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Briefs

Lanes to close at intersection

The City of Okeechobee has announced that traffic lanes at the main intersection — U.S. 441 and S.R. 70 — will be closed Sunday, Feb. 15. The lanes will be closed from 9 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. due to work being done by the Florida Department of Transportation.

Summer Activity Guide open to programs

Churches, civic organizations, schools, clubs, parks and other activities are invited to submit the details to their summer programs for this year by completing an application with a description of the activity. The goal of the guide is to keep our children safe, supervised and active during the summer months. The guide is a 24 page booklet highlighting summer activities for children in Okeechobee. The guide is free for listing your program thanks to donors who cover the printing expenses. Interested groups can obtain and complete the form by **March 31** and return it to Sharon Vinson, facilitator Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County, Treasurer, Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Inc., Kid-Care/Healthy Kids Contact for Okeechobee County, 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee, 863-462-5000 ext. 257.

Library program presents Historic Landscapes

Joanna Lombard, Florida author and Landscape Architect and Professor at the University of Miami School of Architecture, will discuss some of the 27 historic Florida landscapes from her book, "The Historic Landscapes of Florida." The landscapes from her book have been described by Virginia Al-lain as "vivid mosaics of our cultural heritage; they remind us of where we have been and help to create of sense of place." Ms. Lombard is currently studying the effects of the design of neighborhoods on the wellbeing of children and the elderly. Join Ms. Lombard at the Okeechobee Library on Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. The program is provided by the Florida Humanities Council and is free and open to the public. The Okeechobee Friends of the Library will provide light refreshments.

Drought Index

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Commissioners honor Wherrell

SR 70 four-laning discussed; Jaycee Park water shut off

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Before conducting any county business at their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12, Okeechobee County Commissioners took time to remember one of their own. They conducted a memorial for the late Marvin Wherrell who passed away Dec. 23, 2008

after two years in office.

Major Noel Stephen of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office escorted Mr. Wherrell's mother, Kathleen Wherrell, and Sheriff Paul May escorted Commissioner Wherrell's widow, Sandra Wherrell, into the auditorium where three rows of family members were seated.

"I know I speak for a lot of people when I say we will miss Marvin," stated Commission Chairman Cliff Betts. "We lost a great man when we lost Marvin."

Chairman Betts stated that he had known Mr. Wherrell most of his life and that Mr. Wherrell had taught him to water ski.

The chairman presented Mrs. Wherrell with a plaque commemorating her late husband's service to the county, Mr. Wherrell's last agenda book, his name plate, and a cap that read "Touched by the Master."

Mrs. Wherrell said that wherever they went in their travels her husband was always proud to tell people he was from Okeechobee.

Turning to other business, the board heard an update from Frank Chupka of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) on the four laneing of S. R. 70 east of the city to the St. Lucie County line.

The board expressed concern that the bicycle path had been cut from the project as a cost saving measure. Deputy county administrator Jim Threewits expressed concern that if there was a decision to add a bicycle path later, the right of way would cost more.

Mr. Chupka had referred the bicycle path as being used for recreational use. Mr. Threewits said that was the first time he had heard of the bicycle path being used for recreational use. It was his understanding that it was to be a multiuse trail that has been moved to the south side of the highway for use by Spot in the Sun residents.

Commissioner Margaret Helton, whose district includes this section of S.R. 70, said there was

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Teacher of the Year: Vicki Goggans



Vicki Goggans (front) from Okeechobee High School was named the District Teacher of the Year for 2008-09. Candidates for the district teacher of the year were (second row-left to right) Brande Cobb, Elisabeth Fox, Amelia Lozano, Jenni Melear, Joe Paige, (back row-left to right) Sherry Conrad, Jeremy Goff, Lauren Myers, (not pictured) Brent Stuart and Amy Hyde.

OHS teacher honored

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School District Teacher of the Year for 2008-09 is Vicki Goggans from Okeechobee High School at the board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Vicki Goggans is a "home grown" teacher who attended school locally. Mrs. Goggans received her associates degree from Indian River Community College and her bachelors degree in mathematics education from the University of Central Florida.

She has been with the Okeechobee County School system for 15 years. She is currently teaching 10th through 12th graders geometry, liberal arts math and algebra 1B. She has been at the high school for two years and previously worked at Osceola Middle School, Yearling Middle School and began her career at OHS.

Mrs. Goggans strives to show her students that she has re-



Vicki Goggans (right) from Okeechobee High School was named the District Teacher of the Year for 2008-09. Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cooper (left) presented her with a candy bouquet as she congratulated her on her accomplishment.

spect for them as a person and that her respect is not based on how much math they know. Her primary goal is of course to help her students gain success in mathematics. She has found

that one of the best ways to get them there is to develop relationships with her students by getting to know them and let-

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Beckham is new OHS football coach

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

After 33 applications, numerous interviews, and two months of searching, Okeechobee schools decided on a Dayton, Ohio man to be their next football coach.

Jeremy Beckham will be in Okeechobee today for a reception at Okeechobee High School at 5:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. He'll also host a town meeting Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. at Okeechobee High School to meet players, parents and the community.

"My wife and I are very excited about this opportunity," Beckham said in a phone interview this week, "Were both

chomping at the bit about starting our new lives as Brah-

mans." Beckham said his job won't just be on campus, but also off campus, as he sees his position as one that helps not only the high school, but also the community.

OHS principal Toni Wiersma called the hire a very difficult decision. She praised the committee members that tirelessly reviewed resumes and conducted interviews. In the end, she noted she liked Beckham's experience, his track record of success, and his ability to get players into college. Beckham helped get 70 players into ma-

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OUA takes steps to buy sewage plant

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Once again Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) is dealing with one of the many ongoing problems caused by the sewage treatment system that serves Kings Bay. It seems that the utility is between a rock and a hard place.

At their monthly meeting on Tuesday morning, Feb. 10, the OUA Board of Directors spent a considerable amount of time dealing with this thorny issue.

Last month the board discovered the problem. The lease the utility had with Community Utilities II, owner of the plant, expired Dec. 31, according to the owner. The company notified OUA that it had no intention of renewing the lease but was open to discuss selling the plant to OUA.

According to OUA Executive Director John Hayford, the original agreement with the owner included buying the customer

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Blue Heron returns to the wild

Legally protected bird suffered BB gun injury

A Great Blue Heron rescued from a Treasure Island canal was released back into its natural habitat by Florida Wildlife Rescue Service on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Concerned Treasure Island residents contacted the organization on Jan. 8, after observing that the bird had spent the entire day in a canal behind S.E. 33rd Terrace.

Radiographs performed on the bird at a Palm Beach County wildlife hospital indicated that the heron had been illegally shot with a BB gun, leaving the bird with a leg fracture to its left femur and a pellet lodged in its rump. The heron spent almost four weeks in rehabilitative

care before returning to Okeechobee to be released at Zachary Taylor Camping Resort on Taylor Creek.

The Great Blue Heron is one of over 800 species of native wild birds that are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, an agreement between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Russia, Japan and Great Britain.

Among other prohibitions, the MBTA makes it illegal to take or attempt to take protected birds unless permitted by certain regulations (such as lawful permitted hunting of certain species including turkey, doves, or ducks.)

Despite these laws however, many protected species including songbirds, hawks, owls, vultures, and even Bald Eagles are still victims of illegal gunshot.

In an effort to gain public as-

sistance in the enforcement of fish and wildlife laws, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has established a Wildlife Alert hotline where citizens can report violations of wildlife management and protection laws, including the illegal shooting of protected species.

Anyone who witnesses the illegal shooting of protected birds can report the violation to the FWC by calling 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

Anyone who finds a sick, injured, or orphaned wild bird or animal can contact Florida Wildlife Rescue Service at 863-634-1755.

Florida Wildlife Rescue Service is a non-profit organization providing free rescue services for wildlife in Okeechobee and the surrounding area.



Submitted photo/Glenna Bolton
Michael Daugherty of Okeechobee holds the rehabilitated heron moments before the bird's release back into the wild.

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already a lot of bicycle traffic on the road.

The section of S.R. 70 in St. Lucie County that is being widened has a bicycle path. County Administrator Lyndon Bonner said he observed that bicycle path is already in use.

Commissioners also expressed concern that changes needed to be made at the intersections with 40th and 48th Avenues.

Mr. Bonner was directed to send a letter to DOT addressing those concerns as well as the commission's desire to see S.R. 710 extended to intersect with U.S. 441 N.

Capital projects manager Donnie Oden addressed the board concerning the courthouse renovation and the old jail demolition.

The board approved terrazzo tile as the finish floor type for the courthouse and approved a change order in the amount of \$82,016 for removal of the old concrete floor. Upon Mr. Oden's recommendation the board

agreed to remove all existing interior corridor walls because in the process of removing the floors, the contractor learned that there was no foundation under the floors. Mr. Oden notified the board that asbestos has been found in two spots and that it will be removed.

Turning to the old jail, commissioners approved a proposal from L.E.B. Demolition and Consulting Contractors, Inc. of Jensen Beach for \$18,969 to demolish the building and remove all debris from the property. Mr. Oden said that jail inmates will be used to clean up the brick that will be saved to be used in the facade of an expansion of the current jail. He said old one of the old cell blocks will be removed and preserved for future display.

It has been said that there is no such thing as a free lunch. Now, thanks to action taken by the commissioners, there is no such thing as free water. There is a water faucet on the outside of the closed bathroom building at Jaycees Park. For some time people have getting water there in large containers while the county has been paying the bill. Commissioners decided to

remove the faucet and cut off the water. Since the county may need water at that location some time in the future, commissioners are going to weigh the cost of paying the monthly base rate and keeping the meter against having the meter removed and later paying the applicable fees to have a meter reinstalled some time in the future.

In other action the board: • proclaimed the week of Feb. 15-21, to be National Engineer's Week in Okeechobee County;

• approved a change order in the amount of \$44,475.61 to Shetra and Son Construction to use the remainder of hurricane Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money on the Douglas Park stormwater project;

• granted a request from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office to use the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center for Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Graduation on May 20;

• set a date of March 24, for a public hearing to consider adoption of an ordinance to amend animal control regulations;

• appointed Lowery Markham and Mike O'Connor to the tourist

development council board; • awarded a contract of \$31,158.47 to Roumelis Planning & Development Services for grant administration and project delivery services for the Hurricane Wilma Disaster Supplemental CDBG Grant; • issued a request for proposal for development of an emergency medical services assessment; • approved a family medical leave policy revision concerning family members of military personnel to comply with state law; • awarded the engineering firm of Craig A. Smith the contract for engineering services on the (Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) grant project; • approved a domestic violence leave policy to comply with state law; and • granted final plat approval for Silver Palms RV Village Phase 1, which consists of 167 lots of the 512 in the total project which is located across S.W. 32nd Street from Oakview Park Baptist Church.

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Coach

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major universities during his 12 years as an assistant coach.

"We talked to a lot of his former employers and they only had the highest amount of praise for him. We got tremendous reviews about this man," she said.

Beckham plans to use a spread offense that uses the no huddle strategy. He also expects to bring a hard hitting, aggressive defense to the field. He noted this formula worked well in Ohio and should work in Florida.

"Good football translates in any state. We'll bring solid football, good fundamentals and an exciting style of play. I think our style of play, a spread offense, will fit Florida better from a talent standpoint," he said.

Beckham also said he will also work hard for the kids to do well in school, and to reach the next level, academically.

"The one thing that we'll be able to do and one of the things I'll highlight is change your family tree. If you follow and do exactly what we need you to do, if you follow our plan, our step by step plan to win, we'll change your family tree because we will put you in position to get you into college," he stated.

Beckham also wants to link the current team to the past. He will create a website for the program which is www.okeechobeefootball.com. Beckham said he wants to have players realize there is a fine tradition that they should be proud of.

"The program is in good shape. The senior class and Coach Branham got them into the playoffs. My goal immediately is not only to make the playoffs and be there and be happy about it, but we're trying to get to the second and third round. That's where we will be coaching at," he said.

Beckham coined a phrase from Florida Coach Owen Meyer when he said, "Only take a job if you're sure you can win there." He noted he talked to a lot of college coaches he knows in South Florida about Okeechobee and is confident the talent and the program are in place to make the program a consistent winner.

Beckham said he will bring two coaches with him, a strength

coach, Billy Brockhouse who has 40 years of coaching experience, including time with Florida State, and New Mexico.

Also in the package with Beckham is a defensive coordinator, Edmund Jones, who has 20 years of experience coaching with the arena football league, college ranks, and the NFL Rams. He will also interview the remaining assistant coaches and give them an opportunity to earn positions on his staff.

Beckham said his coaches will have to get involved with the players and their families. "It's not just a job on the field and in the hall way. We'll reach out and take a personal approach with these players. Our players are going to be part of our family. We're going to keep an open line of communication and emphasize that from the get go. If you want to be part of something special, I'm sure those players who are thinking about playing, that is something that will excite them."

Beckham also addressed concerns over his prior position at Trotwood High School in Dayton, Ohio. The Dayton Daily News reported that Beckham was terminated in July, 2008 after a recruiting scandal. The newspaper reported that the Trotwood-Mad-

ison team was placed on probation for two years. Head Coach Maurice Douglass was suspended for three weeks, and two players were declared ineligible.

The school system reported that Beckham was dismissed for violation of bylaw 4-9-3, recruiting, by contacting other high school student athletes for the purpose of influencing them to transfer to Trotwood-Madison, according to the Dayton Daily News.

The Dayton paper also reported that Beckham was let go from Springfield South High School amidst recruiting allegations. He coached there between 2002 and 2004.

Beckham said things are handled differently in Ohio. He has denied the allegations. "There's nothing more than empty allegations. I applied for an educational sabbatical. I had no intention of returning to Trotwood this past season. I felt I had done enough coaching. I needed my teaching credentials to be a head football coach. That's why I left Trotwood. Folks in the paper, they want to say things that sell papers. The fact of the matter was, we played exciting football, we got out kids recruited by colleges, and we did everything we could to get them out of the neighborhoods and

onto college campuses." Beckham said other coaches got upset when players left their school but that was the parents' decision, not his.

"Parents were moving because they felt like there were better opportunities," he said. "It just wasn't a business for us. We treat this as a family. We do the things that families consider to be important. It's important to a parent that you're involved directly with your child's future. It's important to know it's your goal to get their kids educated. That's what I will bring to the table. When it came down to it, there were just empty allegations."

Okeechobee officials said they talked to numerous people involved with these incidents and with school officials in Ohio and said they weren't concerned about the issue.

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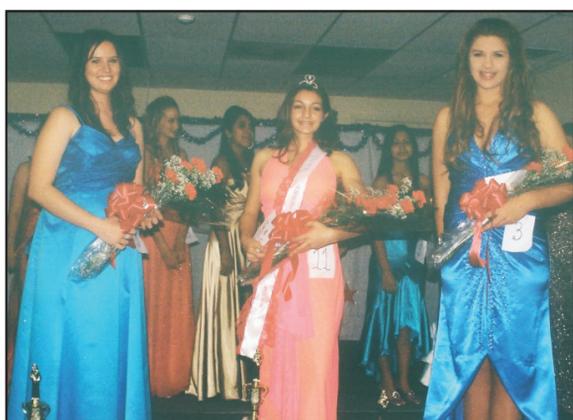


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American Legion Pageant Winners

The annual American Legion Pageant was held Thursday, Feb. 5, at the American Legion. The winners are Miss American Legion Elizabeth Ann Turner (center), first runner up Tabitha Smith (left), and section runner up Morgan Crawford (right). Editor's note: This photo was incorrectly identified in the Sunday, Feb. 8 edition.

OUA

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base, piping and valves. While the utility agreed to operate and maintain the package plant, there were no provisions for lease payments.

Last month the owner offered to lease the plant to OUA for six more months while details of the purchase were worked out. The board discussed simply giving the plant back to the owner. However, it was noted that OUA would probably be forced by the state to continue operating the plant. Board attorney Tom Conley was instructed to negotiate with the owner.

According to the Florida Department of State Division of Corporations the registered agent of Community Utilities II is former state representative Frank Attkisson.

Mr. Conley recommended that the utility pay \$10,000 a month lease for six months while the property is appraised. If the sale closes within six months, any rent paid would be applied toward the purchase price. If the sale does not close in six months, OUA would forfeit all rent paid.

"The only thing good about this is that the rent will be applied toward the purchase price," stated Mr. Conley.

Originally the owner wanted \$30,000 for the first six months and \$50,000 for the last three months of a six month lease extension. A Jan. 12, letter from the

law firm representing the owner threatened litigation to settle the matter.

In addition to paying rent for six months, the agreement between OUA and the plant owner calls for the owner's appraiser to be paid a fee not to exceed \$20,000 to appraise the property while an appraiser of OUA's choosing would serve as consultant.

"I don't see us resolving this in four months" board member Frank Irby stated. He noted that the six month period started Jan. 1 and we are now in the month of February.

Mr. Hayford said the owner would not extend the six month agreement. He also said the owner would not name a price but wanted to go through with the appraisal process.

The Okeechobee County Property Appraiser has the 10 acre property valued at \$327,162. It is located north of Kings Bay surrounded by pasture without a good access to it.

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Four people charged with assault, battery

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

Four people were arrested Wednesday following a fight between several Hispanic males in which a machete and a board were reportedly used as weapons.

Arrested were: Fortunato Hernandez, 27; Marcos Hernandez, 14; Francisco Hernandez, 16; and Oscar Ramirez, 16. All are Okeechobee residents.

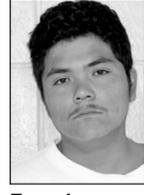
Fortunato Hernandez was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$2,500. Marcos Hernandez was charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Francisco Hernandez was charged with aggravated battery, while Ramirez was arrested on a felony charge of aggravated assault without intent to kill and a misdemeanor



Fortunato Hernandez



Marcos Hernandez



Francisco Hernandez



Oscar Ramirez

charge of battery.

After being booked into the county jail, the three teens were taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

In an arrest report by Deputy Joseph Hall, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Feb. 11 fight was over gang graffiti painted on the home of Fortunato Hernandez.

The report states a 16-year-old victim stated that he, his brother and a friend were walking in the 500 block of N.E. 64th Ave. when

a blue car pulled up. The teen said a man, later identified as Ramirez, got out of the car, retrieved a machete from the car's trunk and approached the teen's 12-year-old brother and accused him of painting the home with graffiti, continued the report.

The teen and his 16-year-old friend then tried to help the younger boy.

Deputy Hall's report states that two Hispanic males then got back into the car and went to a home on N.E. 11th Way. As the three teens continued walking and

neared that home, they saw four Hispanic males standing under a tree. The deputy's report goes on to state that Marcos Hernandez now had a machete in his hand, while Ramirez was armed with a piece of 2x4 and Francisco Hernandez had a piece of rope.

According to victim statements, Fortunato Hernandez was allegedly armed with a pocket-knife but Deputy Hall's report states that no pocketknife was ever found.

As the three victim reached the home, a fight broke out and one of the victims was struck in the back with the flat side of the machete by Marcos Hernandez, stated the report. The attacker then reportedly handed the machete to Francisco Hernandez and turned back to the victim and hit him in the mouth with his fist, the report added.

Deputy Hall stated the victim did have a red mark on his back as well as blood around a cut to

his lip.

During the fight Francisco Hernandez allegedly hit one of the victims in the side with the piece of wood.

According to the deputy's report, Fortunato Hernandez is the

older brother and guardian of Marcos Hernandez and Francisco Hernandez. Ramirez, continued the report, also lives with them.

Although deputies searched the area, Deputy Hall stated they found no machete.

Teen charged in tagging incident

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

A 17-year-old Okeechobee teen has been arrested for his alleged connection with a Feb. 2, gang tagging incident in Playland Park.

Andrew Mark Richards, N.W. 46th Ave., was arrested Sunday, Feb. 8, on a charge of felony criminal mischief. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

Richards was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then released into the custody of his mother.

An Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) arrest report states that deputies Donnie Holmes and Sarah Green were in the Playland Park area Sunday when they saw Richards walking in the 1600 block of N.W. 46th Terrace with another teenager.

The report indicates that Richards was a suspect in the Feb. 2,

incident, and that the teen is a member of a local gang. It was also determined by the deputies that the 16-year-old male teen with Richards is a member of the same gang.

According to the report, the deputies spoke with Richards and he agreed to accompany Deputy Green to the sheriff's office. After the teen got into Deputy Green's patrol unit, Deputy Holmes found a brown cigarette on the ground where Richards had been standing.

The cigarette and its green leafy contents were field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana, the report stated. The suspected marijuana weighed approximately 1 gram, said Deputy Holmes.

Gangs 'tag' areas by painting their gang insignias on structures or roadways to designate their 'turf.'

Man, teen charged in home burglary

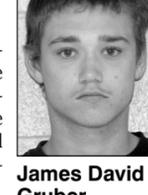
By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

A man and teenager were arrested in connection with a home break-in after the intruders reportedly hid under a bed when the homeowner returned then fled out the back door when the opportunity arose.

Arrested Tuesday, Feb. 10, were James David Gruber, 18, Okeechobee, and Johnathon Randall Jenkins, 15, N.W. Ninth Ave. Gruber was charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling and grand theft. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$7,500.

Jenkins was charged with burglary of a dwelling, grand theft, possession of burglary tools and possession of marijuana under 20 grams. He was booked into the



James David Gruber



Johnathon R. Jenkins

county jail then taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

According to an arrest report by Officer Kelley Muller, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), when the homeowner returned to his house around 9:52 a.m. Tuesday he noticed a window slightly open. When he looked in he saw a young black male with short 'dreads' and wearing a black T-shirt

and black shorts.

Officer Muller's report states the burglars had heard someone so they hid under a bed, then sometime later they ran from the house with the homeowner in pursuit. The officer goes on to state that while one suspect was running he dropped a white plastic bag that contained two compact discs, a charger, a box of jewelry and a flathead screwdriver. The contents were estimated to be valued at \$1,200, stated the officer's report.

The officer stated that Deputy Donald Ellis, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), arrived at the scene to help and later found Jenkins hiding in some bushes.

Officer Muller went on to state that a sweater allegedly belonging to Jenkins was found near a

fence. Inside the sweater the officer found an MP-3 player and a cell phone, stated the officer. These items were identified by the victim as belonging to a family member, added Officer Muller.

When Jenkins was searched he was found to be in possession of some cash and a plastic baggie that contained a green leafy substance. When field tested that substance indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. The suspected marijuana weighed .81 grams, the arrest report stated.

The officer's report states that 20 gold rings, seven gold bracelets, three gold necklaces and another MP-3 player were still missing.

Gruber was arrested shortly after 1 p.m. that same day, although the report does not indicate where he was found.

Family needs help with funeral costs

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

Donation containers have been set up at retail outlets around Okeechobee to help a local family with funeral expenses for their 3-year-old son.

The toddler, Savion Jones, died Sunday, Feb. 8, when a Ford F-350 pickup truck accidentally ran over him in the parking lot of the Town

Center Apartments, 1799 S. Parrott Ave., where the family lives.

Savion was riding his bicycle in the parking lot when he ran into the side of the dually pickup and was pulled under the rear wheels. A member of the family said the child's father was in the parking lot with Savion and was yelling at the driver of the truck to try and stop him from pulling out of the parking space.

The driver — Andres Soliz Jr., 29, of Clewiston — had backed into a parking space and the accident occurred as he was pulling out of the space around 11:45 a.m. Sunday.

A special account has also been established at Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory to help the family with burial expenses. Donations can either be left in containers around Okeechobee,

or at the funeral home.

For information on how to contribute, contact the funeral home at 863-763-1994.

Services for Savion will be held at the Buxton Funeral Home, 110 N.E. Fifth St., on Saturday, Feb. 14. The family will receive friends starting at noon, with the service beginning at 1 p.m. Interment will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

Okeechobee Arrest Report

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

- Julie Coon, 47, N.E. 101st Ave., Bronson, was arrested Feb. 10 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - possession of cocaine,

violation of probation - possession of marijuana under 20 grams and violation of probation - possession of alprazolam. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Melissa Smith, 24, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 10 by Deputy Sergeant J. Royal on Okeechobee Coun-

ty warrants charging her with amended violation of probation - grand theft, amended violation of probation - petit theft, amended violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia and amended violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance. She is being held without bond.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Mary Frances Beard

From the many who adore you

Still A Firecracker!

TO MY HUSBAND, MY VALENTINE
To the man that I fell in love with the moment I layed eyes on you.
From the very first day I knew something was special about you but little did I know at that time how special.

Words could never express my love for you honey. You are the husband that every girl dreams of growing up and spending the rest of her life with. Our love is what dreams and miracles are made of. You prove your love and dedication to your family every day through your self sacrifices and generosity. You are the most committed Father, Husband and Friend that I have ever known. You brighten my mornings with a **GOOD MORNING HONEY** and sweeten my dreams with an, **I LOVE YOU AND A TICKLE GOOD NIGHT!** Our futures were mapped for us even before we knew the roads we would travel, but there is no doubt that I took the right path because it lead me straight to you. I know it's been great from the start, but if you will grow old with me, I promise the best is yet to be...

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place.

Thanks for participating!

Gun Worries

BUY NOW: For those of you who were told, no worries about your guns, read House Bill 45, Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009. Read it and then if you want a new firearm, get it NOW.

GUN CONTROL: It's just another way for the government to invade our privacy. It also will make it easier for them to collect all our guns when they ban them altogether. The liberal communists in our government can't take over until the people are disarmed. This is just the first step in the overall plan.

Only in America

IMPORTS: Joe got up early, having set his alarm clock (MADE IN JAPAN) for 6 a.m. While his coffee pot (MADE IN CHINA) was perking, he shaved with his electric razor (MADE IN HONG KONG). He put on a dress shirt, (MADE IN SRI LANKA) designer jeans (MADE IN SINGAPORE) and tennis shoes. (MADE IN KOREA) After cooking his breakfast in his new electric skillet, (MADE IN INDIA) he sat down with his calculator (MADE IN MEXICO) to see how much money he could afford to spend today. After setting his watch (MADE IN TAIWAN), he left his home and got in his car (MADE IN GERMANY) and drove to the gas station and filled it up with gas (FROM SAUDI ARABIA) and went out to search for a good paying American job. At the end of yet another discouraging and fruitless day he returned home and was checking his email on his computer, (MADE IN MALAYSIA), and wondered why he could not find a good paying job in America.

TRADE: Thank Wild Bill Clinton and NAFTA for that.

WORKERS: The answer is simple -- all of those things still are made in America, or could be made in America once again, except their prices are or would be so high that even a good-paying job would not earn enough money to pay for them. So, you either flip hamburgers and struggle to buy foreign items, or you work in an American steel mill and struggle to buy American goods. The result is the same. Since most Americans are not willing to work as hard as Mexicans or Chinese or Malaysians, or do hard work for a little less money, they choose to flip hamburgers, instead. Nobody took those American products away, and none of those international companies forced us to buy their goods. It was the free market choice of Americans to buy foreign goods and force American companies to send their jobs overseas. It is only Americans who want "good paying" jobs but are not willing to pay the good prices for the products that result. It seems to be only Americans who do not understand that the good wages they expect raise the prices of the products they produce above what they can afford.

UNION: Americans need to support American-made goods. Yes you have to pay a little more. But it is worth it. Support businesses that pay people a decent wage. People get too greedy. If you buy something from a country that keeps workers in virtual slavery, you are supporting that system that keeps those people in that condition. If all you care about is how much something costs and you don't care what kind of working conditions there were in the factory where the item was made, you are part of the problem.

WORKERS: A big part of the problem with American business comes from the unions. They made so many demands that it was too expensive to keep factories in America open. Look at the auto industry. The unions were putting the American automakers out of business.

HONEST WORK: What's wrong with being a burger flipper? At least some of us who had nice paying jobs and careers aren't afraid to venture out and take a job that others would think is below them. I'm a little miffed that people always have to bring foreign workers into the equation with "Oh, they do jobs that Americans don't want to do." I'd like to believe when handed lemons, make lemonade."

What about this summer?

SLOW SEASON: What is going to happen this summer with our local economy? We always have slow summers but with all that's happened with the national economy, what are we going to be facing here? I know there are some new restaurants opening but when the snowbirds go home their business will drop off and hurt the ones that are already here.

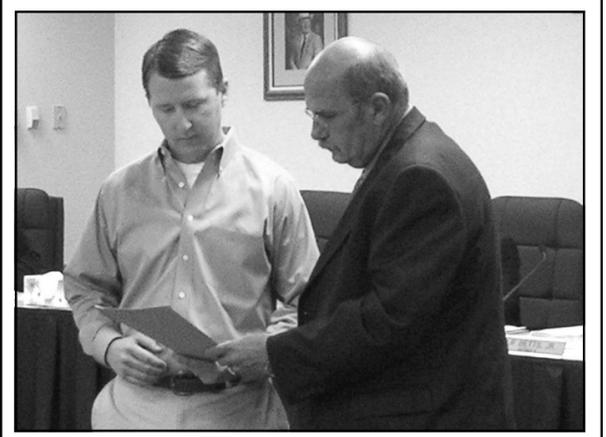
Obama's townhall meetings

AVERAGE INCOME: If the average American makes under \$50,000 per year why doesn't the president of the United States order everyone in Washington to do the same - then put them on a 32 hour work week (pay adjusted of course) like regular folks who are suffering through the mess they created. That way they can see what it is like. I'll bet they will come up with a REAL stimulus package then."

OUT OF TOUCH: It's those with a "comfortable" life style with no worries trying to fix it. They wouldn't know what to do if they were in the same situation that most of America is right now.

POLITICS: The way elections are handled now, the only people who have a chance are millionaires. And they don't have any concept what the rest of us are dealing with. It's just like in the Great Depression. Herbert Hoover was president and he was very wealthy. He apparently could not understand what the average American was going through, and could not understand why people hated him and ridiculed him at the time.

MEETINGS: I think it is rather wasteful for the president to fly around the country holding these meetings. Why doesn't he just tell the Congress to cut all of the special interest pork out of the budget so they can all get to work? He should be meeting with his fellow Democrats and convince them to put personal interests aside and quit treating the stimulus bill like Santa Claus.



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National Engineer's Week

At their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12 Okeechobee County Commissioners proclaimed the week of Feb. 15-21 to be National Engineer's Week in Okeechobee County. Commission chairman Cliff Betts, right, presented a copy of the proclamation to Paul Bangs, left, vice president of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society.

Letters to the Editor

Good Samaritan

Imagine me - a former Navy man going out on the water in my newly acquired pontoon boat and not checking my gas tank.

It was a beautiful afternoon, so I, our friends Jim and Annadeen Rooney and my wife decided to take a pleasure trip up Taylor Creek to the Hwy 70 bridge. We were about three fourth of the way back when I felt a slight hesitation in the motor -- then it quit. No way I could be out of gas when I just put about 3 gallons in the tank a few days ago and had not gone anywhere since. How far would that take us? Well I was about to find out.

I asked my friend Jim to check the gas and prime the tank. He did and the motor started. But in just a moment it quit again. He said he didn't think there was any more gas in the tank. How right he was!

Thank God there were couple of fellows fishing nearby, and came to our rescue. They towed us to a boat dock, supplied me with gas, and I could be on my way. But not before I tried to pay him for his gas and also for the help he, his son and daughter provided to us. He would not take it.

There are still a lot of wonderful people in this world and three of them, Lance Powers and his family are just some of them in Okeechobee.

We don't know where Lance lives, but we appreciate his kindness and want to publicly thank him from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks Lance and family.

Bob and Elaine Ott

Stimulus package questioned

Stimulus = noun = Something causing or regarded as causing a response. An agent,

action, or condition that elicits or accelerates a physiological or psychological activity. Something that incites or rouses to action; ie; a stimulus to the imagination. A good.

So now that we have an interpretation of the word "STIMULUS" how many of you know how to put it into action?

According to our government, we need to allow the big companies going through tough times with the rest of us to get a big pile of money so they can stay in business. What's wrong with this picture?

First: The blue collar workers were the first to be leg go when the big money company execs couldn't afford their lifestyles, let the little man go and put more money in their own pockets.

Second: When they found they couldn't run their businesses without the little man, they let their businesses run down. Poor quality products, poor workmanship, very poor ethics and absolutely no compassion for the family of the little man they let go. So let's milk the public with a plea of, "If you give us money to run our business we can hire back the little man."

What do you think they're really going to do with all that STIMULUS? Build more expensive cars that no one can afford except them? Build more big seashore homes that will eventually wash into the ocean? How does this help anyone except them?

As one of the little "men," (I am a woman) I have had to learn to do things more economically. I was not laid off. My job ended as it was always intended; God called my friend home. While I miss the income I took for granted, I miss my friend more. Anyway, I am not actively seeking work. I am doing my own stimulus. I am using my imagination by cutting back on things I don't absolutely need. I have always cooked, so I don't spend

money on instant foods. I was the laundry during the non-peak hours and if it's nice out, hang it out to dry. I wash dishes by hand instead of using the dishwasher. I have unplugged everything in the house and only plug it back in when I need to use it, this will cut my electric bill greatly. (I do not unplug the stove or refrigerator.)

The struggling economy has aroused me to action. I have always saved a little, now I save a little more. I quit giving my grown children handouts every time they get in a bind. Let them learn how to spend more wisely.

I shop the farmers' market because it's cheaper than the grocery store, no middle man to pay. When things are on sale I buy enough for us and enough to share with local ministries. I do not own a car. I gave it away three years ago to someone who needed it more than I did, so we only have to pay insurance for my husbands truck and fuel it up once a week.

Now, here's a big secret, do you remember when gas went up over \$3 a gallon? People all but quit buying gas and found alternative ways to get around! BINGO! STIMULUS! And what happened? The gas prices

dropped like hot potatoes. The same thing will happen when you do not support the Big man and his pocket book. Shop with the little businessman, shop wisely, walk around instead of driving, your town is a great place, see the sights, enjoy your neighbors and help them when you can, mow your own grass, it's good exercise, ask my husband.

Almighty God gave us so much starting with brains and minds of our own, let's use them. Go to church and fellowship. I love our church! We never run out of things to do. When I start feeling down, I think of all the other people who have bigger problems than mine and I pray for them, that always lifts my spirits because they will get a blessing from God because I prayed for them and I will get a blessing too. Ain't God great?

Everything will be alright if we leave it in the hands of the Lord. Don't try to fix what is beyond you. Work with what you have and trust in God to see you through, He will never fail you.

Peace, love and prayers to all of you,
Cheryl Gawda

Community Calendar

Friday

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. Anyone interested in a sensible approach to losing weight and becoming a part of a caring group is welcome to come and see what we are all about. For information, contact Ollie Morcret at 800-932-8677.

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

A.A. meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. This is an open meeting.

A.A. meets from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. This is an open speaker meeting.

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

Restoration ministries meets the second Friday of each month to help with addictions, depression, etc., at 7 p.m. For more information call Miss Kathy at 863-357-9083.

Saturday

Worship in Song at the Living Word of Faith Church of Okeechobee, 1902 S. Parrott Ave., on the second Saturday of the month beginning at 6 p.m. There is no charge to attend and all Christian singers and musicians are welcome to take part. For information, contact the church at 863-763-6869; Pastor Lee Minton at 863-763-3373; or, Sister Yvonne Price at 863-467-6657.

Teen Talk from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Mission, 1401 N.E. Park St. Every teen is invited. Topics of education include: AIDS; free HIV testing; STDs; personal issues; domestic violence; abstinence; abuse of drugs; sex abuse; plus, educational materials and prevention tools. Call 863-634-9340 or 863-357-6248, for information.

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **A.A.** weekend noon; **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group 7 p.m.; **N.A.** Nowhere Left To Go Group open discussion 8 p.m. The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. It will be a closed discussion.

The Society of Young Magicians will meet from 10 until 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Avon Park. For information, call Dick Laneau at 863-467-9540 or 727-345-4323.

Barnyard Buddies meets from 10 a.m. until noon at the County 4-H Extension office at 458 U.S. 98 N. Everyone who would like to be part of the Barnyard Buddies is invited, or you can sign up at the Okeechobee County 4-H Extension office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. For information, call the extension office at 863-763-6469.

The Living Word of Faith, 1902 S. Parrott Ave., gospel music sing at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-6869.

Sunday

A.A. meeting from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open step meeting.

A.A. open 12 step meeting from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St.

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Pet of the Week

Candie is a Labrador Retriever/Dachshund mix, a young little girl born in October of 2008. Candie has made a strong comeback from being neglected. She and her siblings were rescued just in time before there would be permanent damage. She is pretty easy going. Call Humane Society Pet Rescue Fl at 863-532-1110 in Okeechobee. Adoption fee \$135.

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In Remembrance

At their meeting on Thursday, Feb. 12 Okeechobee County Commissioners paid tribute to Commissioner Marvin Wherrell who passed away Dec. 23, 2008. Taking part in the memorial were, left to right, Dixie Ball, Commissioner Wherrell's daughter, Chad Wherrell, Commissioner Wherrell's son, Sandra Wherrell, Commissioner Wherrell's widow, Cliff Betts, commission chairman and commissioners Noel Betts, Margaret Helton and Ray Domer. Commissioner Betts presented Mrs. Wherrell with a plaque commemorating her late husband's service to the county, his name plate, his last agenda book and a cap that read "Touched by the Master" as well as flowers.

March of Dimes plans March for Babies

Okeechobee is gearing up for the March of Dimes, March for Babies, less than a month away, on Saturday, March 7, but more help is needed. The local March of Dimes coordinator Laura McCall and divisional director Pam Crowley spoke to the Okeechobee Rotarians on Tuesday, Feb. 10, about how they too can help fight premature births.

As many know, the March of Dimes had its beginning as the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to fight polio. Comedian Eddie Cantor coined the phrase "March of Dimes" (playing on the popular newsreel feature "The March of Time"), appealing to radio listeners all over the country to send their dimes directly to the White House. The campaign proved to be hugely successful. The National Foundation later officially changed its name to the March of Dimes.

With funding from the March of Dimes, a polio vaccine was developed. The March of Dimes occupies a unique place in American history. Its efforts to provide care for the victims of polio while aggressively working to develop vaccines against it, represents the first large-scale, nationwide biomedical initiative, led by a charitable organization. It also helped make the volunteer movement an integral part of the fabric of American life.

Rotarians had a very large part in the eradication of polio and still continue to conduct their Polio-Plus campaign to eradicate Polio from the Earth.

Just as the March of Dimes met and defeated the challenge of polio, it then went on to fund cutting-edge research and innovative programs to save babies from birth defects, premature birth and low birth weight. For reasons largely unknown, more than 460,000 babies are born prematurely in the U.S. every year, many so small that their lives hang in the balance. These premature babies can suffer lifelong consequences such as mental retardation, blindness, chronic lung disease and cerebral palsy. While most survive, some are so tiny that doctors can't save them.

When you join March for Babies 2009, you will be joining compassionate people nationwide who care about saving babies. March for Babies participants are special people and can participate as either individuals or teams. To date, the following teams have registered for March for Babies 2009: Bank of America; Beth Suggs Accounting; Cassels and McCall; Eckerd Intensive Halfway House; Edward Jones Investments; Everglades Elementary; Padley Law; Gilbert Chevrolet; Healthy Start Coalition; National City Bank; North Elementary; Okeechobee Schools Transportation Bus Buddies;

Okeechobee Juvenile Offender Correction Center; Okeechobee High School BETA Club; Osceola Middle School; Peach Lutheran Church and School; Publix #118; Riverside National Bank; Seacoast National Bank; Seminole Elementary; Seminole Tribe of Florida; South Elementary; Stepping Stones Academy; The Chobee Mommas; Wemmer Family Orthodontics; and Yearling Middle School.

Several levels of March for Babies sponsorship are available at

national, regional and local levels. Benefits can be customized to meet your company's marketing needs and objectives, and all levels deliver great visibility. To date, the event has the following sponsors: Bank of America; Cassels & McCall; Clif Betts; Jr.; Colin M. Cameron Esquire; Okeechobee Motor Co.; Publix #118; Seacoast National Bank; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Visiting Nurses Association; and Wemmer Family Orthodontics.

It's not too late to register a

team, sign up as an individual, or take advantage of sponsorship opportunities.

For more information, call Cindy Hernandez at 772-562-0115 or Laura McCall at 863-763-3131,

or contact any of the members of the March for Babies Committee: Shelly Botton, Jennifer Cannon, Karen Cassels, Cindi Fairtrace, Patricia McWhorter, Susan Pilgrim, Cheryl Zrioka, or Sharon Vinson.



Submitted photo/March of Dimes
The March of Dimes began working to find a cure for polio in 1939. In 1954, more than 1,830,000 children participated in the Salk vaccine field trial organized and funded by the March of Dimes. The local March for Babies will be held on Saturday, March 7, in Flagler Park.

Emergency Food and Shelter Board meets

The local Emergency Food and Shelter Board will meet on Feb. 17, at 5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, room 21, 200 N.W. Second Street.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Local Board Chair, Mary Anne Swinford

at 863-763-5725 by Feb. 16, before 5 p.m. to determine eligibility.

A National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consists of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches in Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and

the United Way. The local board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs around the country.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: be private voluntary non-

profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Coquina board discusses easements

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Coquina Board of Supervisors met on Wednesday morning Feb. 11. Board Attorney Tony Young discussed the progress be-

ing made with easement swaps on property owned by J5 Ranch. He also discussed the situation with property owners who have put fences across Coquina easements.

Chairman Melvin Byars talked

about redoing a section of ditch on 4 Mile Road and using that section to develop specifications for other ditch work.

The board discussed ways to work with Embarq in moving underground telephone cables

in places where ditch and culvert work would be done.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

Artfest deadline nears

Call to artists for the 2009 Top of the Lake Art Fest! There is still time to enter this great event that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28, and March 1, in beautiful downtown Okeechobee, Flagler Park 3 and 4.

Adult and student artists are invited to show their work in this true juried art show. The deadline for entry is Feb. 20. Entry forms and rules can be obtained on Okeechobee Main Street's website: www.mainstreetokeechobee.com or pick up at the Main Street office located at 111 NE 2nd Street.

The public is invited to join in the fun at Okeechobee Main Street's Third Annual Top of the Lake Art Fest. It will be a relaxing weekend and will feature artists from Okeechobee as well as National artists who will be showing and selling their award winning art. This is a great opportunity to purchase original fine art. This is not a corporate traveling art festival, it is an Okeechobee Main Street event to promote fine art here in Okeechobee.

Along with the booth artists, there will be an adult and student gallery tent featuring local artists. These works of art will also be judged and will be for sale.

Featured artist Diane Hall, who won the 2009 Top of the Lake Art Poster award will be in the park to meet the public. The official 2009 Top of the Lake Art poster will be on sale.

This year's event will feature two days of entertainment featuring Grammy nominated Jeanie Fitchen, winner of the 2001 Florida Folk Festival Heritage award; nationally recognized flautist Carl Adams; the award winning Sounds of Sebring Barbershop Quartet; local accomplished violinist Thomas Tsaggaris; Leslie's Dance Studio; and on Sunday afternoon, South Florida's premier contemporary musician and entertainer Billy Bones will be in concert. More information on all the entertainers can be found on the Okeechobee Main Street web site.

There will be art activities for kids of all ages and artists will also be doing demonstrations. The public will have the opportunity to enter an art raffle to win original fine art donated by local artists. And of course there will be a variety of great food.

This is an Okeechobee Main Street event and also sponsored

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Community Events

Memorial fund set up for family of Cancer victim

A special fund has been set up for the family of Julie Ann San Miguel Ming of Okeechobee who recently lost her battle with Cancer. Donations can be made at any Riverside Bank branch on deposit account #10000434310 under the name of Angela Borkowski, the victim's daughter.

2010 Lake Okeechobee Calendar Photo Contest

Calling all shutterbugs! The South Florida Water Management District's Okeechobee Service Center is seeking Lake Okeechobee, Lake Istokpoga and Lower Kissimmee River Basin area digital photographs for the 2010 Lake Okeechobee Area calendar. Winning images will be published as the featured monthly photos. Entry forms and contest rules are available on our website at: www.sfwmd.gov/okee -- select "Info & Education." This contest is open to amateur photographers only; individuals may submit up to three digital photos until **July 31, 2009**. Please call 863-462-5260 with any questions.

Yard sale to aid OCSO dispatcher

A yard sale and dinner will be held Saturday, **March 14**, on property on U.S. 441 S. at S.W. 21st St. to help defray medical costs incurred by Harry Slayton, a dispatcher with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). The yard sale will begin at 8 a.m. and the chicken dinner will start at 11 a.m. Each dinner is \$7. For information, or if you have something to donate for the yard sale, contact Major Noel Stephen, Robyn Cook, Juanita White or Tonya Jewell at the sheriff's office, 863-763-3117.

Benefit planned for family of crash victim

A benefit is planned to help the family of crash victim, Gabe Painter who died as a result of an auto crash on Feb. 7. The benefit event will be held at the softball field near Yearling Middle School and will feature horseshoes, softball games, a drawing, food and more. All donations are welcome. All proceeds will benefit the family. Donations can also be made to a special account set up at Seacoast National Bank under the name of Marquita Fruge, the victim's mother. For more information, please contact Tina at 561-718-2043 or Amanda at 863-697-3107.

Shrine Club hosts Sweetheart Dance

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, on S.R. 78 W., will host a Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, Feb. 14. Happy hour will begin at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served starting at 6 p.m. The menu consists of chicken or ribs, baked potato, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls and coffee or tea. The dance, with music by Jim Elder, will follow dinner. Tickets are \$15 each. For information, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378 or Mac Simpson at 863-484-04271.

Highlands Social Club

The Highlands Social Dance Club hosts ballroom dancing on Friday, **Feb. 13**, from 7:30 p.m. at the Sebring Lions Club on Sebring Parkway. Music will be provided by the Big Band Sound of The Skylarks. 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 \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. For more information call 863-471-0559.

Church holds 'Valentines' gospel sing

Believers Fellowship Church, 300 S.W. Sixth Street, will hold a "Valentines" gospel sing on Friday, **Feb. 13**, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited. A love offering will be collected. All local and northern singers. For more information call 863-763-6848.

Hospice holds clearance sale

Hospice of Okeechobee is having a sale Friday, **Feb. 13**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. It will be held at the Blue Hospice Volunteer Building on S.E. Fourth Street, next to the Hammick Home. All monies raised will go towards patient care here in Okeechobee, including services provided at the Hammick Home. For more information call Debbie at 863-467-2321.

Church to present 'Fireproof' movie

Cornerstone Baptist Church will present, "Fireproof," a marriage strengthening movie for couples on Saturday, **Feb. 14**, at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided. The church is located at 18387 441 North. Please call the church office to reserve childcare space. There is no charge for the movie or childcare. For more information, please call 863-763-3338.

Adopt a sweet pet this Valentine's Day

The Animal Emergency and Referral Center of Fort Pierce and the Humane Society of St. Lucie County are teaming up to help pets find new homes. On Saturday, **Feb. 14**, the Animal Emergency and Referral Center is offering to pay for all adoption fees for the first three qualified pet adoptions. In addition to paying for the adoptions (which include spaying or neutering, micro chipping and routine vaccinations), the Animal Emergency and Referral Center will also pay the premiums on these three adoptions for pet health and wellness care insurance for a full year. The insurance will assist pet owners with their medical care expenses at most Treasure Coast veterinary hospitals during the adopter's first year of ownership. If you already own a dog, please bring it to meet the dog you might be adopting to make sure they get along. If you rent your home, your landlord will have to okay the adoption of the animal. Make sure you have his/her contact information. A short interview will be conducted after the steps mentioned above. The shelter is located at 100 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Our email is drylman@animalemergency.net, phone 772-466-3441.

BHR W.O.T.M. holds dinner/dance

The Buckhead Ridge Women of the Moose will hold a Valentine "dinner/dance" on **Feb. 14**. Menu will be a choice of swiss steak or Cornish hen with au gratin potatoes, green beans, jello salad and ice cream, dinner will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Sue Conner from 6 until 11 p.m. The dinner/dance is open to members and qualified guests. Dinner tickets are available for a \$9 donation at the door and \$8 in advance. For more information call 863-467-0064.

Grace Brethren holds Valentines event

The Okeechobee Grace Brethren Church will have a Valentine get together Saturday, **Feb. 14**, from 5 until 8 p.m. Come join us for fellowship, fun, food and music. Call 863-763-7800 for more information, directions and to R.S.V.P. This is a free event. The public is invited.

Radio discusses opening a small business

Saturday, **Feb. 14**, at 7:30 a.m. on 91.7 FM and 100.3 FM, will have guests Donna Rivett, Assistant Dean of Industrial Education, Indian River State College (IRSC) and Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at IRSC, along with John (Jack) Burns, Certified Business Analyst and Assistant Director of SBDC at IRSC. They will be discussing counseling for people contemplating opening a small business and for established small business owners. This talk will be rebroadcast at 1 and 6 p.m. For more information call 772-462-7656 or email www.Floridasbdc.org.

Ballroom dance class to begin

A class in swing will begin Saturday, **Feb. 14** in the Parrish Hall at Church of Our Saviour at 200 N.W. Third Street. The class is from 4 until 5 p.m. and cost \$10 per person. Robert Scott of Indian River Ballroom in Vero Beach is the instructor. It is not necessary that you have a partner for the class. Mr. Scott offers four weeks of instruction in a particular dance then lets the group select the next dance that they wish to have instruction in. He is also available for individual instruction. For more information call Robert Scott at 772-794-9040 or email at fxtsccott@comcast.net.

Obituaries

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

Jerry Wright McDonald

OKEECHOBEE — Jerry Wright McDonald, age 97 of Okeechobee his Father called him Home, Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in Raulerson Hospital.

Born Sept. 27, 1911, to the late Jim and Mary Pasco McDonald in Perry, Ga., he had been a resident of Okeechobee for the past 28 years. He loved working outdoors and playing checkers with his friends.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 23 years, Lillie of Okeechobee; son, Robert Lee (Cindy) of Indiantown; daughter, Sandra of Port St. Lucie; sister, Lucille Mitchell of Indian Town; and six grandchildren. In addition he is survived by a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

There will be no visitation or services. All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee.

Cynthia Charlotte Daniels, 61

OKEECHOBEE — Cynthia Charlotte Daniels, age 61, of Okeechobee, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009, in Palm Beach Hospice.

Born Sept. 17, 1947, in Geneseo, N.Y., she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1996 and was a member of the Okeechobee Airboat Association.

She is survived by her husband, Pete Daniels of Okeechobee; son, Jody Clapper of Georgia; stepdaughter, Stacy Nuenschwander of Palm Beach Gardens; and sister, Rebecca Grow (Terry) of West Palm Beach.

There will be no visitation or services. All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee.

Donald H. Williams, 78

D'IBERVILLE, Miss. — Donald H. Williams of D'Iberville, formerly of Okeechobee, Fla., went home to be with the lord on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009, in his home. He was 78.

He was born on Aug. 26, 1930, in Danbury, Conn., to Oscar and Ruth Williams. After graduating from high school, he joined the Air Force and after serving one year was honorably discharged. He retired from Florida Power and Light in 1990 after 35 years.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Susan Williams; daughter, Bonnie (David) Kinchen; sons, Ronald (Donna) Williams, and Richard (Denise) Doss; stepdaughter, Lynn (Eskel) McKuhen; stepsons, Gary Eaves and Terry (Christine) Eaves; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was a 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Lake Worth, Past Master of Okeechobee Lodge No 237 F&AM (2003) and Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 128.

A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at the Masonic Lodge No. 237, 107 NW 5th Ave., Okeechobee, Fla. All friends and family are invited.

Sign guestbooks at <http://www.legacy.com>

Boy Scouts selling discount cards

The Boy Scout Troop 964 are selling Scout Honor Discount cards until mid February. For only \$20 you can get savings of up to 50 percent from over 200,000 locations across the United States. Some locations here in Okeechobee that offer the discounts are: Big Lake Eye Care, The UPS Store, Beltone, Roto Rooter Plumbers, and more. For more information or to purchase one of these discount cards call Alison Hudson at 863-634-8628.

Carol Viola Plymesser

OKEECHOBEE — Carol Viola Plymesser, age 70, of Okeechobee, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009, in Martin Memorial Hospital.

Born July 22, 1938, in Wisconsin she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1976 and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Moose, and Eagles.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Sherry Plymesser.

She is survived by her son, Scott Plymesser (Bruna); and grandson, Danny Plymesser, all of Italy.

There will be no visitation or services. All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 North East 5th Street, Okeechobee.

Cecilia 'Dee' Raulerson

OKEECHOBEE — Cecilia "Dee" Raulerson, 70, of Okeechobee and Jupiter, passed away Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, in Jupiter.

Survivors include her daughter, Linda (Glen) Weidenfeller; son, James (Dot) Riley; one granddaughter; two brothers and extended family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at her daughter's home on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County, 5300 East Ave, West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Arrangements were by Edgley Cremation Services, West Palm Beach.

James Vincent Panico

OKEECHOBEE — James Vincent Panico, age 70, of Okeechobee died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009, in Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

Born June 11, 1938, in Chicago, Ill. he had been a resident of Okeechobee the last six years.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Panico.

He is survived by his son, Anthony Panico (Lara) of Port St. Lucie; daughters, Susan Rodriguez (Carlos) of Alamogodo, N.M., and Charlotte Panico, Debbie Panico both of Illinois; stepson, James Corbitt of Henderson, Nev.; grandchildren, Jimmy, Guy, Tiffany, Joanna, Kyle and Brandon; great-grandchildren, Gabriel, and Daniel; brother, Ben Panico of Glendale Heights, Ill.; sister, Connie Pardus of Lena, Ill.; and mother, Rose Panico of Glendale Heights, Ill.

There will be no visitation or services. All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee.

Valentine's Teen Dance Party

A Valentine's Day Teen Dance Party will be held on Sunday, **Feb. 15**, at Pier II from 6-10 p.m. Ages 12-15 are welcome. The cost is \$7. A live D.J. will play the latest hip-hop! Admission includes dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Okeechobee Communities in Schools. For more information, call Teresa Chandler at 863-697-6819.

Flag Football league meeting set

There will be an organizational meeting for flag football team managers on Monday, **Feb. 16**, at 6 p.m. at the Okeechobee Civic Center. Individuals without a full team are welcome to come. For questions or more information, please call the Recreation Department at 863-763-6950. Officials with some experience in flag football, please call.

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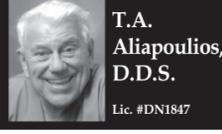
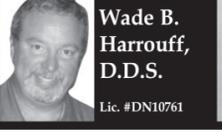
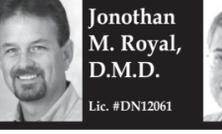
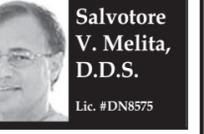
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Postal service mailing prices due to increase

WASHINGTON -- The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service have approved new prices for mailing services, including a 2-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp to 44 cents. Prices for mailing services are reviewed annually and adjusted each May. The new prices will go into effect Monday, May 11.

Customers can continue to mail letters at today's prices by purchasing the Forever Stamp before May 11. Forever Stamps were developed to help consumers ease the transition during price changes. Forever Stamps do not have a denomination and will be honored whenever they are used with no need for additional postage for a one-ounce letter mailing. On May 11 the price of the Forever Stamp will be 44 cents.

The new prices are available at usps.com/prices.

Rising operational costs make the price adjustments necessary; the increase tracks the 2008 rate of inflation. "The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs which are affecting homes and businesses across America today," said Postmaster General John Potter. "Even with the increases, the Postal Service continues to offer some of the lowest postage prices in the world."

For the average household, the First-Class Mail stamp price change will represent an additional \$3 over the course of the year. When compared to annual increases in other household expenses, such as groceries, healthcare and utilities, the Postal Service continues to be an economical choice for shipping

and mailing during tough economic times. For First-Class Mail, there will be no changes in the current additional ounce price, which remains at 17 cents.

"Whether you're a consumer or run a business, the Postal Service continues to offer a good deal during a time when we're all looking for ways to save," said Stephen M. Kearney, senior vice president for customer relations. "Our range of shipping and mailing options and low prices make the Postal Service the smart and easy choice."

The Postal Service has taken bold steps in recent years to adapt products and services to meet changing economic realities and the ways businesses operate and consumers live today. In Post Offices across the country and through usps.com, the Post-

Service offers businesses and consumers easier access, quicker transactions, greater convenience and on-time delivery. The Postal Service set record on-time delivery scores for the delivery of First-Class Mail in 2008 and was voted by consumers as the most trusted government agency for the fifth consecutive year.

An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that reaches every address in the nation, 146 million homes and businesses, six days a week. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services, not tax dollars, to pay for operating expenses. The Postal Service has annual revenue of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

12 Hours of Sebring race promises epic battle

One of the greatest prototype battles in the six-decade history of Sebring International Raceway is anticipated when the green flag drops on Saturday, March 21, for the 57th Annual Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida.

Every year Sebring's 12-hour classic kicks-off the American Le Mans Series season, attracting North America's finest entry of sports car racing endurance teams to battle on the grueling 3.7-mile road course that originated from a World War II training base for

B-17 crews.

This year will be something special for the tens of thousands of fans attending "America's Le Mans." At the front of the Sebring field, three manufacturers, Audi, Peugeot and Acura, will fight to win America's greatest sports car classic.

Audi will debut two new R15 diesel-powered prototypes. Among the drivers will be eight-time Le Mans winner Tom Kristensen, who is tied for the most overall Sebring victories with four. Audi has won seven of the last Sebring races.

Acura will also introduce a new prototype as well. Patron Highcroft Racing and de Ferran Motorsports have enlisted a stellar lineup of drivers for each entry, including Indy 500 winners Scott Dixon, Dario Franchitti and Gil de Ferran.

Peugeot returns to Sebring with a revised version of its diesel-powered closed-top prototype. Peugeot set the fastest race lap at Sebring in 2008 and led the early

portion of the race before suffering mechanical difficulties. They will be attempting to become the first French manufacturer to win at Sebring.

"Last year, Sebring fans witnessed an all-time record with 27 lead changes among seven cars," stated Sebring Raceway President and General Manager Tres Stephenson. "This year should be even more exciting. And the GT field looks equally competitive with Corvette, Ferrari, Porsche, and BMW among the top entries. Never before have we heard so much excitement coming from our ticket buyers."

Tickets to the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring are available online at sebringraceway.com or by calling 800-626-7223. Tickets purchased by Feb. 13, result in significant savings. After that date, gate prices will apply.

Gates open on March 18 and remain open 24 hours a day through Saturday's Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Fresh from Florida.

AT&T Mobility to add nearly 100 new cell sites

As people's lives become increasingly mobile and fast-paced, AT&T Mobility is expanding its Florida network to help customers keep up with the speed of life. The company has announced it plans to add some 100 new cell sites throughout Florida in 2009, and nearly 600 throughout the Southeast Region. The planned sites are part of AT&T Mobility's ongoing expansion of its third-generation (3G) network, the nation's fastest 3G network, according to recent data compiled by leading independent wireless research firms.

"Our mission is to connect people with their world, everywhere they live and work, and to do it better than anyone else," said Marshall Criser, III, president, AT&T Florida. "The investment we're making in Florida will help us fulfill this vision."

AT&T Mobility has invested nearly \$725 million in its Florida network since 2006. As part of its 2009 investment, the company plans to introduce 3G service in Ocala, Panama City, St. Augustine, Palm Coast, Palatka, and Lake City and expand its 3G footprint in Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Daytona Beach, Cape Canaveral and Melbourne.

The AT&T Mobility 3G network delivers LaptopConnect users typical downlink speeds ranging between 700 kilobits per second (Kbps) and 1.7 megabits per second (Mbps), and faster uplink speeds ranging between 500 Kbps and 1.2 Mbps. The supercharged network opens the door to a new era of advanced mobile services, devices and feature-rich audio and video content, such as AT&T Video ShareSM, a first-of-its-kind technology that allows users to share live video during a wireless call.

"Our 3G service delivers an 'in-building' experience while on the go," said Rich Guidotti, vice president and general manager, South Florida AT&T Mobility and Consumer Services. "Customers can view videos from their favorite shows, play games, download music, check the stock market or simply read and write e-mail as if they were sitting at home or in the office."

The company's 2009 network build-out plan includes approximately 30 new sites in South Florida, 25 in West Florida, 20 in Central Florida and 25 in North Florida. Okeechobee County is one of the areas that will benefit from the expanded coverage.



Submitted photo/Raulerson Hospital

Wellness award

Roger Schultz was the recipient of the Raulerson Hospital 30 day Physical Therapy "Wellness Award," accepting the certificate that he won at the Okeechobee County Health and Safety Fair. Presenting the award for Raulerson Hospital is Bill Casian, Director of Marketing/Public Relations.

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ing them know her. As an educator, she believes that she cannot expect her students to continue to seek and acquire new knowledge without setting the same high expectations for herself. She works to enhance her professional development by staying involved in all workshops and councils on mathematics that she can.

While math is not text-driven, there are many ways that she integrates literacy into her classroom including a thematic word wall that focuses on both Latin and Greek prefixes that denote numerical amounts.

Mrs. Goggans works with struggling math students and helps convince them that they can achieve and that they can learn math.

In other regular business, the board approved the Seminole Elementary classroom building construction bid submitted by Borran Craig Barber Engle Construction in the amount of \$2,152,929. According to the Director of Operations, Dale Barrett, the project came in below cost due to the economy and companies bidding to make sure that they get a job in these hard times. The project will cost the district approximately \$90 per square foot, which is even lower than the South Elementary addition which was built in 2000 at \$97.33 per square foot.

The company is out of Naples and comes with very reputable references. The cost of this building coming in under budget more than makes up for the additional costs that the district will incur for the MIS building. The SEM addition will be 24,004 square feet and take 12 months to build.

The low-based bids for custodial services for the district offices and for the multipurpose building which houses the food service office, transportation department and maintenance department both went to All and All Cleaning,

Inc. for \$783.08 for the district offices and \$783.33 for the multipurpose building.

Scott's Quality Cleaning holds the low-base bid for the Freshman Campus Auditorium in the amount of \$440.

According to Mr. Barrett, the cleaning contracts were bid out this year to see what the district could possibly save with other companies due to the economy. The contracts have a 30-day clause for the district to make sure that they work out.

The district will also be saving some money this year by their approval of a cancellation of the Honeywell agreement. This cancellation will save the district \$32,000 a year in addition to the savings they have incurred just

by converting the air conditioning systems to twist timers. The electrical savings for just Yearling Middle School was over \$12,000 in only three months once the conversion was complete.

In other business, the board approved the advertisement of several different policy changes being spurred as a result of Senate Bill 1712, Ethics in Education.

The first section for this bill falls under Complaints Against Employees. School boards are required to have a policy in place for the reporting of complaints against school board employees that affect the health, safety or welfare of students.

Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cooper also added that she has had a lengthy discussion with the

Okeechobee County Education Association and a memorandum of understanding will be written to put in writing full awareness that nothing will be placed in a personnel file without full investigation and full awareness of the employee.

The second advertisement concerns Professional Ethics with a policy which addresses adherence to ethical standards by school personnel.

Also as a result of Senate Bill 1712, the board approved advertisement of a policy regarding Violation of local, state and/or federal laws. This policy details reporting procedures for any violation of laws by school board employees.

The last policy advertisement concerns the Report of Misconduct which will provide guidelines for mandatory reporting and in-

vestigation of employee misconduct that affects the health, safety or welfare of students. This policy details the Superintendent's responsibilities for this reporting and also explains a direct penalty to the Superintendent if it is not done correctly.

The board also voted to donate five sets of bleachers that are not usable for the school system due to the need for repairs to the county as they requested. The county is aware that they need to be welded in areas and fixed before they are used. County Administrator Lyndon Bonner requested that the bleachers be donated to the county.

OCEA President Candy Walker also spoke to the board concerning an upcoming education rally in Orlando at the University of Central Florida arena on Saturday,

Feb. 28. OCEA has chartered buses for this event and is now taking seat reservations. The buses will leave from the district offices at 8 a.m. The rally will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and return around 4:30 p.m.

The rally involves taking a stand to Make Our Schools a Priority, mandates from the state legislature with little or no funding attached are passed down too often according to the OCEA.

This rally will allow you to watch videos, get the latest news and spread the truth about the current state of education in Florida. Visit www.MakeOurSchoolsPriority.org for more information about the cause.

If you would like to attend contact the OCEA offices asap 863-467-1564 to reserve your seat(s) for the event.

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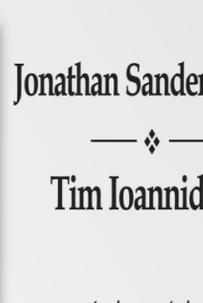
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Call to Artists for the 2009 **Top of the Lake Art Fest!** **Deadline is Feb. 20,** for both the Adult and Student Division. Applications and instructions may be picked up at the Okeechobee Main Street Office 111 N.E. Second Street, Okeechobee or online at www.mainstreetokeechobee.com.

The Top of the Lake Art Fest will take place on Feb. 28 and March 1. Call Bridgette at 863-467-7300 or email at: bridgette-mainstreet@earthlink.net for more information.

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The Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will sponsor a **free Grant Writers Workshop - GRANTS 101 - on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.** This free workshop will be held at the Freshman Campus Auditorium. Seating is limited to thirty participants. Call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000 ext. 257 for registration information.

Becky Smith from the Healthy Start Coalition is raising money for the March of Dimes. Becky will bake all night on Feb. 13 and pastries will be available for pick up on the morning of Feb. 14, at **Pizza Heaven**. Pastries include guava and cream cheese are \$1 each and apple cinnamon are \$2 each. Also, quiche will be available for \$10 per pie and you may choose plain cheese, spinach tomato, or ham. Please email Becky at hsci4@okeechobee.com to place your order or you may call 863-462-5877. All proceeds go to the March of Dimes.

The 2009 Florida Building Codes become effective on March 1. The Okeechobee County Building Department will host an **educational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 18, from 10 a.m. until noon** at the County Civic Center located at 1750 Hwy. 98 North. This meeting will include discussion of the new code changes and how they may affect your trade. You must RSVP by Feb. 16, by calling the building department at 863-763-5548.

There will be a **Valentine Teen**

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The **Healthy Start Coalition invites you to be part of the largest team in town for the March for Babies.** The March of Dimes sponsors the March for Babies in hopes of raising funds that will

support the fight for babies. Join them today by calling 863-462-5877. Participants are required to raise \$25 in donations and purchase a team t-shirt for \$10.

Hospice of Okeechobee will give away an air boat on March 22, at the Okeechobee County Fair. Tickets are \$10 each. To purchase your tickets or to find out where you can see the Air Boat call Cathy at 863-697-1995.

The Okeechobee County Fair has a **10-day pass on sale for the 2009 County Fair for only \$30!** **The 2009 Okeechobee County Fair will be held March 13-22.** Passes can be purchased at Okeechobee Main Street 111 N.E. Second Avenue, call 863-357-6246 or at Syble's Flowers and Gifts 119 S. Parrott

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Rotary's Sixth Annual LOST Bike Ride will be held on Saturday, March 28, beginning with registration and sign in at 7 a.m. The course will begin and end at Scott Drive Boat Ramp on Hwy. 78 West. **Registrations must be received by March 14.** Call Jim at 863-763-3101 for more information.



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LIVE OAK TRUST, INC., A Florida Corporation Plaintiff

v. FENELON ILPHONCE AND BIENNOT MAURICE Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

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YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a Complaint for Foreclosure of Mortgage involving real estate located in Okeechobee County, Florida, and legally described as follows:

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WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on Feb. 6th, 2009.

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Christian Team Trail holds monthly tournament

By Teresa Mataushek Okeechobee News

The Christian Team Trail's monthly fishing tournament was held on Saturday, Feb. 7, at Okeetantie, with 32 boats entered.

Coming in first place at the tournament was Justin Schwier and Bob Stafford with a combined weight of 11.67 lbs.; second place was Mike Zubricki and Tony Mosteller with 8.88 lbs.; third place was Robert Burns and Dennis Burns with 7.21 lbs.; fourth place was Byron Chastain and Joe Smith with 6.78 lbs.; fifth place was Skip Jeslosky and Jesse Batte with 6.44 lbs.; sixth place was Don Roberts and Ray Davino with 5.87 lbs.; and seventh place went to Cam Woods and Travis Woods with 5.60 lbs.

Big Fish winners were Robert and Dennis Burns with a 7.21 lb. fish and second place Big Fish winners were Justin Schwier and Bob Stafford with a 4.75 lb. fish.

This month's Endurance Award went to the team of Beau Rodgers and Mac Russell which gains them free entry into next months tournament on March 7. Oakview Baptist Church hosts

the Christian Team Trails fishing tournament on the first Saturday of each month at Okee-Tantie. The tournament begins at safe daylight. Cost per boat to register is \$75. You may register at the church office before the tournament or at Okeetantie the day of; however, when registering at Okeetantie, cash only is accepted. For more information call 863-763-1699.

Nonnative pet amnesty day

If you have an exotic pet you can't care for anymore, don't just open the front door and set it free. It's illegal to release a nonnative animal into the wild in Florida, and it could be detrimental for the animal and the environment. In an effort to keep unwanted exotic pets out of Florida's native habitats, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the Miami MetroZoo will host the fifth Nonnative Pet Amnesty Day in March in Miami. "We are expecting to get quite a few nonnative animals that day, so we need to make sure we have

safe homes for them," said Jenny Tinnell of the FWC. "Released pets are a common pathway that allows exotic species into the wild. Often, pet owners don't understand the difference between native and nonnative species, or they don't realize the possible effects releasing a nonnative species can have. This event gives pet owners who can no longer take care of their pets or no longer wish to keep them a legal, ethical option."

Currently, the FWC is looking for potential adopters in South Florida who are experienced pet owners and are willing to provide a home for one or two more animals. All adopters must fill out the proper application form before they receive surrendered animals.

"This isn't a free pet giveaway," Tinnell said. "We're looking for adopters with knowledge and expertise in caring for exotic pets, not people who have always wanted a pet and think this is an opportunity to try their hand at owning one they don't have to purchase." Pet Amnesty Day will be March 21, at the Miami MetroZoo. It's free and open to the public. Exotic

animals can be surrendered to the FWC free of charge with no questions asked and no penalties.

"We will not be penalizing any pet owners who choose the responsible option of not releasing their nonnative pets into the wild. This is about curbing our ongoing problem of exotic fish and wildlife," Tinnell said.

A veterinarian will examine each animal, and every attempt will be made to place all healthy animals with qualified adopters. Amnesty Day is also a family event; there will be live animals on display, live animal shows and fun activities. Experts will be on hand to talk to about proper care of exotic pets, so people who are thinking about purchasing one can learn from credible sources before they buy. This is a chance for people to not only see exotic animals, but get up close and even touch them.

Nonnative pet amnesty events help to increase awareness of nonnative species problems. Over 400 nonnative species have been observed in Florida, and more than 130 have reproducing populations. For more information on nonna-

tive species in Florida, visit MyFWC.com/nonnatives/.

Anyone interested in adopting nonnative pets should download the proper adoption application and animal care sheets at MyFWC.com and click on "Be a nonnative pet adopter." Adopters must have knowledge of natural history and caging requirements and have proper facilities for the animals they are interested in adopting. There is no fee for being an adopter.

If you would like to share any information with the Okeechobee News about an outdoors event, or if you have a suggestion on something you have seen or would like to see in the outdoors column, please email Teresa Mataushek at tmataushek@newszap.com, call 863-763-3134, fax 863-763-5901 or log on to www.newszap.com and place it on the public issues forum. We welcome all news, comments and tidbits on outdoor activities, nature inspired hobbies and with hunting season here, please send in pictures of your prize kills and with all of the fishermen back, send us a picture of your prize fish. Please include your name, phone number and specific dates of the events. The Outdoors Column runs every Friday, so please be sure to have all information into the office no later than 5 p.m. Please refer all material to Teresa Mataushek.

Sudoku Puzzle

SUDOKU grid with numbers 6, 5, 9, 2, 9, 3, 8, 2, 4, 2, 5, 1, 6, 4, 2, 9, 8, 6, 4, 1, 4, 8, 9, 4, 6, 9, 5, 7, 4, 9, 2, 4, 5, 2, 6, 8, 9

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!

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

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis. ACROSS: 1 Beefcake element, 6 Many a demo, 10 Troop command, 14 1954 physics co-Nobelists, 15 Beatnik's "Got it", 16 In line, 17 Batman or Robin?, 19 Enjoying a lot, 20 Rich cake, 21 Extensive period, 22 Multiple award winner, 23 Used up the subs?, 26 Circle's lack, 29 Tin Tin, 30 Political opening, 31 Paint, 33 Under control, 36 Caper, 40 Biennial rash?, 43 Man for all Seasons?, 44 Topog. feature, 45 Classic, 46 B & B part?, 48 Op., 50 Holy Communion box, 51 Supplier of deep-fried fare?, 57 "Typee" sequel, 58 Org. with a lot of heaters?, 59 "Lemon Tree" singer, 62 Graduation sight, 63 Sound created by the four identical letters missing from 17-, 23-, 40- and 51-Across (that letter also doesn't appear anywhere in the answer grid), 66 "Law & Order: SVU" actor, 67 Name derived from Danish for "play well", 68 Giving sort, 69 FSU player, 70 One making eye contact?, 71 Harden. DOWN: 1 Aired of the sitcom "Allo 'Allo!"



Submitted photo/Teresa Chandler

March of Dimes Tournament Winners

Seacoast National Bank hosted the Seventh Annual March of Dimes bass tournament on Jan. 31, at Okeetantie. The 1st place winners with a total weight of 11.55 lbs were Jack Harrison and Les Torey with Kathleen Shatto. The cash prize was \$400. The second place winners with a total weight of 9.83 lbs were Bob Owens and Fred George pictured with Kathleen Shatto. The cash prize was \$200. The biggest fish winner was Warren Peede. Chris Little accepted the \$100 cash prize.



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Seventh Annual Bass Tournament

Seacoast National Bank hosts the Seventh Annual Bass tournament for the March of Dimes. Tournament was held at Okeetantie bringing in 10 boats. Volunteers battled the cold at a bitter 31 degrees at safe light! Attending the benefit tournament event were Teresa Chandler, Billy Dean, Melody Hodges, Terri Roller, Jim Fowler, Hattie Bennett, Alan Shatto and Kathleen Shatto, Event Coordinator.



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Mini-grant recipient

Michelle Pritchard (front-center) received the mini-grant from the Okeechobee Battlefield Friends, Inc. who were represented by Dowling Watford (front-left), Shawn Henderson (front-right) Sheriff Paul May (back-left) and Greg Thogerson (back-right).



Guided Fishing Tour Winner

Guided fishing tour winner

A chance to win a guided tour was held at the Seacoast National Bank/March of Dimes bass tournament. The lucky winner was Bill Rose. Mr. Rose won an all day guided fishing tour with professional bass fisherman, United Home Builders, Steve Daniels.



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Math mini-grant recipient

Teachers (front-left to right) Linda Davis and Heather Johnson, accompanied by their principals (back-left to right) Cynthia Weigum and Brian Greseth, received the Rotary Math mini-grant from Rotarians (front-center to right) Maureen Budjinski, Tabitha Trent and Dr. Patricia Cooper.



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Vocabulary grant recipient

Teachers Deanne Wilcox, Elisabeth Fox, Mike Schilp, Deborah Raulerson, Amanda Baker, Jenny Ward (not pictured), accepted by Karen Carrier) and Deanna Kielbasa received the Developing 21st Century Vocabulary mini-grant from the Okeechobee Educational Foundation members Tabitha Trent, Mary Hurley, Dr. Patricia Cooper, Sharon Vinson, and Ken Kenworthy. Their principals Carol Revels, Pat McCoy, Toni Wiersma and Theda Bass also extended their support for their teacher's mini-grant award.

Boy's hoops survive scare at districts

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By **Charles M. Murphy**
Okeechobee News

David Jeune scored 26 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, includ-

ing one in the final two seconds that preserved a 57-56 victory for Okeechobee boy's basketball over Suncoast in the first round of the District 14-4A Tournament on

Tuesday night in Belle Glade.

Okeechobee rallied from a 30-18 deficit at the half to prolong their season for at least one more game. Terrence Allen had 13 points, and Duelle Gore and Ryan Osceola added five points apiece for Okeechobee, (13-13).

"We did not play well, and we played horrible in the first half," Brahmans Coach Jon Enrico said, "We were down by 18 at times, and turned the ball over 20 times in the first half."

Enrico said his team might have had the jitters and might of taken Suncoast lightly. He said it appeared his team might have been too hyped up as even Jeune struggled in the first half with only five points.

Things changed in the third quarter as the Brahmans went on a big run to save their season. "We had a big quarter, no doubt, we took the lead and never relinquished it, although it was close," Enrico added.

Okeechobee outscored Suncoast 25-5 in a big third quarter to build an eight point lead after the third quarter. Ricky Nieto gave Okeechobee a 57-54 lead when he hit a free throw with 12 seconds left. Suncoast rallied and had a chance to tie after a lay up and an Okeechobee foul with two seconds to play. Suncoast missed the free throw and Jeune

rebounded and held on to give Okeechobee the victory. Elrado Telfer had 13 points, Jeffrey Fullwood 11 points, and Bruce Fleming 10 points for Suncoast.

Suncoast ended the season at (7-16). The Chargers lost three times to Okeechobee this year.

Okeechobee moves on to play Glades Central in the District semifinal on Friday night at 7 p.m. Okeechobee also learned that basketball, volleyball and soccer will play in different districts next year. Okeechobee moves up to Class 5A. Other teams in their district will include Martin County, Melbourne, Palm Bay, Port St. Lucie, Sebastian River, and South Fork.

Coach Enrico said OHS will fight the new realignment. He noted the school would have close to 100 mile trips for road games and that isn't fair in these tough economic times.

"We are under the numbers for 4A by 50-70 students," he said. "Our numbers are lower than the state numbers, these classifications are very tentative, they aren't etched in stone."

Enrico said he'd like to play Treasure Coast schools in Fort Pierce next year.



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OHS rebound record

David Jeune (center) was one of the seniors honored at the Brahmans' basketball game Friday night. He leaves OHS with many of the rebound records. He should sign with a Division 1 school soon and was also nominated to play in the McDonalds high school all American game.

O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

P.I.G.S. League

O.L.G.A. Mystery Nine - Feb. 3: First place - Vonnie Maines. Second place - Kay Duball. Third place - Shirley Esterline.

Birdies: Nancy McAlinden #8, Vonnie Maines #10.

P.I.G.S. League - Feb. 4: First place - Orval. Second place - Clyde Price. Last place - George Guydosh.

Closest to the pin: Orval Moore, Terry Ackinson. Honorable Mention: Dean Orman and Russ Adams.

O.L.G.A. Ladies Invitational - Scramble - Feb. 5: First place - Ann Bearden, Karen Larson, Vicki Middleton. Second place - Tina Smith, Ida Curtis, Wanda Kubitz, Carol Knox. Third place - Bernice King, Rachel Nordstrom, Pat Johnson, Helen Butryn. Fourth place - Sunni Adams, Nicole Wood, Jean Williams, Shirley Esterline.

Crying Towel Team: Saba Curren, Fran Dierig, Eileen Hammond, Kay Duball.

Closest to the pins: Kay Duball, Mary Muffeld, Carol MacKinnon, Nicole Wood.

Closest to the pin Second Shot: Jean Williams.

Longest Putt: Ann Bearden.

Longest Drive: Bernice King.

Closest to the line: Sunni Adams.

Gold Tee - Feb. 6: First place - V. Johnson. Second place - H. Shelkie. Third place (tie): F. Foss and K. Muller.

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