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**Briefs**

**Community Theatre has season tickets**

Saturday, Oct. 4 is the last day to purchase tickets for the entire package of all Three shows to be performed this season by the Okeechobee Community Theatre. Season subscriptions include admission to the comedy, Christmas Belles, in November, the drama To Kill a Mockingbird, in March and the romantic play, Love Letters, also scheduled for March. The total price is \$20 for all three shows. To purchase season tickets, call 863-763-1307.

Those not holding season subscriptions may purchase single seat tickets to individual productions. They will be \$12 per show. Tickets to Christmas Belles, to be performed on Nov. 7, 8, 14, and 15 will go on sale at the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 13. All performances are at 8 p.m. on show dates at the Theatre on S.W. Second Avenue at Seventh Street, one block behind Golden Corral Restaurant. IRSC Culinary Institute registration open.

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**Drought Index**

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## City increases tax millage

**Due to decreased property values, city's budget still down 11 percent**

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The City of Okeechobee, like other local governments around

the state, has had to do some belt tightening at budget time. The city is feeling the crunch of decreased property values and increased homestead exemptions.

At a public hearing on Tuesday evening, Sept. 30 the city council passed a budget that is 11 percent less than the current budget but contains a pay increase of up to 5.5 percent for

employees.

The city budget is financed in large part by an ad valorem tax millage rate of 6.7432. One mil equals one dollar in taxes for every \$1,000 of assessed values. The current millage rate is 6.5010. However, due to the decrease in property values and increase in homestead exemptions, the new budget's millage rate will bring in less revenue

than the current lower millage rate. Property values in the city decreased from \$349,913,220 to \$329,970,000 this year. With the passage of Amendment 1, an additional \$25,000 homestead exemption is applied to property value over \$50,000.

The procedure at budget hearings calls for the millage rate to be approved before the budget. The approved millage rate is cal-

culated to finance a large portion of the budget. During discussion before the vote on the millage rate Councilman Dowling Watford offered an amendment. He expressed concern over the current economic uncertainty.

"I really feel we need to show some action now," he stated. He proposed adopting a millage rate of 6.2432 instead of the proposed

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**OHS Drama Club presents: Little Women**



The Okeechobee High School Drama class will perform "Little Women" on Thursday, Oct. 2., Saturday, Oct. 4, Thursday, Oct. 9, and Saturday, Oct. 11, in the OHS Auditorium. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$8 for adults. This play chronicles the life-changing events of the March family during a turbulent period of the Civil War. The cast includes (front, left to right) Rebecca Foster as Jo March, Tabitha Smith as Meg March, Rachel Muros as Marmee March, Tiffany Etichsen as Amy March, Nicole Perdomo as Beth March; (back row) Jonathan Siegnthaler as Professor Bhaer, Esperanza Montoya as Hannah Mullet, Sarah Thompson as Aunt March, Christopher Cain as Laurie Lawrence and Nathan Steen as John Brooke.

## Pulse releases continue from Lake Okeechobee

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will continue with pulsed water releases from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Canal, according to a statement released Tuesday, Sept. 30. The planned release is necessary to slow the expected rise in the lake levels with projected rainfall in the near future and two months left

in the hurricane season.

A release to the St. Lucie Canal and Caloosahatchee River will be for a period of 12 days. The goal is to achieve an average flow over the 12-day period not to exceed 2,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) and 1,000 cfs to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuary, respectively. The target flows to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Estuary

will be measured at the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam and the St. Lucie Lock and Dam. If there is rainfall in the Caloosahatchee Basin and the measured flow in the river at the lock and dam equals or exceeds the amount of the scheduled release, then no water will be released from the lake.

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## Tax loophole cuts county tax revenue

**Courts lenient about ag assessment rules**

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

In this time of reduced tax revenues Okeechobee County may be losing much needed revenues through a loophole in tax laws. There are properties in this county where there may be no agricultural activity going on and the property is zoned something other than agriculture, yet the owners pay taxes

that are based on the value of agricultural property.

The granting of an agriculture assessment is up to the discretion of the property appraiser. To complicate things there are some court rulings which appear to be in conflict with state laws and the county's land development regulations appear to be in conflict with some land use practices.

Florida Statue 193.462 lists seven factors that may be taken into consideration when considering agriculture assess-

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## Jobless rates continually on the rise

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The unemployment rate jumped in Okeechobee County and throughout the state of Florida during August according to the latest jobless report from the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center.

There were 1,814 residents out of work in Okeechobee last

month, a rate of 9.8 percent. That compared to 1,678 who were jobless in July, a rate of 9.2 percent. In August, 2007, there were 1,137 people out of work, a rate of 6.6 percent.

Glades County had 410 residents out of work in August and 388 in July. The unemployment rate there stayed the same at 8.4 percent. Last year at this

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## Benefit to help family of man battling cancer

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

The local Garcia family of Jose and Leticia Garcia are holding a car wash benefit on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Chobee Drive Thru, 3001 S.W. Third Terr. from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Donations will be taken to benefit the family of Jose Garcia, 31, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma of the stomach.

According to the American Cancer Society, this is a cancer of the immune system tissue that is sometimes found in the wall of the stomach. It accounts

for about 4 percent of stomach cancers.

Mr. and Mrs. Garcia have three children, Audrey, 9; Jadiene, 6, Jose Jr., 8 months. Both Mr. and Mrs. Garcia graduated from Okeechobee High School and have continued to raise their family in Okeechobee.

Upon diagnosis, Mr. Garcia was sent straight to tests and surgery where he was ultimately prescribed six months of chemotherapy.

Prior to surgery, the tumor was visible from the outside of his body and his wife urged him to go get it checked out at

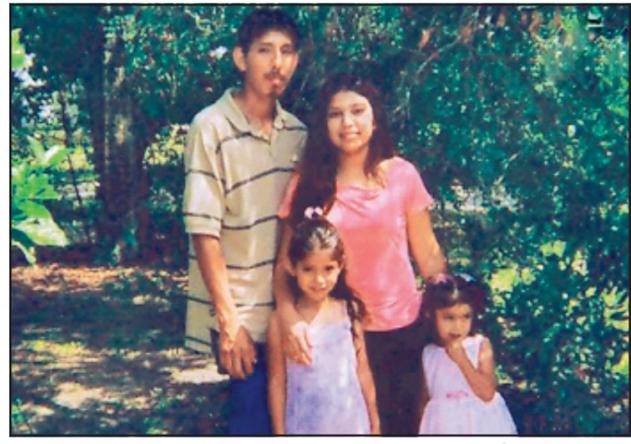
the doctor.

As if this situation is not enough for this young family to go through, prior to his diagnosis, he lost his job of seven years due to issues that were out of his control. The employer had also provided their housing and therefore, the family also lost their home.

Mr. Garcia had worked hard to find a job and attended classes to obtain his Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and took his test the day before getting his diagnosis.

Mrs. Garcia has been an

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Submitted photo: The Garcia family is holding a benefit for Jose Garcia, 31, (back-left) who was diagnosed recently with lymphoma of the stomach. They are holding a car wash and food and bake sale on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Chobee Drive Thru, 3001 S.W. Third Terr. Mr. Garcia is pictured here with his wife, Leticia Garcia, (back-right) daughters Audrey, 9, (front-left) and Jadiene, 6, (front-right). He also has an eight month old son Jose, Jr.

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# Loopholes

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ment. However, there is no minimum number of these factors needed to qualify. Factor number seven states: "Such other factors as may from time to time become applicable." That appears to give a lot of leeway to the property appraiser.

In order to secure an agricultural exemption each year property owners must fill out a DR-482 form "Application and Return for Agricultural Classification of Lands." This form is not a public record. It asks for agriculture income from the property for the last four years. Owners are also asked to list the number of acres in various crops and the number of years these crops have been grown. In addition, they are asked to list the number of acres devoted to livestock and timberland and the number of years those acres have been used for livestock or timber. The form asks if a tangible personal property tax return has been filed for machinery and

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time Glades County reported 289 people out of work, a rate of 6.4 percent.

Okeechobee's unemployment rate was fifth highest among the state's 67 counties. Glades County was tied for 12th highest among Florida counties in August.

Hendry County had the highest unemployment rate in the state, 14.2 percent. Walton County had the lowest rate of unemployment, 3.8 percent. The state average in August was 6.8 percent.

# Increase

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6.7432. This lower proposed millage rate was calculated to provide a balanced budget with no cost of living salary increase for employees. It would fund only a 1.5 percent merit increase. That amendment to the motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Watford then proposed a second amendment. He suggested leaving the millage at the

equipment. "Has the real property been zoned to a nonagriculture use at the request of the owner?" is a question on the form.

It also contains the statement "As of January first of this year the lands listed above were used primarily for 'Bona Fide' Agricultural Purposes. Bona Fide Agricultural Purpose means 'good faith commercial agriculture use of the land.'"

The applicant dates and signs the statement under penalty of perjury if the facts stated are not true.

According to the property appraiser's statement, "The USDA only recognizes agricultural operations or farms if they have \$1,000 worth of gross sales in a normal year. It is not necessary to have this every year, but should achieve this in a normal year." This, too, is only used as a vague guideline.

People who apply for agriculture exemptions are asked to provide the following items:

- Lease if the property is under lease;
  - IRS Schedule K1 from the previous year showing livestock purchases.
  - Receipts for fences/posts, gates, wire showing property has been fenced prior to Jan. 1, lien date.
  - Receipts for all fertilizer and/or lime applications, custom pasture mowing, disking, chopping, planting, wells, dug water holes.
  - Copies of all receipts for livestock purchase and sale receipts relating to this particular property.
  - Receipts for a livestock medicines, vaccinations, dewormers.
  - Receipts for any hay, molasses, mineral, protein supplements.
- Okeechobee County Property Appraiser Bill Sherman admits his

office has been liberal in granting agriculture assessments. He said that is because the courts have been liberal in interpreting the agriculture assessment laws.

"The courts have ruled in their favor," he said of land owners as he listed several court cases.

Florida law states: "Sale of land for a purchase price which is three or more times the agricultural assessment placed on the land shall create a presumption that such land is not used primarily for bona fide agricultural purposes."

However, according to Mr. Sherman, the courts have ruled that this "only sends up a red flag" and cannot be used to deny an agriculture assessment.

The Florida law governing agriculture assessment states that the property appraiser shall reclassify as nonagricultural "Land that has been zoned to a nonagricultural use at the request of the owner subsequent to the enactment of this law." That particular law has been in effect since at least the 1970s. However, Mickey Bandi of the property appraiser's office said that means the property that has been rezoned must be re-evaluated the next year to see if it still qualifies for an agriculture assessment.

"My lawyer told me you cannot deny it (agriculture assessment) on zoning," asserted Mr. Sherman.

In the case of Schultz v. Love, the Supreme Court of Florida ruled on April 1, 1999: "Zoned use of land is not, as a matter of law, determinative of actual, good faith agricultural use of land, for ad valorem tax purposes; rather zoned use is but one factor that assessor or reviewing court may consider along with other specific statutory factors."

"There is no question about it

they are using it for a tax dodge," Mr. Sherman said of the agriculture assessment laws. The property appraiser, who was adamant in his legal pursuit of Florida Power and Light for several years over the utility's liberal interpretation of tax laws, would like to see the agriculture assessment laws tightened. However, he felt the opposition from vested interests would be too strong for that to happen.

In some cases property in this county was bought a few years ago during better economic times with the intent of building residential housing complexes. The zoning was changed for that purpose and the land is still receiving an agriculture assessment.

According to the property appraiser's website, a 271.7 acre parcel on S.W. 16th Avenue sold for \$5,877,100 on Dec. 28, 2005. However, the 2008 taxes are based on a value of \$48,246. The property is zoned residential general. When requesting the zoning change from agriculture, the owner stated to the planning board that his intention was to build a residential complex.

A 12.8 acre parcel on the Rim Canal zoned residential general was sold Jan 15, 2007 for \$1,900,000. However that property's total taxable value in 2008 was \$2,730 because of an agricultural assessment.

A 57.8 acre plot on S.W. 16 Avenue sold on Nov. 10, 2005 for \$4,850,000. The owner requested a zoning change from agricultural to residential general in order to build townhouses. The total taxable value in 2008 is \$6,002 thanks to an agriculture assessment.

The owners of 89.3 acres on U. S. 441 S.E. at Nubbin Slough bought the property in 2005 for \$2,821,000. They had the property rezoned to residential general with the intent of building

residential units. The property is currently taxed based on an agriculture value of \$18,745.

A 167.2 acre parcel sold for \$9,637,100 in 2005. Today it is taxed on an assessed agricultural value of \$21,531.

A 63.9 acre parcel of land on Wolff Road was rezoned along with adjoining properties to be part of a planned development. Currently it is being taxed at a much smaller agriculture value.

In July of 2007, 12.3 acres of land sold for \$228,500. That land is now taxed based on an agriculture value of \$2,591.

It appears that there is also discrepancy between the county's land development regulations which define zoning categories and state laws governing taxing of agricultural property. If property is not zoned agriculture and does indeed contain a bona fide commercial agricultural operation, it would be in violation of the land development regulations and could be cited by code enforcement officials.

# Okeechobee Forecast

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. West wind around 5 mph.

**Wednesday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 64. West wind around 5 mph.

# Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. North wind around 5 mph.

**Thursday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

# Lotteries

The Florida Lotto — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 5-2-4; **Play 4:** 1-9-2-3; **Fantasy 5:** 3-10-20-24-25. Numbers selected Tuesday are: **Cash 3:** 3-0-3; **Play 4:** 2-3-4-3.

current rate of 6.5010. Proposed salary increases would be kept intact and approximately \$82,800 would be taken from reserves to make up the difference and balance the budget.

Councilman Clayton Williams seconded this second amended motion.

"I just don't like going into reserves to balance the budget," was the opinion of councilman Lowery Markham.

"It could hurt us bad next year," stated councilwoman Lydia Jean Williams.

"I feel strongly we are in pretty serious times," Mr. Watford asserted.

"It's a difficult decision," stated city administrator Brian Whitehall. He expressed concern that if the city approved a lower millage rate this year, next year the state might require the city to start at that millage rate and cut back further.

Mr. Watford cast the only vote for his second amendment. It was defeated by a vote of 1-4.

The council then unanimously

passed the original motion to approve a millage rate of 6.7432.

The vote was unanimous to approve a \$7,148,680 budget that contains reductions in the operating expenses of most departments.

Built into the budget is a merit salary increase of up to 1.5 percent based on an employee's evaluations. Beginning Oct. 1 employees will get a two percent increase to their base salary. Then in January they will receive a one-time 2 percent bonus.

# Release

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Tuesday, the lake level is 14.95 feet NGVD and is at the upper end of the preferred operational level of 12.5 to 15.5 feet. The lake has been hovering at the 15 foot level since the beginning of the first of two pulsed releases on Sept. 4.

On Sept. 4 the lake level was 14.68 feet. It is expected that with the near term forecast, the lake will rise and the upcoming releases will slow the amount of rise.

Pulse releases are designed to mimic nature and provide discharges from the lake to the estuaries via the St. Lucie Canal to the east and the Caloosahatchee River to the west. The goal is to strike a balance between the health of the lake's littoral zone and the health of the estuaries.

Water level data and flows for Lake Okeechobee and the Central and Southern Florida Project can be found on the Army Corps of Engineers' web site at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/h2o/index.htm>.

# Benefit

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associate at Wal-Mart for almost nine years and is currently out on leave taking care of her husband. Associates at Wal-Mart are also holding a "pot luck" lunch for associates for donations to the Garcia family.

In addition to the car wash, the

benefit will also include the sale of hotdogs for \$1; hamburgers for \$1.50; and bake goods for \$.50.

For more information of how you can help this local family please contact Mrs. Garcia's sister Angelica Garcia at 863-634-1733 or Leticia Garcia at 863-634-1730.

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



Submitted photo/Cathy Schmeidel

# Giving back

Mary and John Deck install kitchen cabinets for Hospice of Okeechobee. Some of the medical staff who care for patients at The Hamrick Home live in the staff housing next door to the facility. The Decks want to give back to the Hospice facility because hospice was there when they needed help. "We have never been in a position like the one we were in when my brother got sick. The nurses explained everything and took care of the things we couldn't," said Mr. Deck. "We know first hand just how important it is to have a local hospice residence," Mrs. Deck says.

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# City police seek arsonist

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

A fire partially gutted a residence on S.W. 2nd Avenue last week and an arsonist apparently finished the job on Sunday. City Police Detective Bill Saum said authorities are on the lookout for any information that might lead to the apprehension of the fire bug.

Police reports state that Officer Justin Bernst noticed smoke at about 10:55 Sunday night and found the residence fully involved in flame. City and County firemen

responded and had the fire extinguished in a matter of minutes.

"The fire was out the first time. This was not a flare up," Detective Saum noted, "We need the public's help. If you saw anything, no matter how insignificant, please call us."

Detective Saum said all tips from the public will remain confidential. He especially appealed to people who work in that area including restaurants like the Golden Corral and Beef O'Bradys.

"Somebody purposely burned this house a second time. Hopefully somebody saw something,"

he noted.

Saum said if you saw a vehicle, a bicyclist or a pedestrian in that area or neighborhood that night, please contact Detectives at 763-5521. He said if people even heard a vehicle or saw a bike that might help the investigation.

"Any information like that can lead to another lead and that lead to a person, and possibly an arrest," he noted.

As of press time there were no arrests reported. The State Fire Marshal was assisting in the investigation.

# Heavy rains could bring septic tank problems

Recent heavy rains and a tropical storm or hurricane could be a one-two punch that means raw sewage may back up in your home if you have a septic system. If you are experiencing sewage odors, wet areas on the property, slow drains, gurgling drain noises, or plumbing fixtures which "back-up" or overflow back into your home these could be the early warning signs septic disaster.

"The time to avoid a problem with raw sewage backing up into your home is before the problem exists," said Matthew Nyberg, President, Cooke's Environmen-

tal Services. "Once hurricane or tropical storm rain and wind begin, it's too late to avoid the costly mistake of not having your septic tank pumped for hurricane season," added Mr. Nyberg.

Septic systems consist of two basic parts; a septic tank and a soil absorption system. The septic tank provides a small portion of the treatment by creating a large, quiet compartment to allow solid material to settle out of the wastewater and collect in the tank. Over the years of operating, accumulated solids begin taking up too much room in the tank, reducing the volume available for

settling. When this happens, solids start escaping the tank and can clog the soil in the soil absorption field. Before this happens, the septic tank should be pumped to remove the solids.

"Do not wait for your septic system to back-up before you pump your septic tank. Once the sewage backs-up into your home, the damage is already done," added Mr. Nyberg. The experts at Cooke's Environmental Services recommend you do not use biological or chemical additives in place of septic tank pumping. You should pump based on the size of your septic tank and number of people using it. A typical family of four with a 500 gallon septic tank should have it pumped once a year.

"Here in Florida, pumping annually is really a good idea because one hurricane can dump so much rainfall that an un-pumped tank is a disaster waiting to happen," concluded Mr. Nyberg.

# Woman accused of doctor shopping

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

An investigation by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force resulted in the arrest of a Buckhead Ridge resident on September 29 on felony drug charges.

Tina Ripoll, 43, of 20th Street, was charged with doctor shopping and was held on \$500 bond at the Okeechobee County Jail.

The arrest report from Detective James Pickering said the suspect voluntarily met with investigators and admitted that she was addicted to controlled substances.

The report noted that Ripoll received controlled substances from two doctors. She filled the prescriptions at local pharmacies, officials added.

# No charges made in shooting of police dog

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The death of a Glades County Sheriff's Office K-9 will not result in any charges against the man who shot the dog.

According to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office report, the shooter was on his own property and trying to stop the dog from killing his cat.

The shooting occurred on Sept. 2 on N.E. 54th Trail. Nero, a 6-year-old Belgian Malinois, reportedly got loose from a neighboring residence.

A police report from Deputy Robbie Lamb said that Nicholas Schoppmeyer, 22, saw his cat running across the roof of his residence and a large dog chasing it. The dog apparently caught the cat in the front yard and started shaking it.

Mr. Schoppmeyer told deputies that his brother, Cory, 19, tried to kick the dog off the cat but was unsuccessful. Nicholas walked to his vehicle, and got his pistol, a KAHR PM-9, and shot the dog twice to try and get it off the cat and twice more when the dog became aggres-

sive toward him, Deputy Lamb said.

The deputy's report said Mr. Schoppmeyer said he did not want to shoot the dog but he felt very threatened by the dog.

Mr. Schoppmeyer said the K-9 had gotten out the day before and had chased the same cat in his backyard. The cat was injured and was treated at a local veterinarian's office.

The K-9 handler, Steve Casserly and other Glades County authorities were dispatched to the scene and took possession of the dog.

Deputy Casserly had recently gone to work for the Glades County Sheriff's Office. He had previously worked for the Seminole Police Department. He was not home at the time of the shooting. According to the report, a family member was trying to move the dog from the backyard to the kennel when the dog got loose and ran to the neighbor's yard.

Numerous fundraisers had been held over the years to establish the Glades County K-9 program.

# Escaped felon captured in Tampa

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The United States Marshall Service captured an escapee from the Glades County Jail on Friday, Sept. 26.

The man escaped the Glades County Jail on Monday, Sept. 22. The inmate was found inside a house filled with drugs and guns, according to the report.

Glades County Sheriff's Captain Daryl Lewis said Jean Davide Lafalaise, 26, made a daring escape from the Moore Haven jail last Monday. He apparently tried twice to scale the fence and escape.

Lafalaise was unsuccessful on his first attempt as he got caught in the razor wire and fell off on the jail side of the fence. When deputies in a nearby tower spotted him, they attempted to reach him in the recreation yard. He used the opportunity to scale the fence again, and this time was able to flee.

Two others have been charged with helping the escape. They are Richecha Fields, 21, identified as Lafalaise's girlfriend, and Oniel Winston Scarlett, 19. They were arrested and charged with harboring an escaped inmate. They were held without bond at the Palm Beach County Jail.

According to the report, prior to the escape, Fields, Scarlett and a minor child visited Lafalaise at the jail.

Shortly after the visitation, Lafalaise was given his normal daily recreation opportunity. "We believe they left the car in the parking lot for him with the keys in it," Captain Lewis said.

An inmate in the jail, Demetre Moore, 24, was charged with principal in the first degree for allegedly aiding in the escape. Jail officials said he reportedly served as the lookout for Mr. Lafalaise's escape attempts. Moore was held in jail on \$20,000 bond.

Lafalaise, Fields and Scarlett

are all from Belle Glade. Lafalaise was also recently convicted and sentenced to prison for escaping the Palm Beach County Jail.

Captain Lewis said Lafalaise will face charges in Hillsborough County because of the circumstances of his arrest. He will be returned to Glades County once the Hillsborough case is dealt with.

Lafalaise was cut up in the escape attempt, according to the report.

In the Palm Beach County incident, Lafalaise apparently was behind bars for only three days before he escaped that facility.

He was originally arrested in Glades County in early September, months after a crime spree in Lakeport where several businesses were burglarized.

He faced charges of burglary, larceny, and criminal mischief for that incident.

# Worker complaints lead to arrest

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

An out of state contractor was charged with failure to secure workers compensation insurance coverage for his employees after 22 of the workers filed complaints with the Sheriff's Office last week that they hadn't been paid in five weeks, the Florida Division of Insurance reported Monday.

James Mitchell Royce, 71, of Bedia, Texas, was involved in a

painting job at 1801 N.W. Third Lane in Okeechobee. He is the owner of James Mitchell Paint, Inc.

The arrest report from Detective William Hill said he was called to the scene by Okeechobee County Sheriff Deputies who had taken complaints from the workers about lack of payment.

The workers claimed they were owed approximately \$40,000 by the contractor, the report noted.

Detective Hill said Mr. Royce admitted that he hadn't paid the employees and that his worker's compensation insurance had expired. Documents showed the insurance had expired on July 29, the arrest report said.

Mr. Hill said the workers' complaints would likely be settled in civil court.

Mr. Royce was held in jail on \$2,500 bond after his arrest on Sept. 25.

# Staff member injured at Juvenile facility

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

A 28-year old guard at the Okeechobee Juvenile Offender Correction Center was injured Friday when he was punched in the face and the back of the head by a client there, Okeechobee County Sheriff Deputies said.

The guard was knocked to the floor, and suffered a back injury in the fall, the arrest report from

Deputy H. Pickering said.

He was treated at Raulerson Hospital for the injuries.

The inmate, Richard Kirby, 19, was charged with battery upon a detention facility staff member and was transported to the Okeechobee County Jail. Bond was set at \$5,000.

The arrest report stated the guard was attempting to escort Mr. Kirby to the control observation area when he was attacked.

# Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following persons were arrested on felony or DUI charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Okeechobee City Police (OCP), Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) or the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). This column lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone who is listed here and who is later found not guilty or has the charges against them dropped, is welcome to inform the newspaper. We will confirm the information and print it.

- Michael Woodsby, 30, of Avon Park, was arrested Sept. 28 on an Okeechobee County warrant and charged with dealing in stolen property and giving a false statement to a pawn broker. Bond was set at \$30,000.

- Abad Ramierz, 23, of Northeast 18th Street, was arrested Sept. 27 by OCP Officer P. Eddings and charged with retail theft. Bond on the charge was set at \$2,500. Following this arrest, Ramierz was

also charged with violation of probation (felony battery.)

- Jacinto Barton, 26, of U.S. Highway 441 S.E., was arrested Sept. 27 and charged with retail theft. OCP Officer S. Ellerbee was the arresting officer. Bond was set at \$2,500.

- George Robert Nenn, 47, of Boca Raton, was arrested Sept. 26 by FHP Trooper R. W. Ivey and charged with possession of a controlled substance. The arrest came after the trooper followed up on a complaint of a reckless driver.

- Billy Cecil Bailey Jr., 30, of Northeast 33rd Street, was arrested Sept. 26 on an Okeechobee County warrant and charged with failure to appear in court on charges of forgery, uttering a forged instrument and grand theft. No bond was set.

- Corey Conner, 33, was arrested Sept. 26 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a charge of violation of drug offender probation. No bond was set.

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**In Loving Memory Of RC Mattson**

## Happy Birthday, RC!

September 30, 1986

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On behalf of the entire family of RC Mattson, we would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has given so graciously since August 17, 2008.

All the food, flowers, cards, support in every way and many prayers have been tremendous, and we deeply appreciate everything!

We would also like to extend a special acknowledgement to Frank and Marilyn Brady, John and Sandy Glenn, John and Palm Hales, along with the whole cooking crew at Freedom Ranch and the football team cleaning crew, Jeff and Debbie Clemons, Paul, Matt and Becky at Buxton's, Gilbert's, the Okeechobee Sheriff's Dept., Melissa McKay for the banner and Lisa K Stokes for the awesome slide show.

Once again, we are so very thankful to the countless number of friends and loved ones for all of your heartfelt love and concern for us during our time of loss. Also, thank you to everyone who has contributed to the RC Mattson FFA Memorial Fund. You may still make donations by contacting Vickie Stuart at Okeechobee High School, (863) 462-5025

As we know, RC has gone on ahead of us to be with His Heavenly Father, and our prayer is that everyone who knew RC would accept Jesus Christ as his own personal savior and receive His grace to live in the knowledge of His love everyday, and in that, know that the Joy of the Lord is your strength!

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**OBAMA'S BROTHER:** I saw the comment that said Barack Obama's brother is a consultant who goes to Washington, D.C. I think there is some confusion here. I saw on CNN that his brother is poor and lives in a slum shanty town. He is not a Washington consultant.

**Editor's note:** Sorry for the confusion. A little additional research shows out Mr. Obama has two half-brothers who both live in Kenya. His older half-brother works as a consultant part of the year. His younger half-brother lives in what was described on television as a poor shanty town. We regret the confusion. According to news reports, the three Obama brothers have the same father but different mothers.

**RAULERSON EMERGENCY ROOM:** We are so lucky to have the dedicated and trained emergency room hospital employees in our home town. I was drowning in my own body fluids from congestive heart failure on Sept. 19, 2008 when my neighbor had to rush me to the emergency room. We barely made it there and none to soon. The staff in the emergency room were incredible, they saved my life. The nurses and aides with the doctor on duty are to be congratulated on a job well done. For the rest of my stay in the hospital I was made very comfortable, with a clean room, and very competent personnel from the cleaning lady to the nurse taking vitals who made my stay there feeling secure knowing they possessed the knowledge to make me well again. Again, thank you for the extension to my life.

**REVOLUTION:** Are we, the American people, really a free people? Would a free people tolerate governments that are a culture of corruption? Would a free people tolerate the political corruption, the abuse of power, and the condescending arrogance and disrespect of elected officials? Would a free people tolerate the subordination of public interests by monied and special interests, which purchase political influence with bribes flimsily disguised as campaign contributions? Would a free people tolerate elections that are tainted by the appearance of vote tampering and fraud? Would a free people tolerate unreasonable and excessive taxation that denies them the rewards of their labor, decreases their quality of life, and impairs their ability to support and protect their families? Would a free people tolerate wasteful, irresponsible and corrupt government spending? Would a free people tolerate a public system of education that indoctrinates children with political correctness, but fails to educate them? Would a free people tolerate a government that has failed to serve, protect and defend the nation's commerce and economy, the security of its borders, and the welfare of its people, against enemies both foreign and domestic? Why do we tolerate what is clearly intolerable? By doing so, instead of being citizens, we have become subjects. What is least understandable is why a majority of the voters provides the means by which we all continue to suffer? Why do we continue to kiss the hand that slaps us, and lick the boot that kicks us? Why do we foolishly continue to empower entrenched politicians to abuse us? Has party loyalty—the stupidity of the many for the benefit of a few—replaced the ability to think and reason? It makes a mockery of the principle of the government's accountability to the people when elected officials hold power with impunity. Now, we have reached a point where the long-standing and perverted conduct of government manifestly endangers public welfare and liberty, and it should be brought to an immediate end! Or, have we become so apathetic that the spirit of resistance to tyranny no longer exists within us?

**KIDS ARRESTED:** In response to the story about the children charged with burglary, if it were my 10-year-old, he or she would be home in bed by 9 p.m. Regardless of their size. They ain't got no business being out unless they are with their parents or chaperone of legal age. My kids came straight home from school, did their homework, did their chores, were allowed to play outside for a little while before dinner, ate dinner with the family, did the rest of their chores, watched a little T.V. with the family, got their baths and in bed by 9 p.m. Up by 5 a.m., got ready for their day to begin with their chores of making their beds and getting ready for school. And you best come straight home unless other arrangements were made. My kids never hurt unless I gave them a good whooping when they needed it. And they usually deserved it. Being good was promised with something good, but look out if you were bad."

**MOSQUITOES:** OK... they are back... and really bad again.. now what?

**DRUG TESTS:** I would like to know why our local juvenile justice budgets are so thin that they don't have the drug tests in the office that the probation officers are supposed to be giving to the juveniles that are in their care because of drug abuse. My daughter has been in this system since November of last year. After getting out of an in-patient facility, she was required to visit our local DJJ office for random drug testing. At first, they had them, then they were at the end of their fiscal year and didn't. Still doesn't have them. She has not been required to have a drug test in months. So, her record looks like she's been clean. Of course it looks good, she hasn't had a test! We can spend millions of dollars for everything else, but when it comes to our youth, they are on their own and so are the parents.

**BROTHERS:** Remember when Jimmy Carter was elected and pretty soon his brother was in the news. And when Bill Clinton was elected, pretty soon there was a long-lost half-brother showing up. So now the television folks are out looking for Barak Obama's brothers. Frankly, I don't care about the candidates' families. I want to know what they are going to do to fix the economy and stop the war.

**DEBATE:** Well I don't know who won the presidential debate. You ask a Democrat, they think Obama won. You ask a Republican, they think McCain won. I don't think the debate changed how anyone plans to vote. I think the Thursday debate between the vice presidential candidates will draw a lot more attention and viewership. That's what people really want to see.

**THEFTS:** Well I must say I am impressed with the business owner who saw stuff from the salvage yard was missing and went to the recycling centers and found out where it went and called the cops. The really interesting part is that he knew immediately what was missing. In that big salvage yard with all that stuff, it is amazing that he knew stuff was missing.

**AG ASSESSMENTS:** It seems to me that the problem with the ag assessment loophole is that our elected officials on the state level have to be aware of the problem but they don't do anything about it. You have to wonder just how much they receive in campaign contributions from the developers and land speculators. The State Legislature could amend the law and make it so that only land that is zoned for agriculture could get the ag assessment tax break. But the legislature has not done that. The courts have made it so easy for these guys to get the ag assessment that it is amazing to me that anyone is paying property taxes at all.

**JUVENILES:** In regard to the problem with the juveniles burglarizing houses and stealing out of people's cars, it all goes back to the parents. If the parents taught the kids right from wrong, it would not matter if the door was locked or not. Stealing is stealing. If something is not yours and you take it, that is stealing and it is wrong. A child who is properly brought up would not even consider opening a car door to take something. They need to find these kids and then require their parents to pay for everything that was taken. The parents should be held responsible for their children's actions.

**MOST WANTED:** I think it is good that you are putting the 'Most wanted' photos in the newspaper and from reading the arrest reports, it looks like it is working with many of them being caught. I would think in this economy, that if they offer a reward it won't be hard to catch the bad guys. Their friends will turn them in for a little money.

**OUA:** From my water bills, I can tell that the OUA does not always read the meters. They must just estimate some times. I don't think that is right. Miss Okeechobee: Best wishes to Mary Barber at the Miss Florida Teen Pageant. I am sure she will represent Okeechobee County well. Now that we have a county pageant that is part of the Miss USA circuit, maybe some day we will have a Miss USA from Okeechobee. It's nice to see some positive things about Okeechobee in the news.

**GATOR BITE:** Did everyone see the boy who had his arm bitten off by the alligator on the television show. The TV folks are giving him a new mechanical arm. I guess getting all that television exposure helped him because otherwise they would never have known about him. I hope he has learned his lesson and will use his second chance at life productively.

# Letters to the Editor

## Birthday wishes appreciated

I would like to thank my friends and family for the celebration of my 100th birthday. The turnout was tremendous and seeing friends and family made this occasion a very special day, one of the most memorable of my 100 years.

Thank you Katrina, for the very nice article about the history of my life.

It's great to have a hometown paper that covers local events and helps keep the Okeechobee lifestyle alive.

Thank you,  
**Eva Mae Williams**

## Prayers appreciated

I wish to thank all the churches, friends and people I don't know for their prayers for our family during the illness and death of my 12 year old grandson Zachery Russell, son of Terry and Karen Russell.

Zachery was born with Cystic Fibrosis, a terminal illness which affects the lungs, pancreas and weight gain. We will miss Zachery so much, but I know he is in God's care and no more breathing problems.

Thanks again, the people of Okeechobee have been so good to us.

Love you all.  
**Frankie Russell-Edwards**

## Economic Suicide

I am horrified that Congress is even considering another bill which will cause prices to go up even more. All the misinformation now being batted around in the halls of Congress is only making matters worse.

The economy is in deep financial trouble and throwing a 700 billion dollar sack of money on the problem will only cause the money flood to get deeper as it melts into the pockets of the rich.

History proves conclusively that when the money supply increases, prices soon rise to wipe out any benefits from the increased money.

Unless our Congress stops the selling of our basic productive assets, the United States of America is finished. In fact we may be like my dog Rascal. He got locked in the Jeep this morning and if my son hadn't come back to get something out of the vehicle there would soon have been no more Rascal. In another hour Rascal would have been dead in this hot Texas sun. Moving Rascal to the back seat of the hot car and shutting the door again would not have saved his life.

It may be too late to save what is left of the United States because we continue to sell billions of our basic productive assets each year. Congress can put a stop to this suicidal activity with a hundred per cent tax on the purchase of our productive wealth by foreigners.

Not since Africa sold its gold mines and most of its basic wealth in the 18th and 19th centuries has a great nation sold its basic assets to its potential enemies. How long before we start selling our people like Africa did?

Money is out of control and Congress is arguing about abortion, torture, and other matters rather than doing something about saving what is left of America.

ica. The two leading Presidential candidates, Barack Obama and John McCain, are calling for change. Neither has said about what change they want to make or how they were going to do it.

I was a teenager during the period preceding the Great Depression which lasted 10 years. Our present policy of turning a blind eye to unemployment is bringing starvation to the United States just as it did during the Great Depression. This crisis virus is creating havoc all over the United States for millions of people just as it did in Germany when the economic fervor was at its peak.

Hitler solved his unemployment problem by putting people to work making guns and war machines which is the only thing legislatures will spend lots of money on when there is a real economic problem. But he let the money supply get out of control so that before the final collapse it took a million marks to buy a loaf of bread.

Roosevelt tried to solve America's problem with non-productive jobs like raking leaves. We rocked along with many people out of work and literally starving until we were attacked by Japan in Hawaii. Then all of a sudden there was enough work making war materials to fight the enemy.

Today, with thousands of people out of work, Congress is trying to correct the problem by giving people money instead of jobs. The money is soon gone, buying junk that creates jobs for poor people in other countries.

Today's troubles are increased because Congress is allowing banks to create so much new money to give to people out of work. We already have enough money in circulation to put millions of people to work. Increasing the money supply always causes prices to rise thus in a very short time wiping out the benefit of the increase of the money supply.

So in a slightly different way we are trying Hitler's method by creating too much money. It didn't work in Germany and it won't work now.

Wake up members of Congress and pay attention to history before it is too late. We need to put all power lines under ground where they are much safer from catastrophic storms. We need a rapid rail system between every airport and city in the United States. Doing that will provide productive jobs for millions of Americans both directly and indirectly.

Don't have the money? There is more money in circulation today than at any time in history. Let's use it. Most of us will not be bothered by the screams of those who do not want to help pay for keeping America the best place to live in the world.

If the seven hundred billion dollar bill passes to just get bankers out of their problems, then America is past the point of no return.

**Dr. Kenneth L. Russell**  
Professor of Education,  
Emeritus  
Sam Houston  
State University



Submitted photo/Betty Williamson

## Airplane photos needed

Photos of local airplane pilots are needed by Okeechobee Historical Society. They are making a collage to be hung in the airport terminal and need pictures of pilots that flew into or out of the Okeechobee Airport in 2000 or before. They prefer pictures of pilots with their aircraft. The collage will have a picture of Hilary H. (Buster) Christopher as the focal point since the Okeechobee Airport Terminal is named for him. Pictured here is Cotton Hodges with his Pitts Special in a 1980s photo. The deadline to turn in photos has been extended to Oct. 5, so if you have promised a photo, please get it in NOW. Mail photos to Betty Williamson, P.O. Box 248, Okeechobee, Fla. 34973 or contact her at 863-763-3850.

## Community Calendar

### Wednesday, Oct. 1

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, (Behind Napa Auto Parts) A.A. Grapevine Group, Open Discussion meeting at 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.

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

**The Okeechobee Jaycees** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post #64, 510 S.E. Second St. The Jaycees would like to welcome all energetic young people between the ages of 21 and 39, who are interested in working towards the betterment of our community. For information, call Margaret Bowers at 863-763-7399.

**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.

**Moose Lodge** Bingo and food, food served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-2250. Public is welcome.

### Thursday, Oct. 2

**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.

**Family History Center** meets from 10 a.m. until 1 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 Robert Massey at 863-763-6510.

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.

**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 meeting at 8 p.m. The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Okeechobee Citizens Recreation Association, OCRA** will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Teen Town, 305 N.W. Second St. Anyone interested may attend. For information, contact Frank Coker at 863-467-1941.

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

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

**Narcotic Anonymous (NA)** meets at Believers Fellowship, 300 S.W. 6th Ave. at 7 p.m. For information call Monika at 863-801-3244.

**Classic car show** at Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave., from 6:30 until 8 p.m.

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

### Friday, Oct. 3

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

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# Chloe's closet is consignment boutique

**By Chauna Aguilar**  
Okeechobee News

With the current economy and some local businesses closing it is good to see a new local business, Chloe's Closet opening for business.

Chloe's Closet, located at 109 S.W. Park Street is owned by Cyndi Guillot and Susan Barber. Chloe's Closet is a ladies consignment accessories boutique. They are open Monday thru Friday, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Mrs. Guillot and Mrs. Barber explained that they want all in-

season women's clothes (freshly cleaned/dry-cleaned, wrinkle-free). Everything must be on hangers. Each customer will have a 90-day contract where all of their items will be priced electronically and computerized by their account. This allows them to automatically attribute the sale to your account when they scan the items without having to sort out whose items that a customer buys.

Chloe's Closet is already stocked with women's apparel such as: belts; business wear; casual wear; coats/jackets; evening wear; pageant dresses; jewelry;

purses; scarves; shoes; dance apparel and shoes; and home accents.

After your 90-day contract is up you can receive a check or you can receive store credit as items are sold. Items that do not sell during the 90-day contract have the option of going back to the owner or being donated to Martha's House by Chloe's Closet.

Chloe's also offers new jewelry and accessories which could be perfect for the upcoming Homecoming Dance.

Chloe's Closet promises to do their best to display and sell your items at the highest possible prof-

it for you and consider it an honor to consign with you.

So, if you have changed careers, sizes or still haven't worn those items that you bought last year, come by Chloe's and sup-

port this local business while helping you clean out your closet while your items are still in style.

Contact Chloe's Closet at 863-357-4700 or email chloeshotstuff@yahoo.com. Visit Chloe's

Closet (adjacent to Joey's Pizza) at 109 S.W. Park St.

*Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com).*

*Reporter Chauna Aguilar can be reached at [caguilar@newszap.com](mailto:caguilar@newszap.com).*



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar  
**Owners of Chloe's Closet Susan Barber (left) and Cyndi Guillot (right) opened their new Ladies Consignment and Accessories Boutique on Saturday, Sept. 27, at 109 S.W. Park St. (adjacent to Joey's Pizza).**

## IRSC to present free budgeting/credit seminar

The Indian River State College Entrepreneur Development Institute at IRSC, Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County, and the Corporate and Community Training Institute at IRSC cordially invites all to a free seminar, "Budgeting & Credit 101." This free seminar, presented at noon Thursday, Oct. 9 in room V-110 on the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce is a "must see" for every business and entrepreneur! The Entrepreneur Development Institute (EDI) will be providing snacks, beverages and dessert.

In today's economic times, budgeting and becoming familiar with understanding credit status are crucial items everyone needs to know. This seminar will do just that. Participants will learn how to build a better budget and receive answers to other questions like: "Why should I budget?" "What are common obstacles to getting started on your budget?" "What are the three main budget

considerations?" and the subject of "Overcoming budget busters & staying motivated." Participants will also learn how you can improve your credit and other helpful resources for all consumers.

Presenters Laura Hetherington, Vice President of Lending and Stephen L. Johnson, Account Manager for IBM Southeast Employees' Federal Credit Union, the parent company of PGA Credit Union will share their knowledge and expertise on the subject of credit.

Ms. Hetherington has worked for the credit union for 15 years, serving in various capacities. Laura facilitates several seminars relating to credit management, credit scores, and identity theft.

Johnson brings 13 years of credit union experience to the presentation. Mr. Johnson is able to bring a unique perspective as a member, vendor and credit union professional to his interactions with all PGA Credit Union Select

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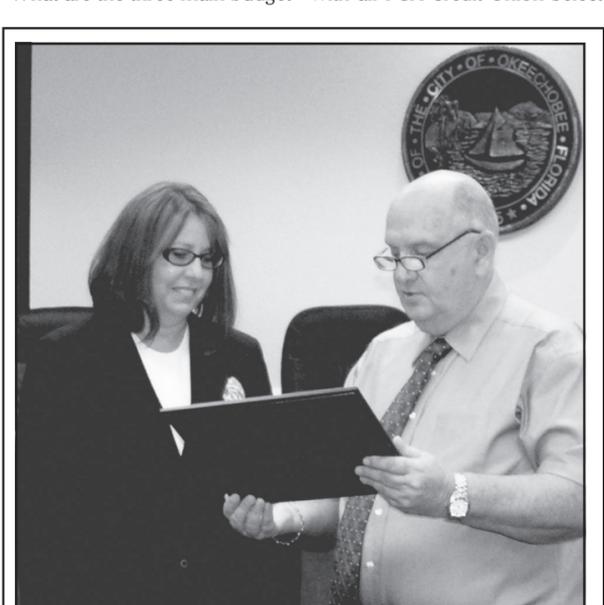
Seating is limited. To RSVP and register, go online to [www.irsc.edu/ccti](http://www.irsc.edu/ccti). Go to "TrainingMatrix" and click on EDI Lunch and Learn Seminars. For more information on the EDI or other business solution and employee training opportunities, call the IRSC Corporate & Community Training Institute at 1-888-283-1177.



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### New directional signs

At the Sept. 16 Okeechobee City Council meeting Maureen Burroughs, president of Okeechobee Main Street, displayed one of the signs her organization had made. There will be a sign at each corner of the intersection of U.S. 441 and S.R. 70 and one at the lake.



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### Five Year's Service

Jeanna Lanier, records clerk with the City of Okeechobee Police Department, was presented a Five year Certificate of Service by Mayor James Kirk. The presentation took place at the Sept. 16 city council meeting.



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## Main Street Mixer benefits Real Life Children's Ranch

The Sept. 25, the Main Street Mixer was hosted by Pritchards & Associates, 1802 South Parrott Avenue. With over 70 in attendance this month's mixer featured refreshments, door prizes as well as a live auction raising \$400 to benefit Real Life Children's Ranch, The Pregnancy Center, Martha's House and Hospice of Okeechobee. Okeechobee Main Street would like to thank Lowell & Marilyn and the entire staff of Pritchards and Associates for hosting such a wonderful mixer. Next month's Mixer will be hosted by Annie's Consignment and Mike's Okeechobee Guns at Annie's Consignment 808 East North Park Street on Tuesday, Oct. 21 from 5-7 p.m.



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**Staff of Pritchards & Associates and Main Street's Maureen Burroughs and Toni Doyle.**

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# Obituaries

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## Barbara Ellen Bowling

OKEECHOBEE — Barbara Ellen Bowling, of Okeechobee, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. She was 69.

Born Oct. 15, 1938, in Detroit, Mich., she had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 14 years.

She is survived by her father, Ray Morgan of Port St. Lucie; sons, Doug Townsend of Howell, Mich., and Donald Townsend of Arkansas; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In addition she is survived by companion, Willie York; and nephew, James Knapik of Alma, Mich.

The family will be receiving friends from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday and services will be 11 a.m. Thursday in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Arrangements by Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 North East 5th St., Okeechobee.

## Cindy R. Revels, 49

LINDEN — Cindy R. Revels, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, in her home. She was 49.

She was born in Highlands County and came to Sumter County from Okeechobee, 30 years ago. Mrs. Revels was a U.S. Postal Service employee and a member of the United Methodist Church of Linden, and the Order of Eastern Star, Clermont Chapter.

She is survived by her husband, Gary Revels of Webster; son, Justin (Andrea) Revels of Webster; daughter, Trisha (Johan) Heijkoop of Bushnell; parents, Diddy and Wanda Rucks; sisters, Robin (Chris) Bailey, and Julie Kotula; brother, Sutton Rucks, all of Okeechobee; and six grandchildren, Jozef, Julia, Johanna, JayLee, Sage, and Riley Jack.

Friends may call from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Purcell Funeral Home in Bushnell.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Purcell Funeral Home, with Rev. Daniel Ishee and Bro. Milton Williams officiating. Burial will follow at the Linden Cemetery, Linden.

## Ethel D. LaRue, 97

OKEECHOBEE — Ethel D. LaRue, of Okeechobee, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at Raulerson Hospital. She was 97.

Born April 18, 1911, in Newtown, Pa., to Joseph and Ella Duerr, she was a homemaker having come to Okeechobee from Buckingham, Pa., in 1992.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor Keller.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Walter LaRue; daughter, Dorothy Ann Tanner (Leonard) of Ivy Land, Pa.; four grandchildren, Leonard Tanner Jr., Donald Tanner, Tim Tanner, and Bonnie Jean Laureno; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and niece, Alberta Weber of Fruitland Park.

Services will be held at a later date. Friends may sign the guest book at [www.bassoakeechobeefuneralhome.com](http://www.bassoakeechobeefuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. 2nd St., Okeechobee.

## Jack Smith Sr., 90

BRIGHTON — Jack Smith Sr., of Brighton, passed away Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008. He was 90.

Born Feb. 6, 1918, he had been a lifetime resident of Brighton and was a member of the 1st Indian Baptist Church of Brighton.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Leona Micco Smith; sons, Fred, Richard, and Paul Smith; sister, Ruby Smith; and two great-grandchildren.

He is survived by sons, Jack Smith Jr., and Roger (Diane) Smith; four daughters, Nellie Smith, Oneva (Buster) Baxley, Linda Tommie, and Mahala (John) Madrigal; cousin, Jimmie Smith of the Hollywood Reservation; 22 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and all the Brighton Indian Reservation.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday in the 1st Indian Baptist Church in Brighton with Rev. Howard Micco and Rev. Wonder Johns officiating. Interment will follow in the Ortona Cemetery.

Arrangements by Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th St., Okeechobee.

## Sharon G. Stevenson, 56

OKEECHOBEE — Sharon G. Stevenson, died Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. She was 56.

Born April 3, 1952 in England, she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1992. She enjoyed reading her Bible, barbecuing, and her cats.

She is survived by her mother, Elsie Hughey of Okeechobee; sons, Jennings Lyng, Jesse Lyng, and Levi Stevenson, all of Okeechobee; daughters, Daphne Lyng of Kissimmee, and Abigail Stevenson of Okeechobee; long time companion, Tony Rodriguez; grandsons, Brandon Lyng of Okeechobee, and Damon Lyng of Kissimmee; granddaughters, Gracie Stevenson, and Olivia Stevenson, both of Okeechobee; sister, Bobbie Leitner of Okeechobee; niece, Jeri of Okeechobee; and a host of cousins.

The family will be receiving friends from 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, and services begin at 11 a.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel.

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

## William Thomas 'Bill' Weeks, 51

OKEECHOBEE — William Thomas "Bill" Weeks, of Okeechobee, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, in his residence. He was 51.

Born Nov. 16, 1956, in Pahokee, to James Sr. and Frances Weeks, he has been a resident of Okeechobee since 1994 and was employed as a superintendent in the site development industry. He was a member of the Canal Point Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances; and sister, Jackie McKinstry.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Loretta; his father, James Melvin Weeks Sr. of Pahokee; son, William Thomas Weeks II (Kimberly) of North Ft. Myers; two daughters, Josie Weeks Elliott (Robert) and Chelsea Colleen Weeks all of Okeechobee. In addition, he is survived by one brother, James Melvin Weeks Jr. of Belle Glade and three sisters, Sandy Maynor (Dennis) of Port Saint Lucie, Debbie Sigmon of Port St. Lucie and Cindy Sullivan (David) of Johnston, S.C.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the Buxton Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Canal Point Baptist Church on Wednesday, with Rev. Trevette Weeks and Pastor Jerry Stone officiating. Burial will follow at Port Myca Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973 or to the Canal Point Baptist Church.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory. Condolences can be made on the funeral home website [www.buxtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.buxtonfuneralhome.com).

# Community Events

## 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.

## Attention Okeechobee Class of 89

Reunion organizers for the Class of 89 are currently collecting emails and home addresses from all classmates. Please send these to [okeechobee89@yahoo.com](mailto:okeechobee89@yahoo.com). The next planning meeting is Sunday, Oct. 5, at 5 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.

## New Date set for Sour Orange Festival

The date for the Sour Orange Festival in Lakeport has been changed from the second Saturday in February to the second Saturday in January. We are looking for vendors and volunteers. The new date will be Jan. 10. Please mark the date on your calendar now and plan to make this a fun day. At the next meeting on Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. we will begin our plans for the festival. Please contact us at 863-227-4323 if you can participate. October 25, will be a chili supper and fun for the children beginning at 4 until 7 p.m. This activity will be at the community center. More information next week.

## DAR to meet

Saturday, Oct. 4, will be the first meeting of the year for the Okeechobee Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. We will be meeting at Oakview Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Any visitors or those women interested in becoming members are welcome. They will be glad to help you document your American Patriot if you need any assistance. They will meet the first Saturday of each month, October thru May. We are a non-profit, non-political, service organization for women who can trace their ancestors to an American Patriot of the Revolutionary War. For more information please contact Debbie Clemons-Okeechobee Chapter Registrar, 863-763-6987

## OHS Meeting reminder

The OHS Band Booster meeting will be held at 6 p.m. in the Band Room at Okeechobee High School on Thursday, Oct. 2. All interested parties are welcome. For information call Debbie Fraser at 863-634-9461.

## Highlands Social Dance Club

The Highland Social Dance Club in Sebring hosts ballroom dancing on Friday, Oct. 3, from 7-10 p.m. at the Sebring Lions Club on Sebring Parkway.

Music will be provided by the very popular G.I. Joe Big Band.

Free ballroom dance instruction from Walt & Sue is available at 6:30 p.m. Dance the night away to waltzes, cha-chas, foxtrots, rumbas, jitterbug and other ballroom favorites. All Club dances are open to the public. Appropriate dress required. Admission is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. For more information call 863-471-0559.

## OHS to present "Little Women"

The Okeechobee High School Drama Club will present the play "Little Women," on Oct. 2, 4, 9 and 11. All performances will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Okeechobee High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$8 for adults. For more information, call 863-463-5025.

## 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](mailto:Petscry1@bellsouth.net). Okeechobee veterinarians are invited to participate. In this low cost spay/neuter program.

## Cub/Boy Scouts selling popcorn

Fundraising season is here again and the local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America, are trying to get support. Their annual Popcorn fundraiser will run 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.

## Real Life Childrens Ranch yard sales

Real Life Children's Ranch yard sale will be open on Thursdays and Fridays, starting Oct. 9. They will not be open the week of Thanksgiving or the week of Christmas.

## Church holds Tribulation House

The Okeechobee Church of God, 301 N.E. Fourth Ave., will hold a "Tribulation House" Oct. 1-4. On Wednesday and Thursday the event will be held from 7:30 until 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, the house will open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. This event is not for younger children. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 863-634-1317.

## Children's Ranch to host benefit event

The First Real Life Children's Ranch Benefit Barrel Race sponsored by Woolems, Inc. will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. at the Agri-Civic Center. Exhibitions are set to begin at 9 a.m. with Drill Team events from 11:15 until 11:45 a.m. The Barrel Race begins at high noon! So bring the whole family to help raise funds for the Real Life Children's Ranch. The Ranch has been providing safe, family style group homes for abused, abandoned and neglected children for over 50 years in Okeechobee. This will be an annual event with barrel racing, face painting, bounce house, concessions and more! For more information call: Margo Davis at 863-634-8359 or Darlene Mayers at 863-634-4200.

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# Treasure Hunters Roadshow in Okeechobee

**By Shannon Stott,**  
Director of Public Relations, the  
Treasure Hunters Roadshow

What treasures are stashed around Okeechobee? We are about to find out. The Treasure Hunters Roadshow is on an 18 month national treasure hunt and will be digging around Okeechobee for five days. During this free event, locals will have a chance to

talk to world renowned antique and collectible experts and it's all free!

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today through Friday, Oct. 3 and 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Holiday Inn Express in Okeechobee.

Recent finds include a Civil War cache in an attic, over \$1.2 million worth of silver bars buried on an Illinois Farm, Confederate money

hidden in the walls of a residence uncovered during a remodel, a hand-written letter from Abraham Lincoln and much more.

What kind of treasures will be revealed during the trip to Okeechobee? Start digging now and be ready to have some fun and make some money.

Okeechobee is the next stop on the Treasure Hunters Roadshow nationwide tour. During

this event at the Holiday Inn Express, treasure hunters are hoping to see such items as coins and paper currency issued prior to 1965, toys, dolls, trains, vintage jewelry, old and modern musical instruments, war memorabilia, gold and silver jewelry, costume jewelry, advertising memorabilia, swords, knives, daggers, and the unusual!

Collectors are very serious

about their hobby; so serious that they will pay a lot of money for the items they are looking for. Nearly all coins, vintage jewelry, musical instruments and toys made prior to 1965 are highly sought after by collectors. The Treasure Hunters Roadshow is a place where anyone in your community can connect with collectors from around the globe. Our treasure hunters make offers based on what our

collectors are willing to pay. Then when someone decides to sell, they get paid on the spot and the treasure hunters send the item to the collector at their expense.

Gold will also be purchased during this event. Gold has been trading at over \$800 per ounce, a 25-year high, but prices fluctuate daily.

# Okeechobee teen receives a new arm after gator bite

**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Many people can say they won cash, cars and other prizes on television shows. An Okeechobee teen can brag that he got something even more valuable, more freedom to accomplish everyday tasks.

merged me under the water five times... I hung onto the buoy, and that saved me," he noted.

He compared the 'gator attack to a pair of needle nose pliers clamping into you. He said he didn't want to look at it because he would have gone into shock and probably drowned right there.

dealt," he said.

The show revolves around four doctors that discuss current medical issues in front of a large studio audience. Producers of the show contacted Edwards a few days after he appeared on the NBC Today show. He said he never imagined he would get the prosthetic arm when he appeared on the show.

got together with the Inner Will Foundation to provide the funds for Kasey's arm.

The Company web site claims the i-LIMB hand is the only upper-limb prosthetic device that imitates the true movement and accuracy of the human hand. It has five independently powered digits which give the fingers a life-like action. The fingers can bend at each joint and open and close around objects.

trodes detect the electrical signals generated by the muscles in the residual limb.

The limb can also wrap around objects and help the patient do everyday tasks that had been taken away from him when they lost the good limb. Patients can even throw a baseball, dial a phone and shake hands.

Edward Edwards, 19, received a prosthetic arm when he appeared on the syndicated national television program, "The Doctors." The taped show was played on WPEC Channel 12 in West Palm Beach on Thursday. He was flown out to Los Angeles to tape the show in early September.

Edwards had lost his left arm in a 'gator attack over the summer at Nubbin Slough. He and some friends had gone out that night and he decided to swim in the near 25 foot canal. The alligator attacked Edwards and tried to drag him under water. He was able to grab a buoy line and avoided certain death.

During Thursday's show he told Dr. Travis Stork what happened during the alligator attack. "I felt something latch on to my left hand...it totally sub-

He noted another alligator came near him during the assault but he was able to swim away.

"He figured he was big enough to take on the challenge and get a meal," he stated.

Edwards said his friends had bet him \$30 to swim across the canal. On Thursday he was given, free of charge, a limb that would cost about \$160,000.

An Iraqi war veteran, only known as Juan, appeared on the show and displayed his i-LIMB. Kasey was instantly fascinated by the arm. Juan demonstrated the opening of a can, and other daily tasks. Later the doctors told Kasey that another arm was waiting for him.

The prosthetic is known as the i-LIMB. It is manufactured by Hanger Prosthetics and Orthotics Incorporated in Maryland. They

The company website www.hanger.com states the prosthetic actually relies on the good limb. Electrical signals in the muscles of the patient's residual limb control the movement of his new hand. Small metal electrode plates are placed against the user's skin, one on top of the forearm and the other on the bottom. The elec-

trodes detect the electrical signals generated by the muscles in the residual limb.

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# Extension Service: How does your garden grow?

The local County Extension office has been asked by local newspapers to try out a question/answer column. So, here goes:

## Garden Predators

*Hi, I am pretty new to the area and would like to start a garden but have a problem with a raccoons. Also there are many birds. How could I keep them out of the garden?* -Jackie

Garden predators are a growing concern. There are no sure-fire ways to prevent this from occurring, but our best gardening minds offered these suggestions may work. Try using roll fence screening that is 4-6 foot tall. Stake it up with wooden tomato stakes so the top edge is too loose for critters to get over. Dig fencing down a foot into the soil to discourage the smaller ground feeding critters like rabbits. Remove any hiding places nearby your garden that give wildlife a place to hide. Hot pepper sprays will discourage some wildlife from eating your product, but remember to wash it off before eating. Using a plastic open mesh netting over the garden plants will often discourage birds from landing on the plants and reducing damage from flying garden foes. Live trapping may work, but

## Highlands Hammock State Park

### 5-K walk/run planned

The Third Annual Joe Jenkins Time Prediction 5 K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 a.m. This unique 5-K event will be run on one of the park's nature trails and will be a time prediction event. The top 15 participants who most closely predict their completion time either running or walking will win awards! Thus no speed is necessary! Race proceeds benefit former park ranger Joe Jenkins who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). No watches allowed and regular pre-race entry is \$15, or \$20 day of race. Other options of support include doing a pledge run/walk with people supporting your efforts to support the Jenkins family or you may be a supporter of the cause with a donation of any amount. Entries/donations should be mailed to Chet Brojek, 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872. Make all checks payable to Joe Jenkins and please list your t-shirt size and projected completion time if you plan to run or walk. Call Chet Brojek at 863-385-4736 for more information or to volunteer your help with this event. Park admission fees are waived for all participants.

permission to release the varmint on someone's private ground is required, otherwise you will have to destroy them yourself. Permits to release wildlife on public lands are not going to be issued. Firearms are not allowed near other buildings, but a large hungry dog that can be fenced in your area may challenge these uninvited guests. You may have to resort to planting a larger amount of seed or plants and sharing your produce with garden guests if none of these tricks work.

## Sticky seeds

*My lawn is infested with sand-spurs. What can I spray to get rid of them?* -Bob

Sand spurs or sand burs are the spiny seed of annual turfgrass weeds. This is the time of year that these one-year old grasses produce these offending features that help them spread to other areas. They fall to the ground and get buried in the soil, and will begin to germinate next spring when the cycle continues. There are two good ways to reduce the number of encounters with these prickly problems.

First, be sure you are maintaining your turfgrass correctly; that means follow the three good rules for grass. (1) Don't mow grass any shorter than 3-4 inches. (2) Fertilize correctly, twice a year, with a slow-release granular fertilizer with no phosphorus in it. (3) Water correctly: no more than half inch a week of either rain or sprinklers. These steps will encourage a vigorous turf that will crowd out the weeds.

If good grass rules don't do it, its time for stronger "medicine" in the form of weed killers. Products like glyphosate (e.g. Roundup™) will not prevent seeds from forming in the fall. Instead, plant to apply a pre-emergent herbicide in the early spring which

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kills the little seedlings when they begin to grow. Contact our office for names of specific weed-killers that will work for the type of grass you have in your yard.

## An early fall for Pecan trees

*I have a pecan tree here by my house in Buckhead Ridge. I never saw these worms before, they have taken all the leaves off my tree, and their poop is raining down on my sidewalk and roof. What can I do to kill these creepy crawlies and save my tree?* -Wendy

It took some detective work, but I stumbled onto a caterpillar that you were able to confirm is the offending tree pest: the Walnut Caterpillar Moth, *Datana integerrima*. The tan colored adult moth lays clusters of small white eggs on the leaves of pecans, walnuts and hickories throughout the eastern U.S. They begin to slowly consume the leaves of these favored trees, and ignore other species in the landscape. As they get larger they turn in color from green to red-brown to black with long hairs. Clumps or colonies of the red-brown phase caterpillars can be seen on the trunks of trees. They fall to the ground, and change into the moths.

Although there are many insects that will consume these caterpillars, (and mice are known to eat the pupa on the ground), occasionally the numbers can be large enough to remove so many leaves that they are noticed. If the

small egg masses or clusters of caterpillars are seen, cut off the infested branches and destroy the young worms to reduce damage. Bt insecticides that kill all kinds of caterpillars are a good choice if applied before they reach maturity (the black stage). But when numbers are too high or when the larvae are too mature, using a chemical insecticide before they pupate will knock them down and break the life cycle. Please call us for specific insecticide recommendations.

Send us your favorite garden question by fax at 863-763-5901, email to okeeneews@newszap.com or just drop it off at the Okeechobee News office at 107 S.W. 17th Street, Suite D, Okeechobee, 34974. The University of Florida -- Okeechobee County Extension office will pick out three questions that would be of greatest interest to local residents and publish brief answers in the Okeechobee News.

The questions that have been brought in to the Extension Office in the past few days. To continue the column, we need YOUR questions by Wednesday at 5 p.m. Be sure to include your name and phone or email address in case we need more information (We can publish a question as anonymous if you wish).

Clear photographs (digital preferred) may also be submitted, but they might not be able to be returned. Do not drop by actual plant specimens (unless it is a prize tomato for our salad or a beautiful flower for our office!) We reserve the right to edit all questions for space. The answers will be placed on the Okeechobee Extension website the week after they appear in print; they will include links to additional references.

More information is available on the award-winning Okeechobee web page, <http://okeechoo- bee.ifas.ufl.edu>. If you need additional information on, please email us at [okeechobee@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:okeechobee@ifas.ufl.edu) or call us at: 863-763-6469. Local residents can stop by

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### OHS Celebrity servers

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### Students of the Week

Yearling Middle School students of the week are Jaide Micco, Karina Romero, Mrs. Markham, Mr. Brewer, Cassidy Skerrett, Ashton Clark, McKenzie Fountain, Mr. Tedders, Terry Williams and Anallia Serrano.

## FCAT Science publication available

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Education has announced the release of FCAT Science Lessons Learned: 2003–2006 Data Analyses and Instructional Implications. The publication provides educators with detailed trend analyses of student performance on FCAT Science in Grades 5, 8, and 11. It includes summaries, observations, and statistical trends that provide a comprehensive study of student performance by grade.

Smith. "This volume of the publication focuses specifically on science achievement, and offers valuable insight for improving classroom education in this critical subject area."

In 2007, the Department convened a task force of science curriculum supervisors and specialists, resource teachers, school administrators, and Florida educators to examine and review student performance in the subject of science. The task force used these insights to draft observations and instructional implications to improve science instruction in the classroom.

This is the fourth volume in the Department's Lessons Learned

series. In 2007, the Department published two volumes that analyzed reading and mathematics data for 2001–2005. The first publication was released in 2002 and contained data results in reading and mathematics from 1998–2000 and writing from 1993–2000. The next volume in the set will be FCAT Writing Lessons Learned.

Printed copies of FCAT Science Lessons Learned will be shipped in early November 2008, to every district across the state for teacher use. To view the publication, visit <http://fcats.fldoe.org/lessonslearned.asp>; for more information on the FCAT, please visit <http://fcats.fldoe.org/>.

## Floridians can deduct sales & property taxes

Senator Mel Martinez (R-FL) announced on Wednesday, Sept. 24, that the U.S. Senate has extended the ability of Floridians to deduct sales tax and property tax from their federal income tax returns.

"This is about making sure Floridians receive the deductions they're entitled to. Florida's families shouldn't be penalized because our state has a different revenue structure," said Sen. Martinez. "The sales tax exemption allows Floridians to deduct the sales tax they pay from their federal income tax. The property tax exemption allows non-itemizers to deduct property tax just like itemizers can currently."

The exemption extensions are good for the tax years 2008 and 2009. Senator Martinez encouraged his colleagues to make the

exemptions permanent. The Senate approved the extensions as part of the Tax Extenders bill. The measure also includes the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) fix — an adjustment to the tax code that protects 20 million Americans from seeing their taxes rise by an average \$2,000.

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# Wall Street news can be confusing

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Most recently the U.S. Treasury Department announced an unprecedented, voluntary one-year guaranty program insuring U.S. money market funds to stem losses resulting from global financial market turmoil.

Additionally we felt that it is important for consumers to understand the key differences between their money market deposit account and a money market mutual fund.

A money market mutual fund is a short-term mutual fund that invests in government securities, certificates of deposit, asset-backed commercial paper and other highly liquid securities.

Money market funds sell shares to investors and earn interest based on performance. However, if the fund suffers a major

loss, the shareholder has no guarantee that the investment will be repaid.

Until last week, these investments carried no insurance. However, the new guaranty program applies only to those money market funds that pay a fee to join it, and would only protect assets invested prior to Sept. 20, for a period of one year.

A money market deposit account is an interest-bearing savings account that typically earns more than a regular savings account, but less than a money market fund. MMDAs are also less risky than MMFs: they are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for up to \$100,000 per depositor per insured bank and up to \$250,000 for some retirement accounts.

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October 10th

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### Found 0130

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### Lost 0135

COCKATIEL - female, yellow, lost vic of Taylor Creek Isles. Call (863)467-8198 if found.

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PERSONAL ASSISTANT - light housekeeping, feeding of animals, personal errands, vehicle cleaning. Call Jim 863-634-7220

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### Antiques 0510

ROSEVILLE POTTERY - \$1000 or will sell separate (863)467-6984 NO dealers

### Appliances 0515

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FREEZER - Kenmore 5 Sq Ft Chest Type Like New \$125. (863)467-0734

### Appliances 0515

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REFRIGERATOR - good condition, asking \$75 (863)697-0845

STOVE - 40", 5 burner, gas, with dbl. oven convection oven, Kenmore, \$500. (772)463-5760/341-1460

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### Children's Items 0555

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### Clothing 0565

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### Crafts/Supplies 0585

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### Fireplace Fixtures 0600

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### Furniture 0610

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DINING ROOM Set - Natural Rattan, table w/glass, 6 chairs, matching hutch, \$475. Call 863-634-5236

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**THE EASTERLY SIDE OF TRACT 4 IN BLOCK 8, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, TOGETHER WITH A 1991 FLEETWOOD MOBILE HOME ID #GAFLL75A11009WE, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED BELOW AND ALL PARTS, ACCESSORIES, ACCESIONS, EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, AND ADDITIONS THERETO OR REPLACEMENT THEREFOR NOW OWNED OR HEREAFTER ACQUIRED, WHEREVER LOCATED.**

**PARCEL I**

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE, STATE OF FLORIDA, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF TRACT 4 IN BLOCK 8, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, A SUBDIVISION OF SECTION 16, AND A PORTION OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONVEYED TO THE GRANTORS HEREIN BY OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, INC., BY DEED DATED APRIL 21, 1958 AND RECORDED IN CIRCUIT COURT OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY ON AUGUST 21, 1958 NUMBERED 045516, SAID POINT BEING 370'-0" FEET NORTH OF SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 4, THENCE IN A Westerly Direction Along Lands Now or Formerly of EINO AND ALENA KANNELIN, A DISTANCE OF 78 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LANDS OF KANNELIN AND THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF A 49 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY, THENCE IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID TRACT 4, A DISTANCE OF 119 FEET, THENCE IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION ON A LINE PARALLEL TO SAID KANNELIN'S NORTHERLY LINE A DISTANCE OF 78 FEET TO THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID TRACT 4, THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG SAID EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE, 119 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.**

**TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE IN COMMON WITH OTHERS FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS BY VEHICLES AND ON FOOT AND FOR UTILITIES ON AND OVER A 49 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY RUNNING WESTERLY FROM THE SOUTHERLY 49 FEET OF SAID PARCEL, BEING CONVEYED TO 1ST AVENUE WEST, THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY BEING ON LINE PARALLEL TO AND APPROXIMATELY 373 + OR - FEET NORTHERLY FROM 1ST STREET NORTH, GRANTEES TO PAY THEIR PRO-RATA SHARE OF THE UPKEEP OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY.**

**AND**

**PARCEL II**

**COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TRACT 4 OF BLOCK 8, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEAR SOUTH ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 1ST AVENUE WEST A DISTANCE OF 210 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF A 49 FOOT WIDE RIGHT OF WAY, AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 259, PAGE 1836, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY OF 1ST AVENUE WEST, A DISTANCE OF 24 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE BEAR EAST, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TRACT 4 OF BLOCK 8, A DISTANCE OF 205 FEET; THENCE BEAR SOUTH, PARALLEL TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF SAID 1ST AVENUE WEST, A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET; THENCE BEAR WEST, PARALLEL TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID TRACT 4 OF BLOCK 8, A DISTANCE OF 205 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 1ST AVENUE WEST; THENCE BEAR NORTH, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY 1ST AVENUE WEST, A DISTANCE OF 25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**AND**

**PARCEL III**

**A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN LOT 4, BLOCK 8, OKEECHOBEE LITTLE FARMS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 100, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 4, BEAR NORTH 01 DEGREES 34'9.7" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 370.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THAT LAND DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 245, PAGE 1760, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE BEAR SOUTH 89 DEGREES 41'42.2" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THAT LAND DESCRIBED IN O.R. BOOK 245, PAGE 1760, TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SAID EAST LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 78.00 FEET; THENCE BEAR NORTH 01 DEGREE 34'29.7" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOT 4, A DISTANCE OF 25.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN SINGLEWIDE MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS A 1991 WEST WITH VIN #GAFLL75A11009WE**

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

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TASHA HAAS PANDEY and SURESH PANDEY, as wife and husband, Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2008-CA-165

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 25th day of September, 2008.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida

BY: Linda F. Young DEPUTY CLERK

Law Office of Cassels & McCall John D. Cassels, Jr., Esquire Post Office Box 968 Okeechobee, Florida 34973 293771 ON 10/1/08

**Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners RFP 2008-16**

Okeechobee County hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of one (1) single-family home located in unincorporated Okeechobee County as a part of the State Housing Initiative Partnership (S.H.I.P.) program.

**Proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, November 7, 2008 and delivered or mailed to: County Administrator, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Room 206, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (the County will not assume any responsibility for mail being received on time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.**

Proposals should be submitted in separate sealed envelopes marked State Housing Initiative Partnership (S.H.I.P.) Program - NEALY

For specific project information contact: Stephany DuPree at (863) 763-6731 or by fax at (863) 763-9203. Specifications may be obtained from the Housing Coordinator located at 456 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee. Bids will be opened at 3:05 p.m. on November 7, 2008 in the Office of the County Administrator's Office at the Okeechobee County Courthouse.

**A MANDATORY meeting for review of this project will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the meeting room at the County Administration Annex, 456 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee. Any firm who is not in attendance in this room by 10:05 a.m. will be unable to bid.**

The County reserves the right to waive formalities or informalities in proposals, to reject any and all proposals, or to negotiate further with any or all proposers and accepts no responsibility for the expense of preparation or delivery of proposals to the County. Okeechobee County is an Equal Opportunity Employer actively seeking Minority Contractor participation and promotes Fair Housing.

Cliff Betts Jr, Chairman Okeechobee County Commission 293305 ON 10/1/08

**Okeechobee Utility Authority Public Notification**

**SWTR Turbidity Exceedance Notice-Template 2-6 IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Okeechobee Utility Authority Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements**

Our water system recently exceeded a drinking water standard. Although this was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

**Este informe contiene informacion importante sobre su agua de beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.**

We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. Water samples for the month of August 2008 showed that an average of 9.7% of turbidity measurements taken were over 0.3 Turbidity Units. The standard is no more than 5% of samples may exceed 0.3 Turbidity Units per month. The turbidity levels are relatively low; however, their persistence is a concern. Normal turbidity levels at our plant are between 0.10 to 0.15 Turbidity Units.

**What should I do?**

**You do not need to boil your water or take other actions.** We do not know of any contamination, and none of our testing has shown disease-causing organisms in the drinking water.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on how to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)426-4791.

**What does this mean?**

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches. These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

**What happened? What was done?**

A problem occurred with the treatment system at the surface water plant. Due to Tropical storm FAY, the water that was released down the line along with the runoff that occurred, the water was somewhat harder to treat. The treatment now however is under control. Corrective actions were initiated by adding additional chemicals that reduce turbidity. Both source water and treated water were sampled for the presence of coliform bacteria. Chlorine levels were adjusted to compensate for filtration problems. The filters were inspected and washed more frequently during this time.

For more information, please contact Roy Reno at 863-763-9460 or Kevin Rogers at 863-763-3239 or 371 State Road 78 West, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Okeechobee Utility Authority. State Water System ID#: 4470257. Date distributed: 9-30-2008 294143 ON 10/1/08

**Position Available - Staff Person Administration, male/female, high school diploma or equivalent, Valid FL DL, clean driving record mandatory. Person will record fuel consumption for trucks & equipment. Deliver parts & supplies to all job sites. Must be able to enter all data into computer program. Exp. in Excel & Word. Apply in person, 2308 S. Parrott Ave. No Phone Calls!**

**~SALESPERSON~**

Local company is looking for an experienced, motivated Salesperson. Individual will be paid hourly plus commission. Position is Monday-Friday. Please fax resume to 863-763-7002

**RIFLE- Howa, model 1500 / 270 w/scope/sling & ammunition. Must sell. Exc. comm. \$700 neg. (863)946-3731**

**AB LOUNGE - Excellent condition. Used maybe 5 times. \$50 (863)357-6315**

**Park Model - w/Fla. room, carport & shed, on rental lot in adult park, \$30,000. (863)484-0239/763-4920**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on OCTOBER 17, 2008, at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida State 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows:

1995 Mitsubishi Mirage VIN#JA3AA11AGSU082521  
1997 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN#1G2WPS2K7VF327702  
1993 Ford F-150 VIN#1FTE15N2PXB71455  
2004 GMC Sierra VIN#1GTHK23164F134950  
1996 Chevy Blazer VIN#1GNCS13W7T2285776

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As is" condition with no guarantee's. 294140 ON 10/1/08

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**PROCLAMATION NOTICE OF GENERAL CITY ELECTIONS CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the provisions of the Charter of the City of Okeechobee, and Florida State Law, it is the duty of the Mayor to proclaim and call General City Elections at the time and manner provided therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. Kirk, Mayor of the City of Okeechobee, Florida do hereby PROCLAIM AND DECLARE that a GENERAL CITY ELECTION is to be held by the duly qualified electors of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, during the regular hours of voting, to wit: from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing the following officers to serve as such for four (4) years beginning January 6, 2009 and ending January 15, 2013 following such election or until their successors are elected and qualified:

TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBERS

Said election shall be held in the County polling or voting places within the Municipal precincts of the duly qualified City electors, which precincts have been established by the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners and Supervisor of Elections for the General Election of Okeechobee County.

IN TESTIMONY AND WITNESS of the foregoing Notice of Election, I have hereunto set my hand as Mayor of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, and caused the corporate seal of said City to be affixed, and attested to by the City Clerk, this 5th day of August, 2008.

By: James E. Kirk, Mayor ATTEST: Lane Gamiotas, CMC, City Clerk 294175 ON 10/1/15/08

**PROJECT NO. OCSB108159 INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS TELEPHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FOR NORTH, SEMINOLE AND EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by Operations Department of THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA at 938 NW 34th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on **October 28, 2008, 9:00 AM** for North Elementary, 9:15 AM for Seminole Elementary and 9:30 AM for Everglades Elementary for all materials and labor necessary for below:

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

Telephone System Replacement for:  
North Elementary 3000 NW 10th Terrace Okeechobee, FL 34972  
Seminole Elementary 2900 NW 42nd Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974  
Everglades Elementary 3725 SE 8th Street Okeechobee, FL 34974

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of: Dale Barrett, Director of Operations 938 NW 34th Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 863-462-5083, e-203 and Ingenuity Engineers, Inc. 300 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1210 Orlando, FL 32801 407-398-6007

Copies of said plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of said Architect or the office of Dale Barrett, upon the deposit of \$50.00 for one set of plans and specifications; said deposit will be returned to the contractor upon return of said plans and specifications in good condition, and upon receipt of a bona fide bid.

Each bid shall be accompanied by the following:

- \* List of Sub-Bidders with whom the contractor will sub-contract work in connection with this project.
- \* Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid, payable to the School Board of Okeechobee County, as evidence of good faith and guaranteeing that the successful bidder will execute and furnish to the School Board of Okeechobee County a good and sufficient performance bond as required by Florida State Section 1013.47 in the penal sum of 100% of the escalated amount of the contract guaranteeing the performance of said contract.

Failure to provide any of the documents outlined above will be grounds for rejection of the bid.

All bids shall be placed in an envelope, sealed, and addressed to the School Board of Okeechobee County, and the name of the project should be placed on the outside of the envelope and words indicating that the envelope contains a bid for said project.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 3:00 PM., prevailing time at the office of Dale Barrett, Director of Operations, 938 NW 34th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The following documents shall accompany the Owner/Contractor Agreement:

- \* Payment Bond as required by Section 1013.45 and 255.05, Florida Statutes, guaranteeing the payment of all debts pertaining thereto. Each bond shall be issued by a surety company licensed and authorized to do business in the State of Florida having a general bond holder's rating of A+ - excellent - and a financial rating of BBB+ or better in Florida satisfactory to the Owner, within ten (10) days after being awarded the contract, the premium, 5% of said bonds to be paid by the Contractor. Said bonds to be recorded in accordance with School Board instructions.
- \* Public Entity Crimes sworn statement under Section 287.133(3)(a), Florida Statutes.
- \* Drug Free Workplace Certification.
- \* Trench, Safety Affidavit, if applicable.
- \* Signature Acknowledgment of the Jessica Lunsford Act, Section 1012.465, Florida Statutes.

The Contractor will be required to have the project substantially completed by January 2, 2009 and have the punch list items and site cleanup, totally completed within 30 days thereafter. Failure to do so will result in liquidated damages in the amount of \$100.00 per day for each day the date of actual substantial completion exceeds the scheduled date of substantial completion; and a further sum of \$100.00 per calendar day in liquidated damages for each day the date of actual final completion exceeds the scheduled date of final completion.

The successful bidder, if any will be notified within 15 days after the bid is accepted.

The School Board of Okeechobee County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities. All proposals shall remain in force for 30 days after the date of opening.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Patricia G. Cooper, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools 292863 ON 9/24/10/1/08

**Attention High School Seniors!**

**ARE YOU:**

- An aspiring journalist?
- A free spirit?

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:**

- Scholarship \$\$\$?
- A trip to Washington, D.C.?

**Free SPIRIT**

Dream. Dare. Do.

The Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholarship and Conference Program is looking for 102 high school seniors (a male and female from each state and Washington, D.C.) who are involved in high school journalism and demonstrate qualities of free spirit.

The deadline for applications is **October 15, 2008**

To apply for the program visit: [www.freedomforum.org/treespirit](http://www.freedomforum.org/treespirit)

**FREEDOM FORUM**

**REGISTRATION FORM Taylor Creek Bass Club, Inc. 23rd Annual Kids' Day Fishing Festival October 26, 2008 - Okeechobee AG Center**

**CONTESTANTS:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

*A Responsible Adult must accompany the participants!*

**General Release:**

The contestants, parents or guardians hereby agree to indemnify and hold Harmless all members, officers and officials of Taylor Creek Bass Club and Okeechobee Ag Center for any liabilities and/or damages arising from the contestants participation in the Kids' Day Fishing Festival.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL REGISTRATION FORM BY OCTOBER 19, 2008 to DAVE STOUT 814 S.E. 25th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34974 Or drop off at The Okeechobee News Office, The Pennysaver or Pogy's Restaurant.**

**23rd Annual Kids Day Fishing Festival**

The 23rd annual Kids Day Fishing Festival will be held Oct. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The event is free and open to all children ages 4 to 14. The Taylor Creek Bass Club provides fishing poles and bait, as well as free hot dogs and sodas for the children. Drawings are held for door prizes which are donated by local businesses. Advance registration is required so the club knows how many children to plan for.



Submitted photo

**O.C.R.A. Cheer**

Cheerleading season has started with a big bang serving 100 cheerleaders! Okeechobee County Recreation Association football/cheerleading season started in September and runs through November. Savannah Hunter, Chrissy Hunter, Allison Chandler, Amy Smith, Teresa Chandler and Tona Hunter are excited about cheerleading this year. For more information on O.C.R.A., please contact Teresa Chandler at 863-697-6819.

**Sudoku**

**SUDOKU**

		4						
	3					2	6	8
8					9			
	8		7					
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	5		6	7			2	
	1	9		4				
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**Fun By The Numbers**

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	6	8	2	1	5	7	9	3
9	7	5	8	4	3	6	1	2
3	2	1	6	7	9	8	5	4
1	8	7	5	6	2	3	4	9
6	9	3	8	4	7	2	1	5
2	3	4	1	9	7	5	8	6
5	4	6	7	3	1	9	2	8
8	9	2	4	5	6	1	3	7
1	7	3	1	3	9	2	8	5

**ANSWER:**

**Crossword**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Protected place
- Ancient religious symbol
- Expatriate
- Tony \_\_\_\_
- "Saturday Night Fever" hero
- It might eliminate the need for specs
- Eng. driver's concern
- Fruitless
- Touched
- Force
- Frittatas, e.g.
- Buzz producer
- City in Florida's horse country
- Oscar Zoroaster Diggs of early 1900s fiction, with "The"
- 33 About 6.5% of the Earth's land
- Really thin
- Expert finish?
- 49 Words to heed
- 41 A high top covers it
- 43 Uses by the day, say
- 44 Wrong
- 47 Represents
- 49 Exclaimed
- 50 Some TVs
- 52 E-ZPass site: Abbr.
- 55 Title words following "don't say you're sorry, 'cause I'm just not concerned," in a 1966-'67 hit
- 59 Co-panelist with Bennett and Dorothy
- 60 "And?"
- 61 Allay
- 62 Car buyer's protection

**DOWN**

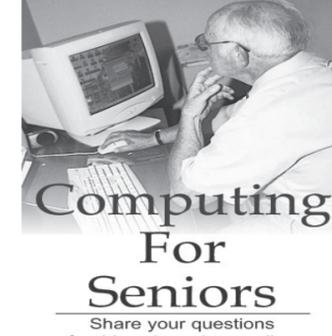
- La Jolla's \_\_\_\_ Institute for Biological Studies
- \_\_\_\_ on the shoulder
- Certainly, to Snoop Dogg
- 34 Branch
- 35 Grieg's "\_\_\_\_ Death"
- 37 Apt. listing unit
- 38 Toaster \_\_\_\_
- 41 White poplars
- 42 Literature
- 43 Nobelist
- 44 Gormier
- 44 In base eight
- 45 Famille member
- 46 Doesn't leave room in
- 47 Turner's tool
- 48 "It Had to Be \_\_\_\_" You' composer Jones
- 51 Liturgical cloak
- 53 University city since 1343
- 54 Met previously
- 56 Word with hang or take
- 57 WWII command
- 58 Neurotic toon dog

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

P	A	C	T	P	E	T	E	Y	P	R	E	S			
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By Barry C. Silk (c)2008 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

**Preparing a digital photo for email**



**Computing For Seniors**

Share your questions for this column by email to [dtimmons@newszap.com](mailto:dtimmons@newszap.com)

**By Diane Timmons Okeechobee News**

**Part 1 of 2**

Have you wanted or been asked to email a photo you have taken with your digital camera? For example, the other day in the newspaper, the local extension office asked for photos and digital was preferred. Now that most of us have digital cameras this is not an unusual request. Or you may want to send a photo to a relative or to the newspaper.

It sounds easy. However, the reality is that there are a few steps involved and some things you can do to that photo before you send it that will help the recipient. These steps can also make the send/receive process faster. But first you have to get the photo off the camera.

Your camera probably came with instructions for downloading your photos to your computer. But if you have lost the cable or instructions, the easiest way to get the pictures off your camera is by using a memory "card reader." These usually plug in to a USB port and can be found any place cameras are sold, for less than \$20. Remove the memory card from your camera and plug it in to the appropriate slot on the card reader. The slots are labeled with the type of memory device it reads. You can then copy the photo from the memory card to a place on your computer's hard drive where you can find it.

Take a look at the size of that photo. Your camera may have come set up to take the largest picture possible. By that I mean it is taking a photo that can be printed in a large size with good quality. This can be a problem. Because you really don't need that size for most of your photos. These photos are huge - sometimes 35 inches wide and around 3 megabytes in size. You simply don't need this size unless you plan to print up a poster to hang on the wall. Every camera has a setup feature where you can reduce the size of each picture you take. Or as an alternative, using a program on your computer, you can reduce the size of the photo, both its physical size and the amount of storage space it takes up on your hard drive.

**Reasons to downsize your photos:**

- 1. Shorter upload/download time.** Large images take a long time to transfer over the Internet. Some email providers won't allow you to send an attachment larger than 1 megabyte. To put that in perspective, 1 meg is 1,000 Kb.
  - 2. More appropriate for the end use of the photo.** A photo for the newspaper or high school yearbook (printed) requires a different size than one that will only be viewed on screen. In fact, your friends may only view your photos on the computer screen.
  - 3. Uses less storage space on your hard drive or memory card.** Periodically you will want to move the photos off your camera to your computer or a CD for longer-term storage. Now that I have convinced you to downsize your photos, it can be done in a couple different ways. I will address that subject in my next column. Please look for part two next Wednesday. Happy computing.
- Email your comments or questions to [dtimmons@newszap.com](mailto:dtimmons@newszap.com)

# Yearling beats rival Osceola in volleyball

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School's Sarah Davis had six service aces, four

digs and two kills, and Kyla Hargraves chipped in with five aces and five kills as Yearling (4-0) defeated Osceola Middle School in volleyball, 25-22, and 25-15, on

Monday at the Warriors gym.

Maci Thomas had two aces and two kills, and Sarah Hurst had 12 assists to lead Yearling.

Coach Bruce Conrad said he liked what he saw from his young team, "I'm very proud of the younger girls. I can't say enough about Sarah Davis, she does it all."

Yearling and Osceola continue to have two of the best volleyball programs around this year. Unfortunately there will be no Confer-

ence tournament this year. The two schools are trying to develop a County Championship tournament to replace the conference this year.

"This overall is one of the strongest teams I've ever had. They really work hard on fundamentals and they work hard all the time," Conrad added.

Osceola has a new coach this year Amie Eldred, who played collegiate athletics for Salem International University in West Virginia.

She noted she has been very fortunate to take over such an established program.

"The first game was really close, we just didn't play as well in the second game," she noted.

Eldred said the two teams share a close bond even though they are rivals on two days out of the year. She noted many of the girls are teammates on travel teams and play together all year long.

"This is the game we practice for, the game we get ready for,"

she noted.

Despite the loss Eldred said she expects Osceola to continue to be one of the stronger volleyball programs in the area. She noted they'll be ready when the two teams play at Yearling October 15th.

"I'm very excited about this job. It's been a lot of fun. They are a good group of girls to work with," she added.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Breanna Nunez returns a serve for Osceola during Monday's match.

# Golf team wins match again

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School boys' golf team narrowly defeated Treasure Coast by one stroke in a three team match Thursday at the Saints Country Club in Port St. Lucie.

Corey White led the team with a four over par, 40. Danny Busban made his debut with a seven over 43. Tyler Platt and Mike Watson shot 44. Mike Schweigert of Treasure Coast shot a 38 to lead all golfers.

Okeechobee improved to (10-4) with the two victories.

Okeechobee scored 171, Treasure Coast 172, and Port St. Lucie 206.

Golf Coach Mark Ward said the team continues to play well. He noted Danny Busban earned a spot in the rotation for the first time this

year and played very well. He noted that was the key to the match.

"We had a rough week with three matches on the road, that's a lot for young kids. There was some fatigue," Ward noted, "Danny certainly didn't have any jitters. He got the opportunity and took advantage of it."

Ward noted that there are only five spots open for the team when they play districts and with 10 golfers on the squad, the ones that are playing the best at that time are going to make the cut. He noted the competition should keep his boys in good shape.

The girl's golf team fell to Lincoln Park Academy. Lincoln Park shot 169 and Okeechobee shot 248. Port St. Lucie didn't have a full team and earned an incomplete score.

Taylor Fulford shot 58 to lead Okeechobee. Emily Raulerson shot

61. Paige Arnold shot 63 and Rachel Rabon a 66. Ali Schrader shot a 39 to lead Lincoln Park.

The boy's next match is next Wednesday. The site is to be determined.

# Big first half fuels Osceola

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Osceola Middle School poured

four goals into the net in the first five minutes of their soccer match Monday against cross town rival

Yearling. That set the stage for a big Warrior win, 6-0, in front of their adoring fans.

Osceola spread the wealth around with goals from Cesar Sanchez, Ben Vuleta and Adel Elhindi in the opening minutes. Diego Rodriguez put two goals into the net in the first half. One of them came on a beautiful corner kick that curved into the net.

The early onslaught appeared to discourage the Yearlings who had very few opportunities on the Warrior net in the first half. Most of the action occurred in their end of the field.

It was a very impressive victory for Osceola, which meant more because it came against their friends and teammates on off school teams.

Osceola got a second half goal from Diego Rodriguez to wrap up the scoring. Jose Bucio had five

saves in net for the Warriors, (2-0). Yearling fell to (0-1-1).

Osceola is coached by George Botello and Jordan Dancer this year.

The two teams will meet again at Yearling on Wednesday, Oct. 15.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Osceola Middle School's Delfino Garci, #9 dribbles down field against Yearling Monday.

## Sports Briefs

### 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 will begin Oct. 1. 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.

### Sports photos sought

Attention coaches, parents and fans. The Okeechobee News welcomes sports photos, especially from away games. Email your photos to okeeneews@newszap.com.

### TCBC meets monthly

The Taylor Creek Bass Club meets at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 on the second Thursday of each month. Tournaments are held the following weekend. New boaters and (especially) non-boaters are welcome. For information call Dave Stout at 863-467-2255. The club also sponsors and presents the annual Lee McAllister Memorial Kid's Fishing Festival.

### 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.

### 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.

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# Picos wins tournament on Lake Okeechobee

Boater Alex Picos of Davie, Fla., won the Walmart Bass Fishing League Everglades Division Super Tournament on Lake Okeechobee over the weekend with a two-day catch of 10 bass weighing 38 pounds, 14 ounces. The victory earned Picos \$3,560 plus a \$628 Ranger bonus.

Picos said he used a shad-colored soft-plastic jerkbait to target bass hugging isolated grass on the main lake.

Rounding out the top five boaters are Brandon McMillan of Belle Glade, Fla. (10 bass, 38-8, \$2,095); Rene Gonzales of Lauderhill, Fla. (10 bass, 37-14, \$1,396); Steve Fairtrace of Okeechobee, Fla. (10 bass, 36-10, \$978); and Bryan Honnerlaw of Moore Haven, Fla. (10 bass, 35-10, \$838).

Greg Sorrell of Fort Myers, Fla., took home the Boater Division Snickers Big Bass award, earning \$465 for an 8-pound, 8-ounce bass that he caught on a trick worm on an 18-foot ledge.

Raymond Riendeau of Saint Cloud, Fla., earned \$2,095 as the co-angler winner thanks to 10 bass weighing 29 pounds, 1 ounce that he caught while fishing a soft plastic frog near isolated grass.

Rounding out the top five co-anglers are Brock Stanaland of Jupiter, Fla. (seven bass, 24-14, \$1,047); William Wood of West Palm Beach, Fla. (10 bass, 24-2, \$700); Robert Wood of Jupiter (nine bass, 23-11, \$489); and Ernie Johnson of Okeechobee, Fla. (nine bass, 22-10, \$419).

Stanaland earned \$116 as the co-angler Big Bass winner after catching a 5-pound, 3-ounce bass that he caught on a white soft-plastic frog.

Following the end of regular-season competition, the top 40 boaters and 40 co-anglers based on year-end points standings in the division will advance to the no-entry-fee Lake Seminole Regional Championship in Bainbridge, Ga., Oct. 16-18, where they will compete against top qualifiers from three other BFL divisions. At the Regional Championship boaters will fish for a new 198VX

Ranger boat and Chevy truck and co-anglers will fish for a new Ranger boat. The top six boaters and top six co-anglers at the Regional Championship will also advance to the 2009 All-American

presented by Chevy.

With a total purse of \$1 million, a potential \$140,000 cash prize going to the winning boater and as much as \$70,000 going to the winning co-angler, the

All-American is one of the most prestigious and lucrative events in bass fishing. The winning boater and winning co-angler at the All-American also advance to the no-entry-fee \$2 million 2009 Forrest

Wood Cup. This event, featuring a top award of \$1 million, is the sport's biggest championship.

The \$8.8 million Walmart Bass Fishing League features 28 divisions nationwide. In BFL competi-

tion, boaters and co-anglers are randomly paired. Boaters supply the boat and fish from the front deck against other boaters while co-anglers compete from the back deck against other co-anglers.

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

#### PI.G.S. League

Indianwood - Sept. 22: First place - Terry Mastaler. Second place - J.C. Armstrong. Last place - Kenny Curran.

Closest to the pin: Russ Papy, Terry Mastaler, Bill Kinney, Clyde Price.

Gold Tee League - O.G. & C.C. Sept. 24: First place - George Guydosh. Second place - Lou Cox. Third place - Howard Shelkie.

Harder Hall Sept. 24: First place - Kenny Curran. Second place - Billy Crum and Paul DeWitte. Last place - Max Sherry.

Closest to the pin: Kenny Curran, Max Sherry, Paul DeWitte.

O.G. & C.C. Sept. 26: First place - Paul DeWitte. Second place - Joe Albreckta. Last place - Russ Adams.

Closest to the pin: 2-Clyde Price, 8-Geo. Earl Goudy, 11-Paul DeWitte, 17-Billy Crum.

### Sports Briefs

#### Benefit golf tournament planned

Raulerson Hospital will sponsor the Third Annual United Way "Greater Open Golf Tournament" on Oct. 18, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. Great prizes will be offered, a vehicle for a "Hole in One," closest to the Line, closest to the Pin on all par 3s, a personally autographed Jack Nicklaus 460 driver with head cover, and much more. The "Scramble" tournament starts with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Hole sponsorships are still available and teams are now forming. For more information or to register for this United Way Fund Raiser golf tournament, please call Bill Casian at 863-824-2702 or e-mail me at: William.casian@hcahealthcare.com

#### Guru to speak to student athletes

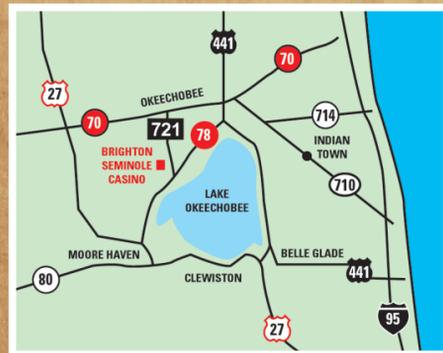
Nationally known recruiting guru, Jack Renkens, is coming to the OHS cafeteria on Oct. 2, 2008 at 5:30pm. His presentation is an hour long, motivating speech, about the do's and don'ts of the college recruiting process. All student-athletes who are in the 8th grade and above, and their parents, are invited and encouraged to attend. All student-Athletes will have an opportunity to win door prizes! Snacks will be provided.

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# Visitors Can Cash In At Roadshow

## Gold scrap selling big at Roadshow, as price for metal hits record high

BY ARCHIE DAVIS  
Roadshow Representative Staff Writer



Roadshow Representative Archie Davis assists a visitor with pocket watches and clocks. The collection sold at the Roadshow for more than \$2,000. Other visitors brought a variety of items including coins, toys, dolls and trains. Admission is free and no appointment is necessary.

Okeechobee - Clean out your attics, closets and lock box, the Roadshow is coming to town. Roadshow experts are in town all this week purchasing antiques and collectibles.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old, they are focusing on gold and silver, also coins made before 1965, military items, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Modern jewelry with diamonds and other precious stones are also being accepted.

One person that attended the Roadshow brought in an 1864 Civil War sword and a coin collection and left 45 minutes later \$10,000 richer. Another was not as lucky but seemed happy with the \$355.00 they received for broken gold jewelry. "I think this is a great idea" said one lady that sold her old class ring and some broken gold chains. "The stuff was just lying in a dresser drawer for years." She received \$248.42 for her efforts. Jeff Parsons, the president of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow explained what the show is all about. It's a chance for anyone to sell their stuff and get what it's

really worth he said. It seems everyone has items they have wondered about or want to sell but really don't know where to go said Parsons. He said the show has been in over 600 cities since 2001. When asked what the most memorable experience was he had a quick answer. "Without a doubt it was a show in Pennsylvania when an elderly gentleman asked if we could send someone with him to visit an old toy store he had closed down 50 years ago. It was like walking back in time" Parsons said "the store's 50 year old inventory was still on the shelves the store was a treasure trove of collectible toys. I have never seen anything like it. It was simply unbelievable!" It seems the store was closed due to World War II. "I had to go serve my country." the owner told Parsons. Serve he did for the next 35 years. The collection of vintage toys still in their original boxes sold for more than \$650,000. All this week Roadshow experts will be accepting various types of antiques and collectibles. The event is free and no appointment is necessary.



**Our International Collectors Association members are looking for the following types of items.**

• **COINS** - Any and all coins made before 1965. This includes all silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!

• **GOLD & SILVER** - PRICES AT 25 YEAR HIGH! for platinum, gold and silver during this event. Broken Jewelry, dental gold, old coins, pocket watches, Kruggerands, Gold Bars Canadian Maple Leafs, etc.

• **JEWELRY** - Gold, Silver, Platinum, diamonds, rubies, sapphires and all types of stones, metals, etc. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, all others including broken jewelry. Early costume jewelry wanted.



• **WATCHES** - Rolex, Tiffany, Hublot, Omega, Chopard, Cartier, Philippe, Ebel, Waltham, Swatch, all others.

• **POCKET WATCHES** - Chopard, Elgin, Bunn Special, Railroad, Illinois, Hamilton, all others.

• **TOYS** - All types of toys made before 1965 including: Hot Wheels, Tonka, Buddy L, Smith Miller, Nylint, Robots, battery toys, Mickey Mouse, all others.

• **TRAINS** - Train sets, all gauges, accessories, individual cars, Marklin, American Flyer, Lionel, Hafner, all others.

• **DOLLS** - Barbie Dolls, GI Joe, Shirley Temple, Characters, German, all makers accepted.

• **WORDS** - The older the better all types wanted.

• **MILITARY ITEMS** - Civil, Revolutionary, WWI, WWII, etc. Items of interest include swords, badges, clothes, photos, medals, knives, gear, letters, etc.

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- Lay out your items on the designated table

- Speak with one of our Association Representatives to determine the collector value of your items
- If interested in selling, we will consult our collector's database to see if a buyer exists. 90% of all items have offers in our database

- The offer is made on the spot on behalf of our collectors making the offer

- If you decide to accept the offer, we will pay you on the spot and ship the item to the collector. The collector pays all shipping and handling charges

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