The Okee-Tantie Recreation Area boat ramps are still open to the public. The bait and tackle shop, restaurant and RV campground are closed. Lightsey’s Restaurant moved to 1506 S. Parrott Ave.

Bass Pro given more time to study park

By Katrina Elsken
Lake Okeechobee News

Okeechobee residents may have to wait a little longer to learn Bass Pro’s plans for the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area.

At their Sept. 13 meeting, the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners agreed to Bass Pro’s request for a three-month extension of their due diligence period at no additional charge.

Without the extension, the deadline for Bass Pro’s decision on whether to go through with the deal to take over the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area would have been in October. That decision is now due in January.

According to County Administrator Robbie Chartier’s comments at the Aug. 23 meeting, Bass Pro cited the issue of blue-green algae among the reasons for the request for more time to study the property before making a final decision.

Per their agreement, Bass Pro still has the option for another three-month extension for due diligence; however, if the company exercises that option, it will be required to pay the county an additional $100,000.

Bass Pro contract

On Jan. 16 at 9 a.m., the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners officially signed the contract with Bass Pro to develop the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area.

“We believe that we are the most qualified partner to design, develop and operate a high-quality fishing resort on the most notable bass fishing lake in America,” Johnny Morris, Bass Pro Shops founder, wrote in their contract.

See OKEE-TANTIE — Page 11
By Katrina Elsken

Lake Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County had six reported suicides in 2017. In the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12 minutes.

Recognizing this national tragedy, the Okeechobee County Commission Thursday declared September as Suicide Awareness Month.

In their proclamation, the commissioners noted:

- In the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.8 minutes, with close to 45,000 reported deaths by suicide in our country during 2016;
- In the United States, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for 10- to 34-year-olds, and is the 10th-leading cause of death for people of all ages;
- In Okeechobee County, the suicide rate is 13.5 percent, with six deaths by suicide reported in 2017;
- Each person’s death by suicide intimately affects at least six other people, with

September is Suicide Awareness Month

By Katrina Elsken

Lake Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County, Gary Porter and Jade Alexander of Treasure Coast Food Bank accepted the proclamation.

Mr. Porter said Treasure Coast Food Bank serves Okeechobee, Indian River, Martin and St. Lucie counties, providing food to more than 300 area food pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, senior housing areas and low-income day centers.

He said that last year, they provided 40 million meals to area residents.

For more information, go online to stophunger.org.

September is Hunger Action Month

By Katrina Elsken

Lake Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Commission had declared September as Suicide Awareness Month. Left to right are Tiara Weethee (with baby Mark), County Commission Chairman Terry Surrounghs, Pan Evans and Rita Doss Jones.

Okeechobee County has a backpack program that provides food fast and lunch program. A high school club students qualify for the free school breakfast and lunch program. A high school club has a backpack program that provides food to children in poverty for the weekend.

The resolution notes:

“Hunger and poverty remain issues of grave concern in the United States, the State of Florida, Okeechobee County and the Treasure Coast, with 5,900 children and adults in Okeechobee County now categorized as food-insecure.

“Okeechobee County is committed to taking steps to raise awareness about the need to combat hunger in every part of our county and to provide additional resources that citizens of Okeechobee County need.

“Okeechobee County is committed to working with the Treasure Coast Food Bank in mobilizing people about the role and importance of food banks and other hunger relief organizations, in addressing hunger and bringing attention to the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues.”

At the request of Treasure Coast Food Bank, the county commission issued a proclamation designating the month of September 2018 as Hunger Action Month in

Lake Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsken

At their Sept. 13 meeting, the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners declared September as Hunger Action Month. Gary Porter (left) and Jade Alexander (right) of Treasure Coast Food Bank accepted the proclamation from Commission Chairman Terry Burroughs.
Dog park proposed near sheriff’s office

By Katrina Elsken
Lake Okeechobee News

Okeechobee dog owners may soon have a new place to take their dogs to run and play with other dogs.

At the Sept. 13 meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission, Sheriff Noel Stephen asked for the commission’s approval to fence the area in front of the former site of the old hospital (which is next door to the sheriff’s office) for a dog training area and dog park.

Sheriff Stephen said his department now has a dual purpose K-9 on every shift. These dogs are trained to detect drugs and also to assist their human partners in protecting the public.

The K-9s require weekly training, said the sheriff. He said they have been using the lot in front of the site of the old hospital for this training. He said that the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Gilbert Ford are interested in partnering for a fundraiser to turn the area into a dual-purpose training area and dog park.

The training schedule would be posted, he said, and dog owners could use the area when the sheriff’s office is not conducting training.

County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper said some members of the public might like to watch the K-9 training. He asked if this would be a distraction for the K-9s.

“If anything, spectators would enhance the training, as the dogs have to learn to work despite distractions,” said the sheriff. “If there is any confidentiality involved in training, we would travel out of the area,” he added.

Commissioner Michael Hazellief said the FOP recognizes the need the sheriff has for the K-9 training program.

“The K-9 program takes narcotics off the street,” he said. “It is a huge asset to our community.”

“If we can all get together and utilize that space, FOP and Gilbert Ford have a fundraising opportunity. We could multi-purpose this area to be a dog training area for K-9s, and a dog park for the citizens when the sheriff’s office is not using it,” he explained.

He said they hope to do this solely with private funding.

“The first step is to get permission to even do it. Then we will start asking for donations and other funding to make it happen.”

They plan to fence the area with separate sides for big dogs and small dogs, as well as put in shade and water.

Artwork on display at courthouse

The Okeechobee Main Street Artist Series will feature the artwork of Dana Vines, a sample of which is pictured above, in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second St., through Sept. 28. An artist reception was held on Aug. 16, and was very well attended. Below, Dana Vines is pictured with Okeechobee Main Street board members and Arts & Culture Alliance committee members.
Trump again

President Trump’s claim that tax breaks for business would result in an increase in wages was a pipe dream at best. What business did do was reward shareholders. So, unless you owned stock in that business, you got nothing. Business owners claim if they have less regulations stifling their growth, they can expand and hire more people.

My question is this: Why don’t you give me more money so I can buy more, resulting in you needing to expand, rather than giving you the money breaks, which ultimately results in expanding only your personal wealth? If I don’t have money to spend, what good does your big store do for me?

J.T. Martin

Speak Out

Remember the storm

• “Sunday will be 90 years since the devastating Storm of ’28 slammed into the Glades with a vengeance! Lake Okeechobee overflowed, and thousands of people drowned. Some climbed trees to escape the rising waters. They were unaware that snakes were in the trees, and reports suggest that some of them died from being bitten by snakes. Bodies floated in the streets and fields amongst the decaying animals that had also drowned.” – Tammy

Water quality

• “Finally, some of the coastal communities are taking some responsibility and starting to clean up their watersheds and switching from septic tanks to sewer lines in areas close to waterways. The way the money-hungry developers cut corners to pack as many homes as they could into the waterfront property should have been a crime. We are all paying the price now for their greed. We need to temper development with the need to store water and improve water quality. Leave some green areas to let the water get back into the aquifer. We can’t afford not to change.” – S. Jones

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 (Wolford 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.

Lake Okeechobee News

To Reach Us
Address: 107 S.W. 17th Street, Suite D
Okeechobee, FL 34974
Website: okeechobee-news.net

To Place a Display Ad
Phone: (863) 763-3134
Email: okeeadsales@newszap.com

To Place a Classified Ad
Call: (877) 353-2424 to place a classified advertisement from home
Fax: (877) 354-2424
Email: classads@newszap.com

Billing Department
Email: billteam@newszap.com

Our Purpose...

The Okeechobee News is published by Independent NewsMedia Inc, USA. Independent is owned by a unique trust that enables this newspaper to pursue a mission of journalistic service to the citizens of the community. Since no dividends are paid, the company is able to thrive on profit margins below industry standards. All after-tax surpluses are reinvested in Independent’s mission of journalistic service, commitment to the ideals of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and support of the community’s delibration of public issues.

We Pledge...

To operate the newspaper as a public trust
To help our community become a better place to live and work, through our dedication to conscientious journalism
To provide the information citizens need to make their own intelligent decisions about public issues
To report the news with honesty, accuracy, purposeful neutrality, fairness, objectivity, fearlessness, and compassion
To use our opinion pages to facilitate community debate, not to dominate it with our own opinions
To disclose our own conflicts of interest or potential conflicts to our readers
To correct our errors and to give each correction the same prominence it deserved
To provide a right to reply to those we write about
To treat people with courtesy, respect, and compassion

MEMBER OF:
Manufacturing business may relocate to Belle Glade

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

At its meeting next week, the Palm Beach County Commission will consider giving a tax break to a manufacturing business if it moves to Belle Glade. The Sept. 18 agenda states: “Project Paper is contemplating relocating its Florida-based manufacturing business to the City of Belle Glade or to one of the company’s other manufacturing facilities throughout the United States, including the State of Florida. The project will invest $33.7 million to purchase land and construct and equip a 400,000-square-foot facility. The project will create 40 new jobs over a two-year period and retain 150 jobs at an annualized average wage of $34,999 and an annualized median wage of $34,999. The estimated five-year local economic impact is $108.5 million.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

SEPTMBER 10 & 11, 2018

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>COWS</th>
<th>LOW:</th>
<th>HIGH:</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>800-1600</td>
<td>46.00</td>
<td>51.00</td>
<td>CLFS</td>
<td>1051</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>800-1600</td>
<td>51.00</td>
<td>56.00</td>
<td>COWS</td>
<td>142</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>800-1500</td>
<td>41.00</td>
<td>46.00</td>
<td>BULLS</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

| TOTAL | 1212 | 1892 |

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STEERS MED &amp; LARGE 1:</th>
<th>HEIFERS MED &amp; LARGE 1:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>200-250</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>250-300</td>
<td>225.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>300-350</td>
<td>210.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>350-400</td>
<td>182.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>400-450</td>
<td>170.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>450-500</td>
<td>156.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500-550</td>
<td>142.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>550-600</td>
<td>140.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>600-700</td>
<td>132.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STEERS MED &amp; LARGE 2:</th>
<th>HEIFERS MED &amp; LARGE 2:</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>200-250</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>250-300</td>
<td>210.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>300-350</td>
<td>195.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>350-400</td>
<td>170.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>400-450</td>
<td>160.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>450-500</td>
<td>146.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>500-550</td>
<td>132.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>550-600</td>
<td>132.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>600-700</td>
<td>127.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Floridians say they are prepared for the next hurricane

By Logan McFaddin

Guest Commentary

Special to the Okeechobee News

Nearly two-thirds of Florida residents say they have taken precautions in advance of the 2018 hurricane season, according to a poll by SurveyMonkey on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI).

A year ago, Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys, inflicting major damage and leaving more than 15 million residents without power. And, with more than $50 billion in damages, it ranks as the fifth-costliest storm in United States history. Despite the devastation that millions of Florida homeowners have experienced, 36 percent still say they haven’t taken precautions for the next storm. PCI strongly encourages those Floridians who have not taken action to protect themselves and their families to come up with a plan.

Preparing for a major storm is much more than just gathering supplies. Insurers encourage anyone living in the Sunshine State to create emergency plans, prepare financially and know how to avoid contractor abuse as we enter peak hurricane season.

Florida is the most hurricane-prone state in the nation, with 40 percent of all U.S. hurricanes hitting the state. Since 1851, there have been 118 direct hurricane hits in Florida, which is more than any other state. Last year, Hurricane Irma forced millions of residents to evacuate, with an estimated 40 percent of homes experiencing property damage and are eager to get repairs underway, but they must be cautious about the potential of crooked contractors. After a major storm hits, unscrupulous contractors are known to flood the area looking to take advantage of people desperate to get back into their homes. These contractors make false promises, take full payments upfront and never finish the work, sometimes even creating damage where none existed. To prevent this type of abuse from happening, it is imperative for homeowners to fully understand any contractual obligations when they sign on the dotted line. With an Assignment of Benefits (AOB) contract, homeowners relinquish their rights under their policy to a third party. Being prepared and having a plan is the first step in weathering any storm. Now is the time to take action and learn more about hurricane preparation, recovery and the rebuilding process.

Floridians are known to flood the area looking to take advantage of people desperate to get back into their homes. These contractors make false promises, take full payments upfront and never finish the work, sometimes even creating damage where none existed. To prevent this type of abuse from happening, it is imperative for homeowners to fully understand any contractual obligations when they sign on the dotted line. With an Assignment of Benefits (AOB) contract, homeowners relinquish their rights under their policy to a third party. Being prepared and having a plan is the first step in weathering any storm. Now is the time to take action and learn more about hurricane preparation, recovery and the rebuilding process.
**Legion opens Sunday bingo**

American Legion 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **Sept. 16**, 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 serves breakfast**

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge, 1016 Linda Road, will offer a breakfast buffet on Sunday, **Sept. 16**, from 8 to 11 a.m. The public is welcome.

**Roundup volunteers meet**

The volunteers of the Okeechobee Blood Roundup will meet Monday, **Sept. 17**, at 9 a.m. in Room 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second Avenue. The roundup is only two months away. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. For information, call Raye at 863-467-2557.

**Republican Party to meet**

You are invited to be part of the Okeechobee County Republican Party Red Wave Victory Festivities at the Monday, **Sept. 17**, meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Cowboys BBQ, 202 N.E. Seventh Ave. Come by 6 p.m. if placing a food order. Don’t miss the celebration with our fantastic candidates.

**BHR Moose serves dinner**

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge, 1016 Linda Road, will offer a spaghetti dinner all with the fixings on Monday, **Sept. 17**, from 5 to 7 p.m., all for a donation of $7. The public is welcome.

**Garden/Orchid clubs to meet**

The Garden and Orchid clubs will meet on **Monday, Sept. 17**. The Garden Club will be at 7:15 p.m. with a short fellowship in between. Come join us at the UF Okeechobee County Cooperative Extension Service, 458 U.S. 98.

**Magistrate hearing set**

Okeechobee County code enforcement will hold a special magistrate hearing on **Tuesday, Sept. 18**, at 2 p.m. at the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave. in Okeechobee. For information, call 863-763-5548.

**Obituaries**

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

**Ruby Bunyard Martin, 68**

OKEECHOBEE — Ruby Bunyard Martin died Sept. 12, 2018. She was born June 10, 1950 in Meridian, Miss. to Bryant and Daisy (Purvis) Bunyard. A resident of Okeechobee since 1967, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her mother and grandchild. She also enjoyed playing BINGO.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her father, Bryant C. Bunyard, and her sister, Dixie Bunyard.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, William Martin; mother, Daisy Bunyard; daughter, Pam Dickinson (John), all of Okeechobee; brother, Tommy Bunyard (Rose), of Tennessee; grandchildren, Tiffany, John Bryant, Zaaron, and Zayden; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

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

**Bettye M. Hall, 83**

ZOLFO SPRINGS — Bettye M. Hall passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2018 at Good Shepherd Hospice House in Sebring. She was born Dec. 12, 1934 to Jack A. James, Sr. and Elizabeth Collier James in Memphis, Tenn. Her father relocated the family to Stuart. Bettye was a trick rider in the Tail Twisters Rodeo Company founded by her father. She was also an artist. She attended Crewsville Bethel Baptist Church of Zolfo Springs. She loved her church family. Bettye dearly loved her horses Esprit, Doodle, and Dixie as well as her dog, Charlie.

Bettey was predeceased by her parents; brother, Jack A. James, Jr.; and former husband and father of her children, Gerald Mathews. Bettye is survived by her children, Darlene Chandler (Wayne), Edie Corbo, Gill Mathews, Chad Matthews (Lynn); daughter-in-law, Karen Matthews; seven grandchildren, Shay, Jared, Joel, Cassandra, Blaine, Allyson, and Tana; and eleven great grandchildren, Shayla, Emilee, Arrie, Matti, Ellie, Hayden, Wyndem, Ridgee, Kolbie, Alice, and Lilly. A special thank you to her loving caregiver, Lynn Schaeffer Bass.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018 at Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Crewsville Bethel Baptist Church Building Fund, 8251 Crewsville Road, Zolfo Springs, FL 33890.

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

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

The Okeechobee Lady Brahmans varsity volleyball team has won one of their last four games, bringing their record to 3-3 after the team opened the season with back-to-back wins against Clewiston and Lincoln Park Academy.

It was a tough stretch of games for the Lady Brahmans as they faced teams that have perpetually been a thorn in their side. Okeechobee has been on the road for a majority of the time as there was also only one home game in that four-game stretch.

Jensen Beach beat Okeechobee 3 sets to 1 on Aug. 28, Sebring won 3 sets to none on Aug. 30, Okeechobee beat Eau Gallie 3 sets to none on Sept. 5 and South Fork shut out the Lady Brahmans 3 sets to none on Sept. 11.

The games should have served as a great introduction to the level of competition at the varsity level for the young Okeechobee team. The varsity squad has seven freshmen on the team who, while talented, just haven’t had a lot of experience at the high school level.

That young talent was evident even during this four-game streak as the top scorers in many of the games were freshmen.

Against Jensen, senior Delaney Jones led the Lady Brahmans in kills with 7, while freshmen Joy Whipple and Ashley Phares had 5 and 4, respectively. In Sebring, Joy Whipple and junior Mallorie Thomas tied for the most kills with 5. And against Eau Gallie, Okeechobee’s only home game during the stretch and also their only win, Whipple dominated with 12 kills. It was similar to her performance in the Lincoln Park Academy game that won her the Big Lake Athlete of the Week on Aug. 29 when she led the team with 13 kills.

Freshmen also led in scoring in the Lady Brahmans’ game against South Fork as Anja Koivunea had 8 kills, Ashley Phares had 6, and Joy Whipple had 5.

South Fork senior Angela Grieve had a monster performance of 19 kills during that game. Grieve leads the entire 7A district 13 with 118 kills so far this season. Okeechobee’s Joy Whipple is the sixth top scorer in the district with 41 thus far in the season, and is the only freshman in the top 10. Whipple and Mallorie Thomas are tied for the fourth-most serving aces in the district with 20 and only 4 aces behind district leading Malakia Blinne of Bayside.

Okeechobee junior Ashley Snyder is fourth in the district in digs with 70, putting her only 7 digs behind the second-most digs in the district which is currently held by Sebastian River’s Stephanie Raineri.

Okeechobee will face Stephanie Raineri and her Sebastian River Sharks at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 at Okeechobee High School.

---

Tractor Supply hosts fall farmers market

Community invited to meet vendors, buy local goods

Sept. 22

OKEECHOBEE — The Okeechobee Tractor Supply store is hosting a community Farmers Market on Saturday, Sept. 22.

From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., local farmers, crafters and artisans will be onsite selling homemade and homegrown goods at the store located at 3371 U.S. 441 S.

According to store manager Todd Thompkins, there’s no better way to celebrate the fall harvest season in the Okeechobee area.

“Farmers markets are a great way to highlight skills, foster community relationships and support neighbors," said Mr. Thompkins. “We are excited to provide a platform for our customers to showcase their homemade and homegrown goods.”

Local goods for sale will be displayed in tented areas in front of the store. Participating vendors include:

- Paparazzi Accessories;
- The Country Boutique; and,
- 441 BBQ & Grill

Tractor Supply’s Fall Farmers Market event will take place Saturday, Sept. 22, at 3371 U.S. 441 S. Contact the Okeechobee Tractor Supply store at 863-467-7844 for more information or details about participating in the event.

Forest service accepting forestry grant applications

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, on Wednesday, Sept. 12, announced that the Florida Forest Service is accepting applications for the 2018 Urban and Community Forestry grant program. The program provides funding to local governments, educational institutions, Native American tribal governments and nonprofit groups for urban forestry projects within their communities.

“As we prepare to assist our neighbors already facing a potentially devastating hurricane season, I urge our cities and counties to take advantage of this grant opportunity to more actively manage urban forests,” said Florida Forest Service Director Jim Karels.

The Urban and Community Forestry grant program is part of Florida’s ongoing initiative to increase and protect existing tree canopies in developed areas. The program is offered for projects implemented on public lands in all Florida counties. This year, the program will focus on promoting storm preparedness and storm recovery assistance. Qualified participants may apply for up to $30,000 in matching grant funds.

Program participant projects include:

- Public tree inventory or assessment;
- Community storm preparedness planning;
- Storm preparedness information and education; and
- Replacement of urban canopy due to storms.

The Florida Forest Service will accept applications until Nov. 13. To submit a proposal or to learn more, contact your local Florida Forest Service county forester or visit the Florida Urban and Community Forestry grant program webpage. All qualifying applications will be evaluated and ranked for approval.

---

Barbecue benefits local woman

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office recently raised money with a benefit barbecue and a cooler giveaway to help Gayle Estes.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the winning ticket was chosen for a cooler filled with goodies. The winner of the cooler is Janine Merriman.

Cindy Kemp, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), read a letter prepared by Gayle Estes, thanking everyone who took part in the benefit barbecue on Friday, Aug. 17.

The letter read: “I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart, to the OCSO, who has shown me a true family, and a special thank to (Detention Deputy) Gary Cashwell, (Deputy Sergeant) Michael Hazelieff, Cindy Kemp and many others for their hard work. Thank you, to all the people who donated and bought dinners to make the benefit a success and to bring about ALS awareness, as it can happen to anyone. Again, thank you very much, Love Gayle and family.”

Ms. Estes was diagnosed with amyotrophic - no muscle nourishment - lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

According to the National Institute of Health, ALS is a group of rare neurological diseases that mainly involve the nerve cell (neurons) responsible for controlling voluntary muscle movement like chewing, walking and talking. The disease is progressive, meaning the symptoms get worse over time. Currently, there is no cure for ALS and no effective treatment to halt, or reverse, the progression of the disease.

The OCSO would like to say congratulations to Janine and God Bless You Ms. Gayle!
Rodeo: A ropin’, wrestlin’, ridin’ good time

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

INDIANTOWN — The popular Indian-town Rodeo, presented by ITS Fiber, will showcase both national and local riders on Friday, Oct. 19, and Saturday, Oct. 20, at Timer Powers Park, 14000 S.W. Citrus Blvd. Crowd favorite Jerry Todd will be returning as announcer. Todd has been announcing rodeos on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit for over 25 years. He is a nine-time Southeastern Circuit award-winning announcer.

Texan Hollywood Harris, this year’s rodeo clown, is regarded as one of the most innovative clowns in rodeo. Harris won a record six events at the International Finals Rodeo Contract Act Show — including comedy, dress and barrel-man competitions. Hollywood’s cast of characters include Quick Draw McGraw, a mechanical outlaw, and Dino the rope-a-saurus, a 6-foot-tall inflatable dinosaur.

The Indiantown Rodeo itself can claim several awards. It has been named one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society in multiple years. The rodeo’s Kids Corral won first place for new/improved agricultural education exhibit at the Florida Federation of Fairs when it was reprised at the Martin County Fair in 2016.

General admission tickets will be on sale in mid-September at Treasure Coast Seacoast Bank locations, the Indiantown Chamber offices at 15545 S.W. Warfield Blvd., online at www.indiantownrodeo.com, and at other locations. Advance ticket prices are $18; available through Oct. 18. Ticket prices include parking and tax and will be $25 at the gate. Children 5 or younger are free. Gates open at 5 p.m. each day. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

A very limited number of exclusive Rodeo VIP tickets will also be on sale online only for $75 each. The package ticket includes two beer or wine drinks, light refreshments, an exclusive arena-side seating area, air-conditioned restrooms, parking and sales tax.

The Indiantown Rodeo is a PRCA- and WPRA-sanctioned event featuring bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and more.

Before the official events start at 7:30 p.m., there will be plenty of opportunities to get into the cowboy spirit with food, drink and specialty shopping starting at 5 p.m.

Rodeo VIP tickets will also be on sale online only for $75 each. The package ticket includes two beer or wine drinks, light refreshments, an exclusive arena-side seating area, air-conditioned restrooms, parking and sales tax.

For more information, call the Indiantown Chamber of Commerce at 772-597-2184 or visit www.indiantownrodeo.com. Innovative, prompt, “noticeably better” customer experiences has cemented ITS Fiber’s reputation as a superior communications business.

SFWMD website tracks EAA reservoir progress

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

WEST PALM BEACH — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) unveiled a new website to help the public track the status of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir Project and how much the state and federal governments have invested in major projects to restore Florida’s Everglades.

The restoration and cost sharing steps being taken to address the current high water emergency situation.

The website is just the latest online platform created by SFWMD to further public access to information. The district has also recently created the SFWMD TV YouTube channel for informational videos, the open data portal website for public access to the district’s geospatial data and the managing high water website that provides public access to information on steps being taken to address the current high water emergency situation.
Tractor Supply to help hurricane reforestation

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

OKEECHOBEE — Tractor Supply Company in Okeechobee is participating in a companywide hurricane recovery initiative that will benefit the Arbor Day Foundation’s hurricane reforestation efforts. For every Husqvarna chainsaw purchase made in Tractor Supply stores or on its website, five trees will be planted within a forest of need in areas that were severely affected by last year’s hurricanes, including Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. Tractor Supply has committed to donating up to 50,000 trees.

The hurricane recovery initiative will run through Oct. 28. It comes approximately one year after Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria left lasting damage in parts of the southeastern U.S., Texas and Puerto Rico.

“We are well aware of the devastation and disruption last year’s hurricanes caused to our communities and natural surroundings, and we as a company are committed to ongoing recovery efforts through our Stewardship Program, which is the company’s environmental sustainability initiative,” said Ben Parrish, executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary at Tractor Supply. “It is a privilege for us to support the Arbor Day Foundation’s efforts to help make our communities and our world cleaner and greener.”

The Arbor Day Foundation has committed to supplying 5 million trees to the reforestation efforts in Florida, Texas and Puerto Rico. The foundation will work with local forestry experts who can assess the best time to replant trees and help distribute them to affected homeowners. Long-term reforestation benefits for the impacted communities include improved air quality, support of local wildlife habitats, better flood control, and cleaner water, among others.

“Replanting trees in areas that experienced such devastation is no small task, but it is certainly a critical one,” said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The support of Tractor Supply will help us bring beauty and hope back to the communities that so desperately need both.”

Tractor Supply customers can purchase Husqvarna chainsaws now through Oct. 28 to help fund reforestation efforts. Tractor Supply offers six models of Husqvarna chainsaws and accompanying accessories in stores, with a larger selection available online at TractorSupply.com/Husqvarna. The trees funded by Tractor Supply’s Husqvarna hurricane recovery initiative will be planted in early 2019.

For more information on Tractor Supply’s Stewardship Program, visit tscstewardshipreport.com.

For more information about the Arbor Day Foundation and its hurricane tree recovery efforts, visit ArborDay.org.

SES Students of the Week

South Elementary School would like to congratulate the Students of the Week for the week of Sept. 10. They are: Aria Rodriguez, Adlemi Quiroz, Kylie Stephens, Cade Wheeler, Emma Chapman, Suri Torres, Cylie Price, Triton Rose, Kinsley Faulkner, J’tori Johnson, Tationa Thomas, Callie Love, Jayla McElroy, Mackenzie Farrell, Hannah Chasse, Amarley Stevens, Aariyanna Henry, Payton Cauley, Donasia Bryant, Kyis Preston, Meinisha Brown, Dylan Michel, Juan Sanchez, Christopher Lewis, Gabriela Aguirre Garcia, Cadin Cain, Eric Cottage, Jose Garcia, Elijah Good, Allen Peterson, Jayceon Jones.

September 16, 2018 Lake Okeechobee News
Distinguished Lecture Series examines global issues

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

One of the most well-known offerings through the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning is the popular Distinguished Lecture Series. The series focuses on subjects in foreign policy, the environment, education, health, and the economy.

Lectures are offered once per month, December through April, at Indian River State College Vero Beach and Stuart campuses. Lectures at the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach are offered from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; lectures at the Chastain Campus in Stuart take place from 3 to 5 p.m.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to the lecture. Lectures last approximately one hour and are followed by a moderated 30-minute question and answer session.

Dec. 13, “North Korea: War or Peace?”

David W. Hunter is a retired U.S. diplomat who served in South Korea, India, Ukraine, Pakistan and Spain. He served at the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, among many other assignments. Hunter holds a master’s degree in international relations from the London School of Economics (LSE), and speaks Russian, Spanish and some Korean. He will discuss our options in dealing with North Korea.

Jan. 10, 2019: “The Importance of the National Security Council”

The National Security Council (NSC) has been and should continue to be one of the most important elements of government. It was established in 1947 to ensure that important decisions are based on an objective evaluation of all the relevant options and that the president’s decisions are effectively implemented. The NSC, though, cannot ensure these things if key personnel do not act as honest brokers or if the decision-making process is short-circuited and the options are not thoroughly vetted. Dr. James F. Miskel was a director for defense policy and arms control at the NSC during two-event interventions. He also serves as a professor of national security affairs at the U.S. Naval War College where he remains an adjunct professor.

Feb. 7, 2019: “Tales from the Trenches: Ethical Dilemmas DELIVERING Cancer Care in Sub-Saharan Africa”

Attempting to bring medical care to the developing world can be a vast challenge. From easily anticipated technical hurdles to the surprising economic, social and political ones; lofty aspirations are often dashed by revelations in the field. Cultural differences can confound the best of intentions, and humility is the key to success. Dr. Aron Rose will discuss some of the great frustrations and rewards he’s experienced attempting to doctor abroad over three decades. Dr. Rose serves as chair of the bioethics committee for the White House’s Sub-Saharan Africa Cancer Care Initiative.

March 14, 2019: “How the World’s Superpower Bungles Foreign Policy”

Hear Ambassador Doug McElhaney reflect on how the disappearance of a bipartisan U.S. foreign policy has brought the worst of interparty politics to the fore. Through 10 administrations, and assignments at NATO, Paris, Rome, Cairo and Sarajevo, he personally saw how domestic politics and ideologically driven foreign policymakers team up to drive an often faulty policy process. A 34-year veteran of the State Department, he will suggest ways to formulate foreign policy to the benefit of all Americans.

April 11, 2019: “Post 9/11 Military Intelligence Evolution”

(The Amalgamation of National Intelligence Services across the U.S. Government Spectrum and their impact on the common ground warrior.)

Col. Ken Brandel will speak specifically about some of our country’s growing pains with regard to intelligence, and how we have evolved into an amalgamated and cohesive military force. With 38 years of experience in roles ranging from a Cold War enlisted infantryman to a senior intelligence officer, his talk will capture the struggles, follies, obstacles and progress for the continuous evolution of intelligence in the hands of the ground combatant.

For more information, or to subscribe by phone, call 772-462-7880. To subscribe online, visit www.irsfoundation.org.

Lifelong learning program expanded

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning at Indian River State College (IRSC) is now accepting registration and membership for its 2018–2019 season. Fielden Institute courses, offered across all five IRSC campuses and at select community sites, are designed for men and women age 50 and better who are interested in exploring shared topics of interest in a college atmosphere. There are no pre-requisites, no long semesters, no grades, no tests — learning occurs simply for the joy of learning.

This season’s expanded catalog features more than 80 different sessions. Topics such as art, computers and technology, photography, finance, writing, gardening, health, creativity, local history and more are delivered in a variety of settings, including as hands-on activities, discussion groups, lectures, field trips, book and film groups, and lectures. Courses are non-credit and do not apply to any IRSC degree program. The catalog and online registration is now available at www.irsfoundation.org.

Also this year, the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning presents the 13th season of its Distinguished Lecture Series on Current Issues. The series brings nationally recognized experts and seasoned educators to the podium on current events on subjects in foreign policy, the environment, education, health, and the economy. Registration for the five-part lecture series is $150 per person for nonmembers; $100 per person for members and peer leaders. Lecture details and registration is also available online.

The public is invited to attend free open houses at IRSC campuses in Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties to learn more about 2018–2019 program offerings, meet members and peer leaders, register for courses and enjoy conversation, coffee and light refreshments.

Each open house runs from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Formal presentations begin at 10 a.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 10, in the Richard-son Center Auditorium at the IRSC Mueller Campus located at 6155 College Lane in Vero Beach;
- Thursday, Oct. 11, in the Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at the IRSC Main Campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce;
- Friday, Oct. 12, in the Schreiber Conference Center at the IRSC Fruit Campus located at 500 N.W. California Blvd. in St. Lucie West;
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Wolf High-Technology Center Auditorium at the IRSC Chastain Campus located at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart;
- Friday, Oct. 19, in the Williamson Conference Center Auditorium at the IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus located at 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue in Okeechobee.

To RSVP for one of the upcoming open houses or for more information about The Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning at IRSC, call 772-462-7880 or visit www.irsfoundation.org. Editor’s Note: Media interested in covering the event or seeking pre-event interviews, please contact Robert Lane at rlane@irs.edu.

Student participates in leadership program

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

Brittney Mesiti, a radiologic technology student at Indian River State College (IRSC), was selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) 2018 Student Leadership Development Program. She was one of nearly 100 radiologic science students from around the country chosen to participate in the distinguished program.

ASRT is the world’s largest radiologic science association representing more than 153,000 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in the United States. The society also provides radiologic technology students with the tools, services and support they need to prepare for careers in medical imaging and radiation therapy.

Mesiti received an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2018 ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting, June 21 to 24, in Las Vegas. Additionally, Ms. Mesiti attended educational courses specifically designed for students, and House of Delegates meetings, as well as having a mentor assigned from the profession.

“Brittney has proven to be an excellent student, both in the classroom and clinical setting,” shared Dr. Gary Shaver, IRSC radiologic technology professor and department chair. He continued, stating, “Brittney continually demonstrates exemplary communication, organizational, and leadership skills and is seen as a role model by her fellow classmates, and truly has a passion for her chosen career in the radiologic sciences making her an ideal candidate to attend the ASRT annual meeting.”

For more information about the ASRT and opportunities for radiologic science students, visit www.asrt.org/students. To learn more about health science programs at IRSC, visit www.irsc.edu, email info@irsc.edu, or call 1-866-792-4772.
OKEE-TANTEE
Continued From Page 1

bid on the project. “We also feel that the strength of our company and its marketing horsepower make us the very best marketing partner to promote this great fishing destination.

“For over 30 years Bass Pro Shops has been sharing outdoor passions through our nature-based Resort Division. From our previous personal visits to this property, as well as the many years spent fishing there, I believe our company is the absolute best long-term partner to develop the amazing lakefront property known as Okee-Tantie.

“We are very passionate and serious about committing to invest our time and resources to develop this property in a first-class manner,” Mr. Morris wrote.

The proposal overview states: “Our vision, as detailed within this document, is to create a nature-based, fishing resort destination that offers all visitors a variety of world-class accommodations, state-of-the-art marina facilities for fishing and boating, and genuine world-class hospitality.”

Okee-Tantie history

In 1971, the South Florida Water Management District developed the site as the Okee-Tantie Recreation Area with a recreational vehicle park, campground and bait and tackle shop and marina, and operated it until 1991.

At that time, the district planned to close the park, but an extensive letter-writing campaign sponsored by the Okeechobee News persuaded SWFMD and the county commissioners to work out a way keep it open.

Okee-Tantie was conveyed back to the county by SFWMD. The popular RV campground operated at full capacity during the winter months until the hurricanes of 2004 substantially damaged the park. After the hurricanes, part of the park was able to reopen, but a large area was heavily damaged and not rehabilitated. Occupancy and revenue began to decline, resulting in a decision by the county to close the RV campground and bait and tackle store in October 2012.

Okee-Tantie is located inside the Herbert Hoover Dike, with the Kissimmee River to the west. The original campground had two areas for RVs. The current parking lot has spaces for roughly 100 cars and/or trucks/trailers.

The first time the county sought proposals, it was for a lease on the park. Guy Harvey Outpost and Elite Resorts initially proposed a long-term lease, and planned to rent the RV spaces to visitors.

At the June 9, 2016, county commission meeting, Guy Harvey representatives explained that after doing more research into the expense that the renovations will require, including replacing the utility lines, they determined that in order to secure the necessary financing, they need to purchase the campground portion of the property so that they can sell RV lots there.

At that time, they proposed to lease the area with the boat docks, marina and the main building (formerly Lightsey’s Restaurant). The county was to maintain operation of an area that will be designated for airboats. The leased property would still have been owned by the county. Guy Harvey Outpost and Elite Resorts wanted to purchase the campground area from the county.

This change in the proposal required the county to obtain permission from the state, since the state still had an interest in the property. The county completed the purchase of the state’s interest in the Hog Island property in October 2016. This allowed the county the option to sell the campground.

At their Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, meeting, the Okeechobee County commissioners adopted an ordinance that allowed the county to consider factors other than price when choosing the best “bid” on county property.

Due to the changes in the concept, the county had to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the property and allow all interested parties to bid.

On May 16, 2017, the county received two proposals for the acquisition and redevelopment of Okee-Tantie Campground and Marina from Outpost Club Lake Okeechobee LLC (Guy Harvey) and Bass Pro Shops.

Bass Pro offered to pay the county $3 million, with $300,000 paid up front. Bass Pro then would have nine months to develop plans for the site. If after nine months, Bass Pro determined the project was not viable, the county would keep the $300,000.

Guy Harvey’s plan would have started with a lease for up to 48 months, at a rate of $1/year, followed by payments of $550,000 when the first phase was completed, and $550,000 when the second phase was completed up to 60 months. The county would also receive 1 percent of park receipts, with the rate increasing at half a percent every 5 years, for a maximum of the county receiving 5 percent of park receipts.

At their June 22, 2017, meeting, the county commissioners unanimously chose Bass Pro’s proposal to develop the camp-
Employment - Full Time

Pritchards & Associates Insurance Agency is seeking a bilingual Customer Service Representative. We are looking for sales people who are fast-paced, energetic, well-organized, and computer literate. To apply, please send a resume via email to Letty Madrigal at: madrigal@pritchardsinc.com.

NOW HIRING CLASS A and CLASS B DRIVERS for local deliveries. Must know the area, have clean driving record and pass a drug test. Benefits available, apply at: Walpole Feed & Supply Co. 2595 NW 8th St.

Employment - Full Time

HI smew EVENT! Where: TrucCore Behavioral Solutions Date and Time Tuesday, September 18th 11:00 am-2:00 pm Address: 7200 US Hwy 441 North Okeechobee, FL 34972 Phone: (863)447-7968 Grab a bargain from your neighbor’s garage, attic, basement or closet in today’s classifieds.

Employment - Full Time

WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATORS

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators – Seminole Tribe of Florida – Must possess “C” License or higher. Position starts at $23/Hr for “C” License. Please submit your resume to joshualohn@semtribe.com.

Reading a newspaper helps you understand the world around you. No wonder newspaper readers are more successful people!

Employment - Full Time

X-Ray Tech & Medical Assistant/ CNA - Please fax resume to 863-467-6833 or complete application at 111 NE 19th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

FOR SALE

GE WASHER AND GE PROpane DRYER 2 YEARS OLD $500.00 OR BEST OFFER CALL 256-298-2132

FOR RENT

TIRED OF STAYING IN A MOTEL, WORKING IN OUR AREA? FULLY FURNISHED 1 and 2 BEDROOM PROPERTIES, WEEKLY OR MONTHLY RATES AVAILABLE (863) 467-4371

FOR RENT BRING YOUR CLOTHES & FOOD! LARGE FURNISHED EFFICIENCY, FULL SIZE STOVE & FRIDGE, EVERYTHING INCLUDED. $600/MO. PLUS $300/ DEPOSIT SMOKING FREE 305-308-9143

N.W. OKEE

2 BR, 1 BA, $725 mo. $2175 to move in. 561-346-1642


Kill them all with Harris famous Roach, Bedbug, Flea & Tick, Rat & Mouse, and Ant products. Also Food Grade DE to add to your animals feed.

Available at: OKEECHOBEE FEED 1579 Hwy 70 E. Okeechobee FL 34972 (863) 763-2123

Need EXTRA MONEY?

Independent Newspapers will never accept any advertisement that is illegal or considered fraudulent. In all cases of questionable value, such as promises of guaranteed income from work-at-home programs - if it sounds too good to be true, chances are that it is. If you have questions or doubts about any ad on these pages, we advise that before responding or sending money ahead of time, you check with the Better Business Bureau at 772-878-2010 for previous complaints.

Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

Need a few more bucks to purchase something dear? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifieds.
ACROSS

1 5th Dimension vocalist Marilyn
6 Degrees for drags
10 On a trip
11 Like cheering stadiums
15 Honolulu’s island
16 Give (out)
17 Not fancy, as a finish
18 Short comic section
20 Accepts a grim reality
24 Thickening agent used in ice cream
24 “Way cool!”
25 Rock’s __
26 Slalom need
28 Cavs-vs.-Mavs event
30 Tax deadline mo.
32 In need of
34 Calmine lotion
37 Cobb or Waldorf salad
39 Hams it up
40 Enjoying an elegant meal
43 Bothered bigger
44 Brand markers
45 Train amenity
49 Nonstick spray
50 Eeyore’s pal
51 10-0 score
53 Brand in contact lens care
54 Steel
56 Scorch
57 In a latter, with “up”
58 Google search successes
61 Gemstone weight
62 Intensifies
64 Not against trying
50 Cake maker

DOWN

3 Terra __
4 Many John Wayne flocks
5 Valuable rocks
6 Coffee-and-chocolate flavor
7 Uncovered
8 Captain in Ishmael’s tale
9 Many a commuter’s home
10 Lay’s “Betcha can’t just eat one” is one
11 Respended to the alarm
12 Touched down
13 “Still and ___”
14 “21 Foolish Pride” singer Travis
15 Charge for using, as an apartment
27 Smooth shower on a Jumbotron
28 Wall St.’s “Big Board”
29 “Jeopardy!” host Trebek
30 Fully grown filly
31 Nestlé ice cream brand
32 Electrical adaptor letters
33 Slinger’s dish
34 51 T-tone or porterhouse
35 Mammy Yokum’s lad
36 Christian’s dresses?
37 “Gypsy” composer Julie
38 Libby neighbor
39 Thin fog
40 Squirrel away
41 Slinger’s dish

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

UM A FLIP FAT LIP RAW TINA AVIANS TITE DEFY GRAVITY CHIC NO MAS DOLE HIGH EPICARK SHOLA N ABACI GET THAT A LOT PARTNERS IN CRIME SQUEAK A C LEAN SUMAC HOW LONG TAI SAFE L E WORD T N G BADLY L U A U B A E T E A U E N G N P T E R I S LOLA AG E ONE UPS ESP EN TED

xwordeditor@aol.com

VIEW obituaries from the past month at http://www.legacy.com
DOWNTOWN - GREAT LOCATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS!
3,638 SQ FT of office front w/bathroom. Building also has 1 Bed & Bath. Owner will build to suit and/or flooring allowance. Owner also willing to lease store & Apt. Call details, MLS #212828 $325,000 Call Jody 863-634-1285


3001-H: TREASURE ISLAND - LAKE ACCESS
Split plan 4 bd, 2 ba. 2,840 Total SF/1,564 under air, living room and family room, screened porch, carport, concrete seawall, large driveway, 2 septic tanks and city water. $179,000 MLS # 212993

5048-H: BASSWOOD
Split plan 3BD/2BA, 1,492 Total SF/1,392 under air, spacious kitchen with lots of cabinets & counter space, tiled wood flooring, bathroom with shower/tub, utility room, concrete driveway and more to offer. $139,000 MLS # 213001

Location Matters!
Let us help you showcase your best listings.
Call or email a member of our dedicated sales staff today!
863.763.3134
okeeadsales@newszap.com

Are you a local realtor looking to maximize your reach to potential clients?
Feature your best properties in this weekly real estate directory.
Contact 863.763.3134 to discuss advertising today!
BEAUTIFUL HALF ACRE+ LOT ON THE WATER WITH GOOD LAKE ACCESS. Home is in great condition, huge new patio style dock and beautiful landscaping. 3 lots total. MLS 212774 $158,000 CALL ELVIE 863-634-4399

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT — $850 per month — 840 square foot of professional office for rent in prime location. Please call Vicki for more information or to schedule a showing.

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY - 7 unit mobile home park in Treasure Island with Lake O access - $299,000

Vicki Anderson, Lic. RE Broker 863.634.4106

FOR SALE

BUTCH’S FISH CAMP
TONS OF WATERFRONT ON 2 ACRES with 21 spaces, 17 boat slips, boat ramp, bait shop, and bar which could easily be turned into a clubhouse. One Mobile Home and 15 RV’s are owned by the park which gives immediate return investment. New electric service throughout the park. It is located right on the Rim Canal only 10 minutes from Taylor Creek Locks.
Contact: Katie McFarland (863) 261-8338

$800,000

CATTLEMEN’S RV PARK
PRISTINE- TURN-KEY operation with no deferred maintenance. High stable occupancy. Located directly on the rim canal of Lake Okeechobee seven minutes to open water on Lake O 24 rentable RV spaces with 4 apartment units and a nice 3 bedroom / 1 bath mobile home. All tenants pay their own electric on separate meters. Landlord pays for water and garbage collection. (16) units are on annual leases at an average of $3600.00 annual rent. (8) units are on 4 month minimum leases. Apartment units are 1/1 and 1/1.5 along with the 3/1 mobile home all rent for $800.00 per month. Current Gross Revenue at $113,600.
Contact: Brandon Tucker (772) 201-8722

$895,000

WHISPERING COVE RV PARK
IMMACULATE - TURN-KEY 16 unit RV Park on the rim canal of Lake Okeechobee. Private Boat basin and boat ramp. Boat docks for each unit. Close to open Lake O water within minutes. City water and septic. Electric direct billed to Tenants. Landlord provides water, garbage collection. Lawn maintenance $150.00 per month for entire park paid by landlord.
Contact: Brandon Tucker (772) 201-8722

$495,000
Trading Post Flea & Farmers Market
Celebrating Over 30 Years
CANOPY LANE
ARTS AND CRAFTS
Special Rates Year-Round
Market Open 8am - 3pm
EVERY Saturday and Sunday
3100 Highway 441 South
863-763-4114
familyfunfleamarket

Christina Lofthus
Independent Sales Director
772-475-8669
clofthus@marykay.com
www.marykay.com/clofthus
God First, Family Second, Career Third

MARY KAY

Hoss ALUMINUM LLC
CARPORTS, SCREEN ROOMS & MORE!
(863) 634-7442
Lic# OCSL 1583-01 INSURED

Accident?
Law Offices of Lefebvre
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
763-3333

AN AFFORDABLE ADVERTISING SOLUTION
CALL 863-763-3134

Stokes Trucking & Environmental Service, LLC
- Dump Truck
- Skid Steer
- Fill/Dirt
- Millings
- Shell Rock
- Mulching
- Site Prep
Gary E. Stokes, Jr. (863) 634-3835

Transmission Solutions

Neal Long Construction Co.
Top Quality - Attention to Detail
On Time - Reasonable Prices
863.357.3313
neallongconstruction.com • neallong@contractor.net
11781 SE Hwy 441 • Okeechobee, FL 34974

General Contractors
PLUMBING, MECHANICAL & ROOFING CONTRACTORS
CGC1518089 • CM1249341 • CPC058088B • CCC125973

Lighthouse “At Home Care”
Companion Homemakers who are Compassionate and Skilled!
We offer:
- Fall Prevention Care
- Medication Prompting
- Small Group Outings
- Doctor Appointments
- Hospital Discharge Assistance
- Companion/Sitters
- Homemaking
- Meal Preparation and more
(863) 532-5976
Call for a Free Consultation!

Property Services, Inc.
863.634.7512

A-1 Bushhogging
Fields and Lots
Call Today 843-922-1425

Jet Guttering Systems Inc.
Aluminum Seamless Guttering
Installations & Repair
“Serving Okeechobee since 1999”
Office: (863) 763-7704
Mobile: (863) 634-7125
Email: 4gutter@gmail.com

Residential
Commercial
Cooling Refrigeration Services
Heating & A/C Service
863.467.4733
Call TODAY for your A/C Tune-up!
24 hour emergency service
Sales, Service and New Installation

 JT Guttering Systems Inc.
 Aluminum Seamless Guttering
 Installations & Repair
 “Serving Okeechobee since 1999”
 Office: (863) 763-7704
 Mobile: (863) 634-7125
 Email: 4gutter@gmail.com