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## Briefs

### Farm City Week Luncheon set

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Area Agri-Council will be co-hosting the 15th Annual Kiwanis/Ag Council Farm City Week Luncheon at the Okeechobee KOA. The luncheon is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Farm Credit 863-763-6466, Berger Insurance Services 863-763-6411, or Farm Bureau 863-763-3101. They can also be purchased at the door on the day of the luncheon.

### Clerk of Circuit Court office closed

The Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court will be closed from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, for their annual Holiday Lunch.

### Walk around Lake Okeechobee

On Nov. 22, hikers will gather at the Pahokee Marina to kick off the 17th Annual Big O Hike. Since 1992, the 109 mile Florida Trail circuit walk known as the Big O Hike has pumped tourism dollars into small towns around the lake while encouraging hiking for fitness, drawing visitors from as far away as Ontario and California. For nine days the participants walk from 9.3 to 14.7 miles, starting at sunrise and ending at their leisure, usually before noon. Although flat and open, the trail offers outstanding scenic views, especially at sunrise and sunset. The hike passes through five counties around Lake Okeechobee. As one of the Florida Trail Gateway Communities, Pahokee is an ideal kickoff point for the Big O Hike. Join the group on Nov. 22, at the Pahokee Marina at 8 a.m., or at any point along the hike for an interesting and educational walk. Learn more, including details of stops along the way at [Lox.floridatrail.org/bigo](http://Lox.floridatrail.org/bigo).

### Drought Index

Current: 583  
Source: Florida Division of Forestry  
Local Burn Ban: None

### Lake Levels

14.49 feet  
Last Year: 10.31 feet

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Source: South Florida Water Management District. Depth given in feet above sea level

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# Workers find woman's body

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A body found Monday in a ditch by construction workers has been identified as being that of an Okeechobee woman who had been missing since Sunday, Nov. 16.

The fully-clothed body of Wanda Faye Garcia, 50, N.W. 34th St., was found covered in muck and lying face up Monday around 10:45 a.m.

Detective Ted Van Deman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) said Ms. Garcia

was identified through fingerprint examination. As of Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18, the cause of death has not been released. The detective said an autopsy was to be conducted by the Fort Pierce Medical Examiner's Office.

"We're pretty sure this is not a homicide, but we are waiting on the results of the autopsy," said the detective. "At this time foul play has not been ruled out, but it is not expected."

He went on to say there were no visible signs of violence. Still, since the woman's death was not attended by a physician it

was investigated as a homicide until law enforcement is told differently.

"Footprints were found where she walked into the ditch," explained the detective. "There are no indications that anyone was with her."

The ditch, explained the detective, is near the north boundary fence of the Okeechobee County Airport and was dry at the time Ms. Garcia was found. However, added Detective Van Deman, at one time there had apparently been water in the ditch.

"It was a pretty big ditch -- it

was virtually a canal," he added. "She was not easily visible. The ditch is all shell rock and muck and the ditch had been artificially drained."

Detective Van Deman said that portion of the ditch where Ms. Garcia was found is all muck.

He estimated the ditch to be about 15 feet deep and at least 25 feet wide.

"She was pretty much covered from head to toe in muck," said the OCSO detective.

A report states that Jody Choate, 39, and John Alan Ming, 46, were working in the ditch. It was

Mr. Choate who discovered the woman's body while he was operating a piece of heavy equipment in the ditch, said Detective Van Deman.

The detective explained that the ditch starts at the end of N.W. 34th St. and runs between North Elementary School then past the Okeechobee County School District bus garage. The ditch also runs north of the soccer fields.

Detective Van Deman said Ms. Garcia had lived in Okeechobee

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## SEAL Museum: Honoring veterans



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsken

Members of the Okeechobee County Naval Sea Cadets Trident Battalion participated in the annual Veterans Day program at the UDT SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce on Saturday. Cadet Petty Officer Israel Weaver and Cadet Petty Officer Josh Gruber (left to right) demonstrated how WWII SEALS planted explosives behind enemy lines. These early underwater demolitions experts were nicknamed "naked warriors" because they swam ashore in swim shorts and a mask. (For a short video online, go to <http://www.newsapforums.com/forum58/72181.html>.)



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsken

As part of the ceremony at the UDT SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce on Saturday, members of a modern Navy SEAL team demonstrated how they rescue a hostage after being inserted by helicopter. Cadets from the Okeechobee Naval Sea Cadets Trident Battalion played the part of the terrorists for the demonstration.

# Free concert will trace history of Western music

By Katrina Elsken  
Okeechobee News

"Beginnings and Beyond," a free musical event, will showcase a variety of musicians and singers as well as a variety of musical styles.

The concert will be presented Sunday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour, 200 S.W. Sixth Street.

The program is free and open to the public. Those who attend are asked to bring packages of disposable diapers to

be donated to Healthy Start.

"Beginnings and Beyond" will trace the musical history of Western music. Nicole Wood will narrate the musical program, which will feature music from different eras including:

- Medieval/ Pre-Renaissance - "Ave Maria" (Plainsong Chant, 13th Century);
- Renaissance -- "Five Songs" (John Dowling, 1563-1626)
- Baroque -- "Prelude in A Minor" (Johann Sebastian Bach) and "Concerto in D Minor," Second Movement (Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750)
- Classical -- "La Malinconia" (Mauro Giuliani, 1781-1829)
- Romantic -- "Concerto



Ken Keaton

for Violin and Piano," first movement Op. 64 (Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847)

• Twentieth Century -- "Weep You No More" (Roger Quilter, 1847-1953); "Someone to Watch over Me" (George Gershwin, 1898-1937, and Ira Gershwin, 1896-1983); and, "The Lord Bless You and Keep

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Valeriya Polumina

# OUA delays late fees

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

In this day of economic gloom and doom there is now a ray of sunshine for Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) customers. As the result of action taken at the Tuesday, Nov. 18 meeting of the OUA Board of Directors, customers now have more time to pay their bills before a late penalty is imposed.

That change was part of a resolution revising policies and procedures for the utility.

The board also assessed the utility's financial situation and clarified billing procedures for King's Bay.

Currently if a person's bill is not paid by the 15th day after the billing date, a late fee is imposed on day 16. Beginning

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# Commission swearing-in makes history

First ever  
Republican county  
commissioner  
to be sworn in

What: Bimonthly meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission

When: 9 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 20

Where: Health Department Auditorium, 1798 N.W. Ninth Ave.

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

History will be made tomorrow at the Okeechobee

County Commission meeting when Margaret Garrard-Helton takes office. While Okeechobee

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

## Veterans honor restaurant

On Monday evening, Nov. 17 the Golden Corral restaurant honored veterans by serving them a free meal. As a way of saying "thank you" on behalf of all veterans, two local veterans, Art Tickell (left) and Ed Abbott (right) presented a hand cut and hand painted slate plaque of Uncle Sam and the American flag to Golden Corral manager Deborah Hall (center). The two men have formed a partnership called Custom Slate Silhouettes. Mr. Tickell does the cutting and Mr. Abbott does the painting. Over 20 years ago, in rural Vermont, an elderly lady friend presented Mr. Tickell's wife with a small piece of slate somewhat shaped like Vermont with the words "We love Vermont" painted on it. This small piece of slate triggered Mr. Tickell's imagination and within six months he developed a technique that allowed him to cut a profile with extreme precision from a piece of solid slate.

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**Births**

**Jazmin Ruth Allen**

Laura Pellom and Steven Allen of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jazmin Ruth Allen. She was born on June 27, 2008 at St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie. She weighed 9 pounds 12 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Larry Pellom and the late Wonda Pellom of Lenoir City, Tenn. Paternal grandparents are Pen-



Submitted photo  
**Jazmin Ruth Allen.**

ny and Thomas McLaughlin of Sebring and West Palm Beach. Great grandparents are Brenda Allen of Okeechobee and Warnick Allen of Sebring.

**Jaelynn Alene Seigh**

Robert Seigh and Jennifer Hawes of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jaelynn Alene Seigh. She was born on Sept. 16, 2008 at Martin Memorial in Stuart. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Debbie and Harry Hawes of Okeechobee. Paternal grandparents are Deb-



Submitted photo  
**Jaelynn Alene Seigh.**

bie and Rod Metzgar of Lantana. Great grandparents are Joan and Grady Goggans.

**Cody Garrett Smith**

Garrett and Latasha Smith of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cody Garrett Smith. He was born on Aug. 27, 2008 at Martin Memorial North Hospital in Stuart. He weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Cody was welcomed home by his big sisters Hailey and Addison who love Cody very much. Maternal grandparents are Darrell and Teresa Marlow of Okeechobee. Paternal grandparents are Eddie and Peggy Metallo of Stuart.



Submitted photo  
**Cody Garrett Smith.**

Great grandparents are Harbert and Jeanette Smith of Tallahassee; Jarome and Janice Walton of Kentucky; Harold and Harriett of Ohio. Great great grandmother is Ruby Teague of Ohio.

**Kaylee Jean Werk**

Ashley Baughman of Belle Glade and Dustin Werk of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kaylee Jean Werk. She was born on Sept. 16, 2008 at Wellington Regional Medical Center in Wellington. She weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth. Kaylee was welcomed home by friends and family. Maternal grandparents are Jill and Jimmy Sconyers of Belle Glade. Paternal grandparents are Robynn and Doug Werk of Okeechobee. Great grandparents are Mary and Robert Walters of Okeecho-



Submitted photo  
**Kaylee Jean Werk.**

bee; Harriet Murray of Gainesville, Fla.; Lou Werk of Lake Placid; Joan Baughman of Belle Glade and Betty Murphy of Pahokee.

**Engagements**



Submitted photo  
**Mark Allen Shireman and Heather Rene Bartoe.**

**Bartoe - Shireman**

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bartoe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Rene Bartoe, to Mark Allen Shireman.

The prospective groom is the son of Art and Candace Shireman of Okeechobee.

The wedding is planned for March.

The bride to be is a 2006 graduate of Okeechobee High School.

She attends Indian River State College and is studying nursing.

She employed as a Can at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Glades Day School. He graduated in 1993 from Florida International University in Miami with a Bachelors Degree in Business. He is employed as a deputy sherrif at the Okeechobee County Sherrif's Department.

**Okeechobee Forecast**

**Wednesday: Wind Chill Advisory** - Sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values as low as 34 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Wednesday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Calm wind.

**Extended Forecast**

**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 72. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph.  
**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Calm wind becoming northwest around 5 mph.  
**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 73. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

**Lotteries**

The Florida Lotto — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 1-3-8; **Play 4:** 7-4-8-7; **Fantasy 5:** 7-22-28-30-33. Numbers selected Tuesday are: **Cash 3:** 9-7-2; **Play 4:** 1-9-5-7.

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**Local student bakes to fund trip**

Blue Ribbon winning pumpkin cheesecake and Original White Chocolate Coconut Cheesecake are helping a middle school student join a group of students traveling to China during winter break.

Jordan Canevari has been making and selling cheesecake for a couple of years. When he learned about a chance to visit China he decided to increase production to help finance the trip. One weekend he baked 12 cakes.

Jordan's pumpkin cheesecake won a blue ribbon at the free fair and the county fair two years ago and the white chocolate cheesecake won red ribbons at both fairs last year. Jordan experimented with favorite flavors to create this delicious and unusual dessert.

Excited about this once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet and stay with students at a Chinese school, visit the Olympic Stadiums, Beijing, Tian An Men Square, Xian, Lijian and climb the Great Wall, Jordan has also been selling muffins and mowing lawns.



Submitted photo  
**Jordan Canevari shows some of the prize winning cheesecakes that he has been baking and selling to help fund his trip to China, where he will stay at a Chinese school and get to visit some of the great wonders of the Country such as the Great Wall of China.**



Submitted photo/Okeechobee Historical Society

**Historical Society officers**

The Executive Board of the Okeechobee Historical Society are shown here after addressing 200 invitations for the 1950-1959 reunion, which was held Saturday, Nov. 8. New officers who took their positions in September are: Betty Williamson, Sondra Sills, Wanda Conrad, Kay McCool, Pearl Godwin, Wilma Williams, Paula Williams, Susanne Morton, and Zelda Mixon.

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# Hay bales burn in Viking

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

An estimated \$12,600 in property damage was done on Friday after a tractor trailer fire on N.W. 240th Street, according to Okeechobee County Fire Rescue reports.

About 30 bales of hay on a trailer burned and also damaged the tractor, a 1988 Kenworth,

Paramedic Jay Curtis said. The fire report stated no one was injured but that nearly 10,000 gallons of water was used to put out the fire. Five units and seven firemen and volunteers were on the scene for close to three hours. The Division of Forestry provided mutual aid and one of their bulldozers cleared the road of the debris.

The driver Ira Hill of Sebring, said he had just picked up the hay when he noticed that the bales were burning at the back end of the trailer over the rear axle. The truck and trailer are owned by Florida Sod of Highlands County.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, according to the report.

# Magistrate imposes fines

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Lois Nichols imposed fines for code violations in five cases heard Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18. She granted another month for those cited to come into compliance in three other cases and reduced fines in three cases.

The cases of Lawrence Szafraniec, Stephanie and Charles Crates, N & A Real Estate, and Abdul and Yasmine Cumber Trust were found to be in compliance and were not heard. The case against Lot 42 Crystal Lake LLC was dismissed because the property in question has been sold.

According to code enforcement officer Beth Albert, Ethel Jackson has a derelict, condemned structure on a N.E. 14th Avenue lot. She was fined up \$250 a day for every day of noncompliance beginning Nov. 19.

Titus Sweat was cited for equipment stored outdoors on his N.W. Sixth Street lot. Because partial compliance has been achieved he was fined \$25.

At the October special magistrate hearing, Elbert Kline was given a month to bring his N.E. 16th Street property into compliance including removal of accumulated household goods and derelict RVs or face a fine. That was not totally accomplished so he was fined \$50 a day.

Kenneth Goyens was given until Dec. 11 to get the required permits and inspections on his N.E. 11 Street property.

Edward Boyd was fined \$50 a day because of the derelict block structure on his U. S. 441 N. property.

Andres Sanchez and Yudaisy Miranda had been ordered to obtain the necessary permits and inspections for their N.E. Third Drive property. Because the permits were not obtained they were fined \$50 a day.

Timothy Crews and Angela Cross were given until Dec. 11 to remove the derelict mobile home from their N.E. 12th Lane property.

Because Everett Lawson has turned in plans to the building department and should be getting a permit in a few days, he was given until Dec. 11 to get the metal building on his N. W. 22nd Avenue lot permitted and inspected.

Turning to fine reductions, Gina Villarreal and Ida Harel have accrued a total of \$113,625

in fines in three cases on two different properties. They requested a fine reduction. Ms. Nichols recommended that the county commissioners reduce the total fines to \$28,650.

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# Four arrested in bar fight

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

Three men and a juvenile were arrested in connection with a series of altercations at a downtown bar and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail Saturday.

Charged were: Javier Flores, 18, S.R. 70 E.; Esau Medrano, 25, N.W. 18th Ave.; Esael Hernandez, 20, Okeechobee; and Gerardo Quinones, 14, of Okeechobee.



Arrest reports from the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) state that: Flores was charged with aggravated battery, and that his bond was set at \$2,500; Medrano was charged with the felony of battery on a law enforcement officer and the misdemeanor of resisting arrest without violence, and that his bond was set at \$3,000; Hernandez was charged with the felony of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and the misdemeanor of disorderly conduct, and that his bond was set at \$2,750; Quinones was charged with the felony of battery on a law enforcement officer and the misdemeanors of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. He was later released into the custody of family members.

An OCPD report by Officer Chad Troutman states that officers were dispatched at 12:34 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, to El Amigo de Todos, S.W. Second St., in regard to a fight. Once on the scene, the officer was able to ascertain that a woman was trying to get family members out of the fight when Flores approached her.

The man reportedly told her to stay out of the fight, then grabbed her by the hair and threw her to the ground. Officer Troutman's report goes on to state that the woman was transported to Raulerson Hospital where it was discovered that her left arm was broken in three places.

The victim was later taken to another hospital for treatment but Officer Troutman's report does not indicate the name of the second hospital.

While Officer Troutman was involved with Flores, OCPD Officer Ryan Holroyd found Medrano involved in another fight in the bar's parking lot while other fights were going on inside the building.

In his report, Officer Holroyd states that he tired to get Medrano calmed down but the man pushed him and yelled at him "... to get off him." The officer then stated that Medrano took a defensive posture as if he was going to fight the police officer.

As he tried to handcuff the 5-foot-11-inch, 300-pound Medrano, the man would pull his right hand away and place it under his chest, stated Officer Holroyd's report. Officer Troutman then stunned Medrano with a taser in the left shoulder and the man quit fighting the officers, continued Officer Holroyd's report.

A third report by Officer Belen Reyna indicates that as he was dealing with Hernandez the man became combative and refused to leave the bar.

"The subject started to roll up his sleeves and said he was not going anywhere," stated Officer Reyna's report.

Officer Reyna went on to state that he told the man he was under arrest and when he reached for Hernandez, the man would pull away then walk away from the officer. Despite warnings from Officer Reyna and Officer Holroyd the man reportedly still resisted their attempts to handcuff him. Finally, Officer Holroyd tased Hernandez then handcuffed him.

The OCPD reports also state that the prongs from the tasers were removed from the men by personnel from the Okeechobee City Fire Department and EMS.

In regard to Quinones, he reportedly also fought with the officers and continually banged his head into a patrol car in an attempt to put dents into the vehicle, stated a fourth OCPD officer.

According to the reports all of those arrested had been drinking.

# Woman arrested on drug charge

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

A local woman was arrested on a felony drug charge after she was stopped for pulling out in front of a motorcycle in the 600 block of Parrott Ave.

Norma Payne Price, 63, S.R. 70 W., was arrested Friday, Nov. 14, by detectives from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance (Xanax) and booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000.

The person operating the mo-

torcycle had to "make an evasive move around the van to avoid a collision," continued the detective's report. Price was operating a green Dodge Caravan.

The detective's report states that Price consented to a search of the vehicle and during that search nine tablets were found in a plastic baggie on the floor of the van, between the two front seats. Two

more tablets were found on the driver's seat under a blanket, the report added.

According to the report the nine tablets were later identified as Xanax, while the other two tablets were identified as being roxicodone.

The detective went on to state in his report that the woman had a prescription for the roxicodone pills.

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This bulletin should be used only for information purposes. Citizen abuse of the information to threaten, intimidate, or harass offenders will not be tolerated, in any manner.

The individuals who appear in this bulletin have served the sentence imposed on them by the courts. They are NOT wanted by the police at this time.

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RODNEY LEITNER

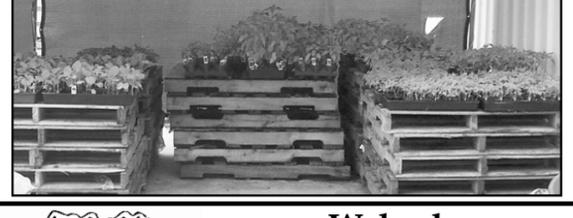
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**Rodney Leitner**

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**RANTING ABOUT POLITICS:** In reference to the "rant" by the Republican who was in the paper, give it a rest. Your boy lost. Obama and the Democrats are here to stay. "W" was a total disaster and your Party will have to deal with it for a very long time. You can oppose anything you want in the new administration, but they will govern with a sense of pride and humility, not like the Bush bullies.

**KITCHEN TALK:** I was looking for the Kitchen Talk column. I have been following it every week and trying the girl's recipes and I just love them. There wasn't one this week and I was wondering what happened. *Editor's note: Due to a computer email problem, we didn't get a column last week, but it will be back.*

**OBAMA:** If Obama can follow through with his promise to all, then so be it, but what happens if he can't? Will our economy continue to fall? Will people continue to lose all they have worked for? This is what is concerning to a lot of us. I know people right now who are pulling their money out of the market until it starts to change to a good note and stay there for awhile. Think of all the older people whose entire lives revolve around the stock market doing well to make money and if it falls they start losing their retirement savings. This is all a concern. College enrollment is at the lower part of the list. Watching friends and family losing all is at the top part of it, as all things continue to rise in costs and businesses close doors and homes foreclosed on are all major concerns.

**DRUNK DRIVERS:** I have known plenty of kids who have been caught drinking underage, get caught and told to pour out their drinks. Those same kids go on to drink somewhere else and then freely admit to driving home drunk the next day, laughing. I've known people who have died by drunk drivers. Hell, how many have died in Okeechobee this year because they were drunk. And their friends still go on drinking and driving like it means nothing. They are getting the alcohol from somewhere, there needs to be harsher penalties for people providing alcohol to kids, even their parents. I've known people that thought a good night was getting drunk and still being able to stay quiet in the bushes while the cops are looking for them. Maybe someone can start a campaign where we put signs in gas stations, stores, and the like reminding them that they can call 911 if they see a drunk driver.

**ELECTION:** You think Obama is going to destroy America? Well, too late Bush already has, and as has been shown by the elections most Americans believed McCain would dig the hole even deeper.

**MEDICAID:** I have been working since I was 17 yrs old. I am 40 now. I have been with this same employer now for three years. I am offered insurance through my company, but unfortunately I can't afford the insurance premiums right now to be taken out of my paycheck, due to mortgage, car payment, car insurance, etc. So I pay for all of my doctor's visits and my lab work out of my own pocket. Which is fine, I guess. I have no other choice. So here's my point. I have a friend, well let's say she's a friend that has not worked in almost 20 years due to her choice. She has been taking the wrong path in her life. She has multiple children that one of which her mother takes care of, and the other two she put up for adoption. She lives wherever she can, and does whatever she can for money for her drug habits. This woman has Medicaid and has every possible medical need taken care of for her. Why is that? I get so angry at times to just think about that. A lot of us work hard out here and can't afford important things for ourselves and then you have someone like that, that honestly does not have any intentions to work and gets all her health care taken care of. What's wrong with this picture?

**TEEN DRINKING:** Since the advent of the alcoholic beverage there have been kids sneaking drinks behind their parent's backs. There have also been people who cared enough to try to stop that problem or at least try to save some kids lives. When you see one of the officers in this town, please thank them for all they do. PLEASE remember they have kids like you. Remember they have dreams, wishes and wants - just like you. Those heroes need your prayers and support in front of the legislature, county commissions and city councils.

**CARS:** Some are placing blame on the U.S. auto makers for not making smaller cars, and to have kept on making SUVs. They made what the American people wanted. We have plenty of small American cars, some of the smallest models are no longer produced in the U.S. because they were no longer selling. They have been selling in Europe, and are being brought back to the U.S. markets in 2010. Along with more models of (waste of money) hybrids. Remember, if you do find yourself in the market for a car, and you do not see one you like on the lot (because we are keeping our inventories low), we can find just what you are looking for and have it in a day. We can search 300 dealerships in Florida and the southeast and find what you want in a few minutes. At no additional cost. Rebates are at an all time high right now.

**CAR SEAT:** To the person that on Tuesday, Nov. 11 after 2:45 p.m. took my son's car seat out of my white car. How dare you put my child's safety in jeopardy. How do you expect me to take my 4 year old child home from the doctor's office without a car seat? For one thing, there are programs out there for people who cannot afford car seats or booster seats that will help them out. There is no need to go and invade somebody's property and their belongings and take their property. It made my child cry. And now a 4 year old has found out about stealing and kids that age don't need to understand that stuff. When I saw the car seat was gone, I was worried about the other things I had in the vehicle, but nothing else was stolen. Now the bible teaches to forgive people, so I do forgive you. But for everybody else, be safe. With the economy the way it is, please be sure to keep your doors locked. And also watch out for your vehicles when it comes to your gas tank. I live in Treasure Island and I've had someone try to steal gas out of every one of my vehicles.

**EVERGREEN CEMETERY:** This is about the Okeechobee Evergreen Cemetery. My mother and father are both buried out here. Its pretty low down when somebody has to come and steal off of the graves. They stole the little angel off of my mothers grave. That is pretty low down. If you wanted it we could have bought you one. I think they need to check into some of this stuff as to what is going on out here at this cemetery. And make the person who has been doing this stealing, pay for it.

**CUSTOMER:** This is to the customer who left the red deposit bag in the shopping cart. Please call the store, there is no name to call you for you to come pick up your deposit bag. It is a red deposit bag and it was left in a cart at one of the stores you were shopping in.

**PRESIDENT:** Thank God I'm not the President, I think I have too much common sense. Afghanistan - Osama Bin Laden. Afghanistan is growing these poppy flowers for heroine. And we haven't touched that. Well I say, we should tell them to give us Osama Bin Laden or we will Agent Orange their poppy fields. And that way we'll get him really fast. And if we don't then we need to Agent Orange the Poppy Flowers. Then maybe send them some corn seeds or tomato seeds. A harvest of wheat maybe? And I call this stuff in and you don't publish it, and I don't know why. The people need to know this stuff. Send them over there and let them fight this war. And I don't understand why our military is in Afghanistan and they haven't annihilated the poppy plants yet. What is that? What is going on? If I was the president, I'd say "hey, your poppy flowers are gone unless we get Obama Bin Laden." And what is wrong with our government that they can't think like me? Its just common sense from the low person on the totem pole. But oh I guarantee you probably won't print this, because it makes too much sense.

**DEBT:** The trillions of dollars this country is now in debt is beyond imagination. Just the interest on that money is billions of dollars a year. No wonder we are in such trouble. Allowing deficit spending is just wrong. We have to stop it. When Clinton was in office, the Congress passed the balanced budget bill and for a few years, the federal government had a balanced budget and they were at least not making the debt bigger. But then Bush by executive order suspended the balanced budget rule so he could spend billions on the wars. I hope Obama will throw out that executive order and require government to live within its means. No wonder so many Americans are up to their ears in debt just like our country.

# Letters to the Editor

## National Farm City Week

This Thanksgiving Day, as we gather with family and friends to count our blessings, let's give thanks for the bounty we enjoy not just on this holiday, but every day. The safe, plentiful food that is available to us, and the products used to produce the clothing, housing, medicines, fuel and other products we use on a daily basis, didn't just appear in a store. They got here thanks to a tremendous partnership of farmers and ranchers, processors, brokers, truckers, shippers, advertisers, wholesalers and retailers.

In appreciation of this farm-city partnership, the President of the United States annually proclaims the week leading up to and including Thanksgiving Day as National Farm City Week.

Rural and urban residents are "Partners in Progress" who produce the products, consume the products and make them readily available through an efficient production and marketing chain. Farmers and ranchers are just the beginning of that chain. Farm workers, researchers, processors, shippers, truck drivers, inspectors, wholesalers, in the incredible productivity that has made our nation's food and fiber system the envy of the world.

This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's remember the vital farm-city partnerships that have done so much to improve the quality of our lives. Rural and urban communities working together have made the most of our rich agricultural resources, and have made significant contributions to our health and well-being and to the strength of our nation's economy. For this, we can give thanks.

**Trey Whitehurst, President Okeechobee County Farm Bureau**

## An election journey

Election day is a day of great celebration, because we are a Blessed Free Nation that can go to the polls, take a ballot, scan it and select the candidate/candidates

we believe are best to guide our nation, state, county and city governments without any reprisals or threats. We achieved this great privilege of voting by our forefathers who fought and died for us to participate in such a privilege.

Elections are to be taken serious and should never be abused. That goes for the candidate seeking office. Today, I believe those who have fought and died for such are turning over in their graves because we have taken such a privilege and scarred it with lies, deceit, in-morality and big money.

A candidate running for office should never use the term "me or I" will accomplish XYZ and making promises that cannot be kept. A candidate who has earned the privilege of serving becomes part of a team and not a one person show. Because of the great sacrifices made, a candidate should never distort the facts of his/her military record because it is an absolute dishonor to the men/women serving in our past history and present day military to protect our daily freedoms.

This election was no different than my first. I see them as learning experiences, not unsuccessful. Seeking the position as a City Council member has been an extraordinary journey. Why? You believe you put your best foot forward; you tell and answer people's questions with truth, not what they want to hear and want them to believe. Your intention is to join a team of council members whom I believe are doing an excellent job managing our city as a team, not as individuals. You make no promises because those that do, break them and history has proven such and that is why I dedicated nothing but hard work to the people of Okeechobee City.

When you lose, you wonder. Is telling the truth the right thing to do or telling people what they want to hear is best and taking special interest money is the right way to go? The answer is always no in my mind as a Christian. Why? Because our children today are our future and they are presently growing up in a "political environment," witnessing that it

is okay for a politician from the highest office on down to lie, deceit, in-morality, one who distorts facts and the end result, they gain office.

And yes, it happens right here in our own community.

We are a great nation and we are a great community and we must fight to preserve what is

right. I congratulate Mayor Kirk for his return to office; we as a community did not need to lose him. I want to especially thank all those who supported this candidate on his extraordinary journey.

God Bless,  
**Francis Jim Vensel**

# Community Calendar

## Wednesday, Nov. 19

**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. \**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.

**Bingo** at the Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge. Food will be served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Public is welcome.

## Thursday, Nov. 20

**Okeechobee Stitchin'** meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Bring your sewing project and join in on the fun. All types of sewing is welcome, such as quilting, applique, embroidery, crocheting, knitting, serging. Bring your sewing machines if you like to sew. For more information call Belinda Boyle at 863-357-0166 or Corry Geissinger at 863-467-2231.

**Cancer Support Group** will meet on the third Thursday of the month to help and encourage women who have been diagnosed with cancer. The meeting will be held at the American Red Cross office at 323 N. Parrott Ave. from 5:15 until 6:15 p.m. For information, call Janet Topp at 863-824-2899.

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 (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.

**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.

**Cowboys for Christ Range Rider for Jesus Ministries** will meet for a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. with services at 7 p.m. at the Basinger Civic Center. For information, call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

**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.

**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.

**Prayer Group** meets at 10 a.m. at the Community Center at 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.

**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 from 7 until 9 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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 Contractors Association** will meet every third Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. at Beef O' Bradys. All contractors are welcome. For more information, contact Scott Chapman at 863-634-7532.

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.

## Friday, Nov. 21

**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 a 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.

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**A.A. meeting** from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open speaker meeting.

**Business Women's Referral Networking** Luncheon will be held on the third Friday of every month at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., at 11:30 a.m. for networking. The lunch will be at noon. Women should bring business cards and information to promote their business. The meeting provides networking opportunities for women in business and is open to the public. No membership is required. For information, contact Robin Delgado at 800-299-8878; or, by e-mail at [info@flainjurylawyer.com](mailto:info@flainjurylawyer.com).

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. For more information call Loretta at 863-763-7165 or 863-697-0206.



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### Edith Pearl Price, 88

OKEECHOBEE — Edith Pearl Price, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at her residence. She was 88.

Born June 30, 1930 in Waltham, Mass., she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 2 years, and was a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed croquet, ceramics, grandchildren, playing the piano, and Church activities.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Chester Davis Price; four brothers; and two sisters.

She is survived by sons, Chester Warren Price (Carol) of Litchfield, N.H., and David Price Dracut of Mass.; daughter, Evelyn Alicea (Rev. Marcelino Alicea), of Okeechobee; 14 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until service time of 7 p.m. Thursday in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Lois Morenville officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Treasure Coast; or the Church of the Nazarene.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

### Ida Lillian Harer, 78

OKEECHOBEE — Ida Lillian Harer, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, in Okeechobee. She was 78.

Born Feb. 25, 1930 in Jersey Shore, Pa., she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1996, and was of the Methodist faith.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Delmar C. Harer; brothers, Charles Yaggie, Junior Yaggie, Andy Yaggie, and Kenney Yaggie; and sisters, Lillian Morgan, and Nona Streck.

She is survived by her nephew, Gordon Morgan (Malissa); great-nephews, Justin Morgan, and Jared Morgan; nephews, Steve Morgan (Wanda), James Morgan, all of Okeechobee, and Michael Morgan (Brenda), of Winter Haven; nieces, Wanda Lewis (Bill), of Jefferson, N.C., Cindy Crouch (Sam), of Haymarket, Va., Sharon Poirier (Claude), Linda Weir (Don), and Yvonne Morgan, all of Okeechobee; and sister, Kathryn Harer, of Liberty, Pa.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until service time of 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008 in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. Friends may send condolences to [www.buxtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.buxtonfuneralhome.com).

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

### Thomas Perkins

#### Hanna, 72

OKEECHOBEE — Thomas Perkins Hanna, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2008, in Okeechobee. He was 72.

Born July 17, 1936 in Oranburg, S.C., he served in the United States Navy on the USS Randolph, and had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 35 years.

He is preceded in death by three sisters and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Marlene, of Okeechobee.

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### Linda Marie Linen

OKEECHOBEE — In loving memory of our mother, Linda Marie Linen, daughter to the late Joseph and Ardella Honsinger Yetto of Troy, New York.

Mom was born in Troy on Oct. 2, 1947, and moved to Florida in 1979. She passed away in her home in Okeechobee on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008.

She is survived by her loving husband of 41 years, Charles A. Linen; daughters, Lorrie and Bonnie; stepchildren, Patty and Chuckie Linen; brother, Joey, Ernie, Danny, George and Petter Yetto; sisters, Josie Woodard, Bonnie Bell, Leona Dudweire; late sisters, Peggy DeGeorge and Mary Gooden; many loving grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, with Chaplain Ed of Big Lake Hospice officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook at [www.bassokeechobeeffh.com](http://www.bassokeechobeeffh.com)

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972.

### Stephen S. Fish, 62

OKEECHOBEE — Stephen S. Fish, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, in his residence. He was 62.

Born Oct. 7, 1946 in Rochester, N.Y., he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 15 years, and was a member of the Moose of Buckhead Ridge.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Ann Merritt-Fish, of Okeechobee; daughter, Alicia Bockaras, of Aberdeen, S.D.; grandchildren, Samantha and Everette, of Aberdeen, S.D.; stepson, Chuck Wright, of Indianapolis, Ind.; sister, Elizabeth Madigan, of Romulus, N.Y.; and sister-in-law, Lois Hancock, of Okeechobee.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until service time of 7 p.m. Friday in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

### Wanda Faye Garcia, 50

OKEECHOBEE — Wanda Faye Garcia, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, in Okeechobee. She was 50.

Born Oct. 30, 1948 in Cincinnati, Ohio, she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 45 years, and enjoyed her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Wayne Oliver and Jimmy Jo Oliver.

She is survived by her husband, Jose Garcia, of Texas; daughter, Andrea Garcia; grandsons, Matthew Garcia, Jonathan Garcia, and Aidan Garcia; brothers, Jesse Oliver (Kayla), and Adam Oliver, all of Okeechobee; sisters, Rosetta Sires (Elisha), of Mississippi, Helen Oliver (Albert Lopez), of Channelview, Texas, and Peggy Longoria (Arthur), of Okeechobee; and mother, Imogene Baker, of Okeechobee.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon until service time of 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

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## Community Events

### Winter book discussion list posted

Friends of the Library Book Club List for Spring.

The Friends of the Okeechobee Library Book Club will meet at the Okeechobee Library in the board room this winter and spring at 6 p.m. to discuss the following books: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Thursday, Nov. 20, Playing for Pizza by John Grisham, Thursday, Dec. 18; *The Doctor Prescribes Dancing at Daybreak* by Connie Titus, Jan. 22; *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe, Feb. 20; *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khalaeed Hossiani, March 26; *Luncheon of the Boating Party* by Susan Vreeland, April 23. For more information please call Jan Fehrman at 863-357-9980.

### Healthy Start Yard sale

Healthy Start of Okeechobee will hold their annual yard sale where they will have a variety of baby items for excellent prices on Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Okeechobee County Health Department auditorium.

## Holiday Happenings

### Christmas trees are headed to Shrine Club

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will have Live Christmas Trees snow-fresh from Michigan. Douglas Fir and Scotch Pine will be available beginning Friday, Nov. 28, (day after Thanksgiving) in Flagler Park. 5-8 ft. trees will be available. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Shrine Club and Amara Shrine Temple. For more information call the Okeechobee Shrine Club at 863-763-3378; Kip Gardner at 863-610-6659; or David Pittard at 863-801-1678. Come early for the best selections.

### Turkeys available for Thanksgiving

The Masonic Lodge is selling holiday turkeys. Place orders at Porter's Cleaners, 1700 S. Parrott Ave. for your fully cooked whole roasted turkey 18-20 pounds. Turkeys are \$30 each. Order by Nov. 22, pick up on Thursday, Nov. 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge. (Limited to the first 75 orders).

### Main Street has Holiday ham sale

Main Street is once again offering Honey Baked Hams for the holiday. Spiral hams, boneless hams, whole smoked turkeys, side dishes and desserts are available. The pick up date is Tuesday, Nov. 25, after noon at Syble's Flowers, 119 South Parrott Ave. To place an order or for more information call 863-763-2225 or 863-357-6247.

### Moose Lodge selling Koeze Nuts

The Okeechobee Loyal Order of Moose, Legionnaires are again holding their annual Koeze Nut Fund Raiser for Food Baskets for the less fortunate. Order forms and catalogs may be picked up at The Stitchin' Post, 620 S. Parrott Ave. See Paul at the Lodge, 159 NW 36th Street, or call 863-763-4954. You can also call Paul Diamond P.G. Fund Chairman, 863-467-1484 to order.

### Tree lighting ceremony Dec. 2

The City of Okeechobee's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Dec. 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Park. Okeechobee County Schools' Chorus Group will perform. Santa will arrive to visit with children.

### Order of the Eastern Star holds breakfast

On Sunday, Nov. 23, from 8 until 11 a.m., the Okeechobee Chapter No. 128 Order of the Eastern Star will sponsor a breakfast at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave., Okeechobee. Breakfast menu is as follows for a \$7 donation: Homemade biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hash brown casserole, sausage and bacon, grits, orange juice and coffee.

### Cowboys for Christ sponsors event

On Nov. 20, Nashville Recording Artist Tommy Brandt will be at the Okeechobee County Basinger Civic Center. A covered dish supper will begin at 6 p.m., with a performance at 7 p.m. by Christian Country Music Artist, Tommy Brandt. This event is sponsored by Cowboys for Christ. For information call Doyle McDuffie 863-763-2285; Kim Davis 863-467-2855; or David Eng 863-634-3360.

### City Hall Park to hosts Santa

Santa will be at City Hall on Dec. 2, following the Lighting Ceremony; December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Stop by for a picture with Santa!

### Christmas window contest open

Okeechobee Main Street has announced their Third Annual Christmas Window Decorating Contest. Businesses will need to have windows decorated before the City's Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 2. Judging will be on Dec. 13. The winner will receive a plaque. For information please contact Okeechobee Main Street 863-357-MAIN.

### Christmas parade planned

Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade will be Dec. 13, with line up at 5:30 p.m. A craft show will be in Flagler Parks 2 and 3. For more information, contact the Chamber at 763-6464.

### Santa in the Park

Kiwanis will sponsor Santa in Flagler Park 4 on Dec. 6, 13, 19, 20, 22, 23 & 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### Santa on fire truck

The City Firefighters will host Santa on the firetruck visits on: Dec. 18, in the N.W. & N.E. sections of the city; Dec. 19, in the SE section of the city; and Dec. 20 in the SW section of the city.

### Christmas gift drive

My Aunt's House anticipates an overwhelming number of requests this year for assistance, please help if you can. Suggested items: puzzles, books, balls, board games, watches, dolls, cars, and socks. Items can be brought to the Okeechobee County School Board office. The Community Collaborative Council collects items for the gift drive which My Aunt's House distributes to local families. For more information contact Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000 ext 257.

### We want your holiday news

Is your club, organization or church planning a holiday event or fundraiser? Email your news to [okeenews@newszap.com](mailto:okeenews@newszap.com) for this list of community holiday events.

### Orchid Club plans meeting

The Okeechobee Orchid Club meets on Monday, Nov. 24, and will discuss, "Growing Orchids Under Trees." Club member Dera Muszick has graciously offered to share her experiences with growing orchids under trees, what works, what doesn't, how to do it efficiently and economically. This will be followed by a repotting and dividing workshop.

Bring an orchid you'd like help with in repotting or dividing. Bring your own pot, medium, and tools. Or just come watch. There will be an orchid drawing as a fund-raiser. The meeting is set for Monday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m., at the Cooperative Extension Office, 458 Highway 98 N. 863-763-6469 The Garden Club meets at 6 p.m., at the same location.

### Habitat for Humanity holds fundraiser

Habitat for Humanity will hold a 50/50 drawing fundraiser. Tickets are available at Regions Bank, 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winner will be notified on Dec. 1.

### School board to discuss federal grants for 2008-09...

Okeechobee County School Board will be hosting a meeting to inform private schools of federal grant opportunities for the 2009-10 school year. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m., and will be held in room 303 of the Okeechobee County School Board office. All private schools are invited and encouraged to attend.

### Collaborative Council to meet

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m., in the board room of the Okeechobee School Board Office. Guest speakers will be: John Romano - New Horizons; Nedjie Joseph - New Horizons; and Jessica Ports - American Red Cross. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000 ext. 257.

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# Grace Brethren Church open for business



## Places of Worship

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**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

Mark Twain once said "Reports of my demise are greatly exaggerated." The same could be said of **Grace Brethren Church**, 701 S. Parrott Avenue. In spite of rumors to the contrary, the church has no intention to close her doors. Rev. Jim Waters is the current pastor of Grace Brethren. His affiliation with Grace over the past five years has been that of music and education ministry which included supply preacher in the absence, from time to time, of the former pastor Dave Ogden. Rev. Waters was called by the church as bivocational pastor on Feb. 17, of this year.

His experience in the pulpit is that which spans more than ten years as an associate pastor, pastor and supply preacher. His wife, Elaine, compliments the ministry as being of the same spirit. Together, they display a true love of Christ which reflects not just the spiritual but also the practical Christian life. Music and writing

are also special loves of the pastor. In addition to his written studies, Rev. Waters has also written and produced on CD a series of messages based on the day Christ went to Calvary to be the unselfish and ultimate sacrifice for the sin of the world.

The group Psalm 101 will be in concert at **Treasure Island Baptist Church**, 4209 U.S. 4421 S.E. at 6 p.m. on Dec. 6. A love offering will be taken. Contact person is Gracie Morton, 863 634 5283.

**Psalm 101** may be new, but not the individuals that comprise this ministry. Bill and Angela Fulkerson have been sharing their "God-given" talents in churches all over the United States and Overseas for many years.

Angela is a 'P.K.' or preacher's kid. All of her life she has served the Lord and the church with her anointed singing, song writing and musical abilities. She has traveled with her family for many years as they held revivals and camp meetings across the country. At the age of three, she sang her first song in church. At the age of 11, she wrote her first song and won first place at the Talent Search at the All Night Gospel Sing in Bonifay. In 1987, her father was pastor of a church in Houston, Texas for about a year and a half. It was there Angela met her future husband, Bill Fulkerson. It was evident that Bill had a great love for God and for playing the guitar. Bill and Angela were married five years later and this was truly a marriage made in heaven and ordained by God. Through the years they have developed with much prayer and practice the gifts God had given them into a mighty tool that has encouraged and strengthened many souls wherever they go to minister.

Bill and Angela felt God leading them to step through some doors God had started opening. In 2002, they won first place at the Waycross, Ga., Talent Search hosted by Bill Bailey. Psalm 101 received the highest scores ever in the history of the event. They were able to sing on the main stage that night with such artists as the Crabb Family. Gerald Crabb came up to Angela and encouraged her to record a project and get her songs on the radio and that is exactly what she is doing.

In October 2003, Psalm 101 completed their first project and sent their first song to national radio. "Perfect Love," written by Angela Fulkerson, received wonderful response from radio stations and was added to the play list of several major networks including Solid Gospel. Their second song, "My Father's House" hit the Singing News top 80 charts in July 2004.

In late 2006, Psalm 101 produced their own CD as an independent artist. This CD, entitled, "Worth the Wait," has received rave reviews from everyone. Their first single to radio, "He Prays For Me," is still in medium & high rotations on Southern Gospel & Christian Country stations across the U.S. and Canada.

Psalm 101 is not limited to a certain style and this versatility has opened many doors for them.

**Oakview Baptist Church**, 677 S.W. 32nd St., will be presenting a **Christmas Cantata "Festival of Carols"** on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. Oakview's senior adults will be travelling to the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater in Fort Myers on Friday, Dec. 12, to see Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." The church was able to send 200 gift filled shoe boxes to the "Operation Christmas Child"

project this year for needy children around the world.

Oakview is hosting the Christian Team Trails Fishing Tournament on the first Saturday of each month at Okee-Tantie. The cost is \$75 per boat. For more information call 863 763-1699.

**Abundant Blessings Assembly of God**, 4550 U. S. 441 N., has a girls' club called "Friends." They desire to help young mothers and are working with the local pregnancy center. The church is accepting donations of baby clothes and other baby gift items, including gift bags. They have a container to drop off items any time in front of the sanctuary. For more information, call 863 763 3736.

**Peace Lutheran Church**, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, is planning to take youth in the ninth grade and above to Word of Life Super 2008 in Orlando Dec. 5. This will be a fast paced adrenaline-pumping all nighter featuring an Orlando Magic game, broom hockey, ice skating, bowling and lots of pizza.

**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 display their quilts. If you are interested in showing your quilts at this event please contact Joan Caves at 863-763-2903 by **November 21**. Admission is \$5. Proceeds go to Okeechobee Christian Academy.

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



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**Rev. Jim Waters and his wife, Elaine Waters, warmly welcome you to join them at Grace Brethren Church for worship.**

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with the January billing cycle a late fee will not be imposed until day 21. The cutoff date for non-payment will remain the 26th day after the billing date.

"I think it is onerous to have a penalty after 15 days," was the opinion of Devin Maxwell.

"This has always been confusing," Elder Sumner said of the current billing system.

Another of the major changes in the resolution eliminated a second payment of capital connection charges. Currently, if service is terminated for more than three years, all applicable fees including a capital connection charge must be paid for utility service to resume. Under the new resolution, if service is terminated or the meter is removed for any length of time, in order to restore service, all applicable fees must be paid as well as all guaranteed revenue charges accrued from date of termination of service. It is assumed that capital connection charges were paid at the time of initial connection. However, if the total cost exceeds the fees for new service, then the customer will pay the lesser fee for installation for new service including a capital connection fee.

Another change in the resolution would require a landlord to furnish written authorization for a tenant to open an account. The resolution also makes allowance for time payments if the total hookup fees for a new service is \$5,000 or more. Another policy change would require custom-

ers to pay a monthly sewer base charge even if they do not connect to the OUA sewer system that is accessible to their property.

Jeff Larson, OUA's financial advisor, discussed the utility's debt structure and financial status. In connection with his presentation, the board authorized Mr. Larson to negotiate with Regions Bank for a second \$10,000,000 loan to finance wastewater system expansion.

"We think the Region's Bank loan is a good thing," Mr. Larson asserted. "Rates now look good."

Hopefully, he will be able to present loan details to the board at their December meeting and the loan will be closed by the end of the year.

The board also passed a resolution providing preliminary authorization to issue bonds to refinance the loan if necessary.

After some discussion the board clarified their position on maintenance of the King's Bay sewer system. The board cleared up the confusion that was caused by a recent letter from OUA to the King's Bay Homeowners' Association. The current policy, going back to the original agreement with King's Bay, remains in effect. The utility will do repair work on private property between the collection tank and the utility easement. A record is kept of the cost of those repairs on an annual basis. That total cost for King's Bay maintenance will be used to determine the monthly fee individual King's Bay homeowners will pay the next year.

"We are responsible from the collection tank out," was the opinion of board attorney Tom Conley, referring to the original

agreement.

King's Bay has a unique sewer system which has pumps and collection tanks on individual lots that are piped to sewer mains in the street. The agreement with King's Bay allows OUA to go on private property to work on the lines between the collection tanks and the utility easement. Throughout the rest of the area served by OUA, sewer customers are responsible for sewer lines on their property.

In other business, the board:

- authorized the attorney to continue negotiations to purchase property adjacent to the surfacewater treatment plant;
- authorized extension of time on a promissory note to Okeechobee Raceway Car Wash;
- approved a certificate of substantial completion by Youngquist Brothers, Inc. of Fort Myers for work on the wastewater treatment plant expansion project;
- agreed to advertise for engineering services for the Treasure Island vacuum sewer system project;
- received financial statements for Sept. 30 and Oct. 31;
- declared certain items to be surplus;

- approved payment of \$888,677.68 to Wharton-Smith, Inc. of Palm City for progress payments on the wastewater treatment plant expansion project;
- approved a mowing contract with Quality Lawn Care Services;
- approved two work change directives for Wharton-Smith;
- approved a progress payment in the amount of \$966,153.40 to Youngquist Brothers, Inc. for well work done in connection with the wastewater treatment plant expansion project;
- approved a progress payment in the amount of \$127,043.23 to Derrico Construction, Corp. of Melbourne for the SE-2 lift station and gravity sewer rehabilitation; and
- approved a change order from Wharton-Smith increasing the contract price on the wastewater treatment plant expansion by \$76,722.

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bee County has had at least two female commissioners before, Mrs. Garrard Helton will be the first Republican commissioner in this predominately Democratic county.

Installation of the newly elected commissioner and reorganization of the commission will be the first order of business. New officers will be elected and appointments will be made to various boards and committees. Outgoing commissioner Elvie Posey will be presented a plaque for his services.

The meeting should be brief for other than the above business, there are only four action items on the agenda. However, two of the times are rather unusual.

The first item has to do with two unwanted boats. After Hurricane Jeanne in September, 2004, the boats were abandoned by their owners. The county has accrued expenses in moving and storage of these boats. No one showed up at an advertised auction to bid on them. The county

# History

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has title to both vessels and tomorrow commissioners will determine what to do with them.

In the other unusual item, someone actually wants to give the county something. Robert David is offering to give the county a lot in Orange Blossom Ranches off N.W. Eighth Avenue. He has unsuccessfully tried to sell the lot which is too small for a building site.

The other two items deal with recreation. The board will consider purchasing two, 10-row bleachers for C. Scott Driver Recreation Area. The board is also scheduled to form a parks and recreation master plan advisory committee to develop recreation ideas and develop funding for those ideas.

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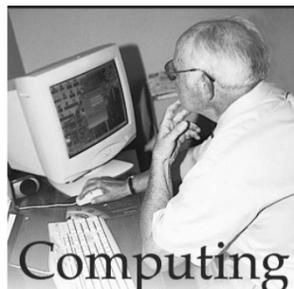
By Diane Timmons  
Okeechobee News

Let's look at some computer definitions again, which also gives me a chance to give you a few little tips along the way.

**Default:** Have you seen the word default used when describing settings for a piece of software? Default usually means the way the manufacturer set up the software for initial use. But software can be set up to behave in many different ways by setting your preferences. Look for the words preferences, options or customize in the menu items across the top of your page. These allow you to set up the software to your needs.

**Dialog box:** This is a window that opens in response to a command you select. It may give you information, or it may ask for information from you. It also could give you information about a problem your computer is having.

**Double-click:** To press the left mouse button, twice in succession without moving the mouse. You do this to execute an action, such as opening an application. When to left click, double-click or right click can get confusing for new users. Remember this, if a single click of the left mouse button doesn't result in the response from the computer you are looking for, try the double click. You aren't going to break anything. Also remem-



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ber, a right click results in a "context menu" which will be related to wherever your mouse is on the screen. Think of a context menu as a handy shortcut to an action because you don't have to move the mouse up to menu items or icons at the top of the screen.

**Download:** Simply the process of copying files from one computer to another, usually your own. We can download a game, a photo or an application from the Internet. Remember, the Internet is millions of computers all hooked together.

**Drag and drop:** This is a way to move an item (such as a file) from one place to another. When you have two folders open or visible on your desktop, you can select a file in one folder and while

holding the left mouse button down, move or drag the object to the new location and release the mouse button to put the file in the destination folder. I drag and drop to my desktop all the time when I want to have short-term, convenient access to a file.

**Driver:** A driver is software your operating system uses to control a piece of hardware either inside or attached to your computer. The driver you are probably most familiar with is the printer driver. Most manufacturers make the drivers for their equipment, even older equipment, available on the Internet at their web site. Often this software has been updated so an old printer can still be used with a new computer using a newer operating system. Don't junk an older printer or scanner just because you don't have the driver software. Go to the manufacturer's web site and search for "drivers."

**DVD vs. CD:** On the outside, CDs (Compact Disc) and DVDs (Digital Versatile Disc) look alike. But DVDs store information more efficiently. CDs came first with a capacity of nearly 700 megabytes. Then came DVDs with the capacity to store enough data for a full-length movie, about 4.7 gigabytes. On an older computer, you may only be able to read or write (burn) to a CD because of the drive that is installed. It takes a DVD drive to read a DVD disk. Look at the door of your drive. It will tell you if it can read or write



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to a DVD. You need to purchase the correct kind of CD or DVD depending on if you want to burn to it once or many times. When buying the CD or DVD, look for the words read-write, or rewritable. RW stands for read-write. So the packaging for the DVD you purchase may read, DVD-RW. This means that on this particular DVD you can burn data and then at a later time, erase the DVD and burn new data to it. If the CD or DVD you purchase is labeled CD-R or DVD-R, it means you can only burn to it once.

Let me know if there are other computer terms you would like to have defined. Happy computing!

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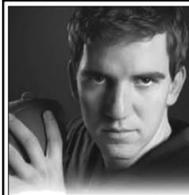
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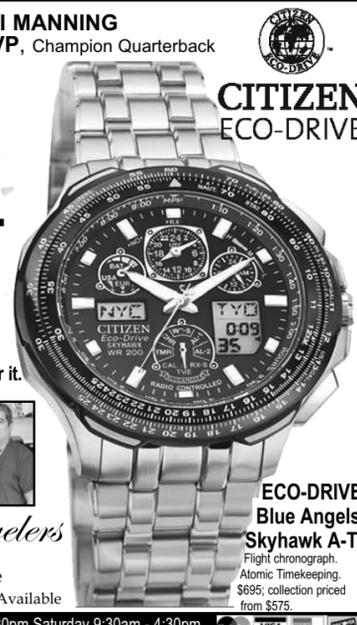
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**By Angela Sachson**  
Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

Not everyone wants or needs a big vegetable garden. Some of us just yearn for the taste of some homegrown broccoli or fresh herbs for salsa. Here's a way to contain your garden.

There is no reason to tear up your yard—in fact, the current conventional wisdom is that tilling the ground may be bad for it. So if you are short on space and hoping to grow a little food, try the following methods.

It's always a good idea to start small, and in this case we mean tiny. Any corner of your yard is a spot for a container of vegetables as long as it gets 6 hours of sun. The sidewalk, the driveway, the

patio, deck, dock or balcony can all work just fine.

And container gardening has advantages even if you have plenty of space. No tilling, fewer weeds, absence of nematodes, and even some portability in case of threatened freeze.

The first requirement for a container is that it cost little or, preferably, nothing. You can buy grow bags but why would you. In fact, if you forget your reusable grocery bags and end up with some plastic ones, poke some drainage holes in the bottom, put in some potting soil and plant. This planter even has handles for moving.

You can use tires, baskets, kiddie pools, barrels and drums, and restaurants buy oil and other food

in large buckets and cans. Look around your house and yard for likely candidates. Just be sure to provide holes for drainage. I have a crape myrtle in an old wash tub. Unusual containers are good for ornamental as well as edible plants.

Potatoes grow great in a large container of layered compost and soil. Just plant the eyes in the bottom of a barrel and continue to add soil and compost as they shoot up. They tell me I've not tasted pota-

atoes until I taste the home grown kind. The container also protects from marauding critters.

Smaller containers are great for herbs. An old coffee pot looks great filled with chives and I have seen a shoe of parsley. Of course you might not want this whimsical addition to your formal garden. When choosing a container, keep in mind the size of the plant you want to grow and the size of the root system as well. Strawberry jars are good for herbs and also provide a vertical home for (you guessed it) strawberries.

and made holes in the bottom for drainage. The holes in the top are just big enough for the plants. In the case of salad plants I cut out the top to seal. Each 40-pound bag will hold one tomato or eggplant, a couple of pepper plants or a whole bunch of radishes and carrots. The peas are already beginning to climb up their chicken-wire supports.

Keep the compost moist and feed plants such eggplant, tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers with a high potash fertilizer when flowers appear - this will ensure the plumpest fruit. When crops have finished, I plan to split the bag open and recycle the com-

post as a soil conditioner in the garden.

Whatever your favorite vegetable, you can find a container and a garden spot to grow good fresh produce.

If you need additional information on container gardening, please email us at okeechobee@ifas.ufl.edu or call us at 863-763-6469. In Highlands County call 863-402-6540 and in Glades County call 863-946-0244. Okeechobee residents can stop by our office at 458 Hwy.w 98 North in Okeechobee, and visit our Okeechobee County Master Gardeners from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoons. GO GATORS!

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This year I planted my vegetables in bags of potting soil, top soil, and compost. I have laid out the bags in my raised-bed plot,



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“We’re very excited about this event,” said Kevin Kinnaird, the director of music at Church of Our Saviour.

Those involved in the program include Mr. Kinnaird, Edward Petuch and John Olsen (who were profiled in last week’s article) as well as Ken Keaton and Valeria Polunina.

Ken Keaton received his doctorate in guitar performance from the University of Miami in 1981. He has now been Dr. Keaton longer than he has been Mr. Keaton. His teachers include Juan Mer-

cadal, Pepe Romero, and David Russell. He is currently a professor of Music at Florida Atlantic University, where he served as Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Letters for fifteen years. Dr. Keaton has performed throughout the eastern United States and Europe, and has a special interest in chamber music and works for guitar and voice.

Valeria Polunina was born in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in 1982. She completed her specialized secondary education in Ekaterinburg Music Academy where she majored in both Piano performance and Music composition degrees. In 2007 Valeria completed Bachelor’s degree at the Russian Music Academy named after the Gnesins where she studied with Professor M. Drozdova who is one of not many students of Professor M. Yudina. Valeria has also completed three-year degree in composition at Moscow State Conservatory named after P. Tchaikovsky. Ms. Polunina is a winner of the First prize of the International competition “Russian

Performing Art” dedicated to S. Rachmaninov. She is also a prizewinner of the International Piano Competition in London, England. Valeria is honorable winner of the “Russian Performing Art” Scholarship Award. She has participated in numerous Master-classes in England, Russia, Ukraine, and Israel with professors Bashkirov, C. Elton, and N. Petrov.

Valeria has also played with Symphony orchestras which include Ekaterinburg Symphony, Simferopol Symphony, and Russian Academy of Music Symphony.

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CHIUAHUA - lost 11/12, vic of Wilson Rd, LaBelle. Off white, red diamond collar, Reward (863)612-9887 or 517-2808.

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Send resume of training and work experience to:  
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BEST VALUE IN TOWN! For Rent: 2/1 unique Loft unit and/or 3/2 home. Both units newly remodeled. Located 12 minutes north of Okechobee on Equestrian Ranch. Monthly water, trash & lawn maintenance included. No Pets! \$550 / \$650 - Move in special. M-F (863)467-2982

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MONTHLY \$599
Waterfront, Clean & Quiet, Okechobee's Nicest. 1 Bedroom & 2 Bedroom furnished & unfurnished (772)15-0010 KIB'S FISH CAMP

TREASURE ISLAND, 2br, 2ba Lake access, quiet area. No pets. \$650/mo., 1st, last & sec. dep. (561)743-4331

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Public Notice 5005
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2008-CA-563

NOTICE OF ACTION
SALVADOR AYALA, a/k/a SALVADOR AYALA MENDOZA Plaintiff
VS. SALVADOR PULIDO AYALA a/k/a SALVADOR AYALA PULIDA, if living or if deceased, his unknown spouse, heirs, devisees, s, grantees and creditors against each of them, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and all unknown natural persons, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person claiming by, through, under or against any corporation or other legal entity named as a defendant; and all unknown claimants under any of the above named or described defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the lands hereafter described.

DUMP TRAILER Homesteader - 2001 Dump Trailer 6x10. Great condition. Bumper pull. \$2000. (863)763-2692

SINGLE AXLE TRAILER - small, needs work \$25 (863)674-0212

UTILITY BED fits on back of small pickup truck. \$800. Call 772-324-1277 or 863-763-6764

UTILITY TRAILER - 7'x16', \$600 or best offer. (863)612-6575

Your new car could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?
Vans 4070
GMC HIGH TOP VAN 1986 - 17K mls. on new engine. Must sell. \$1300 best offer. (561)254-7458 Clewiston

GMC SAVANNAH CARGO VAN '00 - runs great. AC, call for info. \$3000 or best offer.(863)697-2032 Oke

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Tires- 6 245/70 R 19.5 6K miles \$815. 080 (863)697-9713

Public Notice 5005
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2008-CA-380

A-1 FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff
VS. FORT DRUM HOLDING, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, STRATEGY PLACE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 10/31/2008 entered in Civil Case No. 2008-CA-380 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein A-1 FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., is Plaintiff and, FORT DRUM HOLDING, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, STRATEGY PLACE, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, HORIZWITZ FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP BY, THROUGH ARTHUR HORIZWITZ, AS GENERAL PARTNER, MICHAEL HORIZWITZ, SUZANNE HORIZWITZ, et al., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL, in Okeechobee County, Florida at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 24th day of Dec. 2008 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: PARCEL 1

From the Southwest corner of Section 3, Township 34 South, Range 35 East, run East along the South boundary of said Section 3, a distance of 2,143.17 feet to a point, thence Northwesterly at an angle of 59 degrees 50 minutes, measured from West to Northwest, a distance of 23.13 feet, to the point of beginning of this description; thence continue Northwesterly along the Eastern boundary of a 40 foot roadway a distance of 727.45 feet to a point, thence Northwesterly at right angles to said 40 foot roadway, a distance of 475 feet to a point on the Western boundary of another 40 foot roadway, thence Southwesterly at right angles and along said West boundary of said 40 foot roadway, a distance of 1,003.54 feet to a point 20 feet North of the South boundary of said Section 3, thence Westerly along a line parallel to and 20 feet North of said South boundary of said Section 3 a distance of 549.51 feet to the point of beginning, containing 9.45 acres, more or less.

This property is vacant land.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 30 days after the sale.

NOTICE OF SALE
Witness my hand and the seal of said Court on October 23, 2008.

Parcel 1-04-37-35-0010-00000-0420 No.: Sharon Robertson Clerk of Circuit Court
BY: /s/ Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990: in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the undersigned hereby certifies that the special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 2500 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida at 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770. 299444 ON 11/19/2008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, FKA/CENTER HOME EQUITY COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff
VS. CASE NO. 2008-CA-159 RICK KAYS A/K/A NEAL RICHARD KAYS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICK KAYS A/K/A NEAL RICHARD KAYS; CINDY KAYS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CINDY KAYS; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTVEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

Stereo Equipment 0710
SURROUND SOUND SYS
Techwood, 1500 watts, 4-15 speakers incld. \$1000 080 (863)634-2790

Television 0715
CONSOLE - Zenith, Color TV works good. \$40 or best offer. (863)697-1995

Tools 0725
A 2 Key Cutter Machine- And lots of keys \$300 (863)430-6987

CONCRETE MIXER 3 1/2 CF, New, Electric 110v, never used. New cost \$225.00 \$100. (863)697-2133

GENERATOR - Coleman, Diesel, 5 kw, 120/240. \$3000. (2 3 9 ) 3 5 7 - 5 1 1 1 (863)234-1230

GENERATOR - Portable, Troy-Bilt, B&S, 3550 watts. \$250 surge. Used 1hr. Pd \$495. Now. \$300 (863)675-6973

Shop Press 20 Ton- \$125. 080 (863)430-6987

Snap On Tool Boxes and retired mechanics tools-Best Offer (772)205-0121

SNAP-ON TAP & Die Set - Cost \$600, Standard & Metric, #4 - 1". \$275. (863)697-2186

TABLE Saw - 10 inch. Ryobi. Like new. Used very little. \$40 (863)675-6973

Rentals
900 RENT
Apartments 905
Business Places 910
Commercial Property 915

CONDO/TOWNHOUSES - Rent 920
Farm Property - Rent 925
House - Rent 930
Land - Rent 935

Resort Property - Rent 945
Roommate 950
Rooms to Rent 955
Storage Space - Rent 960

BEAUTIFUL SAMANTHA'S GARDEN APTS - In Town, 2br/2ba, W&D, \$850 mo. + \$500. sec. (863)634-5780

KEE - Lg 2br, w/full wall closets, eat-in kitchen, quiet area, scenic yard, \$750/mo, \$500 sec. (863)467-2784

KEECHOBEE, 2br, 1ba, Near town. \$825 mo. inclds w/ water. Annual Lease. Call Kelly 863-697-1339

TAYLOR CREEK CONDOS - 1br/1ba. Furnished. Avail Dec 1st. For Details. 561-352-4243

CONDOS/TOWNHOUSES RENT 0920
Duplex in BHR, 800 Sq Ft - 1/1 Extra back room. \$550/mo. Includes lawn maintenance. (954)290-0861

Oak Lake Villa
2bd/2ba. Super clean, nice family location in the SW section. \$650.00 a month. 1st, last, & security deposit needed for move in. Please call 863-467-1933

BRAND NEW WATERFRONT HOME with Lake Okechobee access. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Tile flooring, natural stone countertops, tile showers, split floor plan, and energy star certified. Rent to own option available. Call for details 467-1933 Please ask for Amber.

Houses - Rent 0930
Rent to Own - 4/2 \$1000 mo. new, ready now. 863-599-0156 or 561-248-3888

SAVE YOUR GAS!!! WE HAVE OVER 50 RENTALS AVAILABLE
Landlords, tenants Welcome OPEN WEEKENDS
Century 21 Horizon Properties (863)634-5352

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

OFFICE SPACE RENT 0937
EXCELLENT LOCATION - 441 S. Commercial Office/Retail Space, 1154 sq. ft. Call 863-634-7728 for details.

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Real Estate
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Business Places - Sale 1005
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ADORABLE WATERFRONT RENTALS
Sit on the large screen porch overlooking Taylor Creek, catch your pole and catch the fish. 2 bdrm one ba, fully furnished cute as can be rental. Call for details 863-467-8683

Out of State Property - Sale 1055
TENNESSEE LAND RUSH! 1+acre to 2acre homesites, wood, views. Starting at \$59,900. Tenn River & Nick-a-Jack view tracts now available! Retirement guide rates this area #2 in U.S. places to retire. Low cost of living, no impact fee. (330)699-2741 (866)550-5263, Ask About Mini Vacation!

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**Public Notice 5005**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT,**  
a water management district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
**THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NONRESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN AND OTHERS CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY.**  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 2008-CA-031975

**AMENDED NOTICE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

**TO: THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE TAXPAYERS, PROPERTY OWNERS AND CITIZENS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, INCLUDING NONRESIDENTS OWNING PROPERTY OR SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREIN AND OTHERS CLAIMING ANY RIGHTS, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION HEREIN DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY.**

Plaintiff, SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ("District") having filed its Complaint for Validation and Supplement to Complaint against the State of Florida, and the several property owners, taxpayers and citizens of Palm Beach County, Broward County, Charlotte County, Collier County, Glades County, Hendry County, Highlands County, Lee County, Martin County, Monroe County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County and St. Lucie County, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected in any way by the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the COPs for the cost of providing any or all of the following services: drainage, road improvements, including, but not limited to roadside ditches, swales, and sidewalks, street lighting, canal cleaning and canal maintenance, enhanced or substitute solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater treatment and mosquito control, commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 01, 2009. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Clerk of Okeechobee County, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, that the State of Florida, and the several property owners, taxpayers and citizens of Palm Beach County, Broward County, Charlotte County, Collier County, Glades County, Hendry County, Highlands County, Lee County, Martin County, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County and St. Lucie County, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected in any way by the issuance of the COPs herein described, or to be affected thereby, appear before the Honorable Judge Donald W. Hafele on the 12th day of December, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. in the Palm Beach County Courthouse, 205 North Dixie Highway, Room 11-B, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, and show cause why the prayers of the Complaint for Validation and Supplement to Complaint should not be granted and the legality of all proceedings in connection therewith and other matters set forth in said Complaint and Supplement to Complaint should not be validated and confirmed as therein prayed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that prior to the date set for the hearing on said Complaint for Validation and Supplement to Complaint, the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Amended Notice and Order to Show Cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Palm Beach County, Broward County, Charlotte County, Collier County, Glades County, Hendry County, Highlands County, Lee County, Martin County, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County and St. Lucie County, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks, the first publication to be not less than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that, by such publication of this Amended Order, it the taxpayers, property owners, citizens and others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property within Palm Beach County, Broward County, Charlotte County, Collier County, Glades County, Hendry County, Highlands County, Lee County, Martin County, Miami-Dade County, Monroe County, Okeechobee County, Orange County, Osceola County, Polk County and St. Lucie County, including non-residents owning property or subject to taxation therein and all others having or claiming any right, title or interest in property to be affected by the issuance of the COPs herein described or to be affected in any way thereby, and they are made parties defendant to this proceeding, and that this Court shall have jurisdiction of them to the same extent as if named as defendants in said Complaint and Supplement to Complaint and proceed with process in this cause.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at the Courthouse in West Palm Beach, Florida, this 14th day of November, 2008.

/s/ Donald W. Hafele  
Circuit Court Judge

300947 ON 11/19/26/08 & CN 11/20/27/08

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Okeechobee County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, for the cost of providing any or all of the following services: drainage, road improvements, including, but not limited to roadside ditches, swales, and sidewalks, street lighting, canal cleaning and canal maintenance, enhanced or substitute solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater treatment and mosquito control, commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 01, 2009. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Clerk of Okeechobee County, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to proceeding or call 1-772-807-4370. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8777; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8777.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2008.

CLIF BETTS, JR., CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
298681 ON 11/5,12,19,26/08

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

**KING'S BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOC.**

**Service Period:** One (1) year, renewable upon mutual agreement.

**Bids Accepted Through:** December 23, 2008.

**Instructions:** Bids may be mailed to King's Bay Homeowners Assoc., 4466 SE 50th Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34974 or they may be hand delivered to drop box located on King's Bay Office door.

**Service Requirements:** This contract will be for full service lawn and tree maintenance of designated areas within King's Bay. Contract requirements available at King's Bay Office. You may call our office for further information. (863) 763-3878. 298682 ON 11/14,19,23/08

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION**

**NATIONAL CITY BANK, AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK,**  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
**STEVEN K. ASTLES, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STEVEN K. ASTLES; STEVEN K. ASTLES, AS TRUSTEE OF THE STEVEN K. ASTLES, AS REVOCABLE TRUST DATED 10/16/06; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S); IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LENDORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S).**  
Defendant(s)

**NOTICE OF SALE**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in Hendry County, Florida, described as:

**Lots 20, 21, and 22, Block 22, CONNERS HIGHLANDS, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 21, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.**

**AT/A XXXX NW 21ST LAKE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972**

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, in cash, in the Jury Assembly Room of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 257, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 o'clock, A.M., on 12/17/2008.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the sale, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 3rd day of Nov, 2008.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young  
Deputy Clerk

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY Law Offices of Daniel C. Consuegra, 8204 King Palm Drive Tampa, FL 33619-1328

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299324 ON 11/19,26/2008

**Public Notice 5005**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Okeechobee County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied throughout the County, for the cost of providing emergency medical services, commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 01, 2009. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessment authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. 9th Street, Okeechobee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Clerk of Okeechobee County, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to proceeding or call 1-772-807-4370. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8777; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8777.

Dated this 23rd day of October, 2008.

CLIF BETTS, JR., CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
298678 ON 11/5,12,19,26/08

**NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) - CONSTRUCTION MANAGER**

Pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the State of Florida's Consultants Competitive Negotiations Act, and the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), the DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE will consider the contracting of a CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) for providing professional services for the following construction project(s):

**REMODELING OF BUILDINGS #38 AND #39**  
Located at the IRSC Fort Pierce Main Campus  
3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34981-5596

The Project will consist of working with the project architect in the design phase, including value engineering, the development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), and construction services for two classroom/lab facilities of approximately 13,500 square feet.

Business entities interested in providing construction management services for the Indian River State College (IRSC) Project are hereby notified that their "Statement of Qualifications" submissions must be received by the DEADLINE DATE of Wednesday, December 3, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. in the IRSC Facilities Planning Office at 3209 Virginia Avenue, Building "S", Room 233, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981-5596. Please submit only one (1) original and five (5) copies, and clearly indicate the project name on your submittal.

Instructions for completion and submission of the Construction Management "Statement of Qualifications" may be obtained at the IRSC Facilities Planning Office, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Building "S", Room 233, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981-5596; or preferred by e-mailing your request to pivev@irsc.edu; or by calling the Facilities Planning Office at 772-462-7360.

IRSC reserves the right to waive any informality in the selection process and to reject any or all "Statements of Qualifications."  
300122 ON 11/12,19,26/08

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 10th day of December, 2008, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

**THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 20, SECTION 26, IN THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGES 3 THROUGH 3E INCLUSIVE, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

**PRESERVE LAND CO., a Florida Corporation,**  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
**ELLEN M. BROWN, STAFFORD WHYNN and 421 FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.,**  
Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2008-CC-232

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

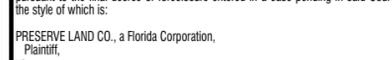
WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 17th day of November, 2008.

SHARON ROBERTSON,  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
By: /s/ Linda F. Young  
DEPUTY CLERK

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**JOINT FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Florida Division of Emergency Management have received the following application for Federal grant funding. Final notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) consideration to provide funding in the form of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Funds will be provided in accordance with Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), federal actions must be reviewed and evaluated for feasible alternatives and for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations. Under Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to consider alternatives to and to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. EO 12898 also requires FEMA to provide the opportunity for public participation in the planning process and to consider potential impacts to minority or low-income populations.

Funding for the proposed project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, tribal, state and local laws, regulations, floodplain standards, permit requirements and conditions.

**Applicant:** Okeechobee County

**Project Title:** FEMA-1561-DR-FL: FEMA Project #1561-94-R, DCA#07HM-6@-07-57-01-036, SW Okeechobee Drainage Improvement Project

**Location of Proposed Work:** The area affected by this project consists of SW 7th Avenue, Wolff Road, SW 3rd Ave, SW 3rd Terrace, SW 32nd St

**Proposed Work and Purpose:** Stormwater ditches & swales, pipes, inlets, culverts, discharging to SW 7th Avenue (Whiddon) ditch, which will relieve flooding of roads and properties, and allow access to a critical facility (school/hurricane shelter)

**Project Alternatives:** The alternatives to the project that have been and will be considered are 1) the no action alternative, 2) an extended project area and water retention facility, and 3) buyout of flooded property with demolition of structures and relocation of occupants. These alternatives to the proposed project are not viable because under Alternative 1) repetitive flooding is not alleviated and the needs of the community would not be served; Alternative 2) was cost prohibitive, and Alternative 3) does not retain fabric of the community or relieve flooding and allow access, and is cost prohibitive, and therefore not practicable.

**Comment Period:** Comments are solicited from the public; local, state or federal agencies; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments should be made in writing and addressed to the Florida Division of Emergency Management, Bureau of Recovery and Mitigation, 2555 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-2100. These are due within 15 days of this notice. The State will forward comments to applicable regulatory agencies as needed. Interested persons may submit comments, obtain more detailed information about the proposed action, or request a copy of the findings by contacting:

Deborah Belcher, Grant Administrator for Okeechobee Co. (850) 893-0694  
Roumels Planning and Development Services, Inc. debroumels@earthlink.net

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# OHS Lady Brahmans split two soccer matches

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman Soccer Team won at John Carroll but lost on the road at South Fork in their latest matches.

Okeechobee defeated John Carroll 2-0 last Thursday in Ft. Pierce and lost to the Lady Bulldogs, 4-0 on Monday.

Ashtyn Brown and Janna Mullis scored goals for Okeechobee in the victory over the Lady Rams Thursday. The girls controlled play and played well together.

"They were a different team from the one that played Martin County last Monday," Coach Jorje Botello noted, "They corrected a lot of their mistakes

from that game, they ran to the ball more, and they were a more cohesive unit."

Caitlyn Gaucin had three saves in the net for Okeechobee (1-2).

"The Rams played competitively. They had lost some players to injury but were still competitive," Botello said, "It was a good win for us."

Okeechobee struggled Monday when they lost to South Fork, (5-1). Botello said the Lady Bulldogs had more experience this year and it showed on the field.

"The team wasn't really functioning together well. I don't think it was a bad game as we did hold them down to four goals," he continued.

Gaucin was injured in the second

half and was replaced by Megan Clements. She had nine saves in goal in the second half.

"She did an outstanding job. The majority of the game was played in our end of the field. They kept us contained for the most part," Botello added.

Okeechobee had a few break-outs and a few chances to score but couldn't find the net. Jordan Aspden and Ashtyn Brown received praise from their coach on their effort on the offensive end.

Okeechobee returns home to play John Carroll on Thursday night. The junior varsity match starts at 5 p.m. The varsity match begins at 7 p.m.

# Hoops get off to good start

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School defeated Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School 68-42 to open up the girl's basketball schedule Monday night in Glades County.

Okeechobee overcame a home court advantage in the form of two large fans on the court, and went on an 18-0 run late in the third quarter to put the host Terriers away.

Monica Koger had 17 points in her return from volleyball. Essence Williams had 16 points, all of them in the second half. Dorothy Burkhardt and Calandra Youmans had 10 points apiece. Markeisha Youmans had nine

points and eight rebounds.

Head Coach Tony Sherlock said he felt the girls have improved quicker than he expected this year.

"It was a really good team win last night," he said. "I liked the balanced scoring. They worked together and picked each other up. I've been very impressed. We are starting to jell as a team."

Sherlock said he used a trapping defense late in the third quarter to break open a tight game. That defense resulted in nine consecutive turnovers by Moore Haven and a huge Okeechobee run.

Sherlock also expressed dismay that referees refused to turn off two large court side fans that appeared to

affect the flight of outside shots during warm ups. He also noted the playing floor was awful.

"These fans were like humongous airplane fans you see in hangars. I took a few practice jump shots and the flight of the ball appeared to be impacted," he added.

Okeechobee travelled to Lake Placid for another early season battle on Tuesday night. The girl's home opener is Monday night against Avon Park. The junior varsity game begins at 5:30 and the varsity tips off at 7 p.m.

"I think we are a lot further along than I thought we would be," Sherlock said, "Our motto this year is to believe."

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**Fun By The Numbers**

# Lady Brahman hoops continue good start

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's Lady Brahms won their second game at the Sebring Pre Season Tip Off Classic Thursday night, 49-38, over LaBelle. Coach Anthony Sherlock said

he is very pleased with how the girls have started their season. Last Tuesday night they handled the hosts of the tournament, Sebring 48-46.

"I've been very impressed with the girls so far. We played well against Sebring. Against La-

belle we didn't play our best but we still won. That's the sign of a good team," he said.

Against LaBelle, Okeechobee got a strong game inside from Jewel Buck who scored 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Essence Williams chipped in with

12 points and Markeisha Youmans had eight points. Williams had seven steals and Youmans grabbed eight rebounds.

Okeechobee won despite shooting 70 shots from the field.

"I told the girls if they had hit those shots we could have scored

140 points," Sherlock said.

The Brahms shot 28 inside shots in the second half. Most of the shots were layups.

Okeechobee and LaBelle were tied at 11 after one quarter and Okeechobee led by five points at the half. They built the lead to as

many as 16 points in the second half.

"Despite not playing well we won, so that's a good sign of things to come," Sherlock said.

Okeechobee will play again on Monday night at Moore Haven.

# Wrestlers expect to continue season success



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Wrestling coach Bruce Jahner gives his wrestlers tips during a recent practice.**

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School lost a few great wrestlers to graduation but still return enough talent to turn some heads this year.

Gone are Robbie Harrell, Caleb Smith, and Michael Brischke, but back are top wrestlers Donny Bush, and Tyler Hayes, and a corps of hungry young wrestlers looking to make a name for themselves.

"We expect the same thing every year, success," Wrestling Coach Bruce Jahner said, "We will always be pushing and practicing to get better."

Okeechobee finished second in their district last year and fourth in the region. They had three district champions and three wres-

tlers who qualified for the state tournament.

Key returners this year include heavyweight Kyle McGee, Tony Bonnett, Josh Krum and Zac Griffith. Coach Jahner is impressed with the hard work of the younger kids at practice. He noted they appear hungry to join the rotation.

Okeechobee will again host its own tournament, the Big Lake Classic on Saturday, Dec. 13. Locals can also come out to watch the Junior Varsity tournament on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Top district opponents this year will include Fort Pierce Central, the defending district champion. They and Okeechobee had some spirited matches last year.

"I feel we will be in the hunt this year. We'll be in it," he said.

Tyler Hayes will wrestle at 160 this year. Donny Bush will either be at 145 pounds or 152 pounds. Jose Medellin and Corey Krum will battle at 189. Kyle McGee will wrestle at heavyweight. The lighter wrestlers will all be new.

Other wrestlers on the varsity team this year are Donald Bryan, David Sanchez, Julio Torres, Alan Garza, Tony Bowers, and Saul Garcia.

Okeechobee will open their season on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Fort Pierce Westwood. The first home match will be on Dec. 3, against Ft. Pierce Central. Wrestling begins at 6:30 p.m.

"We love to wrestle at home. We have a good home crowd. We also get to see some alumni and I always look forward to seeing them," Jahner noted.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Corey Krum (left) battles Julio Torres during a recent wrestling practice.**

# Boy's soccer team hopes for good season

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School Boy's soccer opens their schedule tonight with a preseason match against rival Jensen Beach in a four team jamboree that also includes St. Thomas Aquinas, and Treasure Coast. The action gets underway at 5:30 p.m. at Jensen Beach High School.

The boys have a lot to prove this year after a disappointing end to their 2007-2008 campaign.

The Brahms rumbled through their district schedule undefeated and were riding high when they played in the district tournament last year. They lost 6-0 in the first round of the tournament to Forest Hill, a result that

left many scratching their head. Coach Lonnie Sears said that defeat should help his team get better prepared this year.

"We were very disappointed last year. The kids need to realize it is not their birth right to win districts. We have got to get them out of that mind set," he said.

This year's squad has eight returning starters, all seniors. They return 11 players from last year. They lost their goal keeper Omar Torres, and their top scorer Giovanni Jimenez who accepted a college scholarship for soccer. Also gone are solid contributors Jose Bustos and Bryan Suarez.

Key returners include Eddie Guerrero, a spectacular soccer player, Alan Najara a top defender

and scorer, and Ivan Torres, one of the bigger role models on the squad. Coach Sears like the nucleus of his team this year.

"If we were going to do anything it better be this year," he said.

Sears said his team is very enthusiastic and ready to play this year. He added the team wants to play Jensen Beach who has won the district tournament for the past three years. He noted a good rivalry has been built up between the two schools. Forest Hill will also be tough again.

Guerrero said he expects the team to do well this year. "I think it should be a good year for us. We have a lot of young, but good players. I think we have a chance to make it past districts," he said.

Guerrero said the team has learned its lesson about districts. He noted a lot of players weren't ready to play last year and were overconfident. He said it was a learning experience for the team.

Sears said he thinks soccer is one of the more team oriented sports that kids play. He also mentioned that he'll need contributions from all his players if the team is to return to the post season.

"It takes 11 guys. It will take every one of them to win a game," he said.

# Youth soccer season's winding down

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Thirteen teams have competed over the past month in the 2008 Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation Department Youth Soccer program.

The leagues are broken down into 14 and under, 12 and under and 10 and under soccer players.

GCR Transport, Incorporated won the 14 and under division. They had a record of 9-0 as of Friday. John's Towing went (4-5), and Stark Masonry (0-8).

The 12 and under league was led by Club San Luis. They were unbeaten (8-0). Communities in Schools, Police Athletic League

"Kids on track" (4-2-2) were second. Mydades San Miguel was (3-5-1), and Rafael's Window Tint was (2-7).

The 10 and under league had three teams battling for the crown. David and Sons Lawn Care (5-0-2), Okeechobee Soccer League (5-0-2), and Mom's Kitchen (5-1-1) were all in the running as of last week. Surfin' the Net (2-5), Cooling Refrigeration Services (1-5-1), and Buxton Funeral Home (0-7) rounded out the division.

The 14 and under teams ended their season last Saturday. The two other leagues finish their season on Saturday, Dec. 6.

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

**PL.G.S. League**

Okeechobee Ladies Association Joker Hole Nov. 11: First place - Kay Duball. Second place - Carol Seiser. Third place - Phyllis Koff.

Gold Tee League O.G. & C.C. Nov. 12: First place - George Guydosh. Second place - Vern Johnson. Third place (tie) - Joe Albrecht, Dave Bockoras, George Earl Goudy, Bob Meter.

O.G. & C.C. - PIGS League Nov. 12: First place - JC Armstrong. Second place - Kenny Curran. Last place - Levi Clem.

Closest to the pin: Terry Mastaler (2), Dr. Carp.

O.G. & C.C. Ladies Association Low Field Nov. 13: First place - Diane Smet. Second place (tie) - Joyce Huffman and Saba Curren.

O.G. & C.C. PIGS League Nov. 14: First place - Pat Weaver. Second place - Vinnie Malone. Last place - Joe Albrecht.

Closest to the pin: 2-Harry White, 8-Vinnie Malone, 11-Carl Varner, 17-Vinnie Malone.

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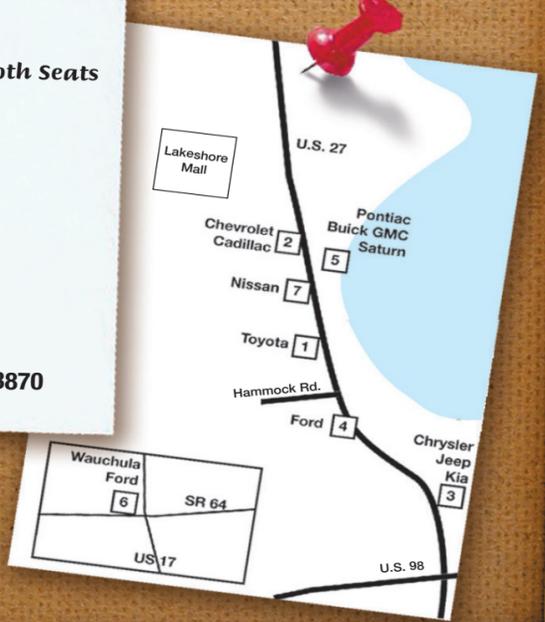
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