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Briefs

4-H plans Annual Barbecue

The Okeechobee 4-H Foundation will be holding their annual pork barbecue dinner with all the fixings on Monday, Oct. 20 in the Freshman Campus cafeteria. Tickets are on sale now for \$7 at the Extension Office or by calling 4-H members. Deliveries may be made for five or more dinners by calling in advance to 863-763-6469 or on the day of the event to 863-634-3327. You may dine in or pick up your dinner from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Rain Barrel Workshop planned Monday

Rain barrels are a convenient and efficient way to collect rainwater. They provide a free source of water for irrigating your landscape and potted plants, and help reduce the storm water runoff from your yard! To learn more about Rain Barrels and to make your own Barrel, come to this informative workshop. The workshop is planned for Monday, Oct. 20, from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Extension Service Office, 458 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee.

This is a hands-on program and every participant can take home the rain barrel he or she creates during the class! Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 863-763-6469 to sign up. The cost is \$25 and includes a rain barrel and conversion kit.

New Al-ateen meeting

Every Tuesday night from 7 until 8 p.m. the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Second Str. will hold an Al-ateen meeting. For more information call Amy 863-763-8531 or Dan 863-467-2061.

Drought Index

Current: 431
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Local Burn Ban: None

Lake Levels

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College funding option proposed

Second in a series on the amendments proposed to the Florida Constitution

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

Election day is rapidly approaching and along with the Presidential decisions, Floridians will have a hand full of amendments on which to place their

stamp of approval or disapproval.

Amendment 8, entitled, "Local Option Community College Funding," essentially allows for community colleges, or other public institutions whose primary mission and responsibility includes providing lower level undergraduate instruction and awarding associate degrees to be authorized by law to levy a local option sales tax to supplement the funding of the institution.

According to the Florida Tax Watch, Amendment 8 would authorize counties to ask voters to

approve a sales tax increase to supplement funding of the community college that serves their residents. There are 28 community colleges in Florida's system, serving 800,000 students. Besides student tuition, fees, and other college revenue, community colleges are funded with state appropriations, primarily state general revenue and Lottery proceeds. This amendment would allow local taxpayers to help fund their local institution. If a local option sales tax were proposed, it would have to be approved by a referendum of vot-

ers in the county. Nine of the 28 community colleges serve one county, but the others serve multiple counties—as many as five. For multiple-county colleges, all counties served would have to approve the tax.

The amendment does not specify or limit the amount of the sales tax increase that may be proposed. It does mandate that the tax would expire in five years, but can be reauthorized by the voters.

The current state sales tax rate is 6 percent. Local option sales taxes currently vary by

county from 0 percent to 1.5 percent, meaning the highest combine rate in the state is 7.5 percent. Statewide, a 1 percent local option sales tax could raise \$3.3 billion. This estimate varies significantly from county to county, ranging from \$426 million in Miami-Dade to \$316,000 in Liberty County.

In 1992, the voters of Miami-Dade County approved a referendum authorizing a local sales tax increase to benefit Miami-Dade College. The tax expired in 1994.

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Coquina: Roads and drainage projects



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Melvin Byars, left, chairman of the Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, and newly elected board member Kenneth Childs and foreman Danny Faircloth examined Coquina. They examined roads, canals and culverts.

Storm left some damage

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Kenneth Childs, newly elected member of the Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, recently received a tour of Viking.

The regularly scheduled Coquina board meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the county annex. After all regular business has been conducted, the meeting was adjourned until Monday Morning, Oct. 13. The meeting reconvened at the Coquina shop. After looking at some maps, Board chairman Melvin Byars and Coquina foreman Danny Faircloth took Mr. Childs on a tour of Viking to visit Coquina projects.

The group examined the condition of several Viking canals and looked at a culvert that will have to be replaced. They also looked at a section of road in the extreme northwestern part of Viking. To divert a sheetflow of water over the road after Tropical Storm Fay, Coquina put up a dike on one side of the



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Melvin Byars, left, chairman of the Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors, and newly elected board member Kenneth Childs examine the condition of the Coquina maintained canal in the background. On Monday, Oct. 13 Mr. Byars, Mr. Childs, engineer Bryan Clemmons and foreman Danny Faircloth examined Coquina drainage projects.

road. Repair of that road will be one of the first projects in the new fiscal year. The board also measured out, examined and discussed a possible easement that is being offered by

J-5 Ranch.
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Local man charged with aiding escape

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A VisionQuest employee was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with helping two teenage girls escape from that facility in Okeechobee County.

The two 16-year-old girls were apprehended around 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, by the Lauderhill Police Department (LPD), said Detective Ted Van Deman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). The girls were apparently hiding out in a suspected drug house, he added.

OCSO Detective Rosemary Farless arrested VisionQuest detention staff member Jeffery Lamar King at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday.

King, 21, South 55th St., Philadelphia, Pa., was charged with the felonies of voluntary escape by an officer (two counts), interference with child custody (two counts) and child neglect/endangerment (two counts). King was also charged with two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a misdemeanor.

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Businessman protests OUA water rates

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Tom Rhodes made a statement many people in Okeechobee could probably identify with.

"I am the face of the person impacted directly," Mr. Rhodes told the Okeechobee Utility

Authority (OUA) Board of Directors at their Tuesday, Oct. 14 meeting. He was speaking of the 8 percent water rate increase and 15 percent sewer rate increase which went into effect August 1.

Mr. Rhodes, owner of Sunshine Coin Laundry, gave a well

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Tickets to 'Christmas Belles' now on sale

Individual seat tickets to the Okeechobee Community Theatre production of the holiday comedy Christmas Belles are now on sale. They may be purchased at the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce office during regular business hours at a price of \$12 each.

The show, to be presented on Nov. 7, 8, 14 and 15, at 8 p.m. each evening, is the first offering of the theatre's 30th birthday season, which will also include the drama To Kill a

Mockingbird, and the romantic play, Love Letters, both coming up in March.

Okeechobee Community Theatre productions are performed at the auditorium on South West Second Avenue at Seventh Street, one block behind Golden Corral Restaurant.

Christmas Belles, by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten, is a perfect early jump-start to the holiday season, as a group of Texas sisters work together to desperately

try to keep a church Christmas pageant from spiraling into chaos.

Even with unique ideas like and Elvis impersonator at the manger, it seems that circumstances may destroy any chance for a successful program. Through it all, however, the real reason for the season is never forgotten, and audiences will enjoy an infusion of the true Christmas spirit.

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Pop Warner football

The Lil Brahms Junior Pee Wee had a strong pass rush against Port St. Lucie all afternoon in their big victory Saturday. For more on the game, see page 18.



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researched and organized presentation. He introduced himself as a second generation laundromat operator. His family has operated the Sunshine Coin Laundry in Okeechobee since 1977. He also has laundromats in Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie and Vero Beach. Mr. Rhodes presented bills from all four laundromats and compared OUA rates with the other three utilities involved.

"OUA was in the lead every single time," he asserted. He noted that even though rents, taxes and wages are lower here than on the coast, utility rates are higher.

Mr. Rhodes said the median income in Port St. Lucie is \$44,000 annually while Okeechobee median income is \$28,000.

"You are charging a higher water and sewer rate to the people who can least afford it," he said.

John Hayford, OUA executive director, responded that the economic condition of OUA customers had no bearing on OUA's operating expenses.

Mr. Rhodes said that he had to charge higher rates at his Okeechobee laundromat than at his other laundromats on the coast because of higher utility costs.

"I don't see how our competition in Okeechobee is making any money," he asserted.

He claimed that there is a big disparity between OUA rates and Fort Pierce Utility Authority (FPUA) rates.

Mr. Rhodes noted that several years ago when OUA instituted a new rate schedule, the board came back soon afterward and modified it. He asked for the same consideration to be given now.

Henry Thomas, OUA's rate consultant, also has FPUA for a client. He said that FPUA will need to institute rate increases over the next five years.

"Their rates will go up tremendously," he predicted. Mr. Thomas said they will soon have to build a new sewage treatment plant which will cause their rates to increase.

He also predicted that Vero Beach would soon have to build a new sewage treatment plant,

causing their rates to go up also.

"The era of cheap water in Florida is over," the rate consultant stated, adding that alternative sources of water are expensive, construction costs are going up and electricity costs are going up.

Mr. Rhodes had mentioned that for a time he was able to absorb costs increases. Mr. Thomas said that, unlike Mr. Rhodes, OUA had no investors to absorb cost increases. At the same time he said the utility was dealing with declining incomes and higher expenses.

"All we charge for is the cost of treating, pumping and delivering," Mr. Thomas said. He noted that unlike the oil companies which charge for oil, utilities do not charge for the water itself.

Mr. Thomas stated that FPUA is required to give 6 percent of their income to the City of Fort Pierce and that two years ago they were not financially able to do that.

Mr. Hayford noted that the discrepancy in costs could be caused, at least in part, by a faulty water meter. He said his utility changed out Mr. Rhodes' water meter in October. He said the old

meter did not read low flows accurately. He also noted that it cost more to treat lake water than to treat well water. At the same time he said it is getting harder to get permits to use more well water. He said OUA was "between a rock and hard place." He said water managers wanted to take the utility off lake water but they did not want them to use any more well water either.

The board took no action on Mr. Rhodes' request.

The board then spent some time discussing the OUA policy of charging a second capital connection charge to restore service if a water meter has been pulled for three years or longer.

Mr. Thomas said that case law is silent on such matters and that other utilities have used various amounts of time before a second capital connection charge is imposed.

Board member Frank Irby asked why a person should pay a capital connection charge more than once.

"Logically, one time would be enough," he said.

"I think we should assume if a

meter was installed someone paid a capital connection charge," said board member Devon Maxwell.

A public hearing will be held on that policy in the near future.

In other action, the board:

- approved the finance report for the period ending Sept. 31;
- approved pay request number 8 to Youngquist Brothers, Inc. for work on the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$141,300;
- in accordance with OUA policy, which allows accounts to be written off if there is a balance of \$50 or less and they are older than one year, the board wrote off a total of \$1,577.92 in uncollectable bills from 72 customers;
- approved a five year contract with financial advisor

Jeff Larson;

• approved a scope of services agreement with Mr. Larson at a rate not to exceed \$15,000 and out of pocket expenses not to exceed \$350;

• approved changes to the employees' manual:

approved administrative changes to the recently adopted rate schedule which were in the form of clarifications and did not affect the fees charged; and

• approved a salary increase of 4.5 percent for Mr. Hayford to be effective Oct. 1.

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Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 86. Winds will be from the east northeast between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Winds will be from the east around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 87. Winds will be from the northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Winds will be from the east northeast around 5 mph.

Friday: Sunny with a high near 87. Winds will be from the north around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 64. Winds will be from the east southeast around 5 mph becoming south southwest.

Lotteries

MIAMI (AP) — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 5-7-1; **Play 4:** 6-3-5-4; **Fantasy 5:** 10-11-13-19-35. Numbers selected Tuesday are: **Cash 3:** 3-9-0; **Play 4:** 6-9-2-9.

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King was still being booked into the Okeechobee County Jail Tuesday afternoon. His bond will be set during his first appearance hearing on Wednesday.

An arrest report by Detective Farless states that King turned himself in to authorities.

Detective Van Deman said the girls -- Alexis Danielle Migoya and Cristina Maria Prieto -- were taken into custody by the LPD then

turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice. As of newspaper deadline, it was unclear if the teens would be returned to the VisionQuest facility on U.S. 441 N.

"Both girls have been charged with escape," said Detective Van Deman. "They (LPD) had to gas the house with pepper spray to get the girls out."



Jeremy Lamar King



Alexis Migoya



Cristina Prieto

An OCSO incident report by Deputy Mark Shireman states that King and the girls left the facility during the early morning hours on Sunday, Oct. 12, in King's blue

2000 Mitsubishi Mirage.

In her arrest report, Detective Farless indicates that King made contact with the LPD at 1:24 a.m. Tuesday. King was told to return to Okeechobee and contact law enforcement. At 7:41 a.m. Detective Farless met with King in her office and placed him under arrest.

Detective Farless said the two girls were placed in the juvenile detention facility on such felony charges as grand theft auto, battery on a law enforcement officer and violation of probation.

Options

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The amendment is proposed and sponsored by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission. The amendment has been supported by community colleges throughout the state.

According to Michelle Albaldo, Indian River State College, public relations, "While Dr. Massey, IRSC President, supports Amendment 8, the College has no immediate plans to ask for money if it passes."

Even with the change from community college to a state

college to provide the four-year degrees, this amendment would still apply to IRSC due to the vast majority of IRSC providing lower level undergraduate instruction.

According to www.vote411.org and the Florida League of Women Voters, arguments for the amendment include:

- Community colleges serve as a gateway to the university system and to greater employment opportunities; this amendment could increase their funding;

- Voters would have the option of denying any proposed local-option sales tax increase under the proposal.

Arguments against the amendment are:

- Sales taxes impose a greater burden on lower-income families;

- The measure shifts the burden of funding community colleges from state to local authorities;

- The amendment could create unequal opportunities for

Florida residents based on the economy in their county of residence.

This is just one amendment that will be decided on Nov. 4.

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The production is the sequel to the OCT's 2006 sold out production of Dearly Beloved. Theatre patrons who saw that show will be able to pick up on the lives of the Futrelle Sisters almost exactly where the previous show left off.

Even so, the play does such a good job of setting the stage for the events taking place, that those who did not see the first show will still not miss out on any of the laughs.

Most of the original 2006 cast have returned to reprise their roles. Local ministers, James and John Garner are back. James portrays Dub Dubberly, who has taken a part-time job as a department store Santa Claus, to help earn some extra money before his very pregnant wife gives birth to twins. John Garner will again be seen as Dub's best friend, Deputy Sheriff John Curtis Buntner.

Frankie Dubberly, soon to be a two-time mother of twins, is played by elementary school teacher, Joyce Taylor. Louise Chandler plays Frankie's sister, Twink Futrelle, who has been granted a temporary work release from jail after being convicted of setting fire to some of her former boyfriend's belongings.

Laurie Garner again appears as Honey Raye Futrelle, who has been tapped to direct the church Christmas pageant in an attempt to breathe new life into the annual production. OCT veteran Joanie Moffat this time takes over the role of Geneva Musgrave, who is out of sorts because she was not asked to head up the pageant after doing so for the previous 27 years.

Josh Van Wormer, local second grade teacher, appears once again as Justin Waverly, the interim Pastor of the church, and

Fayro, Texas society matron, Patsy Price, is once more played by Bank of America office manager, Paulette Wise.

Brynne Emley takes over the part of Gina Jo Dubberly for this production, and Cathy Womble and Joey Marcinek have been added to the cast to play new characters which appear in this production. All three have performed in several previous OCT productions.

The Okeechobee Community Theatre is a non-profit organization of volunteers, now in its 30th year of performing Broadway-style productions for local audiences. It operates under the supervision of the Okeechobee Educational Foundation.

Anyone interested in more information on the theatre organization may call Ron or Jacque Hayes at 863-763-1307.

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Okeechobee teenagers face drug charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

While working a special detail at a local night spot, a detective arrested two Okeechobee teens on felony drug charges.

Detective Rosemary Farless of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) stated in an arrest report she was in her patrol uniform when she stood beside the truck of Chasey Cole Bass and watched as he and Richard Kneale Bush allegedly prepared to snort cocaine.

The detective charged Bass, 19, S.E. 36th Terrace, with the felony of possession of cocaine. Bass was also charged with the misdemeanors of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a person



Chasey Cole Bass



Richard Kneale Bush

paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,500.

Bush, 19, Lake Drive, Buckhead Ridge, was also charged with the felony of possession of cocaine. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a person

under the age of 21. His bond was set at \$4,500.

In her report, Detective Farless said she was checking the club's parking lot to make sure no one was drinking when she saw two males sitting in a Dodge four-door pickup truck. Bass is the registered owner of the truck, added her report.

While standing outside the truck and looking through the window, the detective wrote that she saw one of the males dip a credit card into a plastic bag containing a white powdery substance. The report states the man then placed the powder on a pink compact disc and began to use the card to "chop" the powder.

Detective Farless went on to state in her report that she also

saw a \$1 bill rolled into a straw.

At this point the detective opened the door to the truck and grabbed the bag, stated the report. Also inside the truck were two unopened cans of beer and another plastic bag that contained a green leafy substance.

The detective said the white powder was field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine. She said the suspected cocaine weighed .5 grams.

Detective Farless then field tested the green leafy substance. That test indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. She said the suspected pot weighed 2.1 grams.

Bass is currently out on bond following his June 24 arrest by

the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force.

Records indicate that task force detectives executed a search warrant on a home on S.W. 23rd St. that was being rented by Bass. The reason for the warrant was that aerial photos taken on June 20 indicated seven to 12 marijuana plants being grown in back of the home, stated an OCSO arrest report. The area was hidden by a wooden privacy fence.

When the warrant was served on June 24 the plants were no longer there, the report continued.

However, a search of the residence did turn up a small amount of alleged marijuana in a bedroom apparently being occupied by Bass, said the report. A small amount of suspected pot was

also found in a baby food jar on the living room couch, added the report.

Bass was charged with the felony of cultivation of marijuana, as well as the misdemeanors of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the county jail under a bond of \$2,000.

Docket call on those charges has been set for Dec. 18, state court records. Also arrested at that time was Reed Ashton Hair.

He was found to be in possession of four rifles which was a violation of an active injunction. According to court records, that charge has been dropped by the state attorney's office.

Adult, teens charged in burglary

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An 18-year-old Okeechobee man and three juveniles have been arrested and charged with the burglary of the Cracker Trail Store on U.S. 98 N.

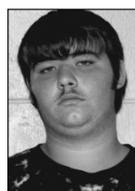
Thanks to help from a witness, all four were apprehended a short time after Monday night's burglary.

Shane Garrett Simmons, 18, N.E. 69th Terrace, was charged with one felony count of burglary. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of petit theft, criminal mischief and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000.

Also arrested were: Dillon D. Paulk, 15; Josue Ayala, 15; and Ryan Shea Keels, 17.

Paulk and Ayala were both booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on a felony charge of burglary and misdemeanor charges of petit theft and criminal mischief. They were also charged with violation of probation based on prior arrests on felony burglary charges, said Detective Brian Lowe of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

Both Paulk and Ayala were taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce after booking. Keels was charged with the felony of burglary and the misdemeanors of petit theft and criminal mischief. After booking he



Shane G. Simmons

was released into the custody of a parent, said the detective.

Detective Lowe's arrest report states that the sheriff's office received a call at 10:54 p.m. Monday in reference to a burglary in progress at the store. The report goes on to state that two subjects wearing dark-colored hooded sweatshirts were dropped off at the store just prior to the store's alarm sounding.

While on the phone via 9-1-1 the witness said the two subjects were running south on U.S. 98 where they were picked up by a dark-colored SUV, stated the report.

The SUV was stopped a short time later by OCSO deputies Augustine Saucedo and Marcus Collier. The 2005 Jeep Liberty was being driven by Simmons, stated Detective Lowe's report.

The detective went on to state that the two subjects apparently

gained entry by breaking out a glass door with an unknown object. A store employee called to the scene said miscellaneous Lottery tickets and cigars were missing from the store, said the detective.

Detective Lowe said the estimated value of the items reported as missing was \$195, and the cost to repair the door was estimated to be about \$300.

The arrest report states that Lottery tickets, blunt cigars, dark gloves, hooded sweatshirts, a flashlight and miscellaneous tools were found during a search of the SUV. Detective Lowe stated in his report that Simmons was asked for and gave his consent to search the vehicle he was driving.

Probe into shooting continues

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local detective is still trying to find a reason and the person(s) responsible for shooting two men outside a local bar.

Detective Ted Van Deman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), said Terry McQueen, 23, of Okeechobee, and Sheldon Terrell Miles, 26, of Loxahatchee, were both shot early Sunday, Oct. 12.

This is the fourth shooting in this area since the first of the year, said the detective.

"Both men were shot in the upper thigh area," he said. "Mr. McQueen was shot twice."

He said the shooting took place in the 1000 block of N.E. 13th Ave. around 2:30 a.m. However, as of Tuesday afternoon he has found no motive for the shooting nor has he found any witnesses even though there were approximately 70 people at the scene.

"No one has come forward to be a witness in this case. The sheriff's office can't do this by itself. We need community involvement," said Detective Van Deman. "Enforcing the law is a community effort and the sheriff's office is just a part of that."

"Until the community says enough is enough, we are destined to fail," he added.

At this time, the investigator is not releasing the type of weapon used or how many people may be involved.

Both men were taken to coastal hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries.

When law enforcement arrived at the scene, Detective Van Deman said the bar was closed.

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SCHOOL COLORS: When I went to Okeechobee High School, the school colors were purple and gold. So when did they change? Because now when you go to a sporting event, it seems like the uniform colors are purple and black or gold and black.

HORSES: How would you feel if you had to tell your child that you can no longer afford to feed their horse? People are running into this every day because of the economy. Horses are being neglected more often due to this. We are looking for horse lovers to foster a horse or anyone interested in a pasture mate for their horse. We are doing what we can to keep these animals from going to market and becoming dog food or glue or whatever else they can use them for. Can you find it in your heart to donate feed, hat, time, winter blankets, wormer, fly spray and other supplies? We need to get the older ones healthy and the younger ones placed in loving homes. We receive calls every day of one neglected or abused to be picked up. And we have some dropped off at our door. We are doing the best we can, but we need a little help. You can call Glisson Feed in Sebring at 863-471-3333 and ask for Randy or M&M Feed in Okeechobee at 863-763-8275 and ask for Carl or Chris. Or you can purchase feed and hay for us while you are there, and they will call us to pick it up. For more information, call Susan or Debbie at 863-763-6959.

COACHES: The main thing I have noticed this year about the OHS coaches is that they are inspiring the players to win. I don't care what they wear. I'm at the ball game to watch the football team win. Keep your eyes on the field and quit worrying about who is wearing what on the sidelines.

BICYCLE: I just read the comment about the Skunk Ape sighting and that he was riding a bicycle and carrying a \$20 bill in his hand. Wow, that caller must have been close to him to see the denomination of the money. But here's the funny part. About a week ago or so, an old bicycle was taken from my yard. I didn't bother to call the cops because it was an old one. I figured I'd just watch and see if I saw someone with it. Well the other day, the bike was back in my yard with a note apologizing for taking it without asking and a \$20 bill.

SPEAK OUT: I saw you had double the regular amount of Speak Out in the Sunday paper. I really enjoyed that. There was something for everyone.

GAS: Gas prices sure dropped fast. I think it is obvious that the price of gas is not determined by what it actually costs to produce it. They are making huge profits even now. Gas prices are determined by supply and demand. If we continue to conserve gas, the price will continue to drop. If we all start driving more, the price will go up.

FOOTBALL: I want to say congratulations to the Okeechobee High School Brahmins and their coaches on the great job they are all doing this year. They are working very hard and it is paying off. Go Brahmins!

SPEAK OUT: You know? I used to enjoy reading the Speak Out, but now it just seems like it has become a political soap box for a bunch of scared Republicans. They are afraid to write in to the editor, and afraid to sign their names.

BAIL OUT: I don't know if anyone else has seen the same thing that I did, but the Democrats, Obama and his little bully boys tried to sneak in \$20 million on the bail out for their little pet projects and that is why it was voted down the first time. And they say it's for the working man, but yet they want to sneak in \$20 million for their pet projects. The whole point was to bail out the economy not for the pet projects. The Democrats, all they do is spend money.

WALKING CANDIDATE: I recently met one of our city council candidates. He was out campaigning. Walking door to door introducing himself. And asked me if I had any concerns. He told me about himself. I found him to be a very easy man to speak to and came across that he was sincere in his concerns for the people of the City Of Okeechobee. To take such time out of his busy life -- I'm sure. I thought was impressive. He has my vote.

MIAMI VS. FSU: I would like to talk about the Miami game against Florida State. For years we've heard that Miami is the best, well last night Florida State just demolished them. So no one who was Miami Hurricane fans can say that Florida State isn't good because they just took them out.

DISCRIMINATION: This is to the person who put in the Speak Out that I discriminated against John McCain because he is a veteran and couldn't turn his head. Well I watched the Sunday news and him being interviewed and he never mentioned that he couldn't turn his head to look at Obama during the interview. He was able to look at the monitor lady who was questioning him and the audience -- the American people.

BASSWOOD: I am in Basswood this morning, its 6:35 and I am sitting on 31st Street and I am behind a school bus, we have been sitting here for four minutes. How long does it take kids to get on and sit down? They need to do something, not only do you have kids in the middle of the road, but you have bus drivers that are taking their everlovin' time.

FOOTBALL GAME: Brahmins you do very well, I would like to say that, you do a good job playing.

TRACKS: The railroad tracks on 441 North are so unsafe. It is horrible, it is going to tear everybody's car up. I am scared it is going to make my gas tank explode. If you are having as many problems as I am call CSX hotline 1-800-232-0144, let them know you are concerned about the 441 crossing on 441 north. It is tearing up our vehicles and is very dangerous.

AMENDMENT 2: Amendment 2 is cleverly labeled the "Florida Marriage Protection Amendment." Sounds good, right? Who wouldn't want to protect marriage? The trouble is, the amendment is about more than same-sex marriage. Here's the full text of proposed Amendment 2: "Inasmuch as marriage is the legal union of only one man and one woman as husband and wife, no other legal union that is treated as marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof shall be valid or recognized." Is this a good idea? NO! This amendment does more than just target homosexual unions. It will put all manner of domestic partnerships at disadvantage. The introductory phrase is a preface describing Florida law as it now exists. A state statute already defines "marriage" in Florida as "only the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife." The main reason for opposition would be the portion of the amendment that states "...marriage or the substantial equivalent thereof...". This provision could have major impacts on those senior couples forced by circumstances to share a home, but not marriage for fear of losing their pensions or other forms of income. They would be prohibited in the event of illness, death or other circumstances of providing comfort or assistance to their loved one as they would not be recognized by law, hospitals or even nursing homes as having any rights.

MARRIAGE AMENDMENT: Florida state law already restricts marriage to a man and a woman and doesn't recognize gay unions performed in other states. Putting this measure on the ballot is clearly an attempt to bring out the conservative base in a presidential election year.

CITY POLICE: I want to say Thank You to the City Police Department. You are doing a wonderful job. I have the upmost respect for the men in blue and green. They put their lives on the line each and every day for the county of Okeechobee. They show compassion and respect to all the residents here. Keep up the great work. We need you out there and please "Stay Safe" and be careful.

UNIFORMS: I don't understand what the deal is with worrying about what a coach is wearing. When I go to a game, I am watching the players on the field. Most of the time I don't even know who the coaches of the various sports there. The only uniforms I am looking at are the ones on the playing field. Reading a comment that complained about how the coaches dress makes me think maybe someone has a personal grudge?

Letters to the Editor

Thank you so much

Words could never be able to express how we truly feel but we would like to say, "Thank you so much" from the bottom of our hearts. We appreciate and value everyone for all of their prayers, the hard dedicated work and donations that were given to our family in our time of need. We want to say an extra thank you to our family and friends, The Chobee Drive Thru, Wal-Mart Associates at store 814 and to any additional companies that donated and helped raise money.

We THANK GOD for blessing us with the most wonderful and caring family, wonderful and awesome friends and our community who went above and beyond which shows us that we are truly loved and cared about. We love you all very much and each and everyone of you are forever in our hearts and prayers.

Through the Wal-Mart Associate fundraiser luncheon they raised \$1,100 and the fundraiser at the Chobee Drive-Thru raised \$2,500.

God bless each and everyone of you who contributed and even to those who could not contribute, but just having us in your thoughts and prayers. Once again thank you extremely so much from the bottom of our hearts.

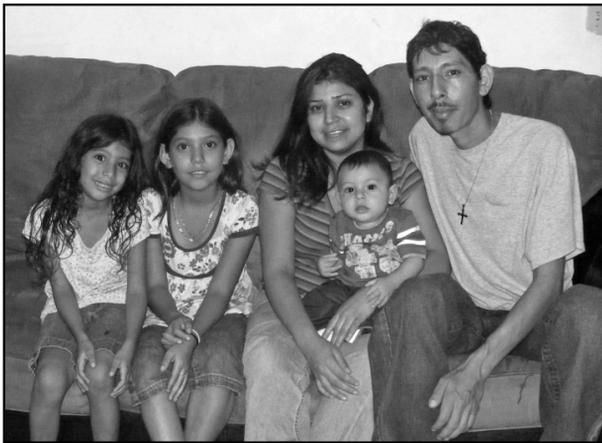
Love,
The Garcia Family

Living document?

QUESTION: What in the world do you suppose a "Living Constitution" actually is?

ANSWER: It is nothing at all, and/or anything at all. Why, you're wondering, am I both asking and then answering my very own question? Republican Congressional candidate Rooney from his own lips used this term to describe what he taught officer cadets at West Point when he instructed there. He said this twice at the very informative recent Political Forum in Okeechobee where I sat in the second row from the front to listen to, see and judge for myself candidates in the upcoming election.

Personally I am a 73-year-old Republican who always votes. If Rooney actually knew anything



Submitted photo

The Garcia Family (left to right) Audrey, 9, Jadiene, 6, mother Leticia Garcia, holding Jose Jr., 8 months, and father Jose Garcia want to extend their heart felt thank you to the community for their support in their time of need. Jose Garcia is currently battling lymphoma of the stomach.

at all about American History, he should have known what the very great founding father Thomas Jefferson had to say about this and F.Y.I. Mr. Rooney I quote, "If in the future there is ever any doubt about what the words we used in this document meant, simply go back to what they mean at the time we used them and that is what we meant." That is "strict interpretation" and certainly not a "Living Constitution." Whoever is responsible for Rooney being allowed to teach his personal wrong belief lies at West Point should certainly be court-martialed.

On T.V. there have been many personal political ads about what a sorry person Rooney really is. Perhaps they are correct about Rooney. I'm especially voting against Rooney based on his own words, out of his own mouth at the candidates Political Forum in Okeechobee, and sincerely urge others going to the election polls to join with me.

Bill F. Stegkemper

Vote No on Amendment 4

Conservation easements are good; let's get that out straight. They assist in preserving pristine land across Florida for future generations. However, Amendment

4 is much more than preserving land and preventing development.

First, it could very well allow ALL land owners holding an "agricultural assessment" or other currently non-developed property designation to declare a "PERMANENT conservation easement", whether the land was even developable or not! Declaring a conservation easement means they will not pay ANY property taxes and other local tax payers will have to make up the shortfall! Some opponents indicate this is not good politics to not support the basic infrastructure of their county.

Secondly, although the Amendment is leaving it up to the Florida Legislature to define "conservation", in recent years ALL attempts to redefine what constitutes an agricultural assessment has been

soundly defeated in favor of the agricultural and development interests; much to the detriment of regular home owners. We need a better amendment to know who will qualify and the resulting costs to each county!

Third, since the Florida Taxation and Reform Commission did NOT perform a standard Staff Financial Impact Analysis, tax payers and, most especially, County Appraisal Offices statewide have absolutely no idea how this reduction in taxes will affect their county's operating budgets.

Personally, I was able to make a BASELINE estimate of a \$4 million impact to Leon County where I live, should ALL 1,800 current properties designated as agricultural take the "permanent" exemption. This amount, however, does NOT include the many other properties which could possibly take the "non-permanent" exemption; again, lowering a county's tax base even further!

Georgia is also attempting to create conservation easements, however, their plan is to also guarantee each county a maximum reduction in taxes! Amendment 4 does not offer any similar assurances to Florida counties. Due to the dire economic situation in Florida, this may not even be feasible.

Although Amendment 4 has good intentions of preserving pristine land, it does not give assurance that tax payers will not have a huge short-fall in basic county operating budgets starting in 2010. Therefore, please vote NO on Amendment 4 and encourage the amendment be re-written.

**J. Terry Ryan
Tallahassee**

Community Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 15

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

The **Okeechobee Jaycees** invites everyone to their meetings each month at the American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., at 7:30 p.m. They are always looking for new people and new ideas. For information, call Margaret Bowers at 863-763-7399 or 863-610-9176.

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, Oct. 16

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, (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. Sixth 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.



Submitted cartoon/David Joyner

Duck Sauce Research

This cartoon was submitted by David Joyner. If you have an original cartoon you would like to share, email it to okeenews@newszap.com or bring it by the Okeechobee News Office, 107 S.W. 17th Street, Suite D (in the plaza next to the movie theater).

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Congressman responds to scandal rumors

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

PALM BEACH GARDENS — For the second time in consecutive campaign years, the Florida Congressional District 16 Race has been rocked by a sex scandal.

ABC News reported Monday that Congressman Tim Mahoney (D-FL) — whose predecessor Mark Foley resigned during the 2006 campaign following a sex scandal — agreed to pay \$121,000 to a former mistress who worked on his staff and was threatening to sue him, according to current and former members of his staff who have been briefed on the

settlement.

The ABC report continued: “Mahoney, who is married, also promised the woman, Patricia Allen, a \$50,000 a year job for two years at the agency that handles his campaign advertising, the staffers said.”

The ABC report stated that Ms. Allen and Mr. Mahoney reportedly became involved during his 2006 campaign. “Following his election in 2006, Allen was hired, at taxpayers expense, to work on Mahoney’s Congressional staff in Florida, at a yearly salary of \$36,000,” the ABC web site report stated. “After complaints about the affair circulated in Wash-

ington, Allen was moved to the campaign staff, the staffers say. Friends of Allen told ABC News that Allen sought to break off the affair when she learned Mahoney was allegedly involved in other extra-marital relationships at the same time. Her friends say she told them Mahoney threatened that ending the relationship could cost her the job.”

Accompanied by his wife Terry, Congressman Tim Mahoney (FL-16) issued the following statement Tuesday: “I would have come forward earlier but making sure my family is O.K. is far more important than any political career. I have not violated my oath

of office, nor have I violated any laws, and I consider this to be a private matter.

“I take full responsibility for my actions and the pain I have caused my wife Terry and my daughter Bailey. No marriage is perfect, but our private life is our private life, and I am sorry that these allegations have caused embarrassment and heartache.

“I have requested that the House Ethics Committee investigate the false allegations that have been repeated in the press. I want to be clear that I have not misused campaign funds and I’m confident that when all the facts come to light, I will be cleared of

any wrongdoing.

“I think the people of my District know that I am a fighter and I am not going to allow this story coming out 20 days before an election to change my resolve to serve the people of the 16th Congressional District. I have worked hard and I am prepared to put my faith in the people and ask for their vote.”

Mr. Mahoney, a Democrat, was elected to Congress after a scandal involving Republican Congressman Mark Foley, whose political career ended in 2006 after teenaged boys who had served as Congressional Pages claimed he made sexually-explicit remarks

to them online through Instant Message. Mr. Foley resigned from Congress and signed himself into a rehabilitation clinic for alcoholism.

After a two year investigation, on Sept. 19, 2008 the Florida Department of Law Enforcement stated they will not prosecute Foley, due to insufficient evidence.

Congressional District 16 includes parts of Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee, St. Lucie, Martin and Palm Beach Counties.

Chamber Chat

By Candace Burke

It seems that each week just flies by! We now have our applications for the Annual Christmas Festival. It will be held Dec. 13, at Flagler Park, along with our lighted parade at dusk. Chamber members will be given a 25 percent discount on their booth rentals. If you are interested, contact either Jamie or myself for an application and for more information. We also have our applications ready for the Christmas Parade.

The Community Theatre tickets have arrived! You may stop by the Chamber starting Monday, Oct. 13, to purchase them. The cost is \$12 per seat and seating is limited! The play is said to be very funny, it is called “Christmas Belles”.

Also starting Monday the Chamber office will remain open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. We will not be closing at lunch.

Thursday, Oct. 16, is National Boss Day! Don’t forget to show appreciation to your supervisor or boss or both!

On Oct. 19, there will be a Teen Dance Party with a live D.J. at the Pier II. Tickets are \$5. The party is for those ages 12-16. Proceeds benefit the American Red Cross. Contact Teresa Chandler for information at 863-697-6819.

Health Association stresses importance of immunizations

ORLANDO—The Florida Public Health Association (FPHA) passed two resolutions last week highlighting the importance of immunizations in preventing disease and providing support for ongoing research for autism prevention. During the organization’s annual meeting, members discussed and approved two measures that are largely in response to recent proposals to alter the schedule and allow for more exemptions from immunizations.

The membership unanimously passed a resolution opposing any legislative expansion of the exemptions from immunizations required for children to enter school in Florida. “We feel that we would be taking a step backwards in preventing diseases in

children if we move toward accepting ‘philosophical’ exemptions,” said Frank Meyers, FPHA president.

A second resolution, in support of scientific research to determine the cause and prevention of autism, also passed unanimously. “We endorse the reports from the Institute of Medicine and numerous other studies that have shown no causal link between immunizations and autism,” Meyers said. “However, autism is a serious public health issue, and it affects our state’s children and their families at an alarming rate. Therefore, we strongly advocate for increased funding to determine causes, improve prevention methods, and provide better treatment for those who suffer from the dis-

ease.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), immunizations are the most important public health intervention in history, after safe drinking water. Immunizations have saved millions of lives over the years and have prevented hundreds of millions of cases of disease in the United States. Reports from the CDC show that many diseases once considered serious threats to the lives of U.S. children — such as diphtheria, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, and smallpox — have been virtually eradicated through the consistent use of immunizations.

For more information, visit the FPHA online at www.fpha.org or call Sandra Magyar at 904-529-1401.

New FEMA center open in Indiantown

ORLANDO — A Disaster Recovery Center is open in Indiantown to help Martin County homeowners, renters and businesses affected by Tropical Storm Fay, recovery officials announced.

The recovery center will operate daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until further notice.

The new center is located at 15516 SW Osceola St., Suite A in Indiantown.

The recovery center is staffed with Federal Emergency Management Agency and State Emergency Response Team disaster recovery specialists and representatives from voluntary agencies. They are ready to help survivors through the process of applying for disaster assistance.

Applicants should register by calling FEMA, toll free, at 800-621-FEMA (3362). The hard of hearing, deaf and speech impaired may call the TTY number at 800-462-7585 and apply. Multilingual operators are available.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate 7 a.m. to midnight daily until further notice.

Application for disaster assistance can also be made by registering online at www.fema.gov.

At a recovery center, people who have already registered can have FEMA disaster recovery specialists check on their case, answer questions about their application, or request information FEMA needs to process their application.

Recovery specialists can also supply contacts for other pro-

grams that may be able to help.

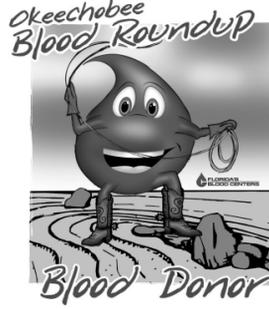
The U.S. Small Business Administration offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private non-profit organizations.

These loans are to repair or replace homes, businesses and personal property not covered by insurance and damaged by Tropical Storm Fay.

SBA representatives will be on hand at the recovery center to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, help them complete their SBA disaster loan application and accept the completed disaster loan applications.

Anyone not able to go to a recovery center should call the SBA Customer Service Center from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. local time, Monday through Friday, and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 800-659-2955 for information and assistance or visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov.

Annual Blood Roundup date set



Plans are almost complete for the Third Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup. T-shirts, featuring Blood Drop with his lasso

and boots, have been ordered and will be given to every donor. Local businesses have been generous with gifts which will be awarded by drawing of names. Goodie bags will also be given to each donor, filled with wonderful offers from area merchants.

The 17-hour Roundup will take place Nov. 14 and 15, in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, at Northeast Second Avenue and Second Street. Seven buses will be on hand. Each bus can take six persons at one time so there will be little wait time.

Registration will take place in the church Fellowship Hall where

entertainment has been enlisted. The Roundup planners are grateful to all who have contributed to this drive and urge all of Okeechobee to come donate to save lives right here in Okeechobee.

Contributing the week of Oct. 6, were: Brahma Bull Restaurant (Two Sunday brunch certificates), Philip DeBerard’s Office, Ding a Ling Deli (sandwich certificates), Happy Hour Tavern (food certificate) Lightsey’s Restaurant (t-shirt), Mid-Florida Hardware (discount coupons) and W & W Lumber (discount coupons, monetary underwriting).

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Obituaries

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

Christine E. Campbell

OKEECHOBEE — Christine E. Campbell, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital.



She was born in Basinger to Charles and Jennie (Hazellief) Campbell. She was retired from Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections Office. She has been a lifelong resident of Okeechobee. She was a lifetime member of the Church of God of Okeechobee. She loved to read and spend time with her family.

Mrs. Campbell was preceded in death by Lamar Campbell, Ernest Campbell, Lillie Mae Rhoden, Evelyn Walker, and Corene Geiger.

She is survived by her daughter, Gwen (Gary) Marsh; granddaughter Tammy (JR) Delahanty; great-grandchildren, Tuff and Kelly Delahanty; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Bass Okeechobee Chapel.

Funeral Services will be 10 a.m. Friday in Church of God of Okeechobee.

Memorials may be made to Dunkin Memorial Camp or Church of God of Okeechobee.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.bassoakeechobeefuneralhome.com

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

David T. Lindahl, 80

OKEECHOBEE — David T. Lindahl, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, in his home. He was 80.

Born Sept. 7, 1928 in Massachusetts to David Ferdinand and Ida Lindahl, he was a truck driver having come to Okeechobee from Stuart in 1995. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Moose Lodge and he enjoyed fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacqueline Lindahl.

Survivors are his son, Tracey L. Lindahl of Jensen Beach; five daughters, Doreen Desmarais of Northwood, N.H., Davena Lindahl of Okeechobee, Charlene Church of Grey, Maine, Martha Lindahl of West Palm Beach, Delia Lindahl of Okeechobee, and Vera Lindahl of Homosassa Springs; 12 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Sue Goodwin of Maine.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Elsie Smith, 64

BRIGHTON RESERVATION — Elsie Smith, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Hollywood Memorial Hospital. She was 64.

Born Aug. 6, 1944 in Fort Pierce, she had been a lifetime resident of Brighton. She was employed for 32 years with the Tribal Pre-School, member of the 1st Indian Baptist Church in Brighton and enjoyed playing Bingo.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Richard Smith.

She is survived by her son, Larry Smith of Brighton; daughters, Marilyn Doney (Kenneth), Paulette Lawrence (Kevin), Joni Johnson, and Toni Johnson (JaVaris), all of Brighton; brothers, Stanlo Johns (Johnnie) of Brighton, Billy Joe Johns (Tara) of Alabama, and Norman Johns (Debbie) of Brighton; and sisters, Edna McDuffie (Donald) of Big Cypress, Terry Johns Hahn (Peter) of Brighton, and Lois Alveraz of Big Cypress.

The family will be receiving friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the 1st Indian Baptist Church in Brighton, with graveside services following in Ortona Cemetery.

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

James "Jimbo" Thomas Gainer Sr., 37

OKEECHOBEE — James "Jimbo" Thomas Gainer Sr., died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, at Raulerson Hospital. He was 37.

He had been a resident of Okeechobee for 35 years and was a heavy equipment operator.

He was preceded in death by his father, Forrest Gainer Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca; sons, James T. Gainer Jr., Heath Gainer, Robert, Justin, and Damian Duquette, all of Okeechobee. He is also survived by his mother, Edna Mae Gainer of Okeechobee; brothers, Forrest (Bobbie) Gainer Jr., of Okeechobee, Harley (Margaret) Houston of North Carolina; and sisters, Pearl (Silas) Cook, Laura Johnson, both of Okeechobee, Edna (Bill) Jinx of Port St. Lucie, Suzette and Olivia Gainer of Ft. Lauderdale, and Edna Mae of Ohio. In addition he is survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will be receiving friends on Thursday, from 4 p.m. until service time of 6 p.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Joe Bishop officiating. Condolences may be sent to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made for his children to an account set up at Regions Bank, Okeechobee.

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

John Edward Moe, 60

OKEECHOBEE — John Edward Moe, of Okeechobee, died Sunday, Oct. 12, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. He was 60.



Born July 30, 1948, in Syracuse, N.Y., he had been a 30 year resident of Okeechobee and was of the Catholic Faith.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris E. Moe of Okeechobee; daughters, Julie Moe of Williston, Danielle Dahl of La Center, Ky., Melissa Clark of Trenton; stepson, Glenn Harris; stepdaughters, Connie Lamb, Sandy Souder, Elaine Nash, Karen Burney all of Okeechobee; brothers, Greg Moe of Syracuse, N.Y., Tommy Moe of New York, and Chuck Moe of Oklahoma. In addition he is survived by five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Joseph Carl Copp

BUCKHEAD RIDGE — Joseph Carl Copp, of Buckhead Ridge, died Friday, Oct. 10, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. He was 89.

Born July 8, 1919, in Mishawaka, Ind., to Frederick and Phoebe Copp, he was a carpenter having come to Okeechobee from West Palm Beach in 1985.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a former member of the Buckhead Ridge VFW.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia Copp and great-grandchild, Shawn Rafferty.

Survivors include his wife since 1939, Mary Carrier Copp; five daughters, Sandra (Maurice) McClurg of Okeechobee, Ruth (Lamar) Andrews of Okeechobee, Mary Jo (George) Azecusky of West Palm Beach, Carol Jean (Jerry) Copeland of Jacksonville, Judy Lynn (Pat) Chordon of Danville, Va.; three sons, Jon (Alice) Copp of Va., Larry Copp of Illinois, Ronald Copp of Tennessee; 20 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. today at Bass Okeechobee Chapel. Services will follow at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Big Lake Hospice.

Friends may sign the guest book at www.bassoakeechobeefuneralhome.com

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Patrick Scott Green, 43

CHAPEL HILL, TN — Patrick Scott Green, formerly of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008, in his residence following an extended illness. He was 43.

A native of New Orleans, La., and a son of Joe Green, who survives, and the late Linda Jones Buritto, Mr. Green was a stock man for WalMart.

In addition to his mother, Mr. Green was preceded in death by a sister, Wendy Green; brother, Samuel Green; grandmother, Ruth Jones; uncle, Monty Jones; and aunts, Debbie Jones and Sandra Jones.

Survivors include his father and step-mother, Joe and Judy Green of Columbia, Tenn.; former wife, Debra Baker and children, Wendy and Waylon Green of Orange City, Fla.; special friend, Dora Gray and children, Bethany and Katie Green, and Brandon and Kevin Gray, all of Lawrenceburg; two brothers, Billy (Lori) Green of Lawrenceburg, and Wesley (Bessie) Green of Chapel Hill; uncles, Ray and Thomas Jones of Fla., and Charlie Green of Tenn.; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday. Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Sunday at Harper Cemetery in Marshall County.

Arrangements by Lawrence Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 203 S. Horton Pkwy., Chapel Hill, TN 37034.

William Daniel Skinner, 44

OKEECHOBEE — William Daniel Skinner, of Okeechobee, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital.

Born January 23, 1964 in Jacksonville, he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 35 years. He enjoyed fishing and all sports.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Grace Skinner.

He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Jackie; son, Daniel; brother, Jimmy Winters all of Okeechobee; sister, Debbie Jenkins (Ricky) of Aniston, Ala.; in-laws, Jack and Frances Phipps of Indiantown; brother-in-law, Freddie Phipps (Lisa) of Indiantown and several nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or services. Friends may send condolences to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

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Extension Service: How does your garden grow?

Grow your own pineapples, Mums and Flowering Ti plants

The Okeechobee County Extension office provided the following answers to gardening questions submitted by readers.

Pineapple replacement

I planted a top that I cut from a pineapple and in a couple of years, I had a pineapple coming from the center. Unfortunately, something took a bite of my pineapple before it was ready to be picked. How long will it be until I can get another pineapple to come up? Will it take another couple of years? - Michael from Okeechobee

Pineapples are members of the bromeliad family. One individual bromeliad plant can only flower once, but they readily sucker at

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the base to produce new "plantlets." The amount of time it will take to grow a new pineapple from a new off shoot that is able to flower will depend on how fast you make it grow. It also depends on the variety — it will take from 18 to 24 months to produce a fruit.

Consider starting a new plant form a pineapple top. They can be rooted in a large pot of sterile potting soil, provided with adequate moisture and supplemented regularly with dilute soluble fertilizers.

To prevent future bites from critters, the potted plant can be moved inside a screen porch, or

if grown in the garden, a circle of chicken wire around the plant may discourage attacks from uninvited dinner guests.

UF has a great bulletin written by Dr. Jon Crane, Pineapple Growing in the Florida Home Landscape; stop by our office for a copy or go to this site on the Internet <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/MG055>

Mums the Word!

I love Chrysanthemums! I would love to grow them on my property. We are located in the north part of Okeechobee County and our soil is sandy. We have a successful vegetable garden going but I wanted to know what would be a good time of year to start rows of mums so that they will be of a good size by the time it gets too hot for many flowers in South Florida. Also, should I plant seeds or buy seedlings? - Anonymous

Mum's the word — and fall is the

traditional season for these beautiful flowers. Mums are a popular florist plant because growers trick the plant into thinking it is fall. This is done by controlling temperature and day length to mimic fall-like conditions at any time of year.

Ambitious gardeners can root cuttings of garden mums in the spring and grow the green plants as big as possible through the summer. Seed are not used to grow this plant. In the fall, when days start to get shorter, the plant will initiate flowering.

If you don't want to go to the effort of nursing these cuttings along all summer, go visit your locally owned and operated garden center and stock up on as many plants as you need for a fulfilling flash of fall colors.

I wrote a column on Mums in November 2006; it lists several references where you can learn a lot more about this popular garden plant. Stop by our office or see the

archived copy at this Internet address: <http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/News%20columns/Chrysanthemums.for.Thanksgiving.htm>

Flowering Ti Plant

My Hawaiian Ti plant bloomed for the first time, lovely lavender flower spike. Should I have cut off the spike for the plant to grow stronger or is it okay to enjoy it? - Linda from Okeechobee

Hawaiian Ti plants grown in the landscape or in full sun are known to actually flower. Most people grow the plant for the beautiful pink and green colored leaves, and would consider the flower a distraction.

You can cut it off or leave it, but eventually the stem will produce leaf buds at the base of the

flower stalk. They will allow that stem to go back to producing all that pretty pink color you have come to enjoy. Many people will cut back the tall stems at different heights to produce a plant with leafy whorls at several different heights.

Former UF Floriculture Professor Dr. Rick Schoellhorn wrote a great article on the Ti Plant for GPN Magazine in 2002. You can still see it on-line at this Internet site: http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/floriculture/gpn/Ti_plant.pdf.

Send us your garden questions by fax 863-763-5901, email (okeenews@newszap.com) or just drop it off at the Okeechobee News office at (107 SW 17th St. suite D, Okeechobee, FL 34974).

Two-day-a-week lawn watering saves water

Looking to the future and citing the water supply needs of Florida's growing communities, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board Oct. 9 agreed to advance the rule-making process on a proposal to conserve water through year-round lawn irrigation restrictions.

"Communities throughout Florida are struggling with the challenge of meeting their future water supply needs," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Eric Buermann. "This rule takes a commonsense approach by working to instill a conservation ethic that will save Florida's water, save residents' money and encourage more efficient use of

existing water supplies."

The year-round conservation measure would limit landscape irrigation to two days per week. The use of treated wastewater, or reclaimed water, and water from "rain-harvesting systems" such as rain barrels and cisterns would be permitted any day. All watering would be allowed only before 10 a.m. or after 4 p.m.

The potential water savings from these conservation measures are substantial. Regional water use when no restrictions were in place compared to water savings during the water shortage's two-day-a-week irrigation restrictions show a total savings in seven counties of 138.8 million gallons per day. Notably, four of

the counties—Collier, Lee, Martin and Palm Beach—achieved more than a 20-percent water savings under the two-day-a-week schedule.

Details of the proposed rule were hammered out as a result of seven public workshops held throughout the District during the past year. As part of an ongoing process to evaluate impacts of the rule, the District also prepared a Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost (SERC), which evaluates the regulatory costs associated with implementation. This includes estimates of individuals and entities affected, enforcement costs to the District and local governments, implementation costs for individuals

and organizations to comply with the rule, specific impacts to small businesses and other related concerns.

Last week's vote authorizes the District to publish a "Notice of Rulemaking" in the Florida Administrative Weekly. Included in the notice is specific wording of the proposed rule and a summary of the Statement of Estimated Regulatory Cost (SERC).

Publication of the Notice of Rulemaking then starts a 21-day public comment period. A public hearing before the Governing Board will be held in December to vote on rule adoption. If approved, the conservation rule would become effective in February.

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Water storage areas could cut into tax base

Glades County Commissioners concerned land will be taken off tax rolls

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Taking land off the tax roll again was an issue for Glades County Officials Tuesday as they heard a presentation on the Caloosahatchee River protection plan from officials with the South Florida Water Management District.

The district proposes to create storage areas in the river basin between Moore Haven and the west

coast of Florida. The goal is to reduce nutrients, phosphorus and other pollution in the river.

Commissioners said agriculture is not strong and taking land off the tax roll wasn't going to help taxpayers either.

"How do you expect to get blood from a turnip?" County Commissioner Russell Echols said.

Echols said citrus, cattle and other agriculture industries are struggling right now. He pointed out that a dairy buyout in the 1980s in Okeechobee County didn't seem to affect lower phosphorus levels in the Lake. He said he doubted this effort will work.

The District intends to have

430,000 acre feet of water storage in the basin. That could result in a large amount of land coming off the tax roll.

SFWMD Okeechobee Service Center Director Gary Ritter said no specific property, other than Barry Groves near LaBelle, has been identified for water storage projects. He noted the reservoir and storm water treatment area have just completed the design phase.

Commissioners also honored Florida Department of Transportation liaison Susan King upon her retirement. Chairman Paul Beck read a letter into the record that praised King's support of Glades County road projects.

Glades County also is in the process of training a second full-time code enforcement officer.

The County agreed to fund a mailer that explains to residents the proposal on the November ballot to create a Tourist Development Council in Glades County.

Glades County Economic Development Director Tracy Whirls said the "bed tax" will provide money to the County to promote local tourism. The initial tax could generate approximately \$36,000 per year. The EDC would cover part of the costs for the printing and the address labels. (A "bed tax" is a local tax added to the price of a hotel room.)

Clerk of the Court Joe Flint said

the money would come from reserves. Approximately 6,600 mailers would be sent to eligible voters in the County.

In other business, the first phase of canal cleaning projects for the Pearce Canal, Dyess Ditch and the Moore Haven Canal will be presented to the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board at their November meeting. County Manager Wen-

dell Taylor said a contract with the Florida Department of Environment Protection permit for the Pearce canal has been finalized. The next step is design and engineering.

A surplus auction of Glades County equipment and property will be held on Oct. 25 at the Road and Bridge department on State Road 78 west.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters plan clay shoot

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

At last week's meeting, Kiwanis members heard from Big Brothers Big Sisters coordinators Melodee Daniello and Wendy Dwyer.

Mrs. Daniello is the program director for the Jump into Reading program and Mrs. Dwyer also works for BBBS. They were incognito during the Kiwanis meeting, sporting their camouflage gear from head to toe.

ly-automated 14-station, sporting clay courses.

The shoot will begin at 8 a.m. sharp, with a rolling start. Lunch and prizes will be given out along the way. One can come alone as an individual shooter for just \$100, or with a group of four for just \$375.

Registration fee includes lunch and a chance to win one of the many prizes, and it helps ensure that BBBS mentoring programs will continue to be in Okeechobee schools helping develop a passion for reading and learning in our children.



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar
Newly installed Kiwanis President Jim Vensel (left) heard from Big Brothers Big Sisters program coordinators Wendy Dwyer (center-left) and Melodee Daniello, as well as Bennett Yielding (right) concerning their upcoming clay shoot at the Quail Creek Plantation on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Kiwanis member Bennett Yielding, and Okeechobee BBBS case manager invited this duo to speak to his fellow Kiwanis members even though they "couldn't be seen due to their attire."

Mrs. Dwyer invited Kiwanis members to come be a big shot at their upcoming clay shoot at the Quail Creek Plantation on Saturday, Nov. 1. Every member was challenged to come shoot, sponsor the event, or become a mentor for one of our local schools.

Quail Creek Plantation is located on Highway 68 East, just five miles east of Route 441, and you must pre-register to be a part of this tournament.

To register, please call 863-824-BBBS (2227) or 772-466-8535. If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities, there are still slots available, but call today and be part of something BIG and Make Magic Happen.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
Twenty years' service
Carl Leonard, right, vice chairman of the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors, presents a certificate to Roy "Vince" Padgett for 20 years' service to the utility. The recognition took place at the Tuesday, Oct. 14 meeting of the OUA Board of Directors.

Helping with this fundraiser makes it possible for children in Okeechobee to be matched with caring mentors who will work one-on-one to help them develop better reading skills, self-confidence, improved academic success and even better behavior in the classroom and at home.

BBBS began in Okeechobee just two years ago and now serves children in grades kindergarten through second grade at three elementary schools: Seminole; North; and Everglades Elementary Schools.

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Health News in Brief

Dine with the Doctor

The "Dine with the Doctor" medical series is scheduled for Oct. 28 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Raulerson Hospital cafeteria. Guest physician will be Dr. M. Syed who specializes in Internal Medicine. Dr. Syed will be discussing the well known subject of "Diabetes." Please R.S.V.P. to Bill Casian at 824-2702

Depression support group meets

Depending on Christ is a support group for men and women suffering from depression. They meet every Thursday. For information, call 772-597-0463.

Cancer support group to meet

Okeechobee County Cancer Support Group meets on the first Thursday of each month. All cancer patients, survivors and supporters are welcomed to attend, support and encourage each other.

They meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St. Please contact Susie Pickering at 863-467-5831 or First Baptist Church at 863-763-2171 for more information.

Welcome House offers programs

Welcome House is now accepting applications. Membership is free, if you are at least 18 years of age and have an emotional or psychiatric diagnosis, or if you are under a doctor's care or simply taking medication for emotional problems, they welcome you to drop in and join the circle of friends. Welcome House offers scheduled activities at least three times a week such as: arts and crafts, support groups, outings, and presentations. They are open 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Hilda or James at 863-467-1026.

Christian Mental health support group

Do you suffer with depression, anxiety or other mental illness? The Christian Mental Health Support group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. on Martin County Grade. Call 772-597-0463 for more information. Family members are welcome.

Quit Smoking Now classes offered

The Okeechobee County Health Department (OCHD) offers a Tobacco Prevention and Education Program for the community. The purpose of the program is to reduce adult and youth tobacco use, and provide tobacco resources to residents, businesses and community organizations in the county. For information, call 863-462-5781.

Diabetes Support Group at Hospital

Raulerson Hospital offers a monthly Diabetes Support Group which meets on the second Thursday of each month in the hospital cafeteria at 2 p.m. If you have any questions please call the program coordinator, Wanda Haas, R.N., B.A., C.D.E., C.P.T., at 863-763-5093.

Narcotics group to meet Tuesdays

Narcotics Anonymous will begin meeting every Tuesday at noon. Meetings will be held at the Just for Today Club, 101 N.W. Fifth St. For information, call 863-634-4780.

Red Cross offers HIV/AIDS course

The American Red Cross—Okeechobee Branch offers a basic HIV/AIDS instruction course that complies with Florida employment requirements for individuals working in various vocations. This is a self-study course that includes text work and the successful completion of a multiple choice written test. The cost of the course is \$15. Call the local Red Cross office at 863-763-2488 for information.

Addiction consultation offered

Problems with drug or alcohol addiction in someone you know, but don't know where to turn? The Drug Rehab Resource service can give you the help you need. Contact the Drug Rehab Resource at 866-649-1594 for a free confidential consultation. Or, go to the web site at www.drugrehabresource.net.

Healthy Start group seeks donations

The Healthy Start Coalition is accepting donations of baby items such as furniture, shoes, clothing, maternity clothes, strollers and other items for infants and toddlers. Proceeds from the sale of donated items will be used to benefit infants and pregnant women in the community. For information, call 863-462-5877.

Pregnancy financial assistance available

Are you pregnant? Have you been turned down for Medicaid? Healthy Start may be able to help. For information, contact Becky Smith at 863-462-5877.

Blood donors are needed

Florida's Blood Centers is looking for blood donors in Okeechobee. The Big Red Bus mobile unit will be at the Wal-Mart parking lot, 2101 S. Parrott Ave., on the last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information, call 561-845-2323, ext. 1203 or 772-215-8360. All blood types are needed. There is no upper age limit, and most medications and conditions are acceptable. Diabetes and blood pressure donations can also be accepted. A picture ID is needed for all donors.

Cancer Society seeks volunteers

The American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers who are interested in making a difference in the fight against cancer. Volunteers with the American Cancer Society's Florida Division participate in programs that support research funding, educate the community, deliver services to patients and advocate for policies that help defeat cancer. To get involved, call the American Cancer Society at 800-ACS-2345.

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Breast Cancer Awareness

At their October meeting the M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers) made heart shaped pillows for breast cancer surgery patients at the Moffitt Cancer Center. The program for the October meeting centered around breast cancer awareness.

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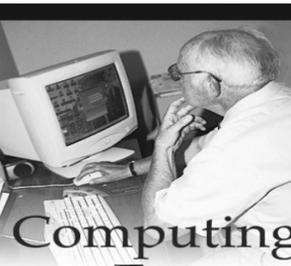
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Lost files? Search your hard drive



Computing For Seniors

By Diane Timmons
Okeechobee News

My purpose in writing this column was to try to limit the aggravation seniors can feel when they are working on their computers. Because we didn't grow up with computers, sometimes we are at a loss to solve a problem that we know must have a simple solution. It's so easy to lose a file on the computer. I've done it and I'm sure you have too. It especially seems to happen when saving a file sent via email or if you are downloading a file from an internet site. The answer is to "search" for the file.

The great thing about Windows, is that a search function has

been built into the operating system. It is simple to use with just a few tips. To clarify, the search I'm talking about isn't on the Internet or Google. You find it from your computer desktop.

If you have no idea where a file is, you probably want to search your entire hard drive. This will search all those temp folders where some email attachments like to save.

1. Click Start and drag your mouse to select Search and then click For Files and Folders. This brings up a search panel. Again click All Files and Folders. In the top box, type the file name or part of it. It will search for just those letters in the names of the files. Or you can use the center box for a word or phrase in the body of the file. The third box down shows where you will be searching. Notice you can choose a different folder.

2. You can also search just by date. If you know what day you created the file, you can simply search by the day's date.

3. Now click Search.

4. The result will appear to the right in a list. This list can be quite long. A scroll to the right may

give you some information that will narrow down the file you are looking for. Pay special attention to the "In Folder" column which tells you where your file is located. It may show a lot of nested folders. Sometimes I open up a My Computer window along side the search results and make sure I can find the file before I close the search pane.

5. When you locate your lost file, either in the search results list or in a folder, double click to open the file. An hourglass will appear while your computer locates the application that created that file. The file will open.

My Computer provides a simpler view of the folders on your computer. Use My Computer if you want to search for a file in a specific folder. For example, open My Computer and look to the left to open My Documents. My Documents is the default save location for many of your files and can get quite large with lots of files. Here is how to search within a file folder.

After you have opened the folder within which you want to search, do just one of the following to bring up the search panel



Courtesy Photo

This is a screenshot of the search panel you can use in Windows XP on your computer.

discussed above:

Click the magnifying glass, which will be one of the icons at the top of the folder. Or, press Ctrl and then the "e" key to bring up the search panel. Or, click the menu item View, then Explorer Bar, and then Search.

Practice the Search function on your computer and happy computing!

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League of Women

Voters on radio show

Saturday, **Oct. 18**, at 7:30 a.m. on 91.7 FM and 100.3 FM will have Marilyn Wills, President, The League of Women Voters of Florida will be on to discuss the Six Constitutional Amendments on the November 4 ballot. For more information call 850-224-2545 or www.lwvfla.org or contact your local league.

S.A.L. plan steak dinner

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor their monthly ribeye steak dinner on Sunday, **Oct. 19** from 3 until 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad, roll, iced tea, coffee and dessert for a \$12 donation. Live entertainment will be provided for your entertainment. The public is welcome.

Cub Scouts selling popcorn

Fundraising season is here again and the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, are trying to get support. They will sell popcorn every weekend until **Oct. 19**. They will have booths set up at different, local businesses every Saturday and Sunday. On top of the weekend setups, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will always have a flyer and order form with them to sell popcorn throughout the week. So if you cannot make it out to one of their booths, you can always order it personally from one of the pack/troop members. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to help pay for their summer camp expenses, supplies, badges and just general expenses for their groups. Parents and volunteers will be with the scouts at each booth to help sell the popcorn and provide information about the group. They are always looking for people to join. There are no sign up deadlines, you can join at any time during the year, so if you think that the cub scouts or boy scouts is something you are interested in, you can get information about it while you get some popcorn! Parents are welcome to become volunteers. They would also like to say thank you to all of the local businesses who are allowing them to set up in front of their stores. For more information on locations or joining, please contact Alison Hudson, Committee Chair - Troop 964, at 863-634-8628.

Oktoberfest Celebration set

Sunday, **Oct. 19**, noon until 4 p.m. an Oktoberfest Celebration will be held. There will be games, fun and more games. The celebration will be held at the VFW Post 9528 in Buckhead Ridge. Authentic German food will be served for a donation of \$7. German music will be provided for dancing and your enjoyment.

Teen dance party planned Sunday

A teen dance party will be held on Sunday, **Oct. 19** at the Pier II from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Ages 12-16 welcome. A live DJ will play the latest hip-hop for entertainment. The following refreshments will be available: Pizza - \$1; soda - 50 cent; chips - 50 cent; smoothies - \$2. All proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross Okeechobee County Branch. For more information call Teresa Chandler at 863-697-6819.

E.O.E. 4509 holds special events

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles 4509 has several events lined up for the month of October. Events and dates are as follows: **Oct. 18** - Sock Hop from 3 until 7 p.m.; **Oct. 25** - Oktoberfest; **Oct. 31** - Halloween Costume Party at 8 p.m. For more information on these events please call Diana Huston at 863-357-2009.

FHREDI meeting planned

A public meeting of the Florida's Heartland REDI, Inc. Board of Directors and Florida's Freshwater Frontier, Inc. Board of Directors will be held on Monday, **Oct. 20**, at 10 a.m. at Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Boulevard, Sebring. For more information, please call Jim Otterman at 863-385-4900.

The Area Agency on Aging of Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc. is planning its upcoming monthly Board of Directors Executive Committee meeting, to be held at the Area Agency on Aging, 4400 N. Congress Ave., West Palm Beach, FL, 33407, on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Contracts requiring the expenditure of funds are a regular agenda item of this meeting. Please call Vivian Pfau, Area Agency on Aging, at 561 684-5885 for more information.

Republican party to meet Monday

The Republican Party of Florida will hold their monthly Board meeting on Monday, **Oct. 20**. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is held at the Republican Headquarters, 414 S. Parrott Avenue (next to Physicians Weight-loss) and visitors are welcome.

Amendment 2 to be discussed at meeting

First Baptist Church will be hosting an informative meeting on Amendment 2 on Tuesday, **Oct. 21**, at 7 p.m. Harry Mihet, Senior Litigation Counsel with Florida Family Policy Council, that wrote the Amendment, will be here to speak and answer questions. Mr. Mihet's family came from Romania, where his father was a pastor for 17 churches, mostly underground churches. Come and not only hear about Amendment 2, but hear this man's great story. The address of the church is 401 S.W. Fourth Street.

ABWA to meet

The Women of Tomorrow Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) will hold its annual Fall Enrollment Event on **Oct. 23** at Beef O'Brady's from noon to 1 p.m. All working women are invited to come and see what we're all about. Barbara Godejohn will speak on women's health issues. For information contact President Karin Ammons at Cassell's and McCall 863-763-3131.

Machine embroidery group meeting

If you have an embroidery machine, plan to buy one or are just interested in the concept, please join us at our next meeting. It will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 25**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Red Cross classroom, 323 N. Parrott Avenue. Bring your machine and lunch for a fun-filled day. This month we will be embroidering on a towel; supplies needed are self-adhesive stabilizer, water soluble stabilizer, your design of choice and a towel. For more information please call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.

Free coffee at Guardian Ad Litem meeting

Starbucks on 12th Street and U.S. 1 in Vero Beach will host the GALP monthly coffee on Saturday, **Oct. 25**, at 10 a.m. The coffee is for anyone interested in knowing more about the Guardian Ad Litem Program. Guardians ad Litem are trained volunteers who are court-appointed as child advocates and are involved in court proceedings, giving a voice to victims of child abuse. Volunteers are needed for Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin and Okeechobee Counties. Stop by for a free cup of coffee with a GAL Volunteer and find out how you too can Speak Up for an Abused Child. Our next volunteer training class starts Nov. 6. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-341-1425

Orchid club to meet

The Okeechobee Orchid Club will meet on Monday, **Oct. 27** at 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Extension Service. They will have show and tell at this meeting and request that you bring in an Orchid to show or bring in a problem Orchid for Harry to diagnose. Introduce your favorite Orchid and tell how it grows. At these meetings you will meet other Orchid enthusiasts and share problems and solutions, enjoy refreshments and networking and there will be an Orchid drawing as a fundraiser. Please bring questions and program ideas. Let them know what subjects and speakers are of interest. The Garden Club meets in the same location at 6 p.m. For more information call 863-763-6469.

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

Main Street to host Halloween celebration

Okeechobee Main Street, the City of Okeechobee and Okeechobee County are hosting the Fourth Annual Halloween Celebration. The community celebration will be held at the Agri-Civic Center on Highway 70 East, on Friday, **Oct. 31**, from 6 until 9 p.m.

This year's Costume Contest will be in four age groups: 0-2 from 6:45 to 7:15 p.m., 3-5 from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m., 6-10 from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. and 11-14 from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. Registration for the costume contest will be at the Seacoast National Bank Booth.

Please help to provide a safe and fun Halloween for the children. They will have games and activities, a haunted house, a costume contest and treats!

Event organizers welcome donations of treats and candy or monetary donations to purchase candy. Your business or agency is welcome to set up a booth for games or activities for the children. For more information, please contact Toni Doyle at 863-357-MAIN (6246).

Eagles 4137 plans party and yard sale

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

YMS collecting printer cartridges

Yearling Middle School (YMS) is collecting empty printer and copy toner cartridges. They are sent in for credits that go toward school supplies to be used by all students. To donate empty printer or toner cartridges, they can be dropped off at YMS, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane or at the Stitchin' Post, 620 S. Parrott Ave. Or call Miss Webb at 863-462-5056 or Linda at 863-467-1484 for free pickup.

Sour Orange Fest has new date

Lakeport will have the Sour Orange Festival on Saturday, Jan. 10, (new date for 2009). They are looking for vendors, volunteers, and patrons. If interested call 863-227-4323 or attend the next Lakeport Community Association meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7:30 at the Community Center.

OHS reunion - 1950 through 1959

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

Low cost spay/neuter available

Low cost spay/neuter vouchers for dogs and cats. Participating veterinarians in Vero Beach. For information, call United Humanitarians Port St. Lucie volunteer: 772-335-3786. Email: Petscry1@bellsouth.net. Okeechobee veterinarians are invited to participate. In this low cost spay/neuter program.

Attention Okeechobee Class of 89

Class of '89 reunion organizers are currently collecting emails and home addresses from all classmates. Please send these to okeechobee89@yahoo.com.

Healthy Start to hold benefit drawing

The Healthy Start Coalition is hosting a Baby Shower for their clients. They are selling drawing tickets for a candy bouquet. The tickets are just \$1 each. They will use these funds to help defray the cost of food items for the Baby Shower. For more information, please call Becky at 863-462-5877 and your donation will be picked up at your convenience.

Historical limited edition ornaments now on sale

The Okeechobee Retired Educators will be selling their third limited edition ornament for Christmas 2008. Ornaments are 24k gold on brass, includes a numbered certificate with historical information. Ornaments are \$15. Proceeds fund their scholarship. The 2008 ornament is the Old County Courthouse. They will also have 2007 and 2006 ornaments available in a limited quantity for those who wish to get those. To purchase an ornament call Gay Carlton at 863-763-5755, Kay McCool at 863-763-2829, Paulette Whipple at 863-467-2488, Marion Davis at 863-763-3991 or Regina Hamrick at 863-763-8865.

State Veterans nursing homes

Are you a veteran in need of a nursing home or assisted living facility? The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs can help you. The Department operates five veterans nursing homes and one assisted living facility throughout the state, with a new nursing home being built near St. Augustine. The basic admission criteria for all of the facilities is an honorable discharge, Florida residency for one year prior to admission and certification of need of assisted living facility or skilled nursing care. The VA Nursing homes are located in Daytona Beach, Land O' Lakes, Pembroke Pines, Springfield (Panhandle) and Port Charlotte with the VA Assisted Living Facility being located in Lake City. For further information on VA nursing homes contact the County Veteran's Service Officer, Betsy Grinslade at 863-763-8124.

Historical Society collects info for book

Mrs. Betty Williamson, from the Historical Society is in the process of writing a book about Okeechobee Women. She is looking for all of the Speckled Perch Queens from 1968 to recent. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at 863-763-6464 or Betty Williamson at 863-763-3850 if you are able to help. The Queens will be listed in the book.

Join the Red Hatters

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2008-2009 Huntin' season's crankin' up

By Tony Young
FWC

Football season's in full swing, and the 2008-09 hunting season's starting to crank up. Archery season's been going on in most of the state, and in this issue, I want to talk about three other seasons about to start: crossbow, muzzle-loading gun and the first phase of dove. Crossbow season occurs between archery and muzzleloading gun seasons in the South and Central hunting zones, lasting five days: Oct. 6-10 and Oct. 20-24, respectively. In the Northwest zone, it comes in later, on the Monday after Thanksgiving (Dec. 1), and lasts one week through Dec. 7.

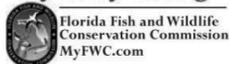
This season's for any hunter who'd like to use a crossbow or continue using a bow on private lands. This is not just for disabled hunters. Crossbow season doesn't apply to wildlife management areas (WMAs), however.

The most common game to take during crossbow season will be deer and wild hog. Only bucks



Outta' The Woods

By Tony Young



may be taken, and one antler must be at least five inches long above the hairline. The daily bag limit on antlered deer is two. Wild hogs - considered livestock on private lands - may, with landowner permission, be hunted year-round with no bag or size limits.

It's also legal to shoot gobblers and bearded turkeys during crossbow season. Only one may be taken per day, and there's a two-bird fall-season limit. But you can't hunt turkeys in Holmes County during the fall and winter.

Crossbows and bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds, and hand-held releases on bows are permitted. For hunting deer, hog and turkey, broadheads must have at least two sharpened edges with a minimum width of 7/8 inch.

Legal shooting hours are a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Except for turkeys, hunters may take resident game over feed such as corn on private lands.

Some things you can't do during crossbow season include hunting deer, hog or turkey with dogs, using explosive or drug-injecting arrows, and possessing firearms.

Immediately following the close of crossbow season in the South and Central hunting zones

is the beginning of muzzleloading gun season. Season dates run Oct. 11-19 and Oct. 25 - Nov. 2, respectively. Muzzleloading season comes in later in the Northwest zone and runs Nov. 21-23.

During muzzleloading gun season, bows and crossbows are legal methods of taking game on private lands, along with muzzleloaders. On WMAs, only muzzleloaders may be used.

Legal shooting hours are the same for muzzleloading gun season as crossbow season. And, legal game, including bag limits and prohibited methods for taking game, also are the same as crossbow season. Bag limits and antler/size restrictions for game on WMAs can differ, so check the specifics of the area before you hunt.

For hunting deer, muzzleloaders firing single bullets must be at least .40-caliber. Guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger. You may not use muzzleloaders with self-contained cartridge ammunition capabilities

or possess modern firearms during muzzleloading gun season.

The first phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season begins Oct. 4 and ends Oct. 27 statewide. Shooting hours during this first phase are noon to sunset, and there's a new, 15-bird daily bag limit this year.

The only firearm you're allowed to hunt doves with is a shotgun, but you can't use one larger than a 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined).

You may hunt doves over an agricultural field, as long as the crop's been planted as part of regular agricultural practices. However, it's against the law to scatter agricultural products over an area for the purpose of baiting.

Some things you can't do while dove hunting are using rifles, pistols or crossbows; shooting from a moving vehicle; or herding or driving doves with a vehicle.

In addition to a Florida hunting license, you'll need a \$5 crossbow

permit to hunt during crossbow season. A \$5 muzzleloading gun permit is needed to hunt during muzzleloader season, and you'll need a no-cost migratory bird permit if you're going to hunt doves. If you hunt on a WMA, you must have a management area permit that costs \$26.50.

All are available at county tax collectors' offices or license agents or by calling toll-free 1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA or clicking www.wildlifelicense.com.

So if you're going after that monster buck during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons or dove hunting with friends and family, I hope I've helped explain the rules and regulations on some of Florida's hunting seasons.

Tony Young looks forward to using an old crossbow his mother bought him when he was 14 and putting it to good use during the crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons. He also likes dove hunting with good friends.



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar

Employee honored for service

City of Okeechobee employee Kim Barnes (right) received a plaque for her five years of service to the City during the last City Council Meeting from Mayor Jim Kirk (left).

Conservation planning: investing in the future

GAINESVILLE — Are you a conservation minded landowner in need of advice or financial incentives for your farm or ranch? A comprehensive conservation plan may be just what you need. A conservation plan is a written record of your management decisions and the conservation practices and systems that you plan to use and maintain on your farm. Carrying out your plan will achieve the goals of protecting the environment on and off your farm or ranch as well as meeting your individual management objectives. Having a conservation plan may also help qualify you for various USDA conservation programs that can help you implement your plan.

Conservation applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) are currently being accepted for funding consideration in fiscal year 2009 at U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices throughout Florida. Though an application deadline for 2009 funding has not yet been set, interested landowners are encouraged to contact a local NRCS office for information on conservation planning and submitting a completed application.

"We are awaiting the final program rules of the new 2008 Farm Bill, which will determine the program policies and eligibility criteria," said NRCS State Conservationist Carlos Suarez. "However, we are continuing to accept applications now so that we can write our conservation plans in a timely manner. We want to be well positioned to provide contracts to our producers when the policies are finalized."

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, the NRCS provides financial incentives to producers to pro-

mote agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals, optimize environmental benefits, and help farmers and ranchers meet Federal, State, Tribal, and local environmental regulations.

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes increased payments for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in addition to beginning and limited resource producers. Priority may be given to water conservation applications that will reduce water use or where the producer agrees not to use any associated water savings to bring new land under irrigation production.

WHIP is a voluntary program for private landowners to develop and improve high quality habitat that supports wildlife populations

of National, State, Tribal, and local significance. Land eligible for WHIP includes private agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Tribal land. Through WHIP, the USDA's NRCS provides technical and financial assistance. WHIP agreements generally last from 5 to 10 years.

Whether you want or need financial incentives, now is the time to contact your local district conservationist to request conservation planning assistance, to plan for your future.

For additional information on NRCS, conservation planning or these voluntary conservation programs, visit www.fl.nrcs.usda.gov/programs, your local USDA Service or call 863-763-3619.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

OHS football

Carson Williams has been a key defender for the Okeechobee High School Brahms this season. The Okeechobee Brahms defeated the Fort Pierce Cobras.

Church hosts meeting about Amendment 2

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth, St., will host a meeting to give information on Amendment 2 which will appear on the November ballot. This amendment to the Florida Constitution would define marriage as a union between one woman and one man. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. Harry Mihet, senior litigation counsel with Florida Policy Council will be speaking and answering questions.

A scrap booking group meets each Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of **Peace Lutheran Church**, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane. The Peace Lutheran Annual Book Fair will be held the week of Oct. 19th in the church lobby. A great assortment of books will be available. This will be a good time to get some Christmas shopping done before the



Places of Worship

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rush. The Middle School Youth Gathering will be held Nov. 7-9 at the Lake Wales Conference Center. This will be a weekend filled with music, games, service projects, workshops and more

and is open to all youth in the sixth through eighth grades. The Heartland Reformation Service will be held Oct. 26 in Sebring. All seven Lutheran congregations and their guests will celebrate with a huge combined choir, service and October type meal beginning at 4 p.m. A parenting class meets in the conference room on Sunday at 9:15 am. This class is for married and single parents and grandparents. A rummage store and country store will be held Nov. 15 in the fellowship hall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Community Food Bank and other community projects. Donated items can be dropped off the week of Nov. 9 in room 205 in the fellowship hall.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to Code of Ordinances of Okeechobee County, Florida

Notice is hereby given that there will be a **Public Hearing** before the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners to receive public input regarding adoption of an ordinance amending the *Code of Ordinances of Okeechobee County, Florida*. The title of the proposed ordinance is:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA, PART II, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ADDING SECTION 7.11 LANDSCAPE REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 5:01 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

Interested persons may appear and be heard. This public hearing will be the first of two public hearings. A second public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 5:01 pm at the same location

A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for public inspection at the Planning and Development Department, 499 NW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida each weekday, Monday, through Friday, except holidays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. County Clerk tapes are for the sole purpose of backup from official records of the Clerk.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CASE NO. 2007-CA-437... AVELO MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff vs. JORGE VALLADARES, SANDRA VALLADARES, AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-00269... SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff vs. EDIVAR F. FILHO, CARLA D. REIS A/K/A CARLA D. FILHO, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CASE NO. 2008-CA-228... D&F FINANCIAL SERVICES, A Florida general partnership, Plaintiff, vs. SIMONE PROPERTIES, INC., A Florida corporation, and NYSOLA GRANT, individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of MELTON GRANT, Defendants...

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 45... NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 3, 2008, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 at 11:00 am on Wednesday, October 29, 2008, the property described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto...

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE... I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished by U.S. Mail this 15TH day of September, 2008, to: Mark S. Rasinger, Esquire, Nysola Grant, 14432 Wellington Trc, 20 North Eola Drive, Wellington, Florida 33414...

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS CUSTODIAN FOR MORGAN STANLEY MSAC 2007-HE5 BY SAKON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS-STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION SASCO 2007- BN-C1, Plaintiff vs. ARTHUR G. WILLIAMSON, et al., Defendant(s)...

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS-STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION SASCO 2007- BN-C1, Plaintiff vs. RONALD GRUMBLING A/K/A RONALD D. GRUMBLING, et al., Defendant(s)...

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATION... NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and Appeals on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, in the Council Chambers, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida...

REQUEST FOR BIDS... GOODS AND SERVICES... The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) will receive Sealed Bids, for the purpose of securing the following:

SECOND RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated June 3, 2008, and Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 9/9/2008 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-437, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida...

PARCEL 32, BRIDLEWOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 34, INCLUSIVE... OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA...

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... IN accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ADA, Disabled person who, because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration at 772-807-4370...

EXHIBIT "A" A PARCEL OF LAND LYING WITHIN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, BEAR S 89°50'17"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 14, A DISTANCE OF 789.29 FEET; THENCE BEAR S00°09'43"E A DISTANCE OF 1980.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE BEAR S89°50'17"W PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 14 A DISTANCE OF 1503.14 FEET TO THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SR S-700A; THENCE BEAR S10°29'43"E ALONG THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID S-700A A DISTANCE OF 670.88 FEET; THENCE BEAR N89°50'17"E A DISTANCE OF 2647.64 FEET; THENCE BEAR N24°29'00"E A DISTANCE OF 726.15 FEET; THENCE BEAR S89°50'17"W A DISTANCE OF 1567.62 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING...

LOT 4 AND THE EAST 25 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 21, OKEECHOBEE CITY SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTHEAST ONE QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST...

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 17, 2008 and entered in Case No. 2007-CA-296 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS CUSTODIAN FOR MORGAN STANLEY, MSAC 2007-HE5 BY SAKON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN BROTHERS-STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION SASCO 2007- BN-C1, is the Plaintiff and ARTHUR G. WILLIAMSON, NORMA L. WILLIAMSON, are the Defendants...

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CASE NO. 2007-CA-510... DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BANKER'S TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR IHS, 2006-HE2 BY: SAKON MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC./F/K/A MERITCHE MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC. ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, Plaintiff vs. JUAN MARIO URBINA A/K/A JUAN URBINA A/K/A JUAN N. URBINA, ZILA URBINA A/K/A ZILA LERMA A/K/A ZILA URBINA A/K/A ZILA LERMA URBINA, JOHN DOE, JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CASE NO. 2008-CA-307... DIVISION: Civil Division... LIVE OAK TRUST, INC., A Florida Corporation, Plaintiff vs. DERCIE ANDERSON AND ANDREW ANDERSON Defendant...

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... CIVIL ACTION CASE NO. 2007-CA-407... U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR SG MORTGAGE SECURITIES ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FRZ-2, Plaintiff vs. CURT LUNDBERG, et al., Defendant(s)...

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Case No. 2008-CP-191
Division: Probate

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF **AUDREY M. DUKES**
Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **AUDREY M. DUKES**, deceased, whose date of death was June 26, 2008, and whose social security number is 371-10-4028, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is October 15th, 2008.

Attorney for Personal Giving Notice:

JEFFREY A. FADLEY, P.A.
Fla. Bar No. 035667
Attorney for Plaintiff
807 South West 2nd Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
Telephone: (863) 763-5733
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Public Notice 5005

UF experts encourage butterfly watching

Expect hobby to take wing with new publications

By Tom Nordlie
University of Florida

GAINESVILLE—Butterfly lovers used to catch and collect the insects, but in recent years, just watching them has become popular -- and University of Florida experts say it could boost scientific research and economic development.

To encourage hobbyists, UF recently issued four publications aimed at newcomers, written by Jaret Daniels, an assistant professor with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The publications, produced in collaboration with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, cover butterfly watching basics, Florida butterfly gardening, 50 common butterflies of Florida and a butterfly checklist. They're sold as a package, titled Florida Butterfly Encounters, available for \$7 from UF's IFAS Extension Bookstore.

To find the package, go to: www.ifasbooks.ufl.edu, find the "Natural Resources" section, click on "Books" and scroll to the bottom of the page.

"Butterfly watching is a good activity for families because it doesn't require you to get up at 6 a.m.—you can get up at 10 a.m. and not miss anything," said Mr. Daniels, assistant director for research with the McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity at

the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Butterflies are typically active during the summer and most can be found near flowering plants, he said. Some species prefer sun, others like shade. Florida is home to 187 butterfly species, about 10 percent of them found nowhere else.

All that's needed is patience, sunblock and the ability to recognize a few common species, Mr. Daniels said. But it doesn't hurt to take along a butterfly field guide, binoculars and a notebook and pen to record observations.

For those who want to become more involved, there's the Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network, a statewide organization based at UF's McGuire Center and found at <http://www.fbutterflies.net>.

To help UF scientists keep tabs on local populations, FBMN trains volunteers to observe butterflies and report data, Mr. Daniels said. By sharing information with policy-makers and land managers, FBMN promotes conservation and public awareness.

The health of butterfly populations in an area can provide a yardstick for gauging the ecosystem's overall health, said Akers Pence, FBMN state program coordinator and one of Mr. Daniels' postdoctoral associates.

Butterflies are well-suited to this type of assessment because they're large and easy to identify, Mr. Pence said.

Those characteristics are part of the reason butterflies could play a larger role in Flor-



AP photo/University of Florida/IFAS/Tyler Jones
Jaret Daniels makes notes on a giant swallowtail feeding at the UF campus in Gainesville. Daniels, program director for the Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network, authored four publications on butterfly watching now available from UF. The network encourages Florida residents to observe butterflies and submit data, useful in tracking butterfly populations and overall ecosystem health.

ida's ecotourism industry, said Anne Glick, section leader for wildlife viewing partnership and outreach with the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in Tallahassee.

Commission personnel developed the idea for the butterfly-watching publications several years ago, in response to rising interest in the hobby nationwide, Ms. Glick said. It's part of a larger FWC effort to spur interest in Florida ecotourism.

The Sunshine State is the nation's No. 1 destination for

wildlife viewing, Ms. Glick said. In 2006, 4.2 million people watched Florida wildlife, generating retail sales of \$3.1 billion, according to an FWC report.

Later this year, FWC will begin providing butterfly-watching information at many sites in the eastern section of the Great Florida Birding Trail, which includes 135 sites in 18 counties. The agency is also working with UF to establish a demonstration butterfly garden at the Chinsegut Nature Center near Brooksville, scheduled to open in November.

Interest in butterfly watching continues to grow, and the hobby could benefit from further crossover with bird watching, said Doug Taron, director of the Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network.

"A large percentage of our monitors came to us from the birding community," said Mr. Taron, based in Chicago. "It seems to be a natural fit. Many of the skills are similar, and people find they enjoy using that skill-set for a new group of organisms."

UF pub helps families manage financially

By Tom Nordlie
University of Florida

GAINESVILLE — To help families struggling to make ends meet, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences has published a new bottom-line guide to personal finances.

Titled "Managing in Tough Times," the 40-page booklet is available free at county extension offices and online at <http://fyics.ifas.ufl.edu>.

The booklet was created in response to recent economic woes, said Nayda Torres, a professor and chairwoman of UF's family, youth and community sciences department.

"Families are faced with making difficult choices as the cost of living continues to increase but their income does not," Ms. Torres said.

Published in English and Spanish, the booklet contains 18 chapters, addressing topics from savings and teen

employment to stress and low-cost entertainment. Each chapter was written by UF experts in the subject.

But users will need to do more than read the booklet, they'll need to take action, said Michael Gutter, a family, youth and community sciences assistant professor who led the project.

For example, one of the most important steps in financial management is determining your net worth, which means taking stock of assets and liabilities, Mr. Gutter said. The process may take a little time, but it provides a road map for progress.

"We encourage people to assess their situation right now," he said. "But we also want them to look ahead just a bit."

That means finding ways to increase income and reduce expenses, the keys to building wealth. Much of the booklet is devoted to ideas on prioritizing debts and handling them more

efficiently, saving money on basic needs, and finding overlooked sources of income.

Unlike most UF extension publications, "Managing in Tough Times" is the size of an address book and printed on tough card-stock pages held together with a ring binder. It was designed this way to encourage users to carry it with them, Mr. Gutter said.

Family, youth and community sciences faculty had been discussing the idea of a bottom-line financial project for some time, he said. But the booklet was created at the request of IFAS Dean for Extension Larry Arrington, who was concerned about recent events.

"As we looked around the state at the pressures facing families as a result of energy costs, rising living expenses and the number of families struggling with mortgages, we decided that a quick reaction was necessary," Mr. Arrington said.

Department faculty and

extension personnel are planning an education program for Florida residents based on the booklet, Mr. Gutter said. The

program, emphasizing discussion and practical activities, will be available at extension offices beginning later this year.

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATION

NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board/Board of Adjustment and Appeals on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, in the Council Chambers, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida.

To consider a request to change the zoning district from Residential Single Family-One (RSF-1) to Heavy Commercial (CHV) for Petition No. 08-006-R. The petition is being submitted by Frannie Watford and Elbert Batton, on behalf of property owner(s) Abdul and Yasmin Cumber. The vacant property is located at 309 Northeast 4th Street.

Legal description: Lots 1 to 12 inclusive of Block 110, Okeechobee, according to final plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 5 Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and is approximately 1.92 acres;

A copy of the agenda may be obtained from the City website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department, bclement@cityofokeechobee.com, (863) 763-3372 x 218. A copy of the entire application(s) are available at the General Services Department. The Planning Board will make recommendations to the City Council for consideration and final adoption tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Planning Board/Board of Adjustments and Appeals with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, or hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Media are used for the sole purpose of back-up for the General Services Office.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Florida Statute 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Betty Clement, no later than two (2) working days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3372 x 218; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8770 (voice) or 1-863-955-8771 (TTY).

By: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
Petition No. 08-006-R
294831 ON 10/15/08

LEGAL NOTICE

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296292 ON 10/15/08

STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
NOTICE OF INTENT TO FIND
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT
IN COMPLIANCE
DOCKET NO. 08-PEFE1-N01-4701-(A)-(I)

The Department gives notice of its intent to find the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for Okeechobee County, adopted by Ordinance No. 2008-06 on August 14, 2008, IN COMPLIANCE, pursuant to Sections 163.3184, 163.3187 and 163.3189, F.S.

The adopted Okeechobee County Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Department's Objections, Recommendations and Comments Report, (if any), are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays, during normal business hours, at the Okeechobee County Planning and Development Department, 499 Northwest 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

Any affected person, as defined in Section 163.3184, F.S., has a right to petition for an administrative hearing to challenge the proposed agency determination that the Amendment to the Okeechobee County Comprehensive Plan is in Compliance, as defined in Subsection 163.3184(1), F.S. The petition must be filed within twenty-one (21) days after publication of this notice, and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.201, F.A.C. The petition must be filed with the Agency Clerk, Department of Community Affairs, 2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100, and a copy mailed or delivered to the local government. Failure to timely file a petition shall constitute a waiver of any right to request an administrative proceeding as a petitioner under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. If a petition is filed, the purpose of the administrative hearing will be to present evidence and testimony and forward a recommended order to the Department. If no petition is filed, this Notice of Intent shall become final agency action.

If a petition is filed, other affected persons may petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding. A petition for intervention must be filed at least twenty (20) days before the final hearing and must include all of the information and contents described in Uniform Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C. A petition for leave to intervene shall be filed at the Division of Administrative Hearings, Department of Management Services, 1230 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3060. Failure to petition to intervene within the allowed time frame constitutes a waiver of any right such as a party has to request a hearing under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to participate in the administrative hearing.

After an administrative hearing petition is timely filed, mediation is available pursuant to Sub-section 163.3189(3)(a), F.S., to any affected person who is made a party to the proceeding by filing that request with the administrative law judge assigned by the Division of Administrative Hearings. The choice of mediation shall not affect a party's right to an administrative hearing.

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning
Department of Community Affairs
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100
296129 ON 10/15/08

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

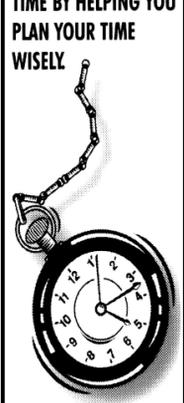
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Technical Review Committee of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on **Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.**, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. A copy of the agenda will be available on our website www.cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Department (863) 763-3372 x 218.

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By: Brian Whitehall, City Administrator
Betty Clement, General Services Coordinator
294551 ON 10/15/08

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Sideline attire catches criticism

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Tom Landry used to walk the sidelines with a hat, suit and tie. Modern day coaches can be seen in sweat shirts and other casual wear. The question is what is appropriate for coaches to wear on game day?

That question was posed to Brahman's Coach Chris Branham after a few Speak Out calls have been received at the Okeechobee News questioned the baggy shorts his coaches have worn twice this year. They wore them at the kickoff classic against St. Lucie West Centennial and again two weeks ago.

Coach Branham said there is no official dress code for coaches at Okeechobee High School. He noted the pants his staff has worn are professional and comfortable and have gotten the approval of the school athletic director and administration.

Branham said the Florida High School Athletic Association also recommends that coaches wear shorts on the sidelines. He noted this coaches spent their own money to buy them and that they are actually more costly than regular pants. Each pair costs about \$75.

The shorts are a little longer than most and because they run down below the knees.

"I think they should worry



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Offensive line coach Rex Erwin encourages his players before the Kick Off Classic on Aug. 29.

more about what is going on on the field than what is going on on the sidelines. We're winning this year and they don't have anything to complain about," he said.

Branham said his players and coaches always dress professionally. He noted when they go on the road players sometimes wear suits and ties, and other times collared shirts and nice jeans.

Branham said his coaches also wear long pants at some games and really wear clothing that is regularly accepted around the sport and in the business com-

munity.
"Why don't people look at the positives?" the coach said. "These are professional clothes. We aren't showing any underwear. Our shirts are tucked in. We have dressed professionally."

Branham said the complainers should have a field day at the next home game on Halloween. That will be a camouflage night as spectators and football staff will be encouraged to wear camouflage outfits.

"My staff will wear camouflage and combat boots," he added.

Golfers show improvement at districts

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's Girls' Golf squad showed steady progress during the 2008 season and saved their best for last in Monday's district 17-2A tournament in Fort Pierce.

Okeechobee finished fifth out of eight teams at the 18 hole championships.

"We didn't win a match all year and then we do that," Golf Coach Lonnie Sears said, "We finished above a couple of teams that had beaten us during the year."

The Lady Brahman's had three freshmen and a sophomore on their squad this year so that bodes

well for the future.

Sears said he told the girls if they work hard in the off season they can really be a factor in the future, "The girl's worked hard and showed a willingness to want to learn. I told them to play more golf, hit the ball, and practice. If they put in some time, they could be a force in the next year or two."

Paige Arnold shot 131 to lead Okeechobee on the par 70 course. Emily Raulerson shot 135. Raychel Rabon shot 141. Shiane Prescott shot 155 and Sarah Payne shot 172.

Vero Beach won the tournament by one stroke over Martin

County. South Fork was a distant third and Centennial was fourth.

Alex Buelow of Martin County shot 77 to win the individual title at the Gator Trace Country Club. Jackie Kanzler shot 78 for the Lady Tigers. Lacey Kirkwood of South Fork finished third with a 12 over par, 82.

Sears said his girls aren't at that level of play but that he thinks they can really lower their scores if they play a lot this summer. "They can't play once per year and expect to compete," he said. "They were pretty excited about the districts. It was a tough course too and the conditions (it rained off and on) weren't the greatest."

2009 FLW Stren Tournament in Clewiston

Tropical Storm Fay's rainfall, which helped fill Lake Okeechobee, came too late to change the plans for the 2009 FLW Stren Tournament. In order to meet scheduling and advertising responsibilities, the decision regarding the location of the 2009 FLW Stren Tournament had to be made in June of 2008. Due to the low lake levels at that time, it was

decided to hold the tournament in Clewiston instead of Okeechobee as previously planned.

With uncertainty of lake levels rising during this decision period, even with low lake levels the anglers could still fish the Rim Canal in Clewiston and the FLW Stren Tournament would still remain in the Lake Okeechobee area.

There were no other factors

in that decision according to Bill Taylor, Director of Tournament Operations for FLW Outdoors.

For any future concerns regarding scheduling of tournaments or questions regarding tournaments in Okeechobee County, contact the Okeechobee Tourist Development Council office at 863-763-3959.

OHS Bowling Report

Thursday, Oct. 9, at Stardust Lanes, the Okeechobee High School Brahman Bowling Teams were in action against the Sharks from Sebastian River.

The Brahman bows met up with a very good Sebastian team, losing the first two games pretty handily. But they came back in the last game making it close down to the last frame before they also

took the last game.

The team was lead by Matt Payne with a 582 series, 217 and 245 high games. Mason Waldron had a 184 and Chris Spruill's 184 high also contributed.

Now for the girls...

The Lady Brahman bowlers took on the lady's from Sebastian

and bowled over them by taking all three games and total pins. The win keeps the Lady's in third place in their division.

The Lady's were lead by Reba Spiess 168 high game, Brittany Herndons 165 high game and Danielle Racine 151 high.

Next week the Brahman bowlers have two home matches against Westwood and Central.

O.G. & C.C. Weekly Golf Results

PI.G.S. League

Gator Trace, Oct. 6: First place - Max Sherry. Second place - Vinnie Malone. Last place - Billy Crum.

Closest to the pin: Max Sherry, Kenny Curran.

Indian Hills, Oct. 8: First place

- Clyde Price. Second place - Billy Crum. Last place - Kenny Curran.

Closest to the pin: Paul DeWitte (3), Kenny Curran (1).

Gold Tee League, O.G. &

C.C. Oct. 8: First place - Howard Shelkie. Second place - Lou Cox.

Third place (tie) - G. Goudy and

C. Herndon.

O.G. & C.C. Oct. 10: First place

- George Earl Goudy. Second

place - Don Bennett. Last place -

Max Sherry.

Closest to the pin: 2-Kenny Cur-

ran, 8-Geo. Earl Goudy, 11-Geo.

Earl Goudy, 17-Terry Malaster.

Sports News in Brief

Raulerson hosts benefit golf tourney

Raulerson Hospital is proud to sponsor the United Way of Okeechobee, third annual "Greater Open" Golf Tournament on Oct. 18, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. Funds raised through the United Way of Okeechobee, stay in Okeechobee County. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event.

Registration takes place at 7 a.m. the day of the event. The "Best Ball" tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Following the competition, a luncheon for the awarding of prizes for accomplishments achieved during the tournament will take place. Best of all, a brand new vehicle from Accardi/Milrot Jeep Chrysler in Okeechobee will be provided for a "Hole In One" on the par 3, hole 2. Additional prizes will be awarded for competition on the remaining par three holes. Cost to compete in the event is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Cost includes breakfast and lunch; green fees; and cart.

Skip Bryant Memorial Tournament set

The Skip Bryant Memorial Fund

Kids Fishing tournament set

The 23rd Annual Kids Day Fishing Tournament will be sponsored by the Taylor Creek Bass Club on Oct. 26 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center from 1 to 3 p.m. The tournament is free and open to children ages 4 to 14. All children must be registered in advance. Registration forms must be turned in by Oct. 19. Forms may also be dropped off at the Okeechobee News or Pogeys' Restaurant.

Signups planned for Upward Basketball

The First Baptist Church of Okeechobee will be hosting upward basketball and cheerleading for grades first through sixth, boys and girls. Registration is open. The cost is \$65 through Oct. 26 and \$75 if signup occurs between Oct. 27 and Nov. 4. The deadline for registration will be Nov. 4. To register, come to the ROC or the church office. For more information, please call 863-467-7625 or 863-763-2171.

Local Realtor Board to host Golf Tourney

The Okeechobee County Board of Realtors will be holding their 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Nov. 1, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. The money raised will be used to present local high school seniors with scholarships towards furthering their education. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. Hole sponsor, tee sponsor and green sponsor's are available and the teams consist of four golfers. Lots of prizes available: Closest to Pin, Longest drive and Hole-in-one. Call Kathy Godwin 863-763-8222 or 863-634-7728 for details. Hope this will be a great event.

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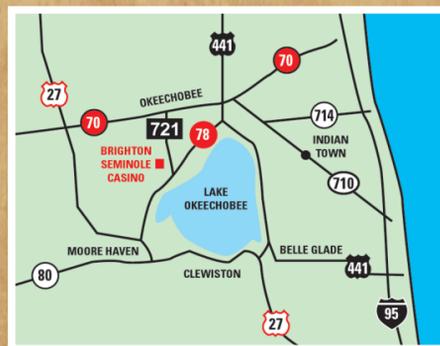


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Junior Pee Wee continues to roll in Pop Warner games



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Adrian Minondo runs up the middle for some tough yards during Okeechobee's 6-0 defeat to Port St. Lucie in the Pop Warner Junior Midget division Saturday.

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Junior Pee Wee squad won handily over Port St. Lucie 39-6 as the Pop Warner season continued Saturday at the Okeechobee County soccer complex.

The Junior Pee Wee and the Tiny Mites were able to capture victories, but three local teams lost their games.

The Tiny Mites defeated Port St. Lucie 12-6. The Mitey Mites lost 38-6 to Port St. Lucie. The Junior Midget lost 6-0 in a defensive battle with Port St. Lucie. The Midget squad lost 40-6 to Fort Pierce.

The Pee Wee continued their roll as they got touchdowns from Antowan Fludd, Luis Leon, and Chris Epps on interception returns. Brandon Shockley threw a touchdown pass to Leon on the first play from scrimmage. Lamar Williams added a touchdown run.

Three of the Okeechobee teams have qualified for the post season this year, the Junior Pee Wee (6-1), the Junior Midget (4-3) and the Midget (5-2). Playoff

games will begin next Wednesday night in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie.

Pop Warner President James Shockley said the Junior Pee Wee and the Junior Midget squad both have chances to win the league title this year. He noted the Junior Midget's three losses have been by six points or less.

"They played a tough defensive game against the first place and undefeated Port St. Lucie Saturday, they are capable of beating that team should they meet again in the playoffs," he noted.

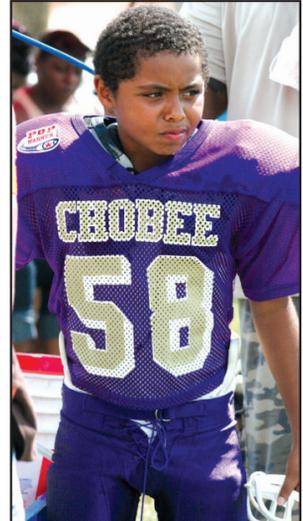
The Junior Pee Wee is currently the second seed to unbeaten Palm City.

This Sunday the Pop Warner program will host games again at the Sports Complex. The Tiny Mites will square off with Port Salerno at 11 a.m. The Mitey Mites will tangle with Port St. Lucie Gold at 1 p.m. The Junior Midget squad will take on Hobe Sound at 3 p.m. The Midget team will host Port Salerno at 5 p.m.

The Junior Pee Wee team will be on the road at Jensen Beach. Their kickoff will be at 1 p.m.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Luis Leon rushes up field for one of his touchdowns Saturday in Okeechobee's 39-6 victory over Port St. Lucie in the Junior Pee Wee division in Pop Warner Football.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Cameron Cordes cools off during Pop Warner games Saturday against Port St. Lucie.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Chris Epps returns an interception for a touchdown during the Junior Pee Wee 39-6 victory over Port St. Lucie Saturday in Pop Warner football.

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