes will also count towards special summer prizes and events at the library. Join the fun and sign up today!

### Church hosting bingo

Sacred Heart Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., will host bingo on Monday, **Sept. 10**. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the fun will begin at 7 p.m.

### Caregiver Conference set

An Okeechobee Fearless Family Caregiver Conference will take place Thursday, **Sept. 20**, at the IRSC Williamson Conference Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with lunch included. Learn to balance family, work and caregiving, plus much more. There are limited free tickets for caregivers. For information or to register, call 877-829-2734 or visit caregiver.com.

### Healthy Start BOD to meet

Okeechobee County Healthy Start Coalition Board of Directors will meet Wednesday, **Aug. 22**, at noon at The White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrot Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy pregnancies and healthy birth outcomes for Okeechobee County residents. For information, contact Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

## Obituaries

### Freddie Lee Whitaker

WEST PALM BEACH — Mr. Freddie Lee Whitaker slipped into a peaceful rest on Aug. 12, 2018 at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Palm Beach. He was the oldest son of the late Otis and Daisey Bell Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker was born on April 9, 1946 in Sumter County, Fla. He received all of his formal education in the Douglas Brown School System.



In his early years he joined Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Reverend J.L. Smith. He served as a member for many years until he moved to West Palm Beach and was affiliated with the Pentecostal Church under the leadership of Reverend Hightower until his health failed him.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting, that was his main hobby.

Mr. Whitaker was preceded in death by his parents, Otis and Daisey Bell Whitaker.

Mr. Whitaker leaves to cherish his memories seven siblings, Dorothy Moore, of West Palm Beach, Ilene Welch, of West Palm Beach, Sylvester (Joyce) Whitaker, of Okeechobee, Elvin Whitaker, of West Palm Beach, Elbert Whitaker, of Atlanta, Ga., Mary (Ossie) Washington, of Okeechobee and Douglas (Natasha) Whitaker, of West Palm Beach; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and sorrowing friends.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until services at 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018 at First Missionary Baptist Church.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://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.

### Family fun nights set

The Okeechobee Children's Mental Health System of Care presents family nights at Indian River State College. Bring the kids and join them at the Williamson Center for fun, education, dinner and more. The events will take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The dates are as follows: Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27; and Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 26 and April 23 in 2019. For information call 863-462-5152, extension 135.

### VPK registration sought

Stepping Stones Academy, 400 S.W. Fourth St., is now accepting registration for the 2018-2019 year. The VPK program is free from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For information, call 863-467-9908.

More Community Events can be found at [OkeechobeeNews.net](http://OkeechobeeNews.net) in the Community section.

### Raenell Lucille Bryant 'Rae', 76

OKEECHOBEE — Raenell Lucille Bryant "Rae" was called home to be with our Lord on Aug. 14, 2018. She was born May 13, 1942 in Dayton, Ohio to Harry and Mary Ellen (Mossman) Boring. She was a resident of Okeechobee for 39 years. She was a retired baker. She enjoyed making quilts, spending time with her family, and enjoying life.



Raenell was preceded in death by her parents, Harry and Mary Ellen Boring; husband of 23 years, John L. White Sr.; sons, Jon Dale White and Johnny L. White; brother, Charles Dean Boring; nephew, Terry L. Boring both of Ohio; great granddaughter, Alexis M. Walker; and great grandson, Owen C. Walker.

She is survived by her spouse, Paul Bryant, of Avon Park; two daughters, Hope E. White, of Okeechobee, and Raene H. (Sean) McCollum, of Avon Park; son, Brian Mott (Allison), of Powell, Ohio; eleven grandchildren, Ronnie, Dustin, Calvin, Cameron, Dalton, Jonathan, Jena, Katelyn, Emmie, Rachel, Christian; and six great grandchildren, Hunter, Aiden, Christopher, Bryson, Owen, Tyler.

The family is having a private memorial service to celebrate her life.

She will be deeply missed by her loved ones.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

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# Magistrate to hear code enforcement cases

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Okeechobee News

A dozen code enforcement cases are on the agenda for consideration at the Aug. 21 Okeechobee County special magistrate hearing in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave., at 2 p.m.

There are five new cases on the agenda.

- The 31650 N.W. 23rd Way property owned by Teresa Hathaway was cited for overgrown weeds and grass and damaged mobile home skirting.

- The 10500 N.E. 12th Lane property owned by U.S. Bank National Association was cited for overgrown weeds and grass.

- The 1327 N.W. 35th Lane property owned by Venacio Aldana and Felicitas Lopes Calderon was cited for trash and debris, obstruction of right of way and construction without a building permit.

- The 3415 S.E. 36th Avenue property owned by Mobile Home Park Manager Inc. was cited for construction without a building permit. All applicable permits for the mobile home installation must be obtained or the unit must be removed.

- The 7650 State Road 78 W. property owned by Cloverport Mobile Home Park LLC was cited for seven mobile homes in disrepair and unfit for human occupancy. These mobile homes, which have been posted with “condemned” notices, must be removed from the property.

Seven cases are on the old business agenda.

- The 14869 N.W. 304th St. property owned by Earl Hoover and Kristal Hoover was found to be in violation of county code. The property owners were ordered to complete the windows.

- The 17608 N.W. 260th St. property owned by John Palacio and Ana Palacio of

Port St. Lucie was cited for code violations. The property owners were ordered to bring the property into compliance by removing two unpermitted sheds and decking or obtaining the required permits to keep the structures.

- The 1694 N.W. Seventh St. property owned by Deborah Yvonne Saunders (formerly known as Deborah Parker) was cited for code violations. The property owner was ordered to remove or license abandoned vehicles or store them in an enclosed structure, remove household goods, mechanical parts, trash and debris and cease outdoor storage.

- The 7610 SR 78 property owned by Penny Lane LLC was cited for code violations. The property owner was ordered to bring the property into compliance by removing three derelict mobile homes with applicable permits and fees.

- The 984 102nd St. property owned by Daniel Clements and Ana Hoskins was cited for code violations. The property owners were ordered to bring the property into compliance by removing or providing indoor storage of unlicensed vehicles, removal of scrap and debris and removal of outdoor storage. The property was also cited for unauthorized occupancy of an RV.

- The 2319 U.S. 98 N. property owned by Mauro Tovar of Boca Raton was cited for wrecked unlicensed vehicles and parts. The property owner was ordered to cease storage and salvage use on this property.

- The 1523 S.W. 35th Circle property owned by Joylyn M. Unruh was cited for code violations. To bring the property into compliance, the roof must be repaired or replaced with all applicable permits and fees.

## Nelson, Rubio call for passage of WRDA bill

Special to the Okeechobee News

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Sens. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) on Aug. 16 called on Senate leaders to immediately take up and pass legislation aimed at helping mitigate the toxic algae blooms that are plaguing South Florida.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, Sens. Nelson and Rubio urged the leaders to bring this year’s Water Resources Development Act — which includes funding for a massive reservoir project south of Lake Okeechobee designed to store and clean some of the water being released from the lake before it goes into the nearby waterways — to the Senate floor for a vote as soon as possible.

“The EAA Storage Reservoir is a critical piece of the puzzle for ending Lake Okeechobee discharges and the harmful algal blooms they help fuel,” the senators

wrote. “We urge you to bring the WRDA bill to the Senate floor as soon as possible so that we can advance this key project.”

Sen. Nelson, who has been pushing his colleagues to approve the funding needed for the massive reservoir project known as the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), was able to get the project included in this year’s WRDA bill. Shortly after he and Sen. Rubio sent their letter to Senate leaders, Sen. Nelson took to the Senate floor to urge his colleagues to pass the bill as soon as possible.

“Right now, in Florida, we are facing a massive environmental and economic crisis,” Sen. Nelson said. “If we don’t act soon, I’m afraid there won’t be much of an environment in South Florida left to save. I urge the majority leader to schedule a vote on the WRDA bill as soon as possible, and I urge my colleagues to support the water resources bill when it comes to the floor of the Senate.”



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# Early voting options are available

Special to the Okeechobee News

Early voting provides a more convenient alternative to traditional Election Day voting. For those who are unable to make it to their polling place on Election Day, they have the option to vote early when it better fits their schedule. Early voting is available at the Elections Office, in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St., to all Okeechobee County voters up to 15 days before Election Day. If a voter still has a conflict with the designated times to early vote or vote on Election Day, he or she can still vote using the vote by mail (absentee) ballot.

Early voting for the Aug. 28 primary started Aug. 13 and will continue through Saturday, Aug. 25, from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Please bring proper identification for early voting as required by Florida Statutes.

If you are unable to provide proper ID, you can still vote a provisional ballot. As long as you are eligible, your provisional ballot will count provided the signature on the provisional ballot voter's certificate and affirmation matches the signature on your registration record.

Do not hesitate to ask if you have questions on procedures for casting your ballot or for using the voting equipment. Sample ballots are available for review prior to each election.

If you need assistance to vote, notify the poll worker. You may bring someone to assist you or assistance can be provided.

If you need to change your residence address or update your signature, notify the poll worker before voting. They will assist you with completing the necessary paperwork.

The primary election will determine several local races.

All county voters may vote in the primaries. Because there are only Republicans on the ballot in the county commission races, these will be open primaries. The school board race is nonpartisan.

The county judge race has five candidates. If no one candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote, the top two candidates will be in a runoff election in November.

## AA meetings held regularly in Okeechobee

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are regularly scheduled in the Okeechobee:

- Monday through Friday: noon open meetings at First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St.;
- Monday, 6:30 a.m., closed meeting at Okeechobee Christian Church 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace (Wolff Road);
- Monday at 6:30 p.m. open meeting at, Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott;
- Tuesday at 8 p.m. closed discussion meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
- Wednesday at 8 p.m. closed men's meeting at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St.; and,
- Wednesday, at 7 p.m., a speakers meeting at Detox of South Florida, 608 N.E. Second Ave.;
- Thursday, noon, closed Step Study, at Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace.
- Thursday at 6 p.m., open women's meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
- Thursday at 8 p.m., Big Book meeting at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
- Friday at 8 p.m., speaker meeting at Church of Our Saviour 200 N.W. Third St.;
- Saturday at 7:30p.m., closed meeting at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312N. Parrott;
- Sunday at 7:30 p.m., open meeting, Step Study, at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.

# OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

## PRIMARY ELECTION

### OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FL • AUGUST 28, 2018

#### Primary Sample Ballot REPUBLICAN

<b>UNITED STATES SENATOR</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente(REP) <input type="radio"/> Rick Scott (REP)	<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Ashley Moody (REP) <input type="radio"/> Frank White (REP)
<b>REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 17</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Bill Akins (REP) <input type="radio"/> Julio Gonzalez (REP) <input type="radio"/> Greg Steube (REP)	<b>COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Matt Chadwell (REP) <input type="radio"/> Denise Grimsley (REP) <input type="radio"/> Mike McCalister (REP) <input type="radio"/> Baxter Troutman (REP)
<b>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNER</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Don Baldauf (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Ron DeSantis (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Timothy M. Devine (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Bob Langford (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> John Joseph Mercdante (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Bruce Nathan (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Adam H. Putman (REP) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Bob White (REP) Not Yet Designated	<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Noel A.Chandler (REP) <input type="radio"/> Bryant H. Culpepper (REP)
	<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 4 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Fred Brown (REP) <input type="radio"/> Terry W. Burroughs (REP)
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	<b>CIRCUIT JUDGE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, GROUP 19</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Louis "Lou" Larson <input type="radio"/> Robert "Bob" Meadows <input type="radio"/> Nirlaine Smartt
	<b>COUNTY JUDGE</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Roger Azcona <input type="radio"/> Rebecca H. Boldt <input type="radio"/> Donald Chinquina <input type="radio"/> Deborah M. Hooker <input type="radio"/> William "Bill"Wallace
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	<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT 3</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Dixie W. Ball <input type="radio"/> Melisa M. Jahner

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#### Primary Sample Ballot NONPARTISAN

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### ELECTION DAY

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#### Primary Sample Ballot DEMOCRAT

<b>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 17</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> April Freeman (DEM) <input type="radio"/> Bill Pollard (DEM)	<b>COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Nicole "Nikki" Fried (DEM) <input type="radio"/> Jeffrey Duane Porter (DEM) <input type="radio"/> Roy David Walker (DEM)
<b>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNER</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Andrew Gillum (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Gwen Graham (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Jeff Greene (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Chris King (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Philip Levine (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> Alex "Lundy" Lundmark (DEM) Not Yet Designated <input type="radio"/> John Wetherbee (DEM) Not Yet Designated	<b>STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 55</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Audrey Ascitutto (DEM) <input type="radio"/> Nicholas Mrozowski (DEM)
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Sean Shaw (DEM) <input type="radio"/> Ryan Torrens (DEM)	<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT 2 UNIVERSAL PRIMARY CONTEST</b> (Vote for 1) <input type="radio"/> Noel A.Chandler (REP) <input type="radio"/> Bryant H. Culpepper (REP)
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#### Primary Sample Ballot DEMOCRAT

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# OHS

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an undefeated 20-0. The school hung a banner in the Yearling gymnasium to recognize the team's accomplishments.

The MVP of that team, Kirsten Kennedy, is now on the Brahman varsity team.

With a talented group of young players in the program, Okeechobee volleyball looks primed to make plenty of noise in their 7A District 13 for years to come.

The Lady Brahmans held a "Purple and White Game" on Aug. 16 at the Okeechobee High School gymnasium, where players from both the JV and varsity compete against each other in a friendly game to kick off the season. Although it was called the Purple and White Game, the two teams actually wore purple and black.

In somewhat of an upset, the team wearing black that consisted of only freshman was victorious, taking two out of the three sets in front of a packed crowd in the OHS gymnasium.

The first official match of the new season will see Okeechobee travel to south of the lake to face Clewiston High School on Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

"Clewiston, in years past, have been a team I like to open the season with," explained Padrick. "Usually we have been able to take them; volleyball hasn't been one of their most competitive sports. But you never know. It's been a few years since we've played them so we could show up and they could be a totally different team. But I'm confident. Even if we don't win, I know we're going to lay it all out."

# MAST

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"We've got to send significant amounts during times you normally don't receive it, and more frequently," he said.

The infrastructure needed to send more water south is planned but not yet funded. "We need the additional infrastructure. We need the additional projects so we have the ability to do that," he said. Such a move would impact the water supply not only south of the lake, but also for the lower east coast, he said.

There is a high level of risk to forcing the lake down to 9 ft., he warned. "There is no guarantee when the rain will fall," he said.

What happens if the lake is at 8 ft. in May and the rains don't come when expected? Such a drought would cause the lake to fall to 7 ft. or lower, which would mean SFWMD could not send any lake water to any of the users. There would be no water availability for all users, including the environment, he said.

Such a drought would mean long-term impacts to fish and wildlife, he said. The SFWMD would not be able to deliver water to the Seminole Tribal lands. The water shortage would hurt residents and businesses from Palm Beach County to the Florida Keys, he said. There would be no water to fight fires. With no backup water supply from the lake, the Everglades would be at high risk of muck fires, which would destroy wildlife habit, he said.

With no flow from the lake, the Caloosahatchee River would no longer be navigable, Mr. Marks said.

In May 2007, during the drought that took the lake below 9 ft., "we had emergency orders to move water 20 miles from an existing reservoir to West Palm Beach. Their normal source of water is rainfall and the backup of Lake Okeechobee.

"Basically underground, you have a freshwater lens and a salt-water lens," he explained. "The saltwater lens was at risk to move. (In hydrology, a lens is a convex layer of fresh groundwater that floats on top of denser saltwater.) Once that saltwater lens moves too far to the west, you lose your wellfields," he said.

Mr. Marks said the solution to reducing lake releases to the coastal estuaries lies in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP) plans, which were approved but are awaiting federal funding.

Congressman Mast continued to argue to lower the level of the lake during the dry season.

"There are consequences with low water levels," he said. "But there are consequences with high water levels," he said.

He said the Army Corps' top priority is the integrity of the Herbert Hoover Dike. "Every inch of water off Lake Okeechobee means less risk," he said.

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# Floating concert stage moors at Pahokee Marina

By Chris Felker  
Okeechobee News

PAHOKEE — Point Counterpoint II, the world-famous floating concert hall designed by the late master architect Louis Kahn and constructed for the United States' Bicentennial in 1976, moored at the city marina last week, and plans are being shaped for it to stay there permanently.

Formerly homeported in Tallinn, Estonia, and having traveled more than a half-million miles around the world over the past four decades, the 195-foot-long, double-hulled vessel housing an acoustically engineered concert hall arrived late Tuesday night, Aug. 14, from Ottawa, Ill., at its new home in Lake Okeechobee's quiet waters on Palm Beach County's so-called "other coast."

The lakefront soon will have a claim to fame incorporating art, education, history, music, theater and live band, orchestral and theatrical performances that, it's hoped, will rival the Atlantic coastal beaches' allure and give Big Lake regional tourism a high-pitched electric jolt.

The Point Counterpoint II (PCII for short) soon will be open to the public and hosting concerts or live theater on performance nights, when it will move into open waters and anchor just offshore from the newly renovated Pahokee lakefront park facilities and the Herbert Hoover Dike. The grassy dike and linear park will serve as the amphitheater, letting spectators enjoy live music from orchestras and other performers on the ship's band-shell-like stage.

The grand, silver 38-foot-wide vessel, which also has an art gallery, small theater and crew accommodations on board, is owned by Robert Boudreau of Mars, Pa., who in 1957 founded the American Wind Symphony Orchestra (AWSO) that has performed for decades on board the ship.

Now in his 90s, Mr. Boudreau long has encouraged music education through his work, having commissioned over 400 new classical compositions and consistently populated the orchestra with young professional musicians, numbering more than 1,500 since 1976. "This is my 61st year as the founder of the orchestra, and ... the floating arts center was built in Norfolk, Virginia, by Tidewater Corporation for a tour of 76 cities during the Bicentennial," he said.

His intent in bringing the boat to the small City of Pahokee, isolated as it is from the tourist-rich beaches and barrier islands lining the megalopolises of Southeast Florida, is to bring a much-needed boost to the Glades region's cultural, economic, educational and tourism prospects. Mr. Boudreau hopes to open a new pathway for artistically and musically inclined young people to the nation's best institutions of higher learning.

He is working closely with Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Regina Bohlen, who is relieved that the PCII is finally here and excited by the possibilities it poses.

"My involvement in it is that, over the summer while I was off, I worked on trying to get it here," she said. "We've been working on it since like October, trying to get it down here,

and finally it was on its way. This is a world-famous barge ... so we're really hoping that the tourism for that will have a very positive effect for Pahokee."

Ms. Bohlen said, and Mr. Boudreau confirmed, that he and his wife, Kathleen, are coming to Pahokee this week to meet with local officials, investors and educators about future plans for the Point Counterpoint II. She already has started a Gofundme page for the PCII and its resident orchestra but, she added, could not say what eventually might happen as to ownership of the vessel.

"The boat belongs to Mr. Boudreau and the American Wind Symphony Orchestra, so whatever they decide to do with it is what they will do. I think everything is up in the air at this point, exactly how all of that's going to work," Ms. Bohlen explained.

Robert Lambert, a partner in Everglades Reserves Holdings LLC — the investment group that is under contract to sublease Pahokee's lakefront marina, campground and restaurant once the city's state-financed renovations are complete — said, "Eventually, the city will buy it or we'll buy it."

The vessel was transported here from dry dock in Illinois over the past several weeks. Mr. Lambert, who owns Cruise America Associates and is part owner of Okeechobee's Landing Strip Cafe, said, "It was towed down the Mississippi River all the way to New Orleans, and then a different tow company — and actually I did a little bit of the tow across the Okeechobee Waterway with them — towed it all the way." He said it is the largest boat ever

brought through the waterway, "and this is certainly the largest vessel by far to ever go into the Pahokee Marina."

He and the ERH partners, including Mark Miller, who lives aboard a boat moored at the Pahokee Marina, have been working on plans to give the PCII a bit of sprucing up. "We're doing a little remodeling on it ... She's getting a nice paint job and some interior renovations."

The ship's future, though, is going to be shaped by whatever arrangements emerge among Mr. Boudreau and the AWSO, the City of Pahokee, the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce and, Mr. Lambert said, potentially Everglades Reserves Holdings (ERH) along with many other local residents, laborers, philanthropists, school authorities and schoolchildren, too.

"We're getting a lot of interest," he explained, continuing: "One of the main aspects of this whole plan is to teach some of the local residents, the youth in Pahokee, Belle Glade (and this region) how to play some of these wind instruments. In the past, Mr. Boudreau ... has always wanted to do that, and help these kids get scholarships into college. He's been very successful over the past years."

Last year, the Point Counterpoint's success was celebrated with a 60th anniversary tour by the orchestra, which is a woodwinds ensemble using remarkably wide-ranging instrumentation. Ms. Bohlen, looking forward to collaborating on the boat's future in Pahokee, said plans might be a little fuzzy right now, but "the main thing is that the boat is here, and everything else'll get worked out."

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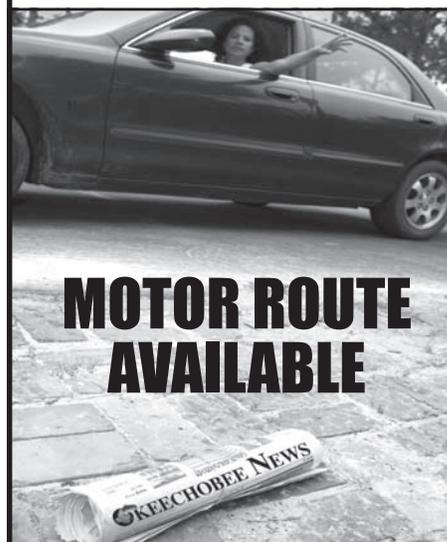
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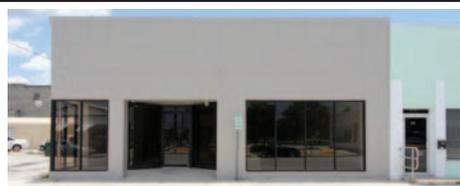



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