



# OKEECHOBEE NEWS

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**Briefs**

**Main Street to host Halloween celebration**

Okeechobee Main Street, the City of Okeechobee and Okeechobee County are hosting the Fourth Annual Halloween Celebration at the Agri-Civic Center on Highway 70 East, on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 until 9 p.m. This year's Costume Contest will be in four age groups: 0-2 from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., 3-5 from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., 6-10 from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. and 11-14 from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. Registration for the costume contest will be at the Seacoast National Bank Booth. Please help to provide a safe and fun Halloween for the children. They will have games and activities, a haunted house, a costume contest and treats! Event organizers welcome donations of treats and candy or monetary donations to purchase candy. Businesses and agencies are welcome to set up a booth for games or activities for the children. For more information, please contact Toni Doyle at 863-357-MAIN (6246).

**Trick or treat hours suggested**

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office suggests the following hours for those who trick-or-treat on Oct. 31: younger children, 5 to 7 p.m. Older children, 7 to 9 p.m. All trick-or-treaters should be off the street by 9 p.m. Children should be accompanied by an adult and follow all traffic safety rules.

**Haunted house open**

Martha's House will host a haunted house in their administrative building, 4134 U.S. 441 N, past Cemetery Road on the right from Oct. 29 through Oct. 31. The haunted house will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. and on Friday from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person with all proceeds going to Martha's House. For more information or to volunteer to help with the haunted house call 863-763-2893.

**Drought Index**

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**Local Burn Ban:** None

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## Teens accused of making bomb

Internet site showed them how to build an explosive device

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Two 14-year-old Okeechobee boys were arrested Monday after they allegedly put together and detonated an explosive device that they learned how to make

on the internet. Lenorth Lecarl King, S.W. 23rd St., and Jesus Delapaz, N.W. 21st St., were both charged with the felony of discharging a destructive device. They were both booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then turned over to their guardians.

An arrest report by Deputy Marcus Collier, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), indicated that King apparently learned how to make the device by watching a video on the YouTube internet site.

OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman said the boys evidently didn't see an accompanying video.

"That video showed a similar device blowing up in the person's hand," he said. "Parents need to be aware that YouTube is not a safe place for children to be unsupervised."

Deputy Collier stated in his arrest report that he went to a residence on S.W. 21st St. at 5:56 p.m. on Oct. 27 and was told by a man that he heard a loud explosion then saw a group of kids

in the street. He then saw King get on his bicycle and leave, continued the report.

The deputy states that King and Delapaz made the device by putting a type of acid into a plastic water bottle. They next put pieces of metal into the bottle which, when mixed with the acid, caused a chemical reaction that made the plastic bottle expand. When the bottle expands past its capacity, it explodes and sprays the contents.

Deputy Collier stated that once the plastic water bottle

was filled, the bottle was capped then shaken to mix the contents. After the bottle was shaken it was placed on the street where it detonated, added the deputy.

The report went on to indicate that other children were gathered around to watch the explosion, but no one was hurt.

"The danger is," said Detective Van Deman, "you've got acid, and a plastic container that will fragment. You're playing with fire — literally."

**IRSC: A new era of education**



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar

Indian River State College supporters gathered on Tuesday, Oct. 28, to dedicate the Williamson Conference and Education Center where (left to right) Florida Senator Ken Pruitt, Dixon-Hendry Campus Provost Sam Smith, lead donors Sonny and Betty Williamson, IRSC President Dr. Edwin Massey, and IRSC Foundation Executive Director Ann Decker cut the ribbon in honor of all of the community support that was extended for this new addition to Okeechobee.

## Williamson Center dedicated

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

Local donors and community members as well as Indian River State College board and staff gathered at the new Williamson Conference and Education Center to launch a new era of education, business and community opportunities to Okeechobee County on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

This \$5.2 million center will serve as a multi-purpose resource to support economic, community, and cultural and business development by providing a technologically sophisticated environment where local students can be educated to enhance their lives and the lives of everyone around them.

Sam Smith, provost of the IRSC Dixon-Hendry Campus, excitedly spoke of all of the extensive technology and versatile multi-functional possibilities of this 15,000 square foot building which includes a nursing, biology and computer laboratories, classrooms, a strategic planning room for business meetings, break-out meeting

rooms and a 175-seat auditorium with a covered veranda and a culinary catering kitchen for conferences and community activities.

According to Ann Decker, Executive Director of the IRSC Foundation, Inc, when they decided that they wanted to build an additional building in Okeechobee, Sonny Williamson asked her what the process was and how they could make it happen. She explained that it typically takes about five to eight years on a state list and then one has to raise the matching funds that would lock in the state funding.

This process was not what Mr. Williamson had in mind. He had to find another way. Mrs. Decker explained that another way would be to have a lead donor and get the money raised and then the time table could be pushed up. Sonny and Betty Williamson chose to make that lead donation to continue their support of Okeechobee and the future education of all of the citizens in Okeechobee.

Dr. Edwin Massey, Presi-

dent of IRSC stated that, "This opportunity today will touch thousands of lives, enhance Okeechobee County and help develop lives of those in Okeechobee. This is truly an investment into the future of Okeechobee."

During the rough economic times, students both young and older are turning to IRSC to be educated for the first time or to receive further training to hone their skills to get a better job to support their families.

This facility will foster future challenges in life science, biotechnology, nano-technology, health careers, agricultural careers, alternate energy sources and aquaculture. While all of these are not currently addressed in the new Williamson Conference and Education Center, this building will help put Okeechobee in a very competitive position to address the needs of the future.

Dr. Massey explained, "Each room is its own little world and from the moment you step in the lobby you are greeted with

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## Airport manager takes new job in New York

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

"We've lost the best man we ever had at the airport." That was the response of Okeechobee County Commission Chairman Clif Betts on the loss of airport manager Vernon Gray.

Mr. Gray will be leaving his job on Nov. 7 to become manager of Griffiss International Airport in Rome, N.Y. where he was chosen over 14 other applicants. He will supervise 30 employees. The airport has a \$5

million operating budget and a \$48 million capital improvement plan. It houses an airport maintenance firm that employs 500 people and works on commercial aircraft.

At the Okeechobee County Airport Mr. Gray is the entire



Vernon Gray

airport staff. He is currently responsible for overall maintenance, lighting, security and the government red tape involved in operating an airport. He also oversees operation of the county's approximately 80-acre industrial park that consists of 53 parcels that vary in size from 0.9 acres to 3.2 acres. With the help of the road department he reclaimed 16 acres in the industrial park that were unsuitable for industrial use.

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## Killer dog may be in the county



Submitted photo/Animal Control Sierra (left) and Pi-Pi.

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Personnel from Okeechobee County Animal Control are looking for a stray dog that is believed to have been involved in the mauling death of an elderly Collier County woman.

This dog and two others are blamed for the May 26, 2007, death of 72-year-old Carshena Benjamin, who was found dead in a ditch along Jung Boulevard, which is located in rural Collier County near the city of Naples.

Reports from the Collier County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)

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## Early voting hours extended

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

By Executive Order on behalf of the Governor Charlie Christ, early voting hours have been extended for Friday, Oct. 31 and Saturday, Nov. 1. Registered voters will now have the opportunity to vote on these days from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The regular early voting schedule will continue on Wednesday, Oct. 29, and Thursday, Oct. 30, with hours from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

An historic number of voters have registered in the state of Florida for the 2008 Election and there are only 267 early voting sites throughout the state that have had lines every day of early voting. This extensive change in voting hours was done to allow election officials

to conduct an orderly election with the least possibility of an emergency occurring before or during the regularly scheduled election, and to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process.

Early voting for the General Election began on Monday, Oct. 20. As of close of voting on Tuesday, Oct. 28, Early Voting has already allowed 24.19 percent of Okeechobee County's registered voters to cast their ballots. That equals 4,562 ballots, combining early vote and absentee ballots.

Gwen Chandler, Supervisor of Elections invites voters to come by the office located at 307 NW Second Street, to cast your ballot in this Presidential election.

Mrs. Chandler urges voters

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

**Gone fishin'**

Chris Padgett fishes with Bryton Bohannon were among those enjoying the Taylor Creek Bass Club Kids Day Fishing Tournament on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. For more photos, see page 13.

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to update their voting records if they have issues such as a new address, change of name, etc. These changes will take less time if done in the elections office during the early voting rather than waiting until Election Day. If you have any uncertainty of whether you are registered to vote or not, or where to go to vote on Election Day contact the Elections Office as soon as possible at 863-763-4014 or email elections@voteokeechobee.com.

Mrs. Chandler is expecting a 72 percent voter turnout for the General Election; 6 percent higher than the voter turnout in 2004. Remember to bring your driver's license for identification. For more information contact the Supervisor of Elections Gwen Chandler at 863-763-4014 or at the office located at 307 NW 2nd Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 or visit [www.voteokeechobee.com](http://www.voteokeechobee.com).

# Center

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the warmth of this community which built it."

In 21 years as president of IRSC, Dr. Massey had never seen a community come together as Okeechobee did to raise \$2.6 million in only six short weeks.

Through the community support, state support in the form of matching funds, and IRSC this new building will "cultivate the future of our community."

Florida Senator Ken Pruitt, District 28, presented the Florida Senate Medallion of Excellence to both Mr. and Mrs. Williamson for their lifelong contributions to education and to their community as a whole.

Each room is adorned with a donor name that contributed as a platinum donor to the Williamson Conference and Education Center. In addition many other businesses and individuals also extended their support. A self-guided tour was included in the program where everyone could go room to room and read in their program what each room can be used for and highlighted the donor names of those rooms as well.

IRSC is honored to recognize the generosity and commitment of those who have provided financial support to make the Williamson Conference and Education Center a reality.

Donors included (in alphabetical order): John and Selina Abney; Michael and Rachael Adams; Altobello Family; Edwin and Iris Arnowitz; Barron Collier Companies; Booth Foundation; Boyle Engineering; Edward and Penny Burnsed; Terry and Maureen Burroughs; Rick and Robbie Chartier; Pete and Susanne Clemons; Todd and Tina Clemons; Costopoulos and Helton, P.A.; Bert Culbreth; Dean, Mead, Minton and Zwermer; Ann L. Decker; Evans Properties, Inc.; Drs. Manuel and Trinidad Garcia; Paul and Laurie Gray; Roy Haddan and Jimmy Haddan; Richard and Jimmie Anne Haisley; Regina Hamrick; Bob and Donna Helton; Bill and Merle Hendry; David and Judy Hester; Frank and Brigitte Irby; Henry C. Kelly Estate; Dudley and Cheryl Kirton; John Louis Larson; Karen Williamson Larson; Kristin A. Larson; Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute; Allen and Mary Locke; Christa C. Luna; James and Virginia Merrill Foundation; Andrea and Steven D. Nelson; Okeechobee Discount Drugs; Gary and Judy Peterson; Raulerson Hospital; In memory of Glenda Mixon Reynolds; Mark and Billie Jean Reynolds; Riverside National Bank; Royal Concrete Concepts; Clint, Heather and Marshall Rucks; St. Lucie Medical Center; Seacoast National Bank; Seminole Tribe of Florida; G. Sam Smith; Elder M. Sumner; Jeff, Robbi and Shelby Anne Sumner; Chuck and Linda Syfrett; Emory and Onnie Walker; D.R. "Doc" and Martha Watford; Clayton and Jacques Williams; Haynes and Susan Williams; Frank and Wesley Williamson, III; John, Megan, John Wesley and Brady Williamson; Kim Elizabeth Williamson; and Witter Harvesting, Inc.

For more information about the center visit [www.irc.edu](http://www.irc.edu) or call 863-824-6000.

# Dogs

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state the three dogs -- a Corgi and two Pit Bull-mixed animals -- were taken from that area. CCSO Detective Raymond Wilkinson said the Corgi was dropped near LaBelle while the other dogs were abandoned near Potter Road in Okeechobee County.

One of those dogs, named Sierra, was captured by animal control in February of 2008, said Gary Barber, animal control supervisor. That dog, a brindle-white Pit mix, was found near Fort Drum.

"The dog was creating a nuisance and chasing kids at a bus stop," said Mr. Barber.

Sierra has since been euthanized.

The other Pit-mix is believed to still be running free in the northern part of the county, possibly in the Fort Drum area. The dog, known as Pi-Pi, is brown and white and likely weighs in the area of 70 to 75 pounds.

"There is a strong possibility this dog is still in this neighborhood and poses a very serious threat to the citizens of Okeechobee County," said Mr. Barber. "The dog is very dangerous."

He said he and other officers from animal control have been actively searching for Pi-Pi but due to a heavy case load and the area in which the dog was dropped they haven't been able to find the male animal.

Mr. Barber explained that Sierra had apparently been taken in by a family near Fort Drum.

He went on to say that once the dog was at Animal Control, photos were sent to Detective Wilkinson, who came to Okeechobee to identify the dog. The dog was then tranquilized and impressions of its teeth were taken by a forensic scientist from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Once a report was issued, it was determined that Sierra was one of the dogs involved in the killing of Mrs. Benjamin.

Mr. Barber said the dogs were

also blamed in the death of a cat and, according to CCSO reports, they may have also killed another dog in the Jung Boulevard area.

However, Detective Wilkinson said in a phone interview that no one has been or will be arrested in the case. He said the 2007 incident doesn't meet state statutes.

"The dogs had never been deemed dangerous," said the detective. "No other events have been reported."

Detective Wilkinson said Jung Boulevard is a paved street with an estimated 15 homes. However, no one saw the attack on Mrs. Benjamin, who was apparently taking her daily walk along the street when she was attacked. Her body was found in the ditch later by a neighbor.

The detective went on to say there are also small children that live along the street.

"Since this dog has already killed a person, it's natural instinct would be to be the aggressor and other dogs will back it up," said Mr. Barber. "The (Benjamin) family would like closure and would

like to know the animals are being handled in an appropriate manner."

Mr. Barber asked that if any-

one has any knowledge about the whereabouts of Pi-Pi to contact his office at 863-357-3225 immediately.

# Job

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Mr. Gray also served as interim head of the road department for several months during the difficult transition between county administrators.

When he was hired three years ago, Mr. Gray promised then-county administrator George Long that when he left, he would leave the airport in better condition than he found it. "I have kept that promise," he said recently.

County administrator Lyndon Bonner said Mr. Gray made "substantial contributions" to the airport. "We'll miss him and wish him well," he said.

"Career progression" is how the airport manager described his new job. "Okeechobee has provided me with an excellent experience in civilian aviation."

"Vernon (Gray) is a unique individual and he has been an asset to Okeechobee County and I hate to see him go," said John Abney, pilot and former county commissioner. Mr. Abney said he has developed a lot of respect for Mr. Gray and that Mr. Gray was

responsible for a lot of improvements to the airport.

Mr. Gray said he instituted a five year plan when he first came here. In a little over three years that plan has been completed.

"All my successor has to do is pick up where I left off," he said.

During his time here Mr. Gray was responsible for securing \$4 million in grants for airport improvements. He recommended to Mr. Bonner that his successor be familiar with applying for Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation grants.

Under Mr. Gray's leadership, an automated weather system was installed at the airport. The automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) provides 24-hour information that is updated every 20 minutes. Pilots can receive the latest weather information by radio 50 to 75 miles away. The public can also receive this same weather information by calling 863-467-1148. The project, which cost \$59,000, not counting installation, was funded by a Federal Aviation Administration grant.

In late 2005, under Mr. Gray's leadership, apron lights were installed providing more safety and security. They allow pilots

to land and refuel at any time of the night. With three clicks of the microphone button, incoming pilots can activate the apron lights, runway and taxiway lights for 20 minutes.

The master plan of the airport was updated last year. Also last year a 300 KW generator capable of furnishing power for all airport operations during emergency conditions was installed.

When Mr. Gray first came to the airport in June of 2005, there were 44 noted deficiencies in the areas of safety, security, maintenance and management. Of those 44 deficiencies, all are either resolved, or corrective actions are in progress or programmed.

The Okeechobee County Airport was the cover story in the Fall 2008 edition of "Florida Flyer," the official publication of the Florida Department of Transportation Aviation Office.

Mr. Gray came to Okeechobee County after 22 years in the navy in the aviation field and 16 years as a civilian defense contractor in the aviation field.

# Okeechobee Forecast

**Wednesday:** Sunny with a high near 71. Winds from the north-west around 5 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly clear with a low around 43. Winds from the northwest around 5 mph.

# Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

# Lotteries

The Florida Lotto — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 0-7-5; **Play 4:** 0-9-1-3; **Fantasy 5:** 7-19-27-28-33. Numbers selected Tuesday are: **Cash 3:** 3-5-9; **Play 4:** 2-6-6-6.

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# Inmate found hiding inside jail's ceiling

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

An inmate at the Okeechobee County Jail was re-arrested after he was found hiding in the ceiling of the facility's visitation area.

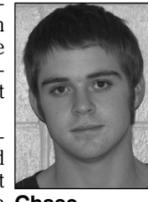
Chase Everett Zureich, 23, S.E. 96th Ave., was charged with the felony of attempt to escape and the misdemeanor of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$16,000.

Zureich was found clinging by his hands to the soft metal channel that holds ceiling tile in place, stated an arrest report by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish. The report states that the man also had his legs wrapped around a piece

of conduit.

Lt. Murrish stated that the man refused to come down and had to be physically pulled from the ceiling, which damaged the metal channel and bent the conduit.

The lieutenant said the incident began when Detention Deputy Jermaine Wright asked the supervisor the whereabouts of Zureich. After being told that the inmate was in the visitation area, Deputy Wright



**Chase Everett Zureich**

stated that he did not see the inmate there and went on to say there was ceiling tile on the floor.

Accompanied by other officers, Lt. Murrish went to the area and stated that Zureich was nowhere to be seen and that ceiling tile was lying on the floor. Sergeant Frank Prescott and Deputy Wright stood on chairs and looked above the drop ceiling. Zureich was found above the drop ceiling on the south side of the room.

Lt. Murrish stated in his report that the ceiling tile, metal channel and the conduit will have to be replaced.

# Double wide trailer heavily damaged in fire

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

No one was injured Tuesday evening after a fire broke out at 5801 N.W. 20th Street off Mitchell Road, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue said.

Both Okeechobee County Fire Rescue and Okeechobee City firemen responded to the scene just before 5:30 p.m.

The fire report from para-

medic Jacob Stevens noted the double wide was fully involved as firemen pulled up. Four units and eight firemen from the two departments battled the blaze. The report said they were on the scene for close to three hours.

The estimate of property damage was placed at \$65,000, Stevens said. That estimate included losses to family possessions of close to \$20,000.

The firemen were hampered for a time due to the fear of ammunition located inside the home going off due to the flames. They were able to water down that area of the home so the risk of ammunition going off was eliminated.

The origin was not immediately known. The State Fire Marshall was contacted to investigate the cause of the blaze, the report said.

# Assault charge upgraded

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

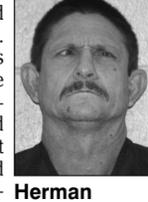
An Okeechobee man was charged with a felony after he reportedly entered a mobile home without permission and punched a man who was sleeping on the couch.

Herman Wesley Kaufman, 47, N.W. 42nd Ave., was charged with burglary of a dwelling with assault or battery. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$20,000.

Records at the Okeechobee County Jail indicate that Kaufman was originally arrested on Sept. 23 — the day of the alleged

event. However, he was re-arrested on Oct. 24 on an Okeechobee County warrant that upgraded the charge.

Those records indicate that the man was originally charged with one count of burglary and one count of battery. His bond at that time was set at \$10,500.



**Herman Wesley Kaufman**

An arrest report by OCSO Deputy Sergeant Cliff Gill states that Kaufman entered the victim's home around 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 23 and hit the 18-year-old man in the face as he slept on the couch.

The victim had a red area around his eye that was "consistent with a hand strike to the eye," stated Sgt. Gill's report.

Sgt. Gill states in his report that Kaufman was apparently angry at the victim over a family situation. Kaufman and the victim are not related.

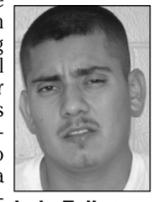
# Man OK after running car into local business

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was apparently uninjured after he ran into a business on S.R. 70 W. as he was reportedly trying to elude officers from the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD).

Luis Felipe Garcia, 22, N.W. 38th Ave., was charged with fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$7,500.

Officer Eddings stated that he joined in the pursuit which continued along S.R. 70 W. until the driver, later identified as Garcia, lost control and ran into the La Mexicana store in Garibaldi Plaza. Garcia then bolted from his vehicle and ran from the scene



**Luis Felipe Garcia**

on foot, continued the report.

Officer Almazan was able to apprehend Garcia without further incident.

The OCPD report added that Garcia apparently ran into another vehicle in the El Amigo De Todos parking lot. The owner of the second vehicle told Officer Eddings that she had to "jump out of the way" of Garcia's vehicle because she feared he was going to run over her.

## Arrest Report

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

- Shamy T. Tommie, 23, Sally Tommie Way, Fort Pierce, was arrested Oct. 25 by Officer T. Turner on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.
- Raonel Palacios, 23, S.W. 22nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 25 by Deputy Howard Pickering on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$3,500.
- Vernon B. Ervin, 35, N.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 26 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a charge of felony criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$2,500.
- Henry Robert Jenkin, 44, S.E. 33rd Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 27 by Sergeant Dawn Wendt on a felony charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender and possession of counterfeit validation sticker. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of attaching an unsigned license tag. His bond was set at \$5,500.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

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**GREEN MARKET:** Editor's note: A comment about Okeechobee Main Street's Farmer's Market was in error. The caller apparently was looking at a web site that had old information. The Green Market is no longer in operation. We regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.

**HALLOWEEN:** Parents, Please make sure your children understand that when the porch and/or yard lights are off, there are no treats. So don't knock at the door. When I am home and plan on giving out treats both my porch and yard light are on. When treats are gone or I am not home the lights are off and I don't want to be bothered. My dogs go crazy enough when the kids come so after the lights are off, Please don't ring the bell. This is a good way to know who has treats and who doesn't want to be bothered. Have a Happy Halloween.

**TRICK OR TREAT:** I think the pumpkin idea is fine. If you want trick-or-treaters to know your house has treats, put out a lighted jack-o-lantern or if you don't have a pumpkin, turn on the porch lights. If the porch lights are off and there is no jack-o-lantern, kids should leave that house alone. Not everyone wants to celebrate Halloween, but there are plenty of folks who do. If you run out of treats, turn off the light or blow out the candle.

**PRAYER AND FASTING:** this is an important election for our country. I think prayer and fasting is appropriate for one feels so led by God. For me fasting has more to do with helping me get focused on God and to hear his direction more clearly. I do not believe fasting has any sway over God or influence to change events. I believe it does more for the one fasting. But there are many recorded national fasts in scripture when God directed his people to pray and fast during times of national importance.

**CRISIS:** The things we believe can fix an economic crisis if we vote right and are alert to what is going on with the government. Also we can do something about our personal actions regarding the fuel situation. Less demand has brought the price of gas down. Unfortunately the lesser demand has been caused by crooks in the banking industry and those who did what they could to force the banks to lend to people who didn't have the where-with-all to repay the loans. In addition the greedy real estate brokers and speculators doing what they could to drive up prices and cash in. The country is in the kind of trouble we are now because of a bunch of crooks in high places, whether the place be someones position or bank account. T. Boone Pickens is a Republican who is trying to promote energy sources that can be put into use immediately as well as other measures that in the long run will break our dependence on foreign oil. Obama is not going to do it for us.

**NEWS:** On television Sunday night I saw two very interesting segments about the current economy. One was about the cause of the economic crisis, and they went back to 2000 when the banking and finance industry was deregulated, and the kinds of speculation which until that time were illegal, were then allowed. That deregulation, which was signed into law by Bill Clinton, is the reason things went so wrong on Wall Street and with the banks. George Bush has made plenty of mistakes too, but the banking crisis goes back to legislation passed by a lame duck Congress and signed into law by Bill Clinton. It took nearly eight years for the effects of that deregulation to hit us but now we are really in trouble.

**AMENDMENT 2:** I want to set a good example for my children and grandchildren and because I do, I Will Be Voting Yes On Amendment Two. Our Family and Our Church believes that marriage should be between a man and a woman. Children should have both a mother and a father, and they should be of different genders.

**CONSTITUTION:** The Constitution should NEVER be used to limit, take away rights or to propel one's religious beliefs on society as a whole. This goes against the very foundation of what America was built on. I am a Christian, however I do not believe in forcing or legislating my beliefs on anybody. Is that what the Christian Right means when they call us a Christian Nation, that Christianity should be the State Religion. God forbid that we ever lose sight of what history has taught us.

**FALL BACK:** Don't forget to change your clocks on Nov. 2. And don't forget it's spring forward, fall back.

**BALANCE OF POWER:** There seems to be a big deal over the fact the Senator John McCain voted in favor of President Bush's policies 90 percent of the time. Not a big deal as for them to have been approved it took many more votes in favor than just Senator John McCain's. I am sure Senator Obama probably voted in favor with some of President Bush's policies. If the House, Senate and Congress have the power to work with or against the President of the United States then why do people worry about who they vote for? The President is the one that applies policies, it does make a difference since each candidate has different views on how they want to run the country and how they want to deal with foreign countries. The President can influence the House/Senate, but does not have control. It's the basis for our "checks and balances." No one branch, Executive (Pres), Legislative (Congress) or Judicial will have the most power. The President also may have to appoint Supreme Court Justices, these appointments are likely to affect how our constitution is interpreted. Congress writes laws and allocates the spending for the nation the problem is that they don't necessarily spend it the way the people of America want it spent, they spend it along party lines. If one particular party doesn't have a 2/3 majority the President can veto those spending bills. My solution would be to have a web page so that American citizens can vote on each spending bill thereby forcing congress to do OUR work and not theirs. The President will appoint personnel that he believes will best serve the country. If the President is a Socialist, he is likely to pick other Socialists. Many of us, meaning Americans, are not Socialists. We worry about that. In my non professional opinion, the two party system no longer works. If we get a Republican President (like we have now) and a Democratic Congress (also, like we have now), then we end with a government that finds itself in a constant stalemate because they're always at one another's throats. On the other hand, if we get a Democratic Congress with a Democratic President, or a Republican President with a Republican Congress, then we wind up with one side or the other calling all the shots.

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE:** The Electoral College maintains a federal system of government and representation. The House of Representatives was designed to represent the States according to the size of their population. The Senate was designed to represent each State equally regardless of its population. And the Electoral College was designed to represent each State's choice for the presidency with the number of each State's electoral votes being the number of its Senators plus the number of its Representatives. To abolish the Electoral College in favor of a nationwide popular election for president would strike at the heart of the federal structure and would lead to the nationalization of our central government. Indeed, if we become obsessed with government by popular majority as the only consideration, should we not then abolish the Senate which represents States regardless of population? Should we not correct the minor distortions in the House by changing it to a system of proportional representation? This would accomplish "government by popular majority" and guarantee the representation of minority parties, but it would also demolish our federal system of government.

**BE CAREFUL:** Please be careful during the upcoming holidays. So you know, the Christmas parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13. Please use designated drivers if you drink. Please watch for others who do not and call 911 if you see drunk drivers. Guide the officers to your location and they'll do the rest.

**EMAILS:** You can stop the brainwashing emails going out to all the sheep in the Democratic and Republican parties by registering independent. Both parties are corrupt, Vote out all incumbent, state and federal.

# Letters to the Editor

## Halloween

In response to comments about the Halloween festival at the Agri-Civic Center, I would like to make it clear that the event is an optional alternative to door-to-door trick or treating.

In speaking with Sheriff May, he confirmed that children are still able to do the traditional neighborhood walk. He has not banned it.

When we talk about the safety of children, it's not just about "bad candy". It's about streets with no lights, streets with no sidewalks. It's about the safety of children walking on the sides of the streets in the dark. This can be worse if it is raining. I've had elderly neighbors tell me their concerns about opening their doors at night, especially when it's later and the teenagers are out.

This event is a safe and fun alternative for those who want to attend. For those who did not attend last year, it was an amazing event to watch the thousands of children in costume having fun playing games, keeping dry in a torrential rainstorm, competing in a costume contest, and leaving with smiles and a bagful of candy. This year the COPS have created a haunted house and a land of the Wizard of Oz. There are other alternatives also. Some of the local churches host a festival for their

children.

It's all about choices. Have a safe and Happy Halloween, whatever you choose.  
**Maureen Burroughs  
President  
Okeechobee Main Street**

## Three character traits of an ideal American

What makes an ideal American? Is it one's outside appearance or the money they possess? Is it the popularity maintained in our worldly society? I do not think so. I believe Americans should be made of more superior attributes than that even if they are not always displayed. Character should be the primary goal of an ideal American. Although every character trait one can acquire is seemingly important, three traits that I believe are especially influential to all Americans are honesty, a forgiving heart, and a sense of responsibility not only to one's country but to God and family as well.

The first character trait that is not necessarily most important, but is a valuable one to have is honesty. Honesty should be present in every situation. The truth is always needed even if it brings your image down at first. It is always needed even if it brings correction to one's self. It is always



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## Horse needs a home

**Peanut, a 20-year-old Cracker horse, is in need of a home. She is a good horse but has some issues. She is blind in one eye, and caregivers are still working with trust issues. Anyone interested in adopting Peanut, please contact Sue Bonham call 863-763-6959. Donations of feed, hay and other horse care items are also welcome.**



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the best policy and will set your conscience at ease. God will reward your efforts in the end, and He should always be the first in mind for us to please.

A second trait that is essential to an American is having a forgiving heart; though it is not always easy to forgive those who have hurt you or insulted you. We should keep in mind that no one is perfect except for Jesus, and one should strive to be forgiving just as He forgave those who crucified Him.

Besides these two character traits, an equally important if not more important trait every ideal American should contain is a sense of responsibility to one's country, one's family, and most importantly God. Every American has a special responsibility once they turn 18 to vote. It is important to express an interest in the people who lead our country even if it seems our one small vote does not make a difference. Responsibility to family is something needed in many American's today. God expects us to care and lead our families under His will and protection. Responsibility to God is the most precious trait to possess. If it were not for Him, we would not have our lives or a world to live in. God loved us so much that He gave His life and died for us. The least we can do

is give our lives to serve Him. Because now as Christians we have life eternal to enjoy through Him.

Character is needed in every ideal American. The three traits of honesty, forgiveness, and a sense of responsibility can help us live better lives and lead others if we will only reach out and acquire them.

**Kaley Dees**

## Mobile home owners

It is common among mobile home owners like me to feel like our elected officials find our interests less important than those of site built home owners. But I have never felt that way about Senator JD Alexander.

Senator Alexander understands the needs of mobile home owners and has consistently stood up for our interests. He has been a good friend to our community and other mobile home communities in his district and I will be proud to cast my vote for him this year.

**Bill Williams,  
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# Community Calendar

## Wednesday, Oct. 29

**Martha's House** support groups meet each Wednesday. Spanish groups meet from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace. Ana Romero is the group facilitator. Another group meets in the Okeechobee County Health Department, 1798 N.W. Ninth Ave., from 5 until 6 p.m. with Irene Luck as the group facilitator. There is another meeting from 6 until 7 p.m. with Shirlean Graham as the facilitator. For information, call 863-763-2893.

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street Okeechobee, FL 34972, (Behind Napa Auto Parts), **A.A.** Grapevine Group, Open Discussion, 6:30 p.m.; **N.A.** Nowhere Left To Go Group 8 p.m., Open Discussion. *The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.*

**A.A.** meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 200 N.W. Second St. It's an open meeting.

**A.A.** meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St. It will be a closed discussion.

## Thursday, Oct. 30

**Tantie Quilters** meet every Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum on U.S. 98 N. For information call Margaret at 863-467-8020, or Marie at 863-357-0868.

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street (Behind Napa Auto Parts), **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group, Basic Text, 8 p.m. *The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.*

**A.A.** Closed big book meeting from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St.

**Prayer group** meets at 10 a.m. at the Community Center, 412 N.W. Sixth St. For information, call 863-763-5996.

**Christian Fellowship Prayer** group meets at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall at 412 N.W. Sixth St. For information, call 863-763-5996.

**Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee** will meet from noon until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64 501 SE Second St. All Kiwanis and the public are welcome. For information, contact Frank Irby at 863-357-1639.

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly No. 47** will meet from 5 until 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. Please join us or ask questions. Call Phyllis at 863-467-8636 or Hazel at 863-763-4920 for information.

**Cowboys for Christ** will meet at Dunklin Memorial, 407 N.W. Third Ave. Everyone is invited. For information, call Mike Fletcher at 863-357-6257.

**Grieving parents support group** is a nondenominational group of parents who meet every Thursday from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Red Cross building classroom, Court Plaza, 323 N. Parrott Ave. To help support and comfort one another after the loss of a child through shared experience. For information call Georgene at 863-763-2957 or Melanie and Tony at 863-763-4149.

**Martha's House Inc.** sponsors weekly support groups for women who are, or have been, affected by domestic violence and abusive relationships. The support groups are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-2893, or call Shirlean Graham or Irene Luck at 863-763-2893 or 863-763-0202.

**Free Adult Basic Education/GED and English as a second language classes** will meet from 7 until 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St.

**Okeechobee Outreach Hope Narcotics Anonymous** will meet from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. For information, call Hugh Lambert at 863-763-7185.

**Ongoing Caregiver Support Group** Hospice of Okeechobee and the Area Agency on Aging sponsor a caregiver support group every Thursday at 2 p.m. Anyone who is caring for an ill family member is welcome to join. The group is facilitated by social workers and provides an opportunity for caregivers to give one another support, information and ideas. The meetings are held at Hospice at 411 S.E. Fourth St. For information, call 863-467-2321.

New Beginning's meeting of **Narcotics Anonymous** will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Believers Fellowship Church, 300 S.W. Fifth Ave. It will be an open discussion meeting. For more information call Monika Allen at 863-801-3244.

**A.A.** meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. This will be an open meeting.

**Family History Center** meets from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. Anyone interested in finding who your ancestors are is welcome to attend. There is Census, IGI (International Genealogical Index), Social Security Death Index and military information available. For information, call Mim Kapteina at 863-763-6510.

**Narcotic Anonymous (NA)** meets at Believers Fellowship, 300 S.W. 6th Ave. at 7 p.m. For information call Monika at 863-801-3244. **Classic car show** at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave., from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

**Okeechobee County Cancer Support Group** welcomes all cancer patients, survivors and supporters to attend, support and encourage each other. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 SW Fourth St., Okeechobee, (entrance is the door to the W in front of church). Please contact Susie Pickering at 863-467-5831 or First Baptist Church at 863-763-2171 for more information.

## Friday, Oct. 31

**Tops Take off Pounds Sensibly #669** meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. All persons interested in a sensible approach to losing weight and becoming part of a caring group are welcome to come and see what we are all about. For information, contact Ollie Morgret at 800-932-8677.

# Wrongful death lawsuit filed against local firm

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

The surviving spouse of a man who was left paralyzed when a 6' by 9' foot piece of granite fell on him at a local business, has sued in Okeechobee Circuit court amid a negligence and wrongful death claim against the company.

Alicia Col, the personal representative of the Enrique 'Henry' Maaz Estate, filed the litigation in October against Advanced Stone Technology, Inc. who does business as Expo Stone, Incorporated.

Attorney John DeLeon of Ft. Lauderdale filed the claim.

The legal documents allege the company invited Mr. Maaz onto the property in the Okeechobee County industrial park on N.W. 16th Blvd on Nov. 15, 2006. While he was a visitor of the property, the granite reportedly fell on his head and left

him paralyzed.

The litigation claims the granite was stored in a negligent manner.

Mr. Maaz became a paraplegic and was never able to recover. He died after numerous surgical procedures on Dec. 15, 2006.

The litigation which names Mrs. Col and her three children as plaintiffs, asks for damages that exceed \$15,000. The lawsuit seeks damages for mental pain and suffering, future earnings, medical and funeral expenses, loss of support, and other claims.

The Maaz family lives in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Maaz has a 10-year-old son, a 6-year-old daughter, and a 28 year old daughter.

OSHA Spokesman Les Grove said his office had no record of an investigation involving that company in Okeechobee.

# Jobless rate near double digits

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

The unemployment rate remained at 9.9 percent in September as the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor

Market Statistics Center reported that 1,844 Okeechobee residents collected unemployment checks during those 30 days.

1,835 collected unemployment during August, which was slightly lower than the September

jobless rate.

The jobless rate this year is much higher than the rate reported in September, 2007. There were 1,178 residents on the unemployment line last year. Okeechobee had the fifth highest jobless rate among the state's 67 counties last month.

Glades County had 409 people out of work last month a rate of 8.2 percent. That compared to 414 who were unemployed in

August, a rate of 8.5 percent. Last September Glades County had 276 people unemployed, a jobless rate of 6.0 percent. Glades County was 14th highest among the state's 67 counties last month in terms of unemployment.

The state jobless rate was 6.8 percent in September. The highest rate was found in Henry County, where 14.1 percent of workers were jobless. The lowest rate was in Walton County, 4 percent.



Submitted photo

## Check presentation

Waste Management's Jenny Pung presents a check in support of the Okeechobee Blood Roundup, to Raye Deusinger, Roundup Chairman. This is the third year Waste Management has underwritten the blood drive which will be held November 14 and 15. They are holding a poster showing a lasso-throwing, boot-wearing Blood Drop which the elementary school children of Okeechobee are having a contest to name. Each class selects a name for Blood Drop. One name is selected from each school and will be voted on by Raulerson Hospital officers. Their choice will become the official name for Blood Drop for future drives. The decision will be made just before the Roundup.

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## Community Events

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Friends of the Okeechobee Library Book Club will meet on Thursday, **Oct. 30**, at 7 p.m. in the Okeechobee County Library Board Room. The group will suggest titles for the next six months and vote on them. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite Halloween cookie. For more information call Jan Fehrman at 863-357-9980.

### Blood transfusion program at library

In anticipation of the November Roundup, representatives of The Okeechobee Blood Roundup and Florida's Blood Centers will be at the Okeechobee Library from 11 to 2, **Oct. 30**. A talk on the history of blood transfusion will begin at 11 followed by a video on the value of donating. A question and answer information session will follow. For information, call Raye at 610-2176.

### BHR VFD to host spaghetti dinner

BHR VFD will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Donation of \$. Call 863-532-9015 or 863-467-8220 for information.

### Eagles 4137 plans party and yard sale

Friday, **Oct. 31** the Eagles 4137 will hold a steak night/Halloween party. Best dressed guy and girl will receive a \$25 gift card for Wal-Mart for their prize; Saturday, Nov. 1 - Sunday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. until noon the Lady's Auxiliary will hold a yard sale. All proceeds from yard sale will go towards 2009 Snowball Charities; Sunday, Nov. 2 from 9 until 11 a.m. breakfast will be served for a \$5 donation. You may begin dropping yard sale items off during the week of Oct. 26-Oct. 31. For further information call 863-763-2552.

### Friends of the Okeechobee Library Board Election

The election of officers for the Friends of the Okeechobee Library Board for the coming year will be held on Tuesday, **Nov. 4** at 4:30 p.m. in the library board room. The nominations are as follows: Marion Davis, President; Jan Fehrman, Vice-President; Hazel Parnis, Secretary; Renee Witter Treasurer, Janet McKenna, Membership Chairman. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The public is invited to attend. The board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Okeechobee Library Board Room and is open to the public.

### IRSC hosts Hispanic Health Fair

The Public is Invited to this Free Event

Indian River State College, the Mexican Consulate and other healthcare agencies will co-sponsor a health fair focusing on the Hispanic community Saturday, Nov. 1. Agencies will be conducting various screenings for HIV, cancer, diabetes and dental issues. IRSC will also provide information about its educational programs and services. The event is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Koblegard Student Union at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Over ten agencies will provide information and screenings for the Hispanic community on health and safety issues including hypertension, diabetes, sexually transmitted diseases, heart disease, obesity, nutrition, dental health, women's health, mental health and more.

### United Way sponsors Day of Caring

United Way of Okeechobee members and many community volunteers are sponsoring a "Day of Caring" on **Nov. 1**, at 8 a.m. in Okeechobee. This is a day the United Way has set aside to thank the Okeechobee Community for supporting them and to bring awareness to our community that United Way is here. United Way members have chosen a home in Okeechobee that is in need of painting and landscaping. Also planned on the same day is a group of Community in Schools partners will paint the skate board office at the Skate Board Park. For more information please call 863-634-0915.

### OHS Class of 1979 plans reunion

Join in a celebration at the 30 year reunion of the Class of 1979 for Okeechobee High School on Friday, **Nov. 7**. The Class of '79 will gather at the homecoming football game at 7:30 p.m. After the game, they will meet at Kahootz for refreshments and to reminisce with old friends. Saturday, Nov. 8 there will be a dinner dance at Good Spirits special event room. Meet and greet friends at Happy Hour in the Tiki bar at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. with dancing afterwards. For information and tickets go to www.OHS1979.ClassQuest.com or call Diane Mitchum Prescott at 863-634-1257. Class of '79 members are encouraged to spread the word about the reunion.

### Class of 99' reunion planned

Plans are in motion for the Class of 1999 reunion on the weekend of **Nov. 7-8**. For more information go to www.myspace.com/OHS1999 or email OHS99-GRADS@yahoo.com.

### Wildlife Center holds open house

Arnold's Wildlife and Rehabilitation Center will hold an open house on Saturday, **Nov. 8**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. It will be held at 14895 N.W. 30th Terrace. Adult tickets are \$10 and children under twelve years of age are \$5. Be sure to visit the half-acre free-roaming butterfly garden. There are also thirty different species of native and exotic animals for you to see and photograph. A lunch of hot dogs, chips and a drink will be available for a donation. There will also be activities for the children. Go north on 441 until you get to the flashing light. Turn left and go west for about two miles and look for the Arnold Wildlife sign. For more information or directions please call Sue Arnold at 863-763-4630.

### OHS reunion - 1950 through 1959

A reunion will be held for those that graduated or were in Okeechobee High School in the 1950s. The event will be held Nov. 8 at the Shrine Club. If you know someone who should be invited send that name to Betty Williamson, P.O. Box 248, Okeechobee, FL, 34973. Also if you are eligible and have changed your address in the past five years please let them know so you can have more information sent to you. The occasion is sponsored by the Okeechobee Historical Society and any profit will assist with projects such as two \$500 scholarships given each year to a deserving senior female and male student.

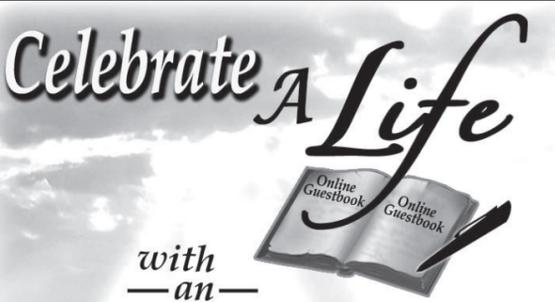
### Croppin' Crew to meet

The "Croppin' Crew" scrapbookers will hold an all-day crop on Saturday, **Nov. 8**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This month the crop will take place at Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane. There will be a hands-on demonstration of eyelets and brads to add a little pizzazz to your scrapbooking and cardmaking projects. All levels of scrapbookers are welcome. Please bring a covered dish if you wish to participate in our pot luck luncheon. Bring any scrapbook pages on which you are currently working. For more information call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.

### Chamber luncheon planned

The new Okeechobee chamber of commerce luncheon will be on Wednesday, **Nov. 12**. Sean Moore with the Small Business Development Center will be speaking. Their services include Free, confidential one on one counseling for prospective or cur-

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### Annie Lee Smith, 83

OKEECHOBEE — Annie Lee Smith, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008. She was 83.

She was born Nov. 12, 1924, to the late Phillip A. Smith and Willie Smith.

She worked as a night counselor for Eckerd Youth Alternatives. Having come to Okeechobee from Orlando in the 1930s she was a 1943, graduate of Jones High School in Orlando and member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

She enjoyed going to church, cooking, sewing, and spending time with her family and grandkids. She was raised by her grandmother after her mother passed away.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Jackson (George) and Marion Smith both of Okeechobee and Wanda Smith of Tampa; grandchildren, Edith Wilcher (Anthony), Ray Smith, Sharon Smith, George Jackson III (Vivian), Myron Jackson (Sherley), Phillip Smith, Steven Smith, Aliceson Smith, Meredith Smith; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. until service time at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31 at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery. Pastor L.T. Camel will officiate.

Friends may sign the guest book at [bassokeechobeefuneralhome.com](http://bassokeechobeefuneralhome.com).

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. 2nd St., Okeechobee.

### James Robert

#### Story Sr., 71

OKEECHOBEE — James Robert Story Sr., of Okeechobee, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. He was 71.

Born April 15, 1937, in Kenansville, he had been a lifetime resident of Okeechobee.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Yates Story.

He is survived by a son, James Robert Story Jr. (Priscilla) of Okeechobee; brothers, Earl Story of Okeechobee, Wayne Williams of Lakeland; five grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or services.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 North East 5th Street, Okeechobee.

View obituaries from the past month at <http://www.legacy.com>

### Mirtelina 'Taty'

#### Castro, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Mirtelina "Taty" Castro, of Okeechobee, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, in John F. Kennedy Hospital.

Born October 20, 1940 in Puerto Rico, she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 20 years and enjoyed Church, photo albums, and collecting Angels.

She is survived by her husband Alfredo Lobato; daughter, Edna Malagon (Luis) of Okeechobee; sons, Louis Rodriguez of Miami Beach, Raul Estemera (Sandra) of Orlando, Alex Estemera (Janet) of Okeechobee, Joey Estemera of South Bay, Christopher Estemera (Bridgett) of Okeechobee, Julio Castro of Okeechobee; 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Saturday in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel starting at 6 p.m. until service time of 2 p.m. on Sunday which will be held at the En Cuentro, Con Dios.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 North East 5th Street, Okeechobee.

### Joseph Alton O'Dell, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Joseph Alton O'Dell, of Okeechobee, died Monday, Oct. 27, 2008, in Columbia Hospital. He was 71.

Born July 18, 1937, in New Tazewell, Tenn., he had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1988 and was a member of the North Church of God and the B.A.S.S.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Elsie (England) O'Dell; son Ronald O'Dell; sister, Molly; and brother, Douglas.

He is survived by a wife, Tina O'Dell of Okeechobee; son, Roy O'Dell (Tina Jarrell O'Dell) of Okeechobee; sisters, Studie Mae Andrews of North Carolina, Glenetta Shoffner (Bill) of Tennessee, Jenetta Shoffner (Doyle) of Tennessee; several nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Joey, Jessica, Jeanne; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at the North Okeechobee Church of God. Burial will be at a later date in Hopper Cemetery, Claiborne County, Tenn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Teen Anglers Association.

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# Extension Service: How Does Your Garden Grow?

By Dan Culbert,  
Extension Horticulture  
Agent

## Greenhouse vegetables

What are the best vegetables to grow in a greenhouse? What is the best soil to use for planters in a greenhouse? - Steve

Almost any kind of vegetable can be grown in a greenhouse, but as space is often limited, choose those that can be staked, climbing plants that can be trained to a trellis or those that are able to stand up on their own. Plants that provide a continuous crop are also a better choice than ones that are completely harvested.

Also consider how long it will take to grow the crop to maturity. Long-season plants may be an inefficient use of expensive greenhouse space. Popular greenhouse plants could include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, pole beans and peas plus most herb plants. Among those that would take up a lot of space but give limited amount of produce would be sweet corn, sweet potatoes, and watermelons.

Almost any vegetable can be grown in a greenhouse, but in our area, equal gardening success at a reduced cost can be done out-

side. Cool season plants like collards and other cole crops will make it through all but the most severe hard freeze.

The best greenhouse soils would be the artificial soil mixes found at garden centers. See the UF Bulletin "Mini-gardening" (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH032>) for more hints on selecting plants and container soils.

## Vegetable Fertilizers

What is the best fertilizer for vegetables? I was told that it was best to use composted cow manure. How do you know when to fertilize vegetables? - Charlie

Fertilizers used in the vegetable garden can be either slow release or quick release. The amount applied and the frequency will be much different depending on which is used.

Slow release fertilizers are often called "organic" fertilizers, and are usually a more expensive form of nutrients. Before being absorbed, they must be changed into soluble forms that can be taken up by the plant roots. They are often added to garden bed soils when planted, and supplemental "side-dressings" may be added throughout the crop's growing season.

Quick release nutrients are often in-organic forms that are

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ready to be taken into the vegetable plant, but they also can be washed out of the soil if there is too much rain (or irrigation).

Composted cow manure is an organic source, but the relative amount (called the analysis) of nutrients is often quite low. Most vegetables will need more than just cow manure as a nutrient source. Organic material is quite valuable to the vegetable garden, however, as it serves as the "glue" that helps to keep fertilizers and beneficial soil organisms in place. Compost is another great source of organic material.

I'd recommend that a combination be used: apply the granular organic forms at planting, then use dilute solutions of soluble fertilizers as the seeds or plants start to grow, and follow-up with side dressings of additional granular fertilizers if needed. Check the results of your soil test or review the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH021>) for the exact amount needed per foot of garden row.

## Watering Small Vegetable Plants

Do young vegetable plants started from seed need to be watered every day? How much - just a sprinkle? When is the best time to water plants - In the mornings or evenings? What does it mean when leaves turn yellow on vegetable plants? - Tim

When growing vegetable transplants or starting them in the garden, check the seedlings every day to see if they need water. Use the finger test: stick your finger into the soil to see if it feels cool. If it is, it is probably moist enough; if it feels dry, it will need water. Then don't water again until it feels dry.

The amount to water will depend on the size of the plants and how much rain has recently fallen. Right now, 1/2 to 1 inch of rain or irrigation per week would be more than enough. Best time to water plants is in the morning; that way if the plants get wet, they will dry off before dark. Wet, dark plants are more likely to rot.

If all the leaves are turning yellow, it can mean that the roots are waterlogged or maybe affected by a soil born fungi. It could also be a number of other issues like a lack of fertilizer. If it's just the bottom few leaves, it may be a nor-

mal leaf loss as new leaves shade out older ones. Bring us a picture or a whole plant if you have several plants to spare.

## Small seed spacing

How do you plant tiny vegetable seeds without getting them too unevenly distributed? Last year all my carrots came up bunched together and I really had to thin them. - Teresa

There are some companies that sell "seed tape" where seed are spaced out at the proper distance. Others make pelletized seed - little "pills" that are easier to handle. However, these are expensive ways to insure proper seed spacing.

I like to carefully open a corner of the seed pack and lightly tap my finger on the side to let out a few seed at a time. Another idea is to mix some of the seed with a small amount of coarse builder's sand or vermiculite, which would then be easier to spread in the seed furrow. In most cases, thinning carrot seedlings will usually be needed.

Send us your garden questions by fax 863-763-5901, email [okeeews@newszap.com](mailto:okeeews@newszap.com) or drop it off at the Okeechobee News office at 107 SW 17th St. Suite D, Okeechobee, FL 34974. The University of Florida - Okeechobee County Extension office will pick out a few questions that

would be of greatest interest to local residents and publish brief answers in the Okeechobee News.

We need questions by Monday at 5 p.m. Include your name and phone or email address in case we need more information. (We can publish a question as anonymous if you wish).

Clear photographs (digital preferred) may also be submitted. Do not drop by actual plant specimens (unless it is a prize tomato for our salad or a beautiful flower for our office!) We reserve the right to edit all questions for space. The answers will be placed on the Okeechobee Extension website; they will include links to additional references. More information is available on the award-winning Okeechobee website, <http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>. If you need additional information on vegetable gardening, please email the Extension office [okeeews@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:okeeews@ifas.ufl.edu), call 863-763-6469, or stop by at 458 Hwy. 98 North in Okeechobee. Best time is to visit our Okeechobee County Master Gardeners from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons.

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# JROTC class members encouraged after recent events

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

The JROTC class at Okeechobee High School cadets are committed to the program and are continuing to feel encouraged following the recent events after the Okeechobee County School Board meeting, according to Ken Kenworthy, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction.

Some issues about the cadet's academic performance were brought up at this meeting where parents and cadets addressed the board concerning the program, wishing to have Colonel Saucier reinstated. It was alleged at the meeting by parents that the majority of the class were currently failing the program.

after pulling the grade distribution report after all of the grades for the first nine weeks were posted, he did not see an abnormally high number of Fs.

"In fact, of the 86 students receiving nine weeks grades, eight percent of the students earned an F," stated Mr. Kenworthy. He went on to explain that "although we are concerned when any student receives a failing grade, the grade distribution for this class is representative of many other classes across the district. If you applied this grade distribution to a bell curve, more students in the JROTC program received an A or B than the norm, meaning good things are happening academically and the students are performing better than average."

principal, Toni Wiersma reports the Army's curriculum is being utilized in the classroom under the direction of substitute Jim Pippin, who is a former teacher, dean and has a military background. Mrs. Wiersma monitors disciplinary referrals that have resulted from the program and reported that nothing is out of the ordinary.

The JROTC program is conducted in accordance with curriculum provided by the U.S. Army.

JROTC Operations Officer Chief High School Branch 6th Brigade Anthony Proulx explained that JROTC is a Department of Defense sponsored program. Due to the cost sharing of the Army and the school district, the Army retains certain authorities of review of JROTC programs to ensure that

they are operating according to the contract with the district.

The Army provides the curriculum for the program which includes a very diverse type of instruction. According to Proulx, the curriculum includes military science; military history; earth science and geography; first aid; drug demand awareness; public speaking; service learning; and leadership, which includes the drill and ceremony aspects of the program.

JROTC programs are strictly forbidden to participate in any tactical maneuvers; it is not a program aimed at training future military officers. The mission of the program is to "motivate young people to be better citizens."

According to Mr. Proulx, "this means that members of the

JROTC do not have to be planning on going into the military. They are not training officers necessarily in JROTC. They are instead training future leaders."

The district is working to fill one of the JROTC instructor positions which has been advertised. By Thursday, Mrs. Wiersma had

completed two interviews with applicants. The district is still completing reference checks and has not made any decisions on whether to offer the position to either applicant.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Chauna Aguilar can be reached at [caguilar@newszap.com](mailto:caguilar@newszap.com).

# Churches plan festivals and bazaars

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

A Family Fall Festival will be sponsored by **First Baptist Church**, 401 S.W. Fourth St., from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, **Oct. 31**. All activities are free. There will be activities for elementary and pre-school age children.

**Freedom Ranch** will host a Fall Festival on Friday, **Oct. 31**, featuring The Grouper Therapy Band, Redeemed and Capstone. There will be a Spooky Haunted Trail, a Pumpkin Carving Contest (please bring your pumpkin already carved), and Best Costume Judging! Please bring finger foods and snacks. The party is from 7 to 10 p.m. Freedom Ranch is located at 11655 U.S. Hwy 441 SE. For more information, call 863-634-1681 or 863-634-1410.

The women of **First United Methodist Church**, 200 N.W. Second St., will have their annual bazaar in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, **Nov. 1** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a variety of crafts, quilted items, knives, nuts, baked good, white elephant



## Places of Worship

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items and a silent auction. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to mission projects locally and abroad. For information call 863 763 4021.

**Bethel Assembly of God**, 1109 S.E. Seventh St., is having a yard sale form 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, **Nov. 1**. There will be

furniture, clothing, miscellaneous items and a bake sale.

**Okeechobee Presbyterian Church**, 312 N. Parrott Ave., will have an old fashioned bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 8** starting at 9 a.m. There will be handmade items, holiday decorations, Christmas gifts, white elephants, recycled serviceable items and baked goodies. For more information call Eleanor Newhouse at 863 763 6928.

**The Dixie Echoes Quartet** will be in concert at **His House Fellowship Church of the Nazarene**, 425 S.W. 28th St. on Saturday, **Nov. 8** at 7 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call 863 763 7113.

Okeechobee Christian Academy Quilt Show will be held Saturday, **Dec. 6**, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at **Grace Brethren Church**, 701 S. Parrott Ave. Local quilters are wanted to display their quilts. If you are interested in showing your quilts at this event please contact Joan Caves at 863-763-2903 by Nov. 21. Admission is \$5. Proceeds go to Okeechobee Christian Academy.

The Middle School Youth Gathering of **Peace Lutheran Church**, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, will be held **Nov. 7-9** at the Lake Wales Conference Center. This will be a weekend filled with music, games, service projects, workshops and more and is open to all youth in the sixth through eighth grades. A rummage store and country store will be held Nov. 15 in the fellowship hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Community Food Bank and other community projects. Donated items can be dropped off the week of Nov. 9 in room 205 in the fellowship hall. Word of Life Super 2008 is coming to Orlando Dec. 5. If you are in grade 9 or above, you are invited to make plans for a fast paced adrenaline-pumping all nighter featuring an Orlando Magic game, broom hockey, ice skating, bowling and lots of pizza.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. Email [okeeews@newszap.com](mailto:okeeews@newszap.com) or call Pete Gawda at 863 763-3134, extension 4225.

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# Political blogs on the internet: How to find them



**By Diane Timmons**  
Okeechobee News

We are down to less than a week until the big presidential election. Whether you are tired of the political campaigning or cannot get enough of it, there is a blog somewhere on the Internet that would like to hear from you. The Internet is all about information and opinions, and it welcomes yours. That's what blogging is all about.

I wanted to use this week's column to introduce you to this phenomenon on the Internet known as blogging. Blogs, as we know them today, have been on

the Internet since the late '90s when blogging software was introduced. Where did the name of this activity come from? It is derived from the related word, weblog. Okay, that makes sense. We all know what a log is, a written account of an activity by one or many people, usually in the order the events occur. The definition of blogging is to write entries, add material to, or maintain a weblog.

But on the Internet in a weblog the most recent entry by the blogger is posted at the beginning of the blog, with earlier entries following in reverse chronological order. That means the newest

comment can be found at the top of your screen.

And how does this pertain to the political activity in the country today? There are millions of blogs on the Internet that discuss everything you can imagine, and many of those are discussing politics. Bloggers have broken important news stories or fueled public opinion on matters of public interest. Mentioned here are a few of the political blogs to get a taste of how this blogging works.

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Look forward to more columns on blogging because there are so many uses for this medium. Happy computing!

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ALBINO LEOPARD Gecko - STUNNING! Colorless male w/tank & access. nvr hndld \$95/neg. (863)532-8023

DOG HOUSE - Wooden, Medium size. \$40 (863)763-2958

FISH TANK - 30 gal., hood & stand, complete, a couple fish \$50. firm (863)634-6949

RABBIT - 1 yr old, female, friendly, with cage \$20 (863)763-0277

SHIH-TZU PUPPIES - 2 Male, 2 Female. Really small. Parents w/papers on premises. (863)634-5537

Sewing Machines 0700

SEWING MACHINE - Brothers. Like new. Perfect condition. \$125 includes table. (863)674-0027 LaBelle

Sporting Goods 0705

COMPOUND HUNTING BOW - BAS PRO COMPACT BOW.60 LB. 30" PULL. LIKE NEW \$125. (863)763-4588

POOL TABLE - 8 FOOT SLATE POOL TABLE \$400 or best offer. (561)983-3676 (561)996-1026

POOL TABLE - almost new, with all accessories, \$900 or best offer. (239)289-7637

TOTAL GYM 3000XL - Tv Model, Like New \$400 or best offer. (863)763-4493

Stereo Equipment 0710

SPEAKER BOX - 1" thick MDF speaker box for three 12's w/ tan carpeting. \$75 or best offer. (863)697-8782

SPEAKERS (2) - 15" Kicker CVR, in box, w/2,000 watt amp, \$600. (863)697-8676

SURROUND SOUND SYS Techwood, 1500 watts, 4-15 speakers incld. \$1000 OBO (863)634-2790

Television 0715

BIG SCREEN TV - 60", picture in picture, asking \$250 (863)302-1656

HD TELEVISION 32" - Sony Vega High Definition Flat Screen Television. 2yrs old. \$350. (863)697-6404

PANASONIC DVD Recorded & Player - New Records to DVD & plays back complete \$125. (772)461-8822

TELEVISION - beautiful, Samsung, 34", brand new, paid \$700 asking \$125 (863)675-2145

TV, Sony - 27", with stand. Paid \$700 in 2000, selling for \$125. Call 863-467-7139

Tools 0725

Lincoln/Welder-Generator \$2100.00 call for more info. (863)763-5986

METAL LATHE - Craftsman Atlas, 36" w/tooling. \$350 or best offer. (863)430-6987

Table Saw asking \$200.00 call for more info. (863)763-5986

Toys & Games 0730

FOOSBALL TABLE - Halex. Reg Adult Size. Good Condition. \$40. (863)634-6601

X-BOX 360 - with 2 controllers and assorted games, \$450 (863)532-0501

Agriculture 800

Christmas Trees 745 Farm Equipment 805 Farm Feed/Products 810 Farm Miscellaneous 815 Farm Produce 820 Farm Services Offered 825 Farm Supplies/Services Wanted 830 Fertilizer 835 Horses 840 Landscaping Supplies 845 Lawn & Garden 850 Livestock 855 Poultry/Supplies 860 Seeds/Plants/Flowers 865

Horses 0840

DRIVING HARNESS - Leather, for standard size horse. Sells for \$500, Asking \$225. neg. Never used. (863)675-4098

Lawn & Garden 0850

2 CRAFTMAN mower 42" for part's - \$100 or best offer. (863)763-5800

TRAILER FLAT bed - \$150. (863)467-6475

Livestock 0855

STOCK TRAILOR - 28 ft goose neck trailor good condition \$3000. (863)357-6642

Rentals 900

Apartments 905 Business Places 910 Commercial Property - Sale 1010 Condos/Townhouses - Sale 1015 Farms - Sale 1020 Houses - Sale 1025 Hunting Property 1030 Investment Property - Sale 1035 Land - Sale 1040 Lots - Sale 1045 Open House 1050 Out of State - Property - Sale 1055 Property Inspection 1060 Real Estate Wanted 1065 Resort Property - Sale 1070 Warehouse Space 1075 Waterfront Property 1080

Apartment 0905

OAK LAKE APTS - 2/1, 2 story screened porch, very clean, no pets. \$700/mo, + sec. (863)634-3313

VIKING/PRAIRIE Efficiency. Very clean! \$600/mo. Includes utilities! No pets. Call 561-329-8205

Condos/Townhouses Rent 0920

OAK LAKE VILLAS #17, 2/2 Townhome, \$850 mo., 1st, last & \$500 sec. (863)467-5965

Houses - Rent 0930

DOLL HOUSE COTTAGE ON TAYLOR CREEK

1/1 Dade County Hardwood Floors Wrap around Porch/Huge Cypress Trees Fully Furnished. \$750 month 863-467-8683

BEAUTIFUL 3 Bdrm., 2 Ba., New floors. Basswood Estates. \$900. mo. + dep. & ref's. Call (786)417-2135

BRAND NEW - Rent or Buy 3br/2ba, 1700 sq ft, laundry, tiled, \$1100/mo. rent. \$5,000 applied to purchase of \$149,900 after 1 year. 3429 NW 40th Dr., Basswood. (561)718-2822

BUCKHEAD RIDGE - 2 Story, 3BR, 2BA, Front Screen Porch, Hot Tub, W.D., Short Term or Long Term. \$850 mo. 863-634-5236

CITY OF OKEE, 3br, 2ba, SW section City. Great neighborhood. \$950. mo. + Sec. dep. (863)634-1554

IN OKEECHOBEE CITY: 4 Br/2Ba, \$1100 mo. + 1st, last, sec. & refs. Call Barry for more info. 772-216-1461

KINGS BAY, 2/2/1 CBS home, W&D, comm paid \$1000/mo. + 1st, last & \$500 sec. 863-801-9163

\*NEW\* 2 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. All appliances included, and many extras. Great neighborhood. A Must See! \$1,000.00/mth + sec. (863)634-7722

NEW DUPLEX - 3/2, in the city limits, Avail Immediately, \$900/mo + 1st, & deposit. (863)465-0053

NICE NIEGHBORHOOD - 3BR, 2BA, pool, extras. Must see! 1401 SE 8th Dr. 1st & sec. Call (863) 885-1347

OKEECHOBEE - 3 BR, 1 BA Duplex, DW, W/D connector, C/A & heat, \$750 mo. + \$500 sec. dep. Call (863) 763-4414

OKEECHOBEE - 3br, 1ba, closed in carport, \$850/mo, 1st, last, \$700 sec. (321)262-9278

OKEECHOBEE - Clean 2/1 House w/ C/Air. 310 NE 4th Ave., \$700 mo., 1st, last & \$500 sec. (863)467-5965

OKEECHOBEE, 3br, 1ba, Lg yard, inside city limits, \$900. mo. + Util., 1st & Last mo. sec. dep. (863)990-3294

Rent to Own - 4/2 \$1000 mo. new, ready now. 863-599-0156 or 561-248-3888

SW Okeechobee- 1600 SW 3rd Ave, CBS House Close to library. Close to everything, 3BR/1.5BA extra room Nice fenced yard, \$900 a month \$2000 to move in, year lease. (863)634-0512

SW Section- 2200 SW 3rd Ave. CBS, 3BR/1BA, Close to Wal-Mart, Nice yard, Carport, \$850 mo., \$2000 moves in (863)634-0512

TREASURE ISLAND - 3br, 1.5ba, Cent/AC, on water, gar, fenced yard \$800/mo, 1st & last, (561)308-7566

Office Space Rent 0937

Great Location! OFFICE SPACE

Upstairs & Downstairs Available 863-763-4740

How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

Roommate 0950

ROOM MATE WANTED - Utilities included. \$550. mo. Non smoking/drinking environment. Quiet individual who like cats. Call (863)610-1077

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Houses - Sale 1025

NEW! 4/2 - 1450 Sq. Ft., Concrete w/vaulted ceilings, jacuzzi tub. Make Offer. Asking \$120,000 Leader waiting to lend you money. 3698 NW 7th St. 863-484-0809

OKEECHOBEE - 2BR, 2BA, Kings Bay house. \$800. mo. \$500. Sec. dep 863-634-7460 or 634-7895

R BAR - 4br, 2ba, 2 car garage, 2.5 acres, Pond, \$225K Best Price in R-Bar (863)801-9163

Double Wide Mobile Home- 55 x 23' w/fireplace, no title, you move \$1000 OBO (863)357-3567 After 5pm

Houses - Sale 1025

TAKE YOUR PICK 4 bd/2ba CBS, tile floors, architectural shingles, dbl. garage, appliances \$215,000 including lot Ready now FIXED RATE Financing Available

3bd/2ba, CBS, tile floors, IMPACT WINDOWS, huge porch, garage. Almost ready \$199,000 including lot

WILL BUILD HACIENDA MODEL 4BD/2BA \$154,500 including lot

CAROL model 3BD/2BA \$149,000 including lot

Call 863-357-3313 Neal Long Construction Co.

CBK125C170 CM1249343 CFC058088 Okeechobee www.NealLongConstruction.com

Land - Sale 1040

Bank Ordered: LAND AUCTION 2000+ Properties. Land in 29 States. NO RESERVES. Multiple Lot Packs. Min Bids at \$100. Bid Online at: LandAuctionBid.com/2

NEW 3/2 DOUBLEDUPLEX - \$42,900 Set Up, A/C & Skirting, EZ Financing. (863)983-8106

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Mobile Homes 2000

Mobile Home - Lots 2005 Mobile Home - Parts 2010 Mobile Homes - Rent 2015 Mobile Homes - Sale 2020

Mobile Home Rent 2015

A 55+, 2BR/2BA Mobile Home in Indianwood, 2 golf courses, partially furn., w/d, \$75/mo. or sale \$32,500. (772)341-6617

ADJUSTABLE RENTS - in BHR, 2br starting at \$225/mo, & 3br \$300/mo., + \$500 sec, Single family no pets (863)763-4031

Commuters - For Rent/Sale 2/2 MH furnished, W/D, off of 15A, \$850 month + \$600 sec. (863)634-2953

FOR RENT: Nice 3bd/2ba on 2 lots. \$750/mo. 1st, last & \$500 sec. to move in. Call (863)634-4480/228-0580.

HOTEL/MOTEL ALT. - 2 Bdrm., 2 Ba., w/full kitchen, W&D, \$250 wk. \$300 sec. dep. (863)824-0981

NORTHWEST 63rd Terrace, 2BR, 1BA, on big lot. \$600/mo. + dep. Call 757-431-0331

OKEE.: New 2br/2ba on private lot, on water, \$650/mo. 1st & sec. Avail Now. No pets Call (561)767-6112

RANCH SETTING - 3 BR, 2 BA, No pets. Available now! Very clean. \$650 mo. + sec. (863)467-1757

RIVER RUN-2br/2ba furnished, carport & laundry room, large florida room, includes water & elec. \$800 month (863)357-4164 til 5pm & leave message or (863)610-9465 after 5pm and weekends

Mobile Home Sale 2020

ADULT PARK in Okeechobee. 8'x24' w/10'x20' attached family rm. 8'x8'6" Shed w/W&D. \$4000 863-381-7835

BANK REPO'S MOVE TO YOUR LAND Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230

DISTRESS SALE 4br/2ba factory repo. Home is new, never lived in. \$52,900 incl set up, a/c and skirting. Cash or financing (863)673-4325 or (863) 675-8888

DISTRESS SALE, all models in stock sold at dealer cost. Everything out of business, going everything must go. Call (863) 673-4325 for quotes. Financing available

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Parts/Repairs 4045

We are now able to do all phases of mechanical work. Full time mechanic on duty. Stop by and give us a try!!!!

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Mobile Home Sale 2020

DOUBLEWIDE TRAILER - 3BR, walk-in closets, 2BA, den, LR, DR, appls, ceiling fans, roof-over, covered front/back porches, CA/H, fenced back yard, pole barn, 2 car driveway, 1 car carport, located at 4232 SE 22nd Court, Treasure Island, \$95,000 863-467-7911 for appt.

FACTORY REPO large 3/2 Scootbit home \$79,900 reg price, being sold for \$59,900 includes set up, a/c, skirting Call (863) 675-4325 or (863) 675-8888

FOR THE lowest prices in south Florida on 3 and 4 bedroom mobile homes. All reasonable offers accepted Call (863) 675-8888

GREAT SHAPE! 2002 - 2/2, Moore Haven or Okeechobee \$25,000 Set Up, A/C (863)983-8106

MOBILE HOME - 14 X 70, 2BR, 2BA, newly remodeled, Florida room, workshop, carport, handicapped entrance, 55+ Park, \$20,000 cash or \$27,000 on land contract. Must sell ASAP. Call (863)763-1492

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Recreation 3000

Boats 3005 Campers/RVs 3010 Jet Skis 3015 Marine Accessories 3020 Marine Miscellaneous 3025 Motorcycles 3030 Sport Vehicles/ATVs 3035

Boats 3005

**Public Notice 5005**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY**  
**GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION**  
**Case No. 2008-CA-00038**

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION III  
 Plaintiff

vs  
 EDWARD J. CONRAD; CARMEN H. CONRAD; and UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, including, if a named defendant is deceased, the personal representatives, the surviving spouse, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against the defendant, all claimants, persons or parties, natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under any of the above named or described defendants  
 Defendants

**NOTICE OF SUIT - PROPERTY**

TO: EDWARD J. CONRAD  
 CARMEN H. CONRAD  
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Residence: Unknown  
 Mailing Address: Unknown

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has been filed against you, EDWARD J. CONRAD, CARMEN H. CONRAD, AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is ENRIQUE G. GONZALEZ, P.A., 6255 East Fowler Avenue, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled Court no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action, otherwise, a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on Oct. 13, 2008.

Sharon Robertson  
 Clerk of the Court  
 By: Kathy Arnold  
 Deputy Clerk

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 One (1) neglected appaloosa horse.

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**PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.**

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Law Offices of  
 CASSELLS & McCALL  
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 400 N.W. 2nd Street  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Affordable Self Storage, 1799 S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34974 will be disposing of stored items on October 27, 2008.

**OWNERS UNIT #**  
 Playtime Audio 341  
 Judy Bunn 365  
 Vivian Whidden 191  
 Tammy Purvis 222  
 Heather Town 149  
 Gene Courson 195  
 Kelly Neely 45-46  
 Keith Neely 205  
 James Berkia 220  
 Viley Hayes 39  
 Gloria Simms 133  
 Terisa Smith 154  
 Mark Saunders 315-317  
 297133 ON 10/22/29/08

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**  
**RFQ: 600000213**

The Procurement Department of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33405, will receive sealed responses up to the 2:30 p.m. opening time on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008**, for Contractor Pre-Qualification; South Florida Water Management District Construction Projects.

**REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) 600000211**

The South Florida Water Management District will receive sealed bids through the Procurement Office, B-1 Bldg., 3301 Gun Club Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406, for **Compartment C Buildout Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) Hendry County, Florida**, on **Thursday, December 9, 2008 at 2:30 p.m.** local time, at which time submitted bids will be opened and publicly read. This project consists of a series of perimeter impoundment levees, canals, flow control structures, flow control berms/weir structures and a hydration pump station.

**OPTIONAL pre-bid conference**

will be held at the South Florida Water Management District's Clewiston Field Station: 2425 Hookers Point Road, Clewiston, FL 33440 on **November 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.**; call (863) 983-1431 for directions. **Site visit will immediately follow.**

**OPTIONAL pre-solicitation conference**

will be held on **Friday, November 7, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.** at SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, Auditorium, 3301 Gun Club Rd., WFB, FL 33406 for all interested respondents. For directions call 561-682-6391.

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All responses must conform to the instructions in the Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ). Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete (RFQ) at the above address, by downloading a free copy from the District's website at [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov), by calling 561-682-6391, or by calling the 24-hour BID HOT-LINE 800-472-5290. The public is invited to attend the response opening. Information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained at our web site - [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov). Persons with disabilities or handicaps who need assistance may contact the District Clerk's office at (561) 682-8010, at least two business days in advance of the meeting to make appropriate arrangements. 298158 ON 10/29/08

**Public Notice 5005**

PROJECT NO. OCS820722  
 NEW DATA BUILDING

**INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Operations Office of THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 938 NE 34th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 up to **10:00 a.m. December 11, 2008** for all materials and labor necessary for below:

**CAUTION: BID PACKAGES SENT BY OVERNIGHT CARRIER QUITE OFTEN DO NOT ARRIVE ON TIME!**

New Date Building  
 Okeechobee County School Board  
 700 SW 2nd Avenue  
 Okeechobee, Florida 34974

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 NEW DATA BUILDING

**INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Operations Office of THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, 938 NE 34th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 up to **10:00 a.m. December 11, 2008** for all materials and labor necessary for below:

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**NOTICE OF SUIT - PROPERTY**

TO: EDWARD J. CONRAD  
 CARMEN H. CONRAD  
 UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES

Residence: Unknown  
 Mailing Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

BEG IN AT THE NW CORNER OF THE NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST AND RUN S 01 DEG 46 MIN 22 SEC W ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF THE NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 191 FEET. THENCE RUN N 89 DEG 53 MIN 40 SEC ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OR SW 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 329.31 FEET THENCE RUN N 00 DEG 46 MIN 22 SEC E A DISTANCE OF 191 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SECTION 58 DEG 53 MIN 40 SEC W ALONG SAID NORTH BOUNDARY LINE A DISTANCE OF 329.31 FEET TO THE P.O.B. LESS RIGHT OF WAY FOR S.R. 51 (U.S. 441), ALL SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE, STATE OF FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, EDWARD J. CONRAD, CARMEN H. CONRAD, AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, TENANTS, OWNERS, AND OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any to it, on the Plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address is ENRIQUE G. GONZALEZ, P.A., 6255 East Fowler Avenue, Temple Terrace, Florida 33617, and file the original with the clerk of the above-styled Court no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action, otherwise, a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or Petition.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on Oct. 13, 2008.

Sharon Robertson  
 Clerk of the Court  
 By: Kathy Arnold  
 Deputy Clerk

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**JUDGE: JERALD D. BRYANT**

IN RE:  
 One (1) neglected appaloosa horse.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

TO: DERRICK ALLEN and PATRICIA ALLEN  
 14271 Temple Boulevard  
 Loxahatchee, FL 33470

GENE LINDALL  
 6320 NW 240th Street  
 Okeechobee, FL 34974

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on **Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, the undersigned will bring on to be heard **OKEECHOBEE COUNTY'S PETITION FOR DISPOSITION OF ONE (1) NEGLECTED APPALOOSA HORSE** pursuant to Section 628.073, Florida Statutes, before the Honorable Jerald D. Bryant, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Courtroom D, Okeechobee, Florida.

**PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.**

**HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. regular mail delivery to the above-named person(s) on this 16th day of October, 2008.

Law Offices of  
 CASSELLS & McCALL  
 By: LAURA ANN McCALL  
 County Attorney  
 Fla Bar No.: 389749  
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# Business women hold fall enrollment

The Women of Tomorrow Chapter of ABWA (American Business Women's Association) held its Fall Enrollment Event at Beef O'Brady's on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008. President Karin Ammons welcomed members and guests, who introduced themselves and their businesses. She referenced the history and mission of ABWA and some of the many benefits of membership. The national organization's mission statement "to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking, and national recognition." She explained the local scholarship program, which supports a female high school graduate pursuing a business degree, and the mature woman award, which enables women already enrolled at IRSC to continue their studies. She also spoke of the opportunities for leadership and leadership training available in our chapter, the only one on the Treasure Coast.



Submitted photo  
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Vice President Cecilia Elliott introduced the guest speaker, Barbara Godejohn, Healthy Communities Coordinator at the Okeechobee County Health Department. Ms. Godejohn has lived in Okeechobee since she was 16 years old. She has worked at the Health Department for 15 years. She began as an office clerk and eventually earned her LPN degree. She is currently working on her RN and eventually plans to earn a Bachelors Degree in Nursing. For the last two years, she has worked with the Healthy Communities Program to promote health issue awareness within the local communities. She is actively involved with the American Cancer Society and is a reading mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is an active member of the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition, Okeechobee Improvement Association, and the Pentecostals of Okeechobee.

Ms. Godejohn address dealt with women's health issues. She distributed a folder with several helpful handouts: information on heart attacks, lists of diagnostic screenings and tests for women, and ways to reduce stress in the workplace. Heart disease is now the number one killer of women. Often, the symptoms in men and women are different. Women should be attuned to any changes in the way they feel as a severe headache, spreading pain in the arms or jaws, elevated blood pressure, and extreme fatigue may be symptoms of a myocardial infarction. She said our body gives us warnings, which unheeded could lead to heart attack or stroke. Diabetic women are at greater risk for heart disease and all women

become more vulnerable after menopause.

Women should work to eliminate risk factors, such as smoking, unhealthy diet, and stress. They should be aware of hereditary conditions; get regular health exams, especially gynecological tests; and speak openly with doctors, asking questions about the little irregularities associated with changes in their physiology. She encouraged women to be proactive in health concerns. Prevention is a greater goal than treatment.

She concluded by giving each attendee a stretch band and demonstrating its proper use. Stretching exercises are a great stress reliever and the band can be carried in the purse and used almost any time a stressful situation demands.

She emphasized that stress is the greatest risk factor for women in most health issues. Working women are more stressed because they also perform about 60 percent of the chores at home. She told the women to learn to delegate responsibility to children and ask for help from spouses. When anxious about problems at work, she

# Kids enjoy 23rd annual fishing tournament

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Close to 200 children and their parents enjoyed a beautiful afternoon Sunday as they caught fish at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri Civic Center.

Sarah Kelly, 4, won the 4-6 age division, Kegan Adams 7, won the 7-10 age division and Michael Carter won the 11-14 age division.

A pond stocked by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission greeted the eager kids Sunday. Over 1,700 fish were put in the pond last year and the FWC fed them all year long.

Kids earned prizes like tackle boxes, fishing rods and trophies. Trophies were awarded to the top three finishers in each age division and also for big fish in each division.

Coordinator Dave Stout said although there were fewer kids this year, there still was a lot of ex-

citement, "We were down about 50 kids from the previous year on the fishing contest. Obviously our goal is to get kids hooked on fishing."

Each child that competed earned a prize of some kind. Volunteers put in countless hours to organize and put on the event.

The casting kids contest began in the morning and prizes were given away to Donald Padgett in the (7-10 age division) and April Floyd in the (11-15 age division).

The competitors were judged on their pitching, flipping and casting skills. The total scores from those three abilities were added up to determine the winners. The winners earned a fishing rod, a medallion, certificate of achievement and a spot in this weekend's state tournament to be held at the Scott Driver boat ramp in Okeechobee. 130 kids from all over the state will compete this weekend.

The Agri Civic Center and the County Commission donate the use of the Ag Center for this event each year. Mr. Stout said they have held the event at the Big O Campground, and the airboat ramp at

the Okee Tantie Recreation area in the past.

"This is a vastly better location. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission stocked the pond and feed the fish," he said. "To my knowledge, we're

the only ones that use it."

Other top finishers were Allee Kirkey and Samuel Dodd in the 4-6 division, Abby Ison and Jacyan Melchor in the 7-10 division

and Hunter Scudder and Andrew Marsden in the 11-14 division. Kim Harris won the big fish prize in 11-14, and Dodie McArty won big fish in the 7-10 age division.

The Taylor Creek Bass Club organizes the event each year. President Chan Garrett thanked local officials, businesses and groups for their support.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy Sarah Kelly caught a fish of 3.41 pounds to win the 4-6 year old division on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. Also in the photo is volunteer Monica Eaton.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy Samuel Dodd poses with Taylor Creek Bass Club President Chan Garrett. He took third place in the 4-6 year old division on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.

Abby Ison shows off her third place trophy in the 7-10 year old division on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.



Dodie McArty won the big fish in the 7-10 age group on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.



Hunter Scudder finished second in the 11-14 division Sunday as they caught fish at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri Civic Center.



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Andrew Marsden finished third in the 11-14 division on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.



Michael Carter won the top prize in the 11-14 division on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. His fish weighed 3.45 pounds.

## O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

### P.I.G.S. League

O.G. & C.C. Oct. 20: First place - Ida Curtis. Second place - Bill Kinney. Last place - Tommy Jewel.

Closest to the pin: 2-Max Sherry, 8 & 11-Bill Kinney, 17-Clyde Price.

Gold Tee League - O.G. & C.C. Oct. 22: First place - George Earl Goudy. Second place - Howard Shelkie. Third place (tie) - Lou Cox and Chet Herndon.

O.G. & C.C. Oct. 17: Rained Out.



Kim Harris won the big fish competition among the 11-14 year old anglers on Sunday at the 23rd Annual Lee McAllister Memorial Fishing Tournament at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.

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# Fort Pierce shuts out Junior Midgets



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Lavonte Spivey drew a lot of attention from the Greyhound defense Saturday in the Pop Warner Junior Midget game.**

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Pop Warner Junior Midgets failed to get a single first down Saturday as they lost in the Treasure Coast Conference North Division Championship game 20-0 to Fort Pierce.

The Greyhounds dominated from start to finish, and outgained the Brahms 218-21.

Fort Pierce Coach Tony Barnes said his defense had to key on Brahman triple threat Lavonte Spivey who ripped them for touchdowns in an early season

meeting which Okeechobee won in overtime.

"We're playing much better now than we were at that particular time," he noted, "They were a very tough opponent. We heard they are very young so next year we'll have to beat them again."

Spivey was held to zero yards on 11 carries. The Brahms other big threat Algeron Morris was also held to zero yards on four carries.

Coach Robert Stokes said Fort Pierce definitely was ready to play, and they keyed on Okeechobee's big play men, "I don't know what happened, mental I guess. We should have played the first half like we did the second half. We would have been a lot better off."

Jonathan Stephens had 179 yards on eight carries to lead Fort Pierce. His 91 yard touchdown in the first quarter set the tone for the Greyhounds.

"We wanted to try and get on the board early. We figured it would be difficult for them to come back. We were fortunate that he broke that long run and it worked out for us," Barnes

added.

Stephens added a 27 yard touchdown run on a fourth down and six situation in the second quarter. Cornelius Gamble scored their final touchdown on an eight yard run late in the first half.

Okeechobee did not make a single first down. They also threw two interceptions and lost a fumble. Fort Pierce lost a fumble and had one interception.

Ryan Hagan had the longest play of the day for Okeechobee, a 13 yard pass.



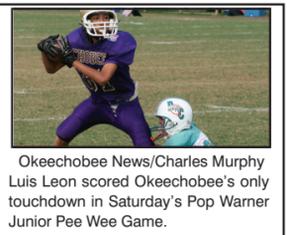
Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Jonathan Stephens of Fort Pierce is tackled by Okeechobee's Eric Kelly during Okeechobee's losing game.**

Eric Kelly had an interception for Okeechobee. Anthony Gamble made a diving interception for Fort Pierce in the second half.

Okeechobee had 65 yards in kick returns on the afternoon.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Okeechobee's Lamar Williams struggles for yards during Saturday's Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee game.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Luis Leon scored Okeechobee's only touchdown in Saturday's Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Game.

# Okeechobee midgets lose championship game

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee's Pop Warner Midgets knew they'd have a tough assignment Saturday when they took on the Fort Pierce Greyhounds in the Championship Game of the Treasure Coast Pop Warner Northern Division. They just didn't know it would be this tough.

Fort Pierce held off an inspired Okeechobee team early, and went on to an easy 34-0 victory Saturday at Port St. Lucie's Whispering Pines Park Fort Pierce got two touchdowns from Jerry Brown, and a touchdown grab by Montavious Key in their big victory.

Okeechobee managed just one first down and couldn't get much going on the ground or in the air. Quandreil Ridley led the way with 31 yards rushing. Marshall Tommie had a fumble recovery for Okeechobee. The Brahms also had two interceptions and two fumbles in the loss.

An early fumble by Okeechobee resulted in a 23 yard touchdown run for Fort Pierce and the Greyhounds never looked back after that. They led 20-0 at the half and 28-0 after three quarters.

After an exchange of fumbles, Okeechobee appeared to be poised to drive the ball but Herbert Jenkins was stopped just a few inches from the first down marker near mid field. Fort Pierce gained momentum after that.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Javier Fulks tackles Montavious Key of Fort Pierce during Saturday's game for the Pop Warner Midget Championship.**

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**Quandreil Ridley runs for a short game against Fort Pierce on Saturday for the Pop Warner Midget Championship.**



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