

unconscious and was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The man's identity has not

Fire Rescue is concerned there might be some damage to the electrical system in the house. Ocala Electric Utility was at the

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Marion County Jail. Segrest had previously been released from jail June 12 on conditional release for another battery domestic violence charge he faces, according to court records.

Under the conditional release, Segrest was to not threaten, assault, harass, abuse or have contact with the victim — the same woman as in this incident — in that case.

Segrest is being held at the jail with no bond.

Katie Pohlman

3 teens in stolen vehicle die in violent fiery crash

ST. PETERSBURG — Authorities said three teenagers — one 14-year-old and two 16-year-olds — stole a sport utility vehicle, sped away from officers and died in a fiery violent crash early Sunday morning.

The 4:30 a.m. crash happened in Pinellas County.

Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said in a news conference Sunday morning that a fourth teen in the SUV, who is 14, survived and is hospitalized. He said all the teens all had criminal histories — including one who had gotten out of jail on July 31.

Among the deceased 16-year-olds Keon-tae Brown and Dejarra Thomas, and 14-year-old Jimmie Goshey.

Gualtieri said a Ford Explorer and a Chrysler Sebring were stolen from a Clearwater car dealership Thursday. Both vehicles were spotted by deputies in early Sunday morning. Deputies tried to apprehend the drivers of the cars, but didn't initiate pursuits of them. The sheriff's office's pursuit policy generally does not allow deputies to chase stolen cars.

The Associated Press

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hiring event set for Aug. 16

Mestizo Foods LLC plans to fill 70 to 80 positions as it prepares to open a new snack food company in the former Golden Flake plant in Ocala. The jobs range from production line and facilities to skilled machine operators and accounting.

CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion will facilitate the hiring event from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 16 at the Webber Center on the campus of the College of Central Florida, 3001 SW College Road, Ocala. The event will include information about the company from Mestizo's managers, candidate pre-screening and ability for those interested to apply for positions.

There is no charge to attend and no appointment is necessary, but attendees are urged to save time by completing a full registration in advance through Employ Florida at www.employ-florida.com. Interested candidates will be able to view job descriptions and apply online at Employ Florida prior to the hiring event.

For more information, call 800-746-9950 or visit www.careersource-clm.com.

SECO supports MCPS

SECO Energy recently provided a donation of \$3,000 to Marion County Public Schools

to enrich back-to-school activities.

The funds are intended to support events such as back-to-school teacher luncheons, new teacher welcomes and training sessions. The funds also can be used to support back-to-school events for students and parents, such as after school backpack programs and school supplies needs.

"SECO serves over 56,000 members in Marion County, and we know the school district will make good use of these funds for back-to-school programs. As a not-for-profit electric cooperative headquartered in central Florida for almost 80 years, SECO believes that supporting education creates strong community partnerships. SECO's school support initiative is a positive step for education in our area," said CEO Jim Duncan in a news release.

For more than two decades, SECO has awarded scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in a home served by SECO. Energy Services Specialists from SECO Energy often visit students to talk about electrical safety, solar power and saving energy.

New Del Webb floor plan

Del Webb Stone Creek, at 6320 SW 89th Court Road, Ocala, has announced a new floor plan that offers

"customizable options and ample storage space."

Sean Strickler, president of Del Webb's West Florida Division, said the new Crestview home design offers 12 elevations and a loft option with a living area, bedroom and full bath that adds 741 square feet.

"As part of our consumer-inspired feedback, we're excited to introduce the Crestview, an innovative home design featuring an optional multi-generational suite," Strickler stated in a news release.

For more information, visit www.delwebb.com/Stonecreek. Del Webb Stone Creek is located .

Project underway

Sotomayor Media Creations LLC, publisher of Elevate and Spanish language edition, Elevar, has launched a new crowdfunding campaign on Indiegogo. The campaign, called Project Elevate: Genesis, will raise funds for the two faith-based, spiritual publications, which will serve Marion, Alachua, Lake, Sumter, Citrus and Levy counties.

The 30-day campaign, which runs through the end of August, aims to raise \$30,000 needed to cover printing, distribution and payment to content providers. To contribute to the Project Elevate: Genesis campaign, visit <https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/project-elevate-genesis-magazine/x/17081981#/>

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COMMUNITY

CAP class

The Marion County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) program is accepting applications for fall classes until Aug. 28. Each week focuses on a different aspect of the agency. Classes will be held 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays beginning Sept. 14, at Live Oak Hall, Master the Possibilities, 8415 SW 80th St., Ocala. Free, but registration is required by calling 854-3699 or visiting masterthe-possibilities.com. To learn more about the program, call 369-6849 or email swooster@marionso.com.

New CF campus event

An open house will be held 2-4 p.m. Friday at the College of Central Florida Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus at 15390 N. U.S. 19, Chiefland. The campus features a student center, bookstore, lounge, health and wellness area, multi-purpose room, a multi-discipline science lab, classrooms, computer labs and faculty offices. One hundred scholarships of \$500 each will be offered to students who take six or more credits at the new campus when classes begin Aug. 21. The \$30 college application fee will be waived for students who plan to attend the new campus and apply for fall 2017. Call 493-9533 or visit cf.edu/levy.

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Membership social

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then annual Wine Summer Membership Social from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Ocala Elks Club and

Man charged in July murder

Charles Willoughby of Silver Springs is accused of murdering Mohammad H. Barak on July 6

By Austin L. Miller
Staff writer

OCALA — A Silver Springs man already in custody on unrelated charges was re-arrested and charged Wednesday with shooting a man to death last month.

In July, Mohammad H. Barak, 41, known as "Wheels," was found dead inside a home in the 10400 block of Southwest 45th Avenue in the neighborhood known as Sun Valley. Detectives named Charles James Willoughby, 32, as a suspect and, on Wednesday, charged him with the homicide.



Willoughby

"I want to thank Detective Bradley Bartlett, the men and women of the Major Crimes Unit and prosecutors at the State Attorney's Office for their hard work and countless hours spent investigating this case," said Lt. Claude McQuaig, a Major Crimes Unit supervisor.

Bartlett said that on July 6, deputies were dispatched to a home in reference to a suspicious death. When they arrived, they found

Barak dead with two gunshot wounds to his body. An autopsy later revealed that Barak was shot in the back of the head and back.

From his investigation, Bartlett learned that two safes had been stolen from the home. One of the safes, owned by the victim, was taken from Barak's bathroom. The detective was told that the victim kept large amounts of cash and drugs in the safe, according to officials.

Detectives obtained a search warrant and found multiple surveillance cameras inside and outside the

house. Officials said video footage showed Willoughby leaving the home and going to his car, where he opened the passenger's side door. The video showed him wearing sandals, a red shirt and shorts. A few minutes later, Willoughby placed a safe in the vehicle, according to officials.

He left and returned to the home. While going back and forth into the home, Willoughby was seen carrying two safes, officials reported. They said the safes were placed in the car, a black

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Unbridled Hope



TOP: Brenda Corujo-Orraca gives volunteer Karen Holmberg a high-five Wednesday during the Open House to present the first fall session of Equine Assisted Therapies with Unbridled Hope Therapeutic Riding at the Heart of Florida Youth Ranch in Citra. "We want them (the kids) to learn the ride, learn to gain some trust and to have another way to deal with all the problems they have and to learn a lot of life skills," Corujo-Orraca, an instructor, said. The program will service the foster kids. Corujo-Orraca and her assistant Jenna Rovira, already held a summer session with 25 children over a six-week period. The organization, which kicked off eight months ago, has five horses on campus. Lenka Corujo rides

State, defense disagree on meaning of 'resentencing'

Attorney for 'Hooded Bandit' Jessy Jay Burrows will appeal court ruling

By Katie Pohlman
Staff writer

An Ocala man sentenced to 25 years in prison for a string of robberies committed in his teen years was told Wednesday that his sentence would not be reduced.

Jessy Jay Burrows, 27, accepted a plea deal in 2008 that sentenced him to 25 years in prison followed by five years of probation for all the charges he faced: attempted armed robbery, dealing in stolen property, armed burglary of a dwelling, grand theft and four counts of armed robbery. He was 17 at the time of his arrest, but the State Attorney's Office decided to charge him as an adult based on the seriousness of the crimes.

Fifth Circuit Judge Willard Pope ruled Wednesday

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COMMUNITY

Back to school

A Back to School "Part-ner Round-Up" will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. today at the Deer Run Community, 3038 NE Fourth Court, Ocala. The Title 1 sponsored event will include food and drinks, school supplies, hair cuts for boys, manicures for girls, books, Parent Portal training and registration, a bounce house and face painting. The event is hosted by Oakcrest Elementary and the Ocala Housing Authority. Free.

Council to meet

The Liberation Ocala African American Council, Inc. will meet at 9 a.m. to noon today at the Howard Academy Community Center Cafeteria, 307 N.W. 7th Ave., Ocala. All community organizations and leaders countywide are invited to attend and become involved with education, economic development, civic engagement, community development and youth development. Call 875-5071.

Veterans yoga

An "Integrative Relation for Veterans" workshop will be offered 10 a.m.-noon Monday at the Salt Springs Community Center, 14691 NE 250th Ave., Salt Springs. Guided meditation for reducing stress and PTSD, suitable for all ages regardless of disability. Hosted by Amrit Yoga, led by veteran Jeff Thomlinson. Refreshments provided. Free. Call 685-3001, ext. 602.

Financial seminar

A financial planning seminar will begin at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Windsor of Ocala, 2650 SE 18th Ave., Ocala. Free. Call 873-8000 or visit leg-endseniorliving.com.

Open house

An artist reception and open house will be held 5-7 p.m. Aug. 11 at Gallery East Art Center, 11761 SE U.S. 441, Almeida Plaza, Belleview. Guest artist is sculptor and woodcarver Tom Kinney. Will include wines, cheese and drawings. Free. Call 245-2781 or visit galleryeast.org.

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Call to artists

The Arts and Crafts Association has issued a call to artists for a festival on Nov. 18 in the Historic Village area of Dunnellon. All original work in mediums such as paint, pottery, glass,

Quadruple murder trial pushed to October

Defense files notice of potential alibi for James Bannister

By Katie Pohlman
Staff writer

On its fourth attempt, James Edward Bannister's defense team finally got the continuance it wanted.

Fifth Circuit Court Judge Willard Pope granted defense attorney Terry Lenamon's fourth motion to continue the trial on Friday. Instead of beginning in the middle of August, jury selection for Bannister's trial will now begin Oct.



Bannister

23. Pope said the trial should be done by Thanksgiving.

"I don't want to do it, but I can move my calendar around," Pope said.

Pope denied Lenamon and co-counsel Tania Alavi's first three motions for continuance, wanting to keep the trial on schedule.

Saturday marks the sixth anniversary of the murders of Bridget Gray, 52, Jocalyn Gray, 27, CorDarrian Hill, 8, and Cor-Darica Hill, 6.

"I know the family would object to the continuance," said Assistant State Attorney Robin Arnold, the prosecutor in this case.

Members of the family have sat in on many court proceedings but were not present Friday.

Bannister allegedly shot and killed the two women and two children and then set on fire the house where their bodies were found. Bannister was dating Jocalyn Gray at the time and they had a child together. The Hill children were living with Bridget Gray, who was engaged to their father, Willie Hill.

Bannister is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and the state is seeking the death penalty against him.

The defense's first two motions to continue claimed the team did not have sufficient time to prepare for the trial.

Lenamon, in arguing the second motion Wednesday, said the team has "expedited (their efforts) to the extent we can."

"I cannot honestly say we are completely ready for the trial," Lenamon said.

Arnold's response to every

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Best sellers



Tom Dann, president of the Friends of the Belleview Public Library, points out the chimney and original roofline still visible after the former library building was expanded years ago. The building on Southeast Earp Road in Belleview now houses the Friends-run Book Nook. The venue, built in 1908, also contains a museum. (BRUCE ACKERMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

Volunteer groups operate book stores to support local libraries

By Andy Fillmore
Correspondent

MARION COUNTY - If you find it hard to curl up with an electronic reading device, the Friends of the Library used book stores and lobby sales may be just the thing for you.

"People still want to hold books," said Rachel Johns, a volunteer at The Book Market, a used book store



Tom Dann looks over books for sale at the Friends-run Book Nook in the old Belleview Library on Southeast Earp Road. The used book store and museum is open Thursdays through Saturdays. (BRUCE ACKERMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER)

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BUSINESS | B5

TRADE DEFICITS:
SIGNS OF
WEAKNESS OR
STRENGTH?

Teachers mourn fallen West Port student

'She was on track to do amazing things in her life.'

By Austin L. Miller
Staff writer

OCALA — A day after a teenager was killed in a single-vehicle crash that injured three others in northeast Ocala, her teachers remembered her as a hard worker who was full of life, loved others, and was a well-rounded student.

Emily Wilson, an English teacher at West Port High School, told the Star-Banner on Friday that Destiny Tyler took the 10th grade honors English course last school year, even though the 15-year-old was still in ninth grade.

Wilson said the teen was kind, always had a smile on her face, and worked well with everyone.

"She was a great writer," Wilson said, wiping away

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Rural King: From popcorn to tools to live chickens



Emory Schley

I had been keeping my eye on a little sign I used to drive by occasionally. All it said was "Rural King." I had never heard of it before.

But Rural King is now open for business, and Dearly Beloved and I recently paid it a visit. We generally don't even go

longer for restaurants. We want them to get their act together and work out all the bugs before we go. Our "guinea-pig-service" days are long behind us, hopefully.

We found the employees at Rural King to be exceptionally nice without being pushy. AND they serve one of my favorite foods — fresh popcorn — just a few feet from the entrance. The popcorn is FREE and I heard there was free coffee, too, but the popcorn always wins my undivided attention.

The place is pretty spacious, with a generous

(think cowboy-style) or hats, or sporting equipment this is your kind of place. They have envious assortments of hardware, tools, horse industry stuff and pet supplies, farm implements, filters, live chickens and rabbits. There's even a section of grocery items. It takes quite an effort for us old folks to cover the entire place, but it was definitely worth the trip. The prices I checked seemed quite reasonable compared to what I've seen in some other places.

It's just off U.S. 27, several minutes

