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City wants stoplight at N.W. 9th St.

By Richard Marion
Lake Okeechobee News

At the Okeechobee City Council meeting on May 7, Okeechobee City Administrator Marcos Montes De Oca presented a video to council members on what he refers to as the most dangerous intersection in Okeechobee.

The nearly three-and-a-half-minute video showed a series of traffic accidents and congestion issues at the intersection of North Parrott Ave and Northwest Ninth Street, which is located just before the railroad tracks next to Glades AC. There have been 34 reported accidents at the intersection in the past two years alone.

The video consisted of security footage provided by Glades AC and drone footage of the intersection recorded for the City of Okeechobee at no cost by Gilbert Experience. The security footage documents the multitude of crashes at the intersection over the last two



Special to the Okeechobee News/City of Okeechobee
A still image from the video produced by the City of Okeechobee on what staff label as the most dangerous intersection in the city, at North Parrott Avenue and Northwest Ninth Street.

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month



Lake Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee County Commissioners (left to right) Brad Goodbread, Kelly Owens, Terry Burroughs and Bryant Culpepper accepted the challenge to paint their thumbnails green in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month.

By Katrina Elsen
Lake Okeechobee News

“July 2, 2014 was my day. That was the day I was going to kill myself,” said Leah Suarez.

“It’s difficult to stand up and say that,” she told the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners at its May 9 meeting. She shared her own story because she wants our community to understand how important mental health is to each individual child and family.

Even with her education and local contacts, “on that day I had a difficult time finding help,” she said. “I had a much more difficult time asking for help.”

Mrs. Suarez was at the commission meeting for the proclamation of May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mental health is a topic that is not talked about until something bad happens, she continued. She encouraged community members to paint their thumbnails green in honor of mental health month. Paint your thumbnail green to start a conversation, she said.

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Okeechobee County Code Enforcement

OKEECHOBEE — Starting the week of May 22, Okeechobee County code enforcement officers will be returning to previously inspected neighborhoods to follow up on the neighborhood enhancement efforts. These neighborhoods will include Treasure Island, Oak Park and Basswood. Our goal is to educate and assist the property owners of Okeechobee County in maintaining safe and economically viable neighborhoods.

Code enforcement officers will inspect properties for code violations including, but not limited to:

- Outdoor storage such as car parts, appliances, and similar items;
- Junk, trash and debris;
- Overgrown grass and weeds;
- Inoperable/abandoned vehicles;
- Unauthorized farm animals;

Cancer support offered

OKEECHOBEE — The Christ Fellowship Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will hold a Cancer Support Group on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Group sessions will be a resource for education and support. For information, call 863-532-1721 or email CancerSupportCF@gmail.com.

• Exterior property maintenance such as broken windows, damaged roofs, and other types of exterior damage.

These inspections will be performed from the roadways and property owners do not need to be present. Questions and concerns can be forwarded to our department using the following information:

Code Enforcement Dept., 1700 N.W.

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The county appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to working with property owners in a joint effort to keep Okeechobee County beautiful.



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

OMS congratulates students of the week

Osceola Middle School would like to congratulate its Students of the Week for the week of May 3. They are, in no particular order: Luke Bessey, Dominic Mazzucco, Keegan Pearce, Juan Cruz-Diaz, Rayne Rallis, Damien Siler, Scottie Shreves, Jennifer Santillan, Adiella Silvas, Diana Rodriguez-Gomez, Kayleigh Carter, Rosa Palacios and Hannah Lewis.

Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County News

• Looking forward to a Saturday **ribbon cutting** for Cattleman's Market of Okeechobee, on May 11, at 11 a.m. This will be held at the new facility located at 1849 N.W. 160th Street. Please be sure and bring the family and enjoy a great time listening to music from the band "Born Lonesome" and taking tours of the facility. There will be an exciting drawing for a heifer with tickets priced at \$5 each and all proceeds will go to Ride For The Fight to cure cancer. You must be present to win, so stick around and have some fun!

• **Concealed Weapons Classes** for April will be on Saturday, May 18, at 8 a.m. until noon. This will be our last class before summer. The cost is \$40 per person and class size is limited. All persons interested must register prior to the class by filling out an application at the chamber or you can stop by The Gun Shop at 2020 S. Parrott Ave. You can also go to the chamber website at okeechobeebusiness.com. Look for Concealed Weapons Class scrolling on the left side of the page under scheduled events. You can click on that area and then go to filling out the registration. All persons that have completed the form and paid in full by Thursday, May 16, will meet at The Gun Shop at 8 a.m. and then travel as a class to the designated range.

• Our May **Rise Up with the Chamber** will be on Wednesday, May 29, from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m., hosted by Okeechobee Dodge located at 4224 U.S. 441 S. Jim Behar, General Manager, along with his team are looking forward to having us visit his showroom and all the new vehicles. I have three other guests that will be speaking that morning as well. Mariah will be live videoing the event

on Facebook and will then have it posted for all to see later in the day. Light morning refreshments will be served. Please make sure to come out and support this business

• Get On Board with the chamber's **Community Calendar!** With so many events happening in the community, it's sometimes difficult to plan a special event or just keep up with what's happening from week to week. However, if businesses, church groups, organizations and residents alike would enter any and all events on the chamber's Community Calendar, it would make it much easier to plan small and large events so as not to have events overlap. Anyone can post events up to a year in advance. Whether you're a business, a church group, an organization or a resident of Okeechobee, you can post your events at no cost. You can find our community calendar at okeechobeebusiness.com. Just look at the Events/Calendar on the search line, then click on

Calendar and submit your event. If you have any questions, please call 863-467-6246. So, Get On Board and post those events.

• **Thank you so very much to all those great givers,** those that give and give and never expect anything in return. You are appreciated! Just a friendly suggestion - when you give to any of our organizations, you might want to just give them a call and ask if they have any specific needs. That way, you'll know what to look for and be better prepared to help them. What makes a good donation you ask?? Well, it would be something that *you* would want to receive, or *you* would wear. They should be gently used items (no rips or stains) or even new ones. Remember that you're giving because you care and you truly want to help another deserving human being. So, be thoughtful of them, make your donation a gift that would be uplifting to the one receiving it. We have so many in need and *your* helpful giving is always important!

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Friday: Mostly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. High around 85F. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Friday night:

Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. Low 68F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny skies during the morning hours. Scattered showers and thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 87F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Saturday night: Scattered thunderstorms. Low around 70F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Sunday: Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 88F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday night: A few clouds from time to time. Low near 70F. Winds light and variable.

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Lake area counties work toward common goals

By Katrina Elsken
Lake Okeechobee News

Officials from the five counties that surround Lake Okeechobee met Tuesday to find common ground and start the work to come up with unified message about the future of Lake Okeechobee.

Commissioners from Martin, Hendry, Glades, Palm Beach and Okeechobee counties gathered in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall on May 7. A crowd of about 350 people from all around the lake filled the lecture hall for a two-and-a-half-hour discussion hailed as the start of a larger effort to bring everyone together to work for a common goal.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is in the process of working on a new Lake

Okeechobee System Operation Manual (LOSOM), which will replace the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS) when repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike are complete in 2022. LORS tries to keep the lake no lower than 12.5 feet and no higher than 15.5 feet (above sea level).

The lake level plan is a balancing act. Florida Audubon has warned that levels above 15.5 feet are harmful to the lake's marshes, which provide habitat for fish and wildlife and also act as the lake's natural filter system. Palm Beach County officials have expressed concern that water levels falling too low could mean water shortages not only for farmers but also for the urban communities of Southeast Florida.

U.S. Rep. Brian Mast of Stuart has publicly

advocated lowering the lake to 10.5 feet by the end of the dry season (May 31) to assure more water storage capacity at the start of the wet season. Others, more concerned with water supply, have advocated for high levels above 15.5 feet.

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner said that initially, his goal for the meeting was a joint resolution. "I found out you can't do it because it's illegal," he explained. However, each individual board can pass its own resolution.

Mr. Turner said it's important for all of the counties to share the same message with our federal partners.

"We need to stop the rhetoric. Let's quit blaming each other," said Palm Beach County Commissioner Melissa McKinlay.

"We want a cleaner lake, cleaner estuaries and a cleaner river. I hope this opens up the door for more friendly conversations on how to get to that end result."

"It's as much Walt Disney's fault as it is historic farming practices from 40 years ago. Every one of us who owns a home plays a part."

The commissioners discussed asking county staffs to work together. They also discussed having more meetings that include all of the counties. Martin County commissioners offered to host the next meeting.

For more about the issues discussed at the May 7 multi-county meeting, see the May 15 edition of the Lake Okeechobee News.

Should golf carts be allowed on some roads?

By Katrina Elsken
Lake Okeechobee News

State law gives local government the option to allow the use of properly equipped golf carts on some roads with speed limits up to 35 mph. At the May 9 Okeechobee County Commission meeting, local resident Nikki Salmon asked the commissioners to consider this option for some roads in the county.

County Administrator Robbie Chartier said under the state statute, golf carts allowed on designated county roads would be required to have safety equipment such as lights, turn signals, seat belts and windshield wipers to be designated as low-speed vehicles. The county can also require a registration sticker. The roads must be marked as designated to allow use of low-speed vehicles. The low-speed vehicles would be allowed on county roads only from sunrise to sunset.

She said while state law allows golf carts to cross state roads, that crossing a state road in Okeechobee County could be problematic for a low-speed vehicle.

She said state law requires the local government to consider the character of the traffic that is on that roadway when considering the option to allow the low-speed vehicles.

While this option is in the state statutes, Okeechobee County has never taken action on it, Mrs. Chartier said.

"Okeechobee is a growing county. We want to encourage people to come here. People come here every day," said Ms. Salmon.

"Traffic is a problem. 49 states have already adopted the rule. Many counties have

already adopted a rule and figured out some way to make this work," she said.

She said most low-speed vehicles are electric. "There's a movement of green going on. Everybody wants to cut back on fuel and costs," she said. "When you are driving down the road and you see people riding scooters and golf carts on the sidewalks, most of them have some kind of handicap that prevents them from driving a vehicle," she explained.

"What they are doing right now is not legal," she added.

Designating some county roads as open to low-speed vehicle use would be an opportunity for new business in the county, she said, helping those who sell and repair golf carts. The conversion kits to add the safety features required are relatively inexpensive, Ms. Salmon added. She said when people with the larger RVs come into town, they don't have a way to bring an automobile with them. "This would be a very easy solution for them to be mobile."

"The concern I have is the misuse in an area that is not designed to handle the mixed use," said Okeechobee County Sheriff Noel Stephen. "We have a community within our county that is perfectly designed for this," he said. "Because of the misuse of the mixed use, it creates problems.

"I wish we were designed for it, but at this point I don't think it is a healthy thing for us to move into," said the sheriff.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper said there is an area where there are already a lot of accidents involving people on golf carts. "We had one recently, a fatality when an

elderly gentleman pulled out in front of a car," he said.

"We have some multiple issues with vehicles," said Commission Chairman Terry Burroughs. "Trying to accommodate one compromises the sheriff on another." He said he does not want to compromise the sheriff's ability to enforce the existing laws.

Commissioner David Hazellief suggested the property owners of Silver Palms and the Publix shopping center could work together to create a private road between the Silver Palms gated community and the shopping center and designate parking at the shopping center for golf carts.



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Pulse of the Community

Guest Commentary

Make sure you know the law before building a farm structure

By **Katie Edwards-Walpole**

The scenario goes something like this. A property owner will call me after he has received a notice of violation from a city or county advising he has built a farm structure or performed site work without a permit.

"But I'm exempt because of the Right to Farm Act. I don't have to get a building permit or comply with any laws," the property owner will tell me.

Not exactly.

A provision in Florida law (Florida Statute 604.50) deals with ability of cities and counties to regulate non-residential farm structures.

First, a non-residential farm structure is a building or support structure that is an integral part of a commercial agricultural operation. This can include a pole barn, a horse stable, a manure bin, a riding arena, and a shed to store agricultural equipment and supplies. It is no longer nonresidential when it is used for habitation, such as a hunting camp, groom's quarters or housing for a watchman or employee.

Next, the law takes a two-prong approach to determining whether the farm structure is an integral part of a commercial

agricultural operation. The simplest way to make this determination is asking whether the property has an agricultural classification granted by the county Property Appraiser. The Property Appraiser is charged with classifying land as agricultural or non-agricultural. Only lands used for commercial agricultural activities are eligible to receive an agricultural classification and the corresponding reduction in the assessed ad valorem value for property tax purposes.

There are some instances when property is being developed for commercial agricultural activities, like horse boarding and training. In order to rent stall space, the stalls must be built or renovated. Making good faith preparations to prepare and use the land and buildings for commercial use is the second way to demonstrate that these farm structures will be used for something more than a mere hobby or personal use. However, you do not need an agricultural classification to avoid the imposition of local codes and building permit fees on farm structures.

What does this mean? The key is commercial agricultural activity which simply means the intent to earn a profit from the good faith commercial use of property. So

if you are constructing a pole barn to house the tractors, mowers, feed and other inputs used to run your cattle ranch, you do not need a building permit. You are exempt from local land development codes or building permit fees for such non-residential farm structures provided you meet the statutory criteria.

The state law, however, allows a city or county to require a permit where construction of the farm structure occurs in a floodplain. This is typically known as a floodplain development permit. Always check with your local building department to find out whether you are in a zone that requires this special type of permit. For some tracts of property, the flood zone may be different so check first and decide if you want to build the structure within the zone or adjust your plans to build outside the flood zone.

Simply hiring a contractor to complete the work for you does not excuse you from understanding the law and performing your due diligence as you develop your plans to improve agricultural property.

I frequently receive calls from property owners who are cited for permitting violations because they filled a pond, paved

a designated wetland area, disturbed protected species habitat or diverted surface water flows without a permit. These types of activities are not always exempt from permitting so care should be given before undertaking site work.

It's worth distinguishing that the Right to Farm Act is primarily designed to protect agricultural property owners from nuisance suits. This is in recognition of the fact that urban development has encroached on farmlands, creating conflicts between agriculture and residents. The Right to Farm Act also protects farmland from duplicative regulation where the property is regulated by Best Management Practices or BMPs.

Remember, before you build or perform site work on your agricultural property, make sure you perform your due diligence and understand when permits are and are not required. Consulting with an experienced attorney who understands the laws and regulations governing agriculture can save you time, money and aggravation.

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Speak Out

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Texting while driving ban

Comments on the May 8 story "HB 107 would make texting while driving illegal":

• "Meanwhile, writing letters in long-hand while driving is perfectly legit." — Mark Deschamps

• "Texting while driving is foolish. The

texters who run their cars off the road because they are not paying attention to their driving are not only killing themselves, which some might say is Darwinism at work, but they are also endangering other people." — K. Booker

• "The law is still too weak." — Phil Baxter

• "There is no message that is more important than your life. If a message can't wait until you get to your destination, pull over when you can safely do so. When you are driving, the cellphone should not even be on." — S. Jones

Elks serving burgers/fries

Lake Okeechobee Elks, 131 N.W. 36th St., now has the yummiest burgers and fries every **Wednesday** through **Saturday** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Elks Lodge has new hours

The Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge, 131 N.W. 36th St., is **closed on Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays**, with the exception of the **third Sunday** of the month. That day, the lodge will still host the "all you can eat" pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m.

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City Council members vote to take CVS to court

By Richard Marion

Lake Okeechobee News

Okeechobee City Council members voted in favor of City Attorney John Cook commencing legal action against the CVS Pharmacy located at 106 N. Parrott Ave.

CVS has racked up over \$20,000 in fines over the course of a year for code violations related to failure to maintain the company's property.

A year ago, in a Feb. 13 hearing, the city code board found Spirit CV Okeechobee FL LLC (the CVS property) in violation of city codes related to landscaping and public nuisance. The city code defines public nuisance as "the existence of excessive accumulation of litter or untended vegetation, garbage, weeds, or other dead or living plant life; or places holding stagnant water, and all other objectionable, unsightly

or unsanitary matter upon any lot, tract of land within the city, whether uncovered or under shelter."

City code also requires: "All owners of improved property shall cut and keep cut all weeds, grasses or undergrowth on the entire property, to a height not to exceed 8 inches. Also, all landscaping shall be trimmed and kept in a neat appearance so as not to adversely affect the aesthetic appearance of the property and adjacent properties."

Around the same time last year, Walgreens, located directly across from CVS at 100 N.W. Park St., was also found in violation of city codes relating to landscaping and public nuisance. Following that hearing, Walgreens installed irrigation and new landscaping to come into compliance with city code.

CVS, however, did not.

"Walgreens stepped up and replaced all their landscaping and put in irrigation so it would be maintained; CVS hasn't," said City Attorney John Cook at the May 7 City Council meeting. "We've been in touch with them over and over and over. I believe if we commence legal action, it will at least get their attention and get some response."

According to Okeechobee Code Enforcement Officer Fred Sterling, the local management at CVS report that their district managers are aware of the fine but have chosen not to respond.

The aesthetics of the City of Okeechobee often come up in debates about attracting new businesses and residents to the area. During a political forum in 2018, Okeechobee County Commissioner Terry Burroughs addressed the issue directly.

"We've had a lot of conversation relative to code enforcement," said Commissioner

Burroughs. "If the environment doesn't look nice, people will not come and open up a business."

With its central location at the main intersection of Okeechobee, the CVS property plays a crucial role in how both residents and visitors view the city.

"I did mention to the local manager while I was in the store that this issue was going to be on our agenda," said Okeechobee Mayor Dowling Watford shortly before city council members voted. "I thought it was fair to let him know. He responded that CVS does not let him take care of those things. He told me that the regional manager would be there the next day and he would let him know. Obviously, they weren't that concerned about it."

The city council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Teen arrested on felony charges for fourth time in a year

By Cathy Womble

Lake Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee teen was arrested after a homeowner allegedly caught him and an accomplice in his garage and detained them until Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived. Sgt. Donald Ellis responded to the homeowner's 911 call and found the homeowner standing in front of the garage while two other males sat on the ground in front of him. The homeowner said when he returned home after being gone for a short time, he noticed someone



Jacob Curtis Lawrence

inside his garage. The door of the garage appeared to be damaged, he said, and was only opened about halfway. He explained the lights from his car illuminated someone walking around inside the garage. He got out of his jeep and confronted the suspect, and that was when he realized there was a second person in there as well, he said. He called 911 and had the two suspects wait until help arrived.



Kevin Lee Schick

The two suspects were identified as 20-year-old Kevin Lee Schick, Northwest 87th Court, and 16-year-old Jacob Curtis Lawrence, Northeast Fourth Lane. Lawrence was dressed all in black and carried a hat and a small flashlight, according to Sgt. Ellis' report.

Both Lawrence and Schick were arrested and charged with burglary of an unoccupied structure. Bond was set at \$5,000 for

Schick, but because Lawrence is a juvenile, he was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice in Fort Pierce.

This is not Lawrence's first brush with the law. He was arrested last May when he was 15 years old and charged with grand theft auto. In August 2018, he was arrested again and charged with unarmed burglary of a conveyance and, in September 2018, he was arrested and charged with burglary of a structure, grand theft of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief.

Schick has no felony arrests on his record.

American Legion hosts Quarters For a Cause

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OKEECHOBEE — American Legion Post 64 will host Quarters For a Cause to benefit Kyle Vericella on Tuesday, May 21, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64, 501 S.E. Second St.

Kyle was diagnosed with inoperable glioblastoma at the age of 18, just days before Christmas last year. He has been through chemo and proton treatments. Soon he will get an Optune cap that he has to wear 21 hours a day.

Kyle and his family not only need our

financial help, but Kyle needs our prayers as he fights his fight with brain cancer.

Come out and wear gray in support of brain cancer to be entered into the special raffle provided by Kathy from Pampered Chef. If you make a purchase from one of the vendors while at the auction, you will

get a ticket into the 50/50 raffle. These vendors support the charities, and it's appreciated when you support the vendors.

If you would like to make a donation of an item to be raffled or give a monetary donation on behalf of Kyle, please contact Janice Pietro at 561-310-3285.

Arrest Report

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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).

- Brett Herbst, 21, Northwest 90th Court, was arrested May 6 by OCSO Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell and charged with leaving the scene of a crash involving bodily injury/Hit and Run. Bond was set at \$15,000.

- Jeffrey Hultman, 57, Northeast 82nd Avenue, was arrested May 4 by OCSO Deputy Jonathon Gove and charged with burglary with assault or battery. Bond was set at \$20,000.

- Ryan Ramirez, 37, Northeast 70th Avenue, was arrested May 4 by OCSO Deputy Kenneth Hernandez and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and battery on a person 65 years old or older. Bond to be set.

- Austin King, 22, Northeast Sixth Street, was arrested May 4 by a member of the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force and charged with possession of methamphetamines, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving without a license. Bond was set at \$5,000.

- Adam Prince, 24, Vero Beach, was arrested May 4 by OCSO Deputy Steven Pollock and charged with DUI, driving without a license with knowledge and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Bond was set at \$1,500.

- Ryan Euard, 27, Southwest 10th Street, was arrested May 4 by OCSO Deputy Brian Cross and charged with

possession of a new legend drug without a prescription, retail theft, battery of a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer without violence and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Shane Jensen, 22, Largo, was arrested May 3 by OCSO Deputy Ashley Waskiewicz and charged with aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and battery on a law enforcement officer. Bond to be set.

- Ozmani Robles, 22, Northwest Fourth Street, was arrested May 3 by OCSO Deputy Justin White and charged with unarmed robbery, battery touch or strike, false imprisonment and hindering or delaying communication with law enforcement. No bond.

- Ernie Higginbotham, 42, Southeast 86th boulevard, was arrested May 3 by OCSO Deputy Shane Bogner and charged with failure to report change

of address and failure to register. Bond was set at \$10,000.

- Willair Stfort, 19, Naples, was arrested May 3 by OCSO Deputy Shane Hayles and charged with two counts of harassing in a first degree felony hearing and one count of battery touch or strike. Bond was set at \$51,500.

- Rudy Chavez, 24, McArthur Dairy Road, was arrested May 7 by OCSO Deputy Francisco Hernandez and charged with home invasion without a firearm, battery touch or strike, operating a motor vehicle without a license and hindering or delaying contact with law enforcement. Bond to be set.

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.

Your COMMUNITY NEWS



GCMA meeting set May 10

MOORE HAVEN — Glades County Ministerial Association (GCMA) will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, **May 10**, at Cafe 27, 498 U.S. 27, at 6:30 p.m. All Glades County pastors with their spouses are invited. Please RSVP by noon on May 10 by calling 863-990-2112.

Shrine Club hosts events

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1855 S.W. 53rd St., will host a catfish dinner on Friday, **May 10**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oasis Lounge. There will be live music and cost is \$6 per person. On Saturday, **May 18**, there will be a catfish dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. with The Justin Mason Band playing. Tickets will be \$12 at the door and the doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

VFW Post 9528 hosts events

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — The VFW Post 9528, 29012 State Road 78 E., will host the following events: The Post will serve dinner on Friday, **May 10**, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The menu includes grilled boneless ribeye steak, grilled pork tenderloin, fried fish and shrimp, baked and french fried potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, fried onion rings, salad, and dessert, with music by Travis 6 to 10 p.m. On Saturday, **May 11**, the VFW Riders will serve a full breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and wings and things at 4 p.m. On Sunday, **May 12, Mother's Day**, all mothers get a flower. At 6:30 p.m. bingo starts and the kitchen will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, **May 13**, there will be five-card bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, **May 14**, is meeting day. E-Board and Auxiliary are at 6 p.m., Legionnaires at 7 p.m. and food will be available all day. Proceeds benefit veteran services. For information, call 863-467-2882.

Moose Lodge to host events

The Moose Lodge, 136 N.W. 36 St., will host the following events: On Friday **May 10**, there will be hamburger or shrimp at 5 p.m. for \$6. On Saturday **May 11**, there will be Swedish meatballs at 5 p.m. for \$7 and music by Double D from 6 to 9 p.m. On Sunday **May 12, Mother's Day**, There will be breakfast from 8 to 9:45 a.m. and three-card bingo from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 863-763-4954.

Mother's Day ceremony set

The Lake Okeechobee Elks Lodge, 131 N.W. 36th St., will host a **Mother's Day** ceremony on Sunday, **May 12**, at 1 p.m. This is a free event and refreshments will follow the ceremony. The public is encouraged to attend.

VFW 4423 to host events

VFW Post 4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will host bingo on Friday, **May 10**, at 1 p.m. with karaoke at 7 p.m. On Saturday, **May 11**, there will be a bingo extravaganza at 1 p.m. On Sunday, **May 12, Mother's Day**, there will be dinner at 1 p.m. On Tuesday, **May 14**, there will be bingo at 6 p.m.

Legion Post 64 to host events

American Legion Post 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host the following events: On Friday, **May 10**, there will be karaoke and a fish fry from 5 to 8 p.m. with your choice of fish, shrimp or chicken in a basket for \$6 or on a salad for \$7. Music by D&K Karaoke is from 6 to 9 p.m. On Saturday, **May 11**, is College Game Day with \$9 buckets of domestic beer. There will be a Nascar tailgate party at 2 p.m. Later on there will be a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. for a \$6 donation sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion. Music by D&K Karaoke. On Sunday, **May 12, Mother's Day**, all mothers get a flower. At 6:30 p.m. bingo starts and the kitchen will be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, **May 13**, there will be five-card bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, **May 14**, is meeting day. E-Board and Auxiliary are at 6 p.m., Legionnaires at 7 p.m. and food will be available all day. For more information, call 863-763-5309.

CPR/AED class being offered

American Heart CPR/AED class will take place on Saturday, **May 11**, at Okeechobee Emergency Operations Center, 707 N.W. Sixth St. CPR/AED will be from 9 a.m. to noon and First Aid will be from 1 to 3 p.m. One class is \$58.50 or \$75 for both. For more information, call Sara Yates at 863-532-3436 or email at sara@okeecpr.com or Chuck Akers at 772-260-9026.

Help feed families May 11

Fill a bag to help feed families on Saturday, **May 11**. Bag healthy nonperishable food items and place by your mailbox for your letter carrier to pick up and deliver to food banks and pantries in your community. Donate items such as pasta, cereal, oatmeal, canola oil, peanut butter and canned goods including beans, fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna in water, meat and sauce. Avoid glass containers.

SAR hosts monthly meeting

The Okeechobee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will host its monthly meeting on Saturday, **May 11**, at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave., at 11:30 a.m. Early Taylor of Okeechobee Family History Center will be the guest speaker. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, call 863-801-9730 or 863-801-9872.

DAR to host meeting

The Okeechobee National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will have the final meeting of the year on Saturday, **May 11**, at 10 a.m. at the Okeechobee Public Library, 206 S.W. 16th St. New members will be welcomed, new officers inducted and there will be a memorial service for members deceased in the past year.

AmVets to host bingo

The AmVets Post 200, 3651 U.S. 441 S.E., Bay 6, will host five-card bingo on Sunday, **May 12**, and Tuesday, **May 14**, from 2 to 4 p.m. This event is open to members and guests. For more information, please call 863-484-8135.

Support group meeting set

The Inner Truth Project will hold a support group for survivors of sexual trauma on the second Monday of each month starting **May 13** at Our Village Okeechobee, 1703 S.W. Second Ave. Adult meetings will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Teen meetings (13-18) will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Free coed support group will meet in a safe, encouraging space. To register, call 772-200-4599 or email: info@innertruth-project.org.

Retired Educators to meet

The Okeechobee Retired Educators Association will be holding their final meeting before summer break on Monday, **May 13**, at 11 a.m. at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave.

Church to host bingo

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St., will host bingo Monday, **May 13**, and Monday, **May 20**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. May 20 will be the last bingo for this year.

Library friends to meet

The Friends of the Library of Okeechobee will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, **May 14**, at 4:30 p.m. at the public library, 206 S.W. 16th St.

Democrats to meet

The Okeechobee Democrats will be meeting on Wednesday, **May 15**, at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave.

Hospice Yard Sales ending

Hospice, 317 S.E. Third Ave., will hold an End of Season Yard Sale Closeout on Wednesday, **May 15, 22 and 29**, from 8 a.m. to noon. A bag of clothes for \$3 and two bags for \$5. Everything else is 50% off.

Businesswomen to meet

The Okeechobee Businesswomen's Referral Network will meet on Friday, **May 17**, at Lakeside Grill, 1111 S. Parrott Ave., at 11:30 a.m. Come share information about your business and learn how others can help you grow. Bring a small exchange gift. For more information, call Raye at 863-467-2557.

Church hosts yard sale

Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., is having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, **May 18**, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be clothes, housewares, books and more.

Obituary

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

Floyd Lee Tolar, Jr., 73

MIAMI LAKES, Fla. — Floyd Lee Tolar, Jr. was born on Dec. 10, 1945 and died unexpectedly on May 1, 2019 at Aventura Hospital. A native Floridian who never lived in any other state, he was born in Wildwood, Fla. before moving to Hialeah and then Miami Lakes.



After graduating from Hialeah High School in 1963, Floyd joined the Plumbers Local Union 519 as an apprentice. His father-in-law, Vernon N. Miller, was a plumber who inspired Floyd to become a journeyman, then master plumber and finally an owner of Qualified Plumbing Co., Inc.

Floyd, who was part Cherokee, was a quiet, introspective man who enjoyed history, traveling, fishing and reading. He spent time at a vacation home in Buckhead Ridge, Okeechobee, Fla. and had friends at several Moose (Elks) Lodges # 1074 where he socialized and played cards.

He is survived by long-time partner, Elizabeth Wilson; daughter, Beverly Chew (Sean); six grandchildren including Steven Frink (Ashley), Randy Frink, Keith Chew, Brandon Chew, Diana Coshatt (Shawn) and Kristin Chew; one great-grandchild, Sean; sister, Judy Kievit (Jack); and sister-in-law, Gale Fine. Floyd was predeceased by his parents, Floyd Lee Tolar, Sr. and Elizabeth E. Tolar; and his daughter, Tammy Lee Tolar Frink.

Arrangements are being handled by John Hanks Memorial Service. The family will hold a memorial service in the future.

Stamp Out Hunger annual food drive is Saturday, May 11

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FORT LAUDERDALE — With the help of sponsors, volunteer organizations and U.S. Postal Service employees in 10,000 communities nationwide, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 27th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 11.

Making a donation is easy. Customers should leave their non-perishable food donations in a bag near their mailbox on Saturday, May 11, before their letter carrier arrives. In the days leading up to the food drive, letter carriers will be delivering

special bags, along with your mail, that may be used to make donations. Food collected during Saturday's drive will be delivered to local community churches, food banks and food pantries for distribution. Suggested items include: canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon), canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stew, macaroni and cheese), canned or dried beans and peas (black, pinto, lentils), pasta, rice, cereal, canned fruit, 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic or boxed), canned vegetables, cooking oil and boxed cooking mixes (pancake, breads).

STOP

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years. The video was prepared ahead of a meeting the Okeechobee city administrator has with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in order to display why a traffic light is needed at that intersection.

FDOT was first contacted about the need for a traffic light at the intersection back in 2001, but FDOT denied the request. After the industrial park was opened in Okeechobee a few years later, traffic issues only worsened.

"When I came on board I wanted the industrial park to grow," said Mr. Montes De Oca, who was appointed city administrator in 2015. "We're here for development and for pushing things forward, but we couldn't get traffic in and out of the industrial corridor that runs along Northwest Ninth. So

four years ago, we brought up the request again to FDOT. Three years ago we were ranked second in congestion management, but for the past two years we've been ranked first. And we're still not funded. So obviously we're not getting through to FDOT. Together with the county's support, we're pushing this right now."

Mr. Montes De Oca has two meetings scheduled in May with FDOT District 1 secretary L.K. Nandam, and he's hopeful the video of the intersection will make it clear how badly a traffic light is needed.

"We were seeing the accidents come in through the police office," said Mr. Montes De Oca. "The police officers would review the footage, and I just thought, 'Man, we need to get this out.' So hats off to Gilbert and Glades AC for helping us put this together. It's terrible seeing the accidents, but I think it conveys the point we're trying to make."

HEALTH

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Commissioner Kelly Owens said parents may know something is wrong with a child but not address it. The hardest thing as a parent may be to acknowledge there are issues with your own child, she said.

Tiara Weethee, of Suncoast Mental Health, said Suncoast started by serving the mental health needs of children and now serves children, adults and families.

Commission Chairman Terry Burroughs said the county has a mental health court, and that he has been working with County Judge William Wallace to also start a veterans court.

He said the National Association of Counties is promoting mental health court programs. The jail staff is using tools provided by these programs to identify those in the jail who have mental health issues.

"Rather than being in jail, we would like to see them get help and be productive members of our society," he said.

In other business, the county proclaimed the month of May also as Foster Care Month.

"It's poignant today that you have two proclamations on mental health and foster care," said Pat McCoy, who is on the board of directors for Communities Connected for

Kids. She said those issues, as well as the issues of substance abuse and homelessness, are connected.

Many children in foster care come from families affected by mental health and substance abuse, she explained.



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(Left to right) Pat McCoy and Derrick Fennell of Communities Connected for Kids accepted a proclamation from Commission Chairman Terry Burroughs for Foster Care Month at the May 9 meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission.



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Churches plan special events

Church of our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., is having an indoor yard sale on Saturday, **May 18**, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be nice men's and women's clothes, housewares, linens, books and much more.

The Seventh Day Christian Church, 912 N.W. Park St./S.R. 70 W., invites musicians or anyone who just wants to sing, play or listen to gospel music on Saturday nights from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a nondenominational event and the public is welcome to attend. Enjoy an evening of worshipping and singing. Friday services are held at 7:30 p.m. and Sabbath School is held on Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Treasure Island Baptist Church, 4209 Hwy. 441 S.E., comes with an exciting



Places of Worship

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message of hope, and a vision to reach out to all people in Okeechobee and the surrounding area. Pastor Douglas T. Ryan graduated from Hobe Sound Bible College. Be looking out for him in your community as he boldly encourages people everywhere to start a new exciting life with Jesus Christ as their guide. We welcome all to our family of friendly people who just seek to show you an outpouring of God's love. Our service on Sunday starts at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. We also invite all to our Wednesday or Sunday evening gathering at 6:30 p.m.

The Pentecostals of Okeechobee, 405 S.W. 10th Ave., have services on the following days and times: Sunday school, all

ages is at 10 a.m.; Sunday word and worship is at 11 a.m.; Tuesday prayer meeting is at 6:30 p.m.; and Wednesday worship, Bible study and kids church is at 7 p.m. Pastor Raymond Warren can be reached at 863-634-4567, email: penteofokee@yahoo.com, www.okeepentecostals.com. Spanish services are also available; call for times of services.

The Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, 1731 Hunter Road, invites you to enjoy its praise of God, good gospel music, and fantastic preaching by Pastor Arlen Cool. Sunday services begin with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday service at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., recently added a 2 p.m. Sunday service for those who like to sleep later on the weekends. This service is in addition to the 9 a.m. service.

Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, holds Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. and has gone to one Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come hear God's message of love and forgiveness for all people through Jesus Christ. Web site is www.plcokee.com.

The Christ Fellowship Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will hold a Cancer Support Group on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Group sessions will be a resource for encouragement, education and support. For information, call Judy at 863-532-1721 or email Cancer-SupportCF@gmail.com.

Okeechobee Church of Christ, 1401 S. Parrott Ave., is now on Facebook at www.facebook.com/okeechobeeoc/, with Evangelist Daniel Stearsman and Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email: okeecofc@gmail.com; Phone: 863-763-4477.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. The Branch President is David Allen. Sunday services are from 10 a.m. to noon. Services for youths 12 and older are held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Let the church's Family History Center build your family tree from billions of names and documents now indexed on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Free to the public. For information, call 863-467-2425.



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Community celebrates Good Friday

Episcopal Church of Our Saviour sponsored the second Annual Stations of the Cross downtown on Good Friday, April 19. Church and community members came together to share this Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' passion and death, utilizing pictorial images, scriptural readings and accompanying prayers. Pictured left to right are: Jim Lucas (Eucharistic minister), Father Jim Shevlin (rector), and Rev. Kay Mueller (deacon).

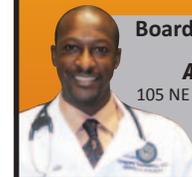


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'Fight Hunger. Spark Change' kicks off

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FORT PIERCE — Veterans, seniors, children, the working poor — across the Treasure Coast, more than 86,600 people and 25,000 children struggle with hunger. To raise awareness and combat the issue, Walmart, Sam's Club, Feeding America and Treasure Coast Food Bank are kicking off the sixth annual nationwide "Fight Hunger. Spark Change." campaign, which will run through May 20.

IRSC hosts free summer cabaret May 16

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FORT PIERCE — The Indian River State College (IRSC) Performing and Visual Arts Department invites the public to bring their blankets and lawn chairs and attend the free summer cabaret, "Salute to Contemporary Broadway: The Music of Stephen Schwartz," at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16. Viewing for this show will be from the lawn outside the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRSC Main Campus located at 3200 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Tickets are not required for this complementary performance.

IRSC Musical Theatre performers will present a spectacular summer cabaret focusing on the music of contemporary Broadway and film composer Stephen Schwartz. His creative works include the musicals "Godspell," "Children of Eden," and "Pippin" as well as movie credits including Disney's "Pocahontas" and "Prince of Egypt." One of Schwartz's best-known contributions to date is from the smash hit show, "Wicked." These shows — and more — will be featured in this memorable performance.

During the Summer, the McAlpin theatre will undergo renovations and reopen for the 2019-20 Performing Arts season this fall. For more information, call the IRSC Box Office at 772-462-4750.

Casino hiring

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BRIGHTON — Seminole Brighton Casino will host a hiring event on Tuesday, May 21, in the Bingo Hall from 1 to 6 p.m. Current openings are varied in areas such as food and beverage including positions such as supervisor, cook, steward, bartender, host/hostess, runner and server. Other areas for hiring are marketing, human resources, security, player's club, bingo, slots, table games, cashiers and casino floor attendants. Candidates (18 years of age or older) should visit gotoworkhappy.com to view the available positions and submit applications prior to the hiring event. Additionally, candidates should dress professionally and bring a valid photo ID and Social Security card to the hiring event.

This year, Sam's Club shoppers can join local Walmart shoppers across the Treasure Coast to spark a big change in the lives of these people. The goal for 2019 is to reach 1 billion meals secured for those struggling with hunger. There are three simple ways to participate — purchase a participating item in the store or online, donate in the store, or donate on Feeding America's website.

"Walmart has been a steadfast partner in the fight against hunger both nationwide and as a local partner with Treasure Coast Food Bank," said Judith Cruz, president and CEO of Treasure Coast Food Bank.

"Each year, the Fight Hunger. Spark Change campaign provides an incredible boost to our efforts to provide meals to those struggling with hunger, and we're grateful to everyone who participates."

With 749 million meals achieved over the last five years, customers and members in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee counties can help the Feeding America network secure its 1 billion cumulative meals goal in three ways. They can track the number of meals by visiting walmart.com/fighthunger.

- For every participating product purchased at U.S. Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs

or on Walmart.com during the campaign, the supplier will donate the monetary equivalent of at least one meal (\$0.10) on behalf of a Feeding America member food bank, up to applicable limits.

- Donate money to your local Feeding America food bank at participating Sam's Club and Walmart stores in the U.S.

- Donate at feedingamerica.org/Walmart.

To kick off the campaign, Walmart made a donation of \$3 million — the equivalent of at least 30 million meals — to Feeding America and member food banks.

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IRSC presents over 80 high school diplomas



Special to the Lake Okeechobee News
Graduates of the IRSC Adult Education Program celebrated earning their high school diplomas at a special ceremony April 25 at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

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FORT PIERCE — Eighty-one Indian River State College (IRSC) GED Preparation graduates participated in the Adult Education Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m. in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at the Main Campus located at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. Commencement speaker Tracy Stant, former GED graduate and cur-

rent IRSC assistant professor of accounting technology, addressed the graduates with inspirational remarks about her educational journey and career path.

Many graduates will continue their education in a certificate or degree program at IRSC. "Students enrolled in the Adult Education program have the opportunity to simultaneously begin their career while completing their high school credential," explains Dr. Kelly Amatucci, assistant dean of the IRSC School of Education. "Ongoing support is provided through mentoring and career inventories. Financial support is also available for students in need who would like to register for college courses." This year, the IRSC Foundation awarded 27 students with scholarships totaling more than \$30,000.

Twelve members of the Class of 2019 were inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society. In addition to GED Preparation, IRSC Adult Secondary Education also offers English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. For more information, call the IRSC Call Center at 866-792-4772 or visit <http://aecp.irsc.edu>.

Local teacher wins Applebee's contest

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

ALLENDALE, N.J. — Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar announced on April 11 the 11 winners of its third annual Above and "BEE"yond Teacher Essay Contest, which recognized top teachers from school districts throughout Florida and Georgia — as nominated by their students — by awarding them with a sponsorship check and end-of-year class party, courtesy of Applebee's. The contest was held at Applebee's restaurants in Florida and Georgia owned and operated by local franchisee Doherty Enterprises.

Specifically, Applebee's awarded 11 deserving local teachers with a \$500 sponsorship check to use toward teaching supplies for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Additionally, the students who nominated their teachers will receive an end-of-year party at Applebee's for their class. Students nominated candidates by submitting essays in-person at their local Applebee's explaining why their teacher goes above and "BEE"yond for their students. Contest submissions were reviewed by the local Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar team to select a winner from each district.

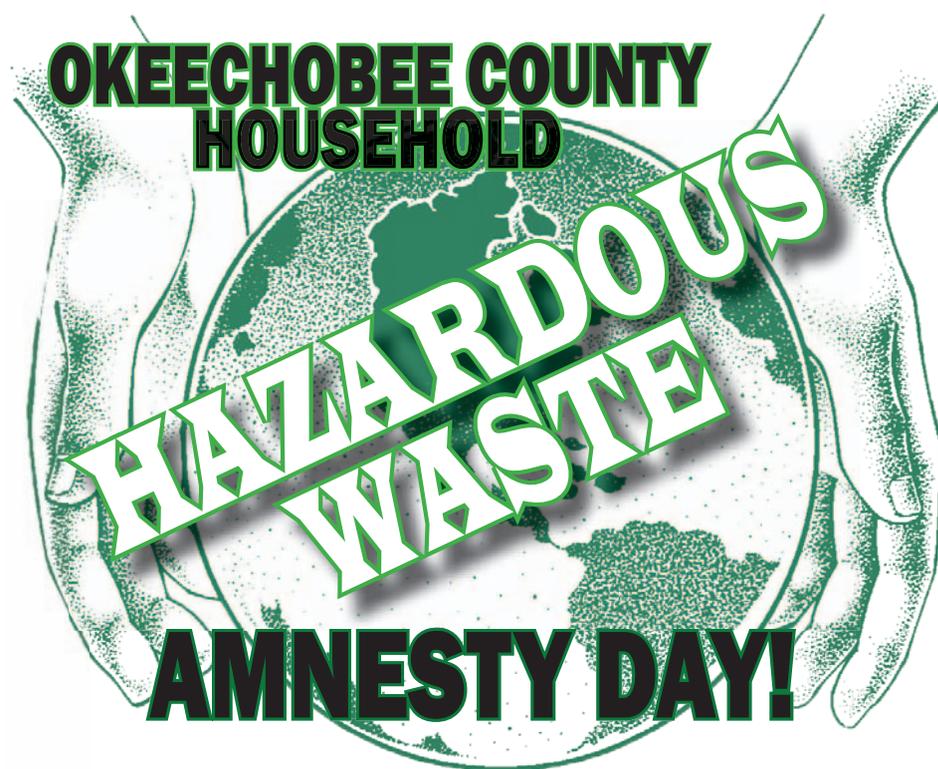
"We are excited to announce the winners of our third Annual Above and "BEE"yond Teacher Essay Contest," said Marc Prince, director of operations for Applebee's of Florida and Georgia. "Our restaurants are committed to giving back to the communities we serve, and supporting

education is a major focus of that commitment. Teachers dedicate a tremendous amount of time and resources to building a better community to live, work and play in, which extends beyond the classroom, and we wanted to honor their efforts while getting students involved in the process. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all of the teachers in our community for their hard work."

Beki Moore, of Everglades Elementary in Okeechobee County, is the among the winners of the Above and "BEE"yond Teacher Essay Contest. She received a \$500 scholarship check from Applebee's of Okeechobee.

Doherty Enterprises is committed to being involved in the communities it serves by giving back to local causes and supporting education. Each Doherty restaurant stays engaged in its neighborhood and, through donations, fundraisers, sponsorships and participation in community events, helps local organizations grow and flourish.

In addition to the Above and "BEE"yond Teacher Essay Contest, Doherty Enterprises supports education in the community year-round is through its "A is for Applebee's" program, which was created for teachers, libraries and scout leaders to use as an incentive for children to succeed and be rewarded. The program gives children an incentive to go the extra mile to help other students, read more books and make the honor roll.



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Rodeo Finals in full gear this weekend

By Richard Marion
Lake Okeechobee News

The Florida High School Rodeo Finals are taking place right here in Okeechobee at the Agri-Civic Center May 9-12.

Students from all across the state will be competing in the finals. The top 15 competitors in each event will be vying for the chance to represent the state of Florida at the High School Rodeo National Finals in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Rodeo performances start at 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. There is no charge for the public to attend, and there will be a concession stand open.

The rodeo will feature breakaway

roping, goat tying, team roping, shooting, tie-down roping, bull riding, saddle bronc riding and bareback riding.

At 6 p.m. on May 11 before the rodeo, the Florida High School Rodeo Association (FHSRA) will crown their Miss Florida High School Rodeo queen for 2019. The two contestants up for the title this year are 17-year-old Savannah Nelson from Arcadia and 17-year-old Kairah Mosley from Ogden.

The event will also feature a dodgeball tournament at 11 a.m. on May 11 where 12 teams will compete for fun before the rodeo with the goal of helping the members and friends of the Florida High School Rodeo Association to build new relationships while strengthening old ones.

Not surprisingly, Okeechobee has had some rising stars in the high school rodeo circuit in recent years.

Last year, three Okeechobee teens, McKenna Hickson, Morgan Tripp and Shelby Kirton, traveled to compete in the 26th annual International Finals Youth Rodeo in Shawnee, Okla. Hickson is also coming off world championship win in the 19-and-under girls breakaway roping category at the junior National Finals Rodeo (NFR) held in Las Vegas in 2017.

Finally, FHSRA will have an awards banquet at 12 p.m. on May 12 at the Agri-Civic Center to mark the end of the Florida High School Rodeo Finals.

FWC plans fishing grant program

Special to the Lake Okeechobee News

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) members approved staff development of an R3 Fishing Grant program at their meeting on May 1 near Tallahassee.

The FWC is striving to increase participation in freshwater and saltwater fishing through an effort known as R3 (Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation). Recruitment of new anglers, retention of active anglers and reactivation of lapsed anglers are important to the future of conservation funding. R3 programs are focused on increasing and diversifying the fishing participation rate of different age groups and backgrounds over the next 10-15 years. This rule amendment allows the FWC to offer grants to partners helping achieve participation goals, assisting with fisheries research and evaluating the effectiveness of R3 programs.

Funding derived from fishing and boating activities supports management programs tasked with ensuring Florida continues to meet the needs of stakeholders with a vested interest in Florida's aquatic resources. Much of Florida's growth is in urban areas where people are less likely to have exposure to nature-based activities. Studies have shown there is a strong interest in fishing from adults and youth who have never fished, but there are barriers and uncertainty about where to begin. Research also indicates the key motivating factors for fishing are for consumption, appreciation of the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

The intent of this grant program is to allow stakeholders the ability to partner with the FWC on facilitating R3 programs, expanding R3 reach and increasing the participation rate of under-represented fishing groups in the angling community. The FWC

is committed to working with partners to find solutions that will overcome these barriers so future generations have the knowledge and skills to become safe, successful anglers with an appreciation for Florida's natural resources.

To view the R3 Fishing Action Plan, visit MyFWC.com and click on the "Florida's R3 Fishing Action Plan" link in the center of the page. To view the R3 Fishing Grant Program Guideline Draft or for more information, contact Conor Hughes at Conor.Hughes@MyFWC.com or 850-617-6012.

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Chobee Volleyball wins again

Chobee Volleyball Academy's age 11u team won first place at the 2019 USAV ASICS Florida Volleyball Challenge held at the Orange County Convention Center on May 4 and 5. This concludes CVA's regular travel season; however, the 11u and 15u teams have qualified to extend their seasons by attending AAU Nationals in Orlando in June. CVA's 15u will be hosting a fundraiser sand tournament on Saturday, May 11, to help with costs. Pictured are: coach Kellyann Campbell, Kashyra Urbina, Miley Jimmie, Yani Smith, Alyssa Madrigal, Lindy Harwas, Savannah McCoy, Jenessa Arana, Tatiana Flores, Adleigh Schwier and Delaney Fuschwanz.

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By: City Clerk Lane Gamiotea, CMC

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A public auction will be held at TOTAL ROADSIDE SERVICES, located at 3176 Hwy 710 E, Okeechobee, 34974-3532, at 9:00 a.m. On the date listed below Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, make and model as follows:

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A public auction will be held at Gilbert Ford, 3175 Hwy 441 S, Okeechobee, FL 34974 on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid repair and storage charges on the vehicle described below:

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NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Okeechobee County Board of Adjustments and Appeals on **Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida to consider a **SPECIAL EXCEPTION** to allow for a building trades contractor with yard on premises for storage of equipment and materials in a Commercial (C) zoning district. The property owner and applicant is Stratcore, LLC. The property address is 4039 US Highway 441 SE, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING AT SW CORNER OF GOVERNMENT LOT 3, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RUN N ALONG WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID GOVERNMENT LOT 3, A DISTANCE OF 143.32 FEET; THENCE RUN S 89°14' 47" EAST A DISTANCE 235.36 FT; THENCE RUN S 07°00' 45" W, A DISTANCE OF 210 FT MORE OR LESS TO HANCOCK MEANDER LINE; THENCE RUN N 68°01'15" WEST ALONG THE HANCOCK MEANDER LINE A DISTANCE OF 201 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 73°08'45" WEST ALONG THE HANCOCK MEANDER LINE A DISTANCE OF 26.28 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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In the event that all items scheduled before the Board are not heard, the hearings shall be continued to Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING. Any person desiring to appeal any decision by the Board of Adjustments and Appeals with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Community Development tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the department. Okeechobee County Community Development Department
1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite A; Okeechobee, Florida 34972
Petition 5-2019-0775
336368 ON 5/10/2019

**CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
NOTICE OF ZONING CHANGE
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING
A CITY ORDINANCE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tues., May 21, 2019, at 6 PM**, or as soon thereafter possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Okeechobee, FL, to consider final reading for adoption of the following Ordinance into law: **No. 1184: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE BY REZONING A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM COMMERCIAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICE TO PUBLIC USE ZONING DISTRICT (PETITION NO. 19-003-R); AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDED FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The Ordinance is regarding Rezoning Petition No. 19-003-R, submitted by Mr. Bill Royce on behalf of the property owner, Okeechobee County. The property is 0.64+/- acres and is located at 403 NW 2nd Avenue. The proposed use is a government office building. **LEGAL: THE NORTH 93 FEET OF LOTS 3 THROUGH 6, OF BLOCK 107, OKEECHOBEE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The proposed Ordinance may be inspected in its entirety by members of the public at the Office of the City Clerk during normal business hours, Mon-Fri, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM, except for holidays.

ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council in support or opposition to any item on the agenda, a copy of the document, picture, video, or item **MUST** be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records.

By: City Clerk Lane Ganiotea, CMC
336756 ON 5/10/2019

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2019TD010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **SAMUEL OR SOFIA TORRES** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1876** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2017**

Description of Property: **WHISPERING PINES PLAT BOOK 3 PAGE 25 EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 25**

1-04-37-35-0010-00000-025C
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Name in which assessed:
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/s/ Frances Conner
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2019TD011

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Certificate No: **1246** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2017**

Description of Property: **LOT J OF TRACT 5 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 5 SECTION 29 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA**

1-29-34-33-0A00-00005-3000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Gather in a pile
- 6 City transport
- 9 Assume the role of
- 14 Dashed in the direction of
- 15 Fireplace remnants
- 16 Baseball's home ___
- 17 Military decoration
- 18 China : cha :: U.S. : ___
- 19 Resistance member
- 20 Misdeed exculpation
- 23 Garden product word
- 26 Lyricist Gershwin
- 27 Ages and ages
- 28 Word after photo or black
- 29 Done tidily and without stress
- 33 Skillful
- 34 Early riser?
- 35 Wyatt of the Old West
- 39 Bedouin abode
- 40 Takes out the sloop
- 42 Classic cookie
- 43 Mediocre
- 44 Suffix with alp
- 45 Models for some Adam and Eve art
- 46 Precisely
- 50 Texter's "I believe"
- 53 Louis XIV, par exemple
- 54 Badminton partition
- 55 Originally called
- 56 Exercise mantra
- 60 Minotaur's island
- 61 Overtime cause, in sports
- 62 Seashore
- 66 Brother of Moses
- 67 Right-angled pipe shape
- 68 Came to a conclusion
- 69 Slope
- 70 Prefix with -lexic
- 71 Gives medicine to

DOWN

- 3 Plus
- 4 Ollie's partner
- 5 Single singer
- 6 WWII Philippine battleground
- 7 Manipulative sort
- 8 Causing disgrace
- 9 Cooks' protective wear
- 10 Sheet music symbol
- 11 Forbidden
- 12 Consumed eagerly
- 13 Disposes of on eBay
- 21 60-min. periods
- 22 Subjects, usually, in grammar class
- 23 Bitty biters
- 24 Show with horses and bulls
- 25 Warning signs
- 30 Model Kate married to Justin Verlander
- 31 Willow twig
- 32 South Korea's capital
- 36 Elizabeth of cosmetics
- 37 Creator of yummy "pieces"
- 38 Entourage
- 40 Do what he says or you lose
- 41 Made sacred, as with oil
- 45 Observed
- 47 "Murder on the ___ Express"
- 48 Marx co-author
- 49 Cultural funding org.
- 50 Machu Picchu builders
- 51 Point of a fable
- 52 Wagner work
- 57 Huge amount, as of homework
- 58 Slick, like a garage floor
- 59 Forbidden thing, and what each of four long answers is?
- 63 Spots on television
- 64 Understand
- 65 NFL scores

Puzzle answers can be found on page 4

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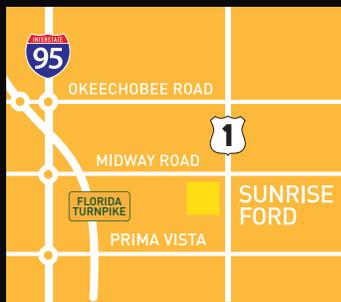


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