

Briefs

Brighton Seminole Festival today

The annual Brighton Seminole Festival and Field Day continues today at Brighton Seminole Reservation, off State Road 721 in Glades County. Gates open at 10 a.m. A Seminole Village display will be open all day, along with arts and crafts booths. A church service will be held at the stage area at 11 a.m. An alligator wrestling show will be presented at noon; Pow-Wow dancers will perform at 1 p.m. The Seminole clothing contest will be at 2 p.m. The PRCA Rodeo starts at 3 p.m.

Operation Safe Medicine Cabinet set for March 14

Area law enforcement personnel will stage Operation Safe Medicine Cabinet at Flagler Park on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. During that time residents can safely discard unwanted, unneeded and out-of-date prescription drugs by simply driving up to Park #6, located at the intersection of S.R. 70 W. and S.W. Seventh Ave., and handing them to officials there. No questions will be asked and there will be no forms to fill out. Operation Safe Medicine Cabinet is aimed at keeping the home a safer environment for children, and keeping these drugs off the street.

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, 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.

Drought Index

Current: 662
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Local Burn Ban: None

Lake Levels

13.01 feet
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County cuts off 'free water'

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The county has finally pulled the plug on a source of financial drain that has been going on for some time. It has been said that government works slowly. That was evident at the Feb. 12 Okeechobee County Commission meeting when commissioners took a simple action to correct a problem that was first brought to light a year ago.

Commissioners decided at their last meeting to have the

faucet at Jaycees Park removed.

For at least nine years taxpayers have been footing the bill for individual private water users. The faucet was adjacent to a restroom that has been closed for many years because of vandalism. People have often been observed coming and filling numerous containers with the "free water" at tax payers expense. Since sewer bills are based on water consumption, the county has also been paying sewer bills even though the sewer at that lo-

cation is not being used.

On Jan. 28 the county was billed \$131.35 - \$58.27 for water and \$73.08 for sewer. Between Dec. 19, 2008 and Jan 21, 2009, 7,496 gallons of water flowed through that faucet. Between Nov. 19, 2008 and Dec. 19 2009 the county was charged for 6,042 gallons of water at a cost of \$131.94 - \$50.12 for water and \$63.82 for sewer. Before this unexplained spike, for the previous 20 months, water usage was around three to four thousand

gallons a month with the county averaging around \$80 to \$90 a month in combined water and sewer bills.

The situation was first brought to light in an article in the Okeechobee News on Jan. 11, 2008. At that time deputy county administrator Jim Threewits expressed surprise at the amount of the bills. He thought the county was just paying the base rate He did not realize the county was paying for water and sewer by the gallon.

"If it's costing us that much we're going to have to figure out what we're going to do, Commissioner Clif Betts was quoted in that article.

However no action was taken until recently. Between Jan. 28, 2008 and Feb. 12, 2009 the county paid a total of \$1,260.61 in water and sewer bills.

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

On a mission: Hope for Haiti



Submitted to the Okeechobee News

These residents of Bayonnais, Haiti proudly display the goats they received from the G.O.A.T.S. program (Gift of Animals to Succeed) sponsored by International Christian Development Mission. A group of seven people, including three from Brighton Baptist Church, recently returned trip a mission trip to Bayonnais. Among other things the volunteers helped build a school building and conducted a vacation Bible school and a medical clinic.

Local church group travels from Brighton to Bayonnais

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

A local group seeks to build a bridge between the richest country in the western hemisphere, America, and the poorest country, Haiti.

Hope for Haiti is the name given to a team of people, including members of Brighton Baptist Church, who make a trip to Haiti every year under the sponsorship of International Christian Development Mission, Inc. (ICDM). This year's Hope for Haiti team, which spent Jan. 19 to Feb. 2, in Haiti, included Marlene Whitlock, of Brighton Baptist Church, Charlotte Schmitt, LPN, of Winter Park, Phil and Vern Smith of Brighton Baptist Church, Paul Justice of New Lexington, Ohio, Linda Locke of New Lexington, Ohio and Rob Hall of Dowagiac Mich.

The mission of ICDM is to: "Teach and preach the good news of Jesus Christ, help impoverished people become self-supporting, and educate



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A group of volunteers, including members of Brighton Baptist Church, recently went on a mission trip to Bayonnais, Haiti. They are, left to right, Marlene Whitlock, Brighton Baptist Church, Charlotte Schmitt, LPN, Winter Park, Phil and Verna Smith, Brighton Baptist Church, Paula Justice, New Lexington, Ohio, Linda Locke, New Lexington, Ohio and Rob Hall, Dowagiac, Mich. The group conducted a medical clinic, worked on a school building, conducted a vacation Bible school and a women's conference and showed the Jesus film.

and motivate children, youth school at Bayonnais which is and adults."

The organization operates in the north eastern portion a pre-K through sixth grade

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Rooney asks for return to values

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The poor economy and bashing the Democratic Party were the topics of the day at the breakfast held Friday, Feb. 20, at the Williamson Conference Center on the Dixon Hendry Campus of Indian River State College.



Tom Rooney

Representative Tom Rooney was the featured speaker at the event which was sponsored by the Republican

Party of Okeechobee County.

"The Democrats are trying to accomplish a lot before we wake up," Mr. Rooney said, referring among other things, to the president's desire for socialized medicine.

He appealed to a return to conservative values.

"These values are under attack today," he said.

The legislator predicted that there would be more stimulus bills in the future and hopefully Republicans would be able to participate in them.

He expressed his opposition to proposed legislation that would favor labor unions.

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City discusses proposed sign ordinance

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Another hurdle in the way of Jerry Suarez and David and Anita Nunez' plans for their commercial development on the bank of Taylor Creek was overcome Tuesday night, Feb. 19. The City of Okeechobee Planning Board granted a special exception to allow for a commercial indoor recreation facility on the property. The proposed complex, to be located on the west bank of Taylor Creek north of the S.R. 70 bridge, will feature a banquet hall or convention center. According to city planner Bill Bris-

som, this facility would be classified as a commercial indoor recreation facility. Because of the surrounding residential area, the board spent considerable time discussing possible hours. They finally decided to set the closing time as midnight on week nights and 2 a.m. on weekends.

After action on this one item on the agenda, the board adjourned its regular meeting and reconvened in a workshop session with the city council to discuss a proposed sign ordinance.

The workshop discussed

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Raulerson Hospital names Frist Award winner

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A near 11-year employee of Raulerson Hospital was named as the annual Frist Humanitarian Award winner Wednesday.

Tammy Colburn joined the hospital staff in 1998 when it had an office downtown. She was later transferred to her current position as secretary in the Out Patient Department.

"I feel good about this award. This made me feel very good. I help the department get patients ready for surgery," she said.

Ms. Colburn earned a new

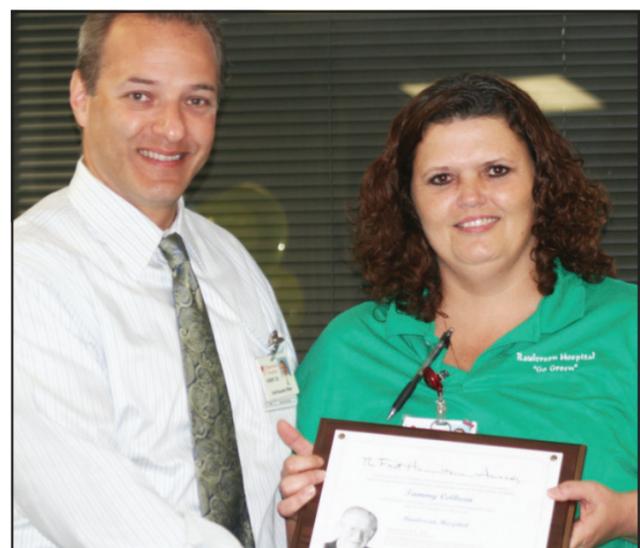
name tag for her desk, a bouquet of flowers, a book on the HCA founder Dr. Thomas Frist, a plaque and a check for \$250 for winning the award. Hospital Chief Executive Officer Robert Lee said Colburn was very deserving of the award.

"It's always a great day when he hold this event. The Frist Award recipient really signifies the finest employees that we have. Tammy Colburn really exemplifies that. She is very giving and caring, and takes very good care of our patients and staff here. She does a great job for us," he said.

Ms. Colburn was praised for providing excellent service to the hospital and the Okeechobee community. She participates in fundraisers, is a member of the Hospital Breast Cancer Team and is a fund raiser for the HCA Hope Fund.

"She is always reaching out to fellow employees who have needs. She always has a smile and is passionate about intentions," Mr. Lee told the crowd, "She is a committed patient advocate and goes above and beyond for the patient's family."

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Tammy Colburn (right) shows off her Frist Humanitarian Award with Raulerson Hospital CEO Robert Lee.

Mr. Rooney stated that never before has the census been a bias or partisan issue. He said the White House is involved in the current census, something he said has never happened before. He alleged the reason for that was to manipulate population figures to adjust representation to favor the Democrats.

He refuted the claim that the Republican Party is the party of "no," saying that the Republicans had a better stimulus plan.

However he did not lay the entire blame for the extreme partisanship of the present stimulus package on the president. He believes the president really wanted a bipartisan bill but what he signed was what the representative called a "Pelosi" bill, referring

waited. Mr. Rooney then turned to an insurance bill he is sponsoring.

"My plan will make it easier for insurance companies to do business in Florida," he asserted. "We can't have Citizens (the state run insurance company) as our only insurance provider."

The bill would allow insurance companies to set aside tax free accounts to build up reserves against futures disasters.

There is talk of the president closing the prison for political prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, if that happens, Mr. Rooney is very much opposed to the prisoners being housed in Florida.

In the future he plans to sponsor anti-gang legislation and legislation to provide better mental health care for veterans.

of education funds by the local school board. She also expressed a desire that the state stop making requirements without providing funds to pay for those requirements. "The local school board best knows how to serve your children," she said.

Another school board member, Joe Arnold said that the state had cut the school budget four percent and that another two percent cut may be coming. He went on to say that next year there would be a 15 percent cut.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions," Mr. Arnold said.

He said that as it stands now the State of Florida will not get any economic stimulus funds

"To go before the legislature and ask for more money is ridicu-

lous, remember who we are and who we want to be."

In the question and answer period that followed local business man and city council member Dowling Watford stated that the stimulus package does not help him as a small business owner.

Mr. Rooney answered by saying the Republican plan would help small business.

Prior to the representative's remarks the crowd heard from several local Republican officials.

"I love this job," stated Margaret Helton, the first Republican elected to the county commission. She said she had taken the courses to be a certified commissioner and she has been doing problem solving for the citizens.

"To go before the legislature and ask for more money is ridicu-



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
The movers and shakers of the community gathered at the Williamson Center on the Dixon Hendry Campus of Indian River State college Friday morning, Feb. 20, for a breakfast meeting to hear remarks by U. S. Representative Tom Rooney.

Okeechobee Forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 78. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. North northeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

Lotteries

The Florida Lottery: Numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery are: **Cash 3:** 2-2-0; **Play 4:** 1-0-5-9; **Fantasy 5:** 10-16-30-34-36.

Numbers selected Friday are: **Cash 3:** 5-6-0; **Play 4:** 6-8-0-0.

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Okeechobee's Most Wanted

The following five people are among Okeechobee's Most Wanted persons. There are active warrants for each of them. The criteria for making Okeechobee's Most Wanted top five is based on the severity of the crime in conjunction with the age of the warrant.

If you have any information



Jackie Cotrill



Antonie Faust



Wilber Perez-Borja



Benji Sanders



Emillio Serrano

on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treasure Coast

Crimes Stoppers, you have the option of remaining anonymous. You can also receive a reward if the information results in an arrest.

Jackie Cotrill, 45, Grand Theft Motor Vehicle, DOB 6-24-1963.

Antonie Faust, 22, Burglary w/assault. Bond: \$100,000

Wilber Perez-Borja, 25, H/M, Poss Cannabis more than 20 Grams; possession with intent to sell.

Benji Sanders aka Juan Tapia, 33, FTA-Poss Cocaine, DOB 3-12-1975

Emilio Serrano, 46, Sale of cocaine, Poss cocaine with intent to sell.

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).

- Darrell Nathan Harden, 24, U.S. 98 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 17, by Deputy John Ashby on a warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of a structure and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

- Phillip James Miller, 55, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 18, by Deputy Marcus Collier on charges of driving under

the influence and driving without a valid driver's license. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Ramon Lamar Tripp, 36, N.W. 43rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 18, by Deputy Dale Hardy on a warrant charging him with amended violation of probation - possession of cocaine with intent to sell. He is being held without bond.

- Stephanie Metcalf, 19, N.W. 30th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 18, by Deputy Arlene Durbin on a felony charge of uttering a forged instrument and a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. Her bond was set at \$5,500.

- Elmer Urbina, 17, N.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 18, by Deputy Javier Gonzalez on a felony charge of possession of marijuana over 20

grams. After being booked into the Okeechobee County Jail he was released into the custody of his parents.

- Karionnie Helena Pruitt, 22, S.W. 21st St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 19, by Deputy Mark Argerum on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery. Because of that arrest, Judge Jerald Bryant revoked Pruitt's bond on a previous arrest on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. She is now being held without bond.

- David Anthony Locklear, 18, N.W. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 19, by Deputy Dale Hardy on a juvenile take and hold order based on his arrest on a felony charge of possession of a weapon on school property and his arrest on a misdemeanor

charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. He was transported to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Norma Lynn Risner, 42, S.E. 25th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 20, by Officer Ryan Holroyd on charges of driving under the influence and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$1,500.

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

Hope

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of Haiti. This is where the Hope for Haiti Team concentrate their work.

The Hope for Haiti Medical Team medical team, headed by Dr. Lucien Baptiste and nurse Charlotte Schmitt and assisted by pre-med and nursing students, treated and evaluated all 532 students in ICDM's school. The medical team also treated wounds and infections, administered worm treatments, examined pregnant women, and treated 11 people for malaria, for a total of 725 patients and gave out 2,022 prescriptions.

Hope for Haiti also conducted a two day vacation Bible School, a two day women's conference, gave five showings of the Jesus film in the Creole language and presented seven Bible "Proclaimers" units to key leaders. The Proclaimer is a solar-powered, rechargeable digital audio-Bible with a hand-crank option. This is extremely useful in Haiti where 80 percent of adults are illiterate. The film was well received. Anywhere from 80 to 150 people viewed the Jesus film each night and each night and many received Jesus after viewing the film.

In addition team members donated gifts, clothing and school uniforms to children and presented goats and chickens to sponsored children's families. Garden seed, clothing, baby blankets and diapers were distributed to the women.

Currently school children attend classes either in primitive buildings or outdoor classrooms. ICDM is in the process of building a two story Center of Hope with classrooms on the ground floor and an auditorium that can be used for church services on the second floor. Hope for Haiti team members worked on the school building during the trip. All work is done manually. There are no power tools.

Mrs. Smith, area coordinator of ICDM, helped plan and organize the trip.

"We hit the ground running and we have a very ambitious schedule," she said.

She and her husband have made five trips to Haiti. Her goal in working with the school children is to teach them, get them saved and give them hope.

She got involved with ICDM when her sister hosted a Haitian student who was doing graduate work in this country.

"Voodoo is real," Mrs. Smith said. "We have to be prayed up. It is so sad the bondage these people are in," she said.

Mrs. Smith tells of a woman who turned from voodoo to Chris-

tianity. She was threatened with death. Her family hired a voodoo priest to kill her. The night before the group left Bayonnias, a man died and voodoo rituals were performed all night.

A voodoo witch doctor lives near the school. However, his children attend the school and several have embraced Christianity.

In spite of the opposition, Mrs. Smith is very optimistic about her mission work.

"God is amazing in what He accomplishes," she said.

One of the ways ICDM accomplishes its goal is through the vitamin program which was initiated

by Brighton Baptist Church member Sharon Rice. Although Ms. Rice went on the previous two Haiti trips, she did not make this most recent trip. It was her idea two years ago to provide vitamins to the school children who were showing obvious signs of undernourishment. In six months there was a marked difference in their appearance. The church is now selling cook books to help finance the vitamin program.

Another tool is the G.O.A.T.S. (Gift of Animals to Succeed) program. This teaches Haitian families to fish rather than giving them fish.

"The goats are wonderful to

help a family economically," said Mrs. Smith.

A family is given a pregnant nanny goat. In most cases the goats have twins. One of the babies is given back to the program. The family then uses the other goats for milk and meat and builds up a herd.

"It's like going home," Mr. Smith replied when asked why she kept going back to Haiti. She said she can't quit. She is 70 and has been making trips to Haiti since she was 65.

"We did not want to sit in a rocker," she said of her husband's retirement. "It was God's timing. It's developed into more than you can imagine."

The church has several fundraising efforts to help their mission team. For more information, contact Brighton Baptist Church at 863-763-3063.

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Submitted to the Okeechobee News
Some of the 532 students in pre-K through sixth grade at a school in Bayonnais, Haiti sponsored by International Christian Development Mission, Inc. attend class at an outdoor classroom. Other students attend classes in crude shelters. A group of seven volunteers, including three people from Brighton Baptist Church, recently went on a trip to Bayonnais. Among other things, they worked on a school building for the students.

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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!

Pregnant teens

FATHERS ALSO RESPONSIBLE: Dads please tell your sons there will be consequences too. What is being done with them? They (their families) should be penalized by paying child support to the mom. Have paternity test done as soon as baby is born then the daddy's family starts to pay or else. If only the girls are receiving the discipline, well that is only 50 percent of the message given. Include the boys and their families.

TASK FORCE: The Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force meets quarterly; next meeting is on Tuesday Feb. 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the Library. It is open to the public so please attend if you are interested in discussing the teen pregnancy issue.

Wise words

SOMEBODY SAID: Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby... somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, 'normal' is history. Somebody said you can't love the second child as much as you love the first... somebody doesn't have two or more children. Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery...somebody never watched her 'baby' get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten.... or on a plane headed for military 'boot camp.' Somebody said a Mother can stop worrying after her child gets married. Somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings. Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home. Somebody never had grandchildren.. Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her... somebody isn't a mother.

Water woes

BAD SMELL: In regard to the bad smelling water, I would check with the neighbors and see if they are having the same problems. We were having the same "stinky" problems 15 years ago as well as the overdoses of chlorine and the only answers we could get was the "old pipe theory". We were never able to get any satisfaction. If neighbors are not having the same issues, it could be the pipes in your house.

CALL: If people have a problem with the water, they should take it to the utility authority. If you don't report problems, nothing will be done.

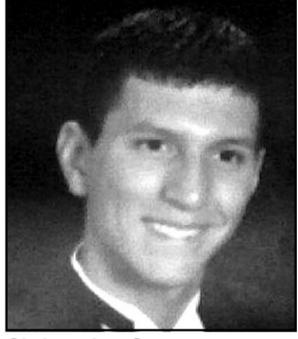
EDITOR'S NOTE: John Hayford of the Okeechobee Utility Authority requests that anyone who is having problems with city water contact the Utility Authority at 763-9460 so they can investigate and determine the cause of any problems.

You could smell the fear

BOYS SCHOOL: In regard to the story about the beatings and other abuse that reportedly happened at the School for Boys in the 1960s, surely someone who is still in town knows something about that. Anyone who worked there or who was a client there should come forward and tell their story. It was 50 years ago, but surely there are still some people here who know what happened.

March of Dimes making a difference

The March of Dimes has made a difference to many people in Okeechobee, including the Suarez family. Tina Suarez is a teacher at North Elementary. She is married to David Suarez, a 1975 graduate of Okeechobee High School. They have three boys: Christopher and Bryan who are in college, and Phillip, who is a ninth grader at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus. The Suarez family has been involved in many community activities, including OHS sports, and both David and Tina work with the Youth Group at St. Theresa Catholic Church. Tina shares the story of how the March of Dimes helped her family.



Christopher Suarez.

came home 6 weeks later thanks to the neonatal intensive care unit and everything the doctors and nurses were able to do. I had to take him to several specialists over the next 6 months but every time I went, we always received a positive prognosis. Christopher grew into a healthy, smart young man and is now attending the University of Central Florida and doing well. Not all premature babies are as lucky as Christopher. The March of Dimes is responsible for the regionalization of Neonatal Intensive Care Units, and today their NICU Family Support program provides emotional support and vital information to families across the nation who have a baby in the NICU. By donating to the March of Dimes, you can help others have the chance that my son had.

Thank you, **Tina Suarez**
This annual Okeechobee County March of Dimes fundraiser, March for Babies will be held March 7 starting in Flagler Park. The walk will cover four miles and will start at 8:30 a.m. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. Teams and individuals are encouraged to participate. For more information go to www.marchforbabies.org, or call Laura McCall at 863-763-3131.

Instead of months, Christopher

Reflections from the Pulpit

The Ten Commandments

By Rev. Dr. Paul E. Jackson, Sr.

International Prayer Warriors for Christ

I wanted to write today about something that should be so important to all of us in our life, but yet, we all, without doubt, break some of them each and every day. And the answer why is because we live in a world of sin.

The Ten Commandments were given by God on Mt. Horeb (also known as Mt. Sinai) to Moses about 1280 B.C. They are the core of the moral teachings of Israel and have come down to Christianity as part of divine revelation. The Church in commenting on the commandments sees in them the totality of the negative and positive moral law, the things we should not do, as well as the things we should do. That is to say, they embody the entire natural law, what reason can discover of morality from the nature of the world and man. However, not every society, much less every man, discovers the entire natural law, so God has revealed it in the Commandments so it could be known with certainty by all men, of every society, and every age. The Bible gives two versions, in essential content identical, one is in Exodus Chapter 20 and the other in Deuteronomy Chapter 5. The enumeration of the commandments (which is number one, which is two, etc.) are traditional and neither contained in the texts nor obvious. The Catholic Church has traditionally used the Deuteronomy account and followed the division of the text given in the Septuagint, which is the Greek translation of the Scriptures made by second century B.C. Jews in Egypt and used by the early church as its Old Testament. The Anglican Church and the Lutheran Church also use this account, but the other Reformation Churches use the Exodus listing, and adopted the Jewish enumeration of the Hebrew text. The are as follows:

Exodus Chapter 20 verses 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17- 1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 4. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. 5. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 6. Thou shalt not kill. 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery. 8. Thou shalt not steal. 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Deuteronomy Chapter 5 Verses 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 - 1. I am the LORD thy God which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is heaven above, or that in is the earth below, or that is in the waters beneath the earth. 2. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the

LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 3. Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. 4. Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 5. Thou shalt not kill. 6. Neither shalt thou commit adultery. 7. Neither shalt thou steal. 8. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor. 9. and 10. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbour's.

Revelation Chapter 22 Verses 18 and 19: "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

What I wrote all above on the Ten Commandments is just what the Bible says in Exodus Chapter 20 and Deuteronomy Chapter 5. Now I am going to show you just what is used by the Catholic Church, Anglican Church and the Lutheran Church for Deuteronomy.

I. I am the Lord your God: you shalt not have strange gods before me. You shalt not make yourself a graven image. II. You shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day. IV. Honor your father and mother. V. You shalt not kill. VI. You shalt not commit adultery. VII. You shalt not steal. VIII. You shalt not bear false witness against your neighbor. IX. You shalt not covet your neighbor's wife. X. You shalt not covet your neighbor's goods. Now, I am going to show you just what is used by the other Reformation Churches for Exodus.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. III. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain. IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. V. Honor thy father and thy mother. VI. Thou shalt not kill. VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery. VIII. Thou shalt not steal. IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house.

As you can see, words have been taken away, some added and some even in different places. Also, if you will notice, Roman numerals weren't even part of the Bible, so all of that also has been added. I know this is today and the great Holy Bible was written years and years back, but I still think of Revelation Chapter 22 Verses 18 and 19.

Community Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 22

A.A. meets 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.

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts), **A.A.** weekend noon meeting OD-Open Discussion; SS-Step Study; BT-Basic Text; SP-Speaker **The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.* **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick (OD) 7 p.m. OD-Open Discussion; SS-Step Study; BT-Basic Text; SP-Speaker **The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.*

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

Foster Parent Orientation will be hosted by the Hibiscus Children's Center on the last Monday of every month from 6 until 7 p.m. The orientation is for those interested in fostering or adopting in Okeechobee County. This meeting requires no RSVP and is a question/answer forum. It will be at the IRCC Okeechobee Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. For information, call the Foster Care Program at 1-800-403-9311.

Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. for open discussion at the Just for Today Club, 101 Fifth Ave. For information call 863-634-4780.

Okeechobee Senior Singers meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited. For information or to schedule an appearance for your organization or group, contact Marge Skinner at 863-532-0449.

Monday, Feb. 23

Artful Appliquers is a recently formed chapter in Okeechobee. This chapter meets at the Turtle Cove Clubhouse, 10 Linda Road, Okeechobee on Mondays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Turn left at the Moose Lodge and go around the curve just past the church. Bring a lunch and join us for a fun day of applique. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Chapter leader Karen Graves at 863-763-6952.

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VFW #10539 Ladies Auxiliary lunch and bingo will start at noon at the Post, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E. Auxiliary members and their guests are invited. Please R.S.V.P. to 863-763-2308.

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Tuesday, Feb. 24

Civil Air Patrol set to meet

The Civil Air Patrol meets each Tuesday evening at the Okeechobee Airport T-Hanger #1, meetings start at 7:30 p.m. For information please call Capt. Joe Papasso 561-252-0916 or Lt. Greg Gernat 863-697-9915

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **N.A.** Nowhere Left To Go Group Open Discussion at noon; **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group Open Discussion. **The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.*

The Lighthouse Refuge Support Group is for women who are hurting, homeless or been abused. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month from noon until 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., and on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 323 N. Parrott Ave. For more information call Donna Dean at 863-801-9201 or 863-357-2106.

Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets each Tuesday at noon at Golden Corral Restaurant, 700 S. Parrott Ave. The meetings are open to the public. For information, contact Maureen Budjinski at 863-484-0110.

New A.A. Meeting in Basinger: There is now an A.A. meeting in Basinger on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Basinger Christian Brethren Church on 700-A, north off U.S. 98. Beginners are welcome.

Al-Ateen - meeting will be held at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., at 8 p.m. For more information, please call Amy at 863-763-8531 or Dan 561-662-2799.

Al-Anon meeting will be held at the Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St., at 8 p.m.

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

Grief and Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Hospice Building located at 411 S.E. Fourth St. in Okeechobee. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Enid Boutrin at 863-467-2321.

Family History Center meets from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. Anyone interested in finding who your ancestors are is welcome to attend. There is Census, IGI (International Genealogical Index), Social Security Death Index and military information available. For information, call The Family History Center at 863-763-6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

Widows and Widowers support group meets at 7:30 - 8 a.m. at the Clock Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott Ave., for breakfast. For information, June Scheer at 863-634-8276

Gospel Sing every Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to participate with vocal and/or instrumental music. For information, contact Douglas Chiropractic Center at 863-763-4320.

The Gathering Church Overcomers Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. This is a men's only meeting. For information, call Earl at 863-763-0139.

Bible study at the Living Word of Faith Church, 1902 S. Parrott Ave., at 7 p.m. Informal and informative discussions bring many Bible truths to life. Everyone is invited.

Community Country Gospel will meet at 7 p.m. at the church next to Douglas Clinic on North Park St. Any individual or group that enjoys old time gospel music is invited to participate. For information, contact Dr. Edward Douglas at 863-763-4320.

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting. **Overeaters Anonymous** (OA) meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Tuesdays, 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.

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

The First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St., will be hosting **God's Time** -- a morning of free organized Christian activities that includes play, instruction and interaction for parents and their pre-school children. The event will be held each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Child care will be provided for infants during the class. For information, call 863-763-4021.

Haven of Rest Church, 2947 S.W. Third Terr., holds meetings for parents with alcohol and drug related problems at 6 p.m. For information call 863-357-3053.

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Seminole Elementary offers tutorial sessions

Seminole Elementary School faculty and staff are pleased to continue to offer two tutorial sessions.

The Seminole Tutorial is held every Monday and Wednesday afternoon until 4:15 p.m. Students will have an opportunity to increase their academic performance by receiving explicit, small group instruction from a certified teacher. The students will also have an opportunity to go to the computer lab to complete River-deep, FCAT Explorer, and other computer based lessons. We want this tutorial experience to serve as an opportunity for your child and others to strengthen their academic skills. Please help us make this tutorial successful by:

- Encouraging your child to attend each and every session. Students will stay for the tutorial, each Monday and Wednesday, unless we have received a note or call stating otherwise. Calls should be received before 2 p.m.
- Reading with your child ev-

ery night and reinforcing the skills they are learning in school and during the tutorial.

• Picking your child up at 4:15 p.m. Students may only be picked up by those listed on our school contact list, unless a note or call has been received stating otherwise.

The Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Tutorial is held every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:15 p.m. Students who receive free or reduced lunches qualify for this grant funded program. Students who are in this program are provided services by one of fifteen tutorial providers. Parents or Guardians who are interested in having their child(ren) participate in this program can make an appointment to speak to Kim Quinlin, one of our SES Educators. Together, you can choose the best provider who will meet the needs of your child. Some providers provide In-Home Tutoring and others Computer Based Tutoring.

Students who qualify for the

SES program may also enroll in the Seminole Tutorial and benefit from tutoring four days a week.

We look forward to meeting the needs of all of our students. Thank you for taking an active role in the education of your child.

Fifth grade

The fifth graders have been working hard this quarter to finish preparing for the FCAT test in March. The students are completing daily reviews in math and science to keep their minds fresh and full of information. The technology in the classrooms has really helped to enhance the lessons. The students have been creating Pixie presentations such as animated stories, experiments using the scientific methods, and Think Green posters. They also participate in daily lessons that use the interactive white boards! We are thrilled with their effort during 100 Book Challenge as well. They complete daily focuses, have

book shares with partners, and are working their way towards earning a trip to Lake June! We know they can accomplish their goals!

Ms. Kenney congratulates Chastity Tripp, Amos Spells, and Leo Pascarella for earning Student of the Week certificates and ice cream the past few weeks. Each student has been demonstrating responsibility, participation, and hard work in all academics. All the students have been reviewing geometry, angles, metric and standard measurement, math vocabulary, multiplication tables, adding and subtracting 1 and 2 digit numbers, reading passages and stories and discussing story elements, and utilizing the FCAT Explorer in preparation for the FCAT in March.



Submitted photo/SEM
Miss Amy Weber, a Seminole Elementary School fifth grade teacher, conducts a force and motion experiment by dropping an egg to the ground from various heights and in various containers.



Submitted photo/OHS

Students of the week

Students at Okeechobee High School are achieving excellence everyday. Students of the Week are: Maria Ruis, Griselda Hernandez, Sarah Payne, Jaisa Sinclair, Esequiel Quiroz, Randy Biegel, Eugenio Aponte, Desiree Jenner, Jonathan Hernandez, Victoria Jackson, and Walter Piscatelli.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
FOR THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida will on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave., Okeechobee, FL conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to adopt amendments to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Okeechobee by considering the following Ordinance into law: **NO. 1041 : AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE NO. 635 AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT AND THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE AS MANDATED BY FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 163.3177(3_(B)1; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE LAND PLANNING AGENCY; PROVIDING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments shall apply to all property within the incorporated areas of the City of Okeechobee.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said hearing. The proposed Ordinance and Amendments may be inspected in its entirety by members of the public in the Office of the City Clerk during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8 am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this hearing, such interested person will need a record the proceedings, and for such purpose may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk.

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and Florida Statutes 286.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Lake Gamiotea no later than two (2) working days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3372 x 215; if hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-955-8770 (voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY)

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Central students learn about Black History Month

Third Grade

At Central Elementary School, this week in Ms. Luchetta's and Mrs. Atwell's class we are reviewing for the FCAT in reading and math. In social studies, we are learning about Black History Month. Make sure to do your homework and study multiplication everyday. Congratulations to the students of the week and the month. Please be sure to get lots of sleep for the FCAT. Remember, you can do anything you put your mind to. We are very proud to be your teachers!



Ms. DelPrete's class is working hard on reviewing reading and math skills. This week we are reading "Here's My Dollar," and working on author's purpose and context clues. In Writing, we are researching presidents using non-fiction books and encyclopedias. We are learning some interesting facts! In Math, we are learning about Perimeter and Area. Parents please sit with your child this weekend and listen to him/her read and correct the FCAT practice tests that were sent home. An important strategy in reading is knowing how to look back in the story and find answers. Please get your child in a routine of going to bed early and eating a good breakfast.

Thank you for everything you do to show support and encouragement for your child. Congratulations to our students of the week: Darren Holley and Yiselt Pineda.

Some students in Ms. Enfinger's Class are in need of supplies. Please ask your child if they need pencils or paper. Everyone needs glue.

A list of spelling words has been sent home for students to study for the Spelling Bee on March 17, however, we will have a Spelling Bee in our room to pick

two students to represent our class. That Bee will take place the beginning of March. I will select two participates and one alternate in case anyone is absent. So start to study!

In math, Chapter 21, we are learning about tessellation (re-patterns), solid figures (cube, sphere, etc), drawing figures and problem solving.

Social Studies: The unit is focused on the United States, then our state and city. Students are eager to learn about the world around them. Take them to the lake and talk about our environment, they will love it. Writing will be focused on telling a story. They must include juicy words and lots of details. This is the only way they will improve their writing grade. Study hall is being provided for all of third grade. It is an opportunity to make up homework or redo a portion of the Success Maker computer program. Students can also stay indoors to catch up on their Accelerated Reader points. We are trying to reach our goal of 10 points this nine week period.

Learning multiplication facts are as easy as riding a bicycle. Practice several times each day until the facts are as easily said as their name. Students are also trying to earn 100 steps in our 100 Book Challenge program. They can earn one step for every 15 minutes they read. So please sign their folder in order for them to receive credit for each step.

Feb 25-Student of the Week Luncheon; March 1-classroom Spelling Bee(will pick 2 students and one alternate; March 17-Spelling Bee (two students from our class will represent) Don't forget to read!

In Mrs Snyder's third grade we are working hard on learning fractions. Equivalent fractions are

a tough concept to understand, but we are getting there. In Science we are learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. In Reading we are still covering our basic skills for FCAT such as Author's purpose, compare and contrast, main idea and details and all kinds of new vocabulary. Our February birthdays are Lindsay Lipscomb and Sarah Gabor, Happy Birthday girls. Our students of the week for February are Dylan White, Melissa Rosalino, and Kaitlyn Hoyle. Nice work guys.

Thank you to the parents who sent in items for the student's Valentine's snack. And a big THANK YOU to all the parents for supporting your child's academic progress at home.

Ms. Cowden's class is ready to kick the FCAT out of this park. We are reviewing math skills learned so far and we have touched on probability and we are currently working on fractions. In reading, we reviewed author's purpose, prefixes, and next week we are going to review suffixes. We have also discussed contractions, homophones, and context clues and how to use our "p.i." skills to use the clues to help us figure out the mystery word. Our Student of the week for last week was Dania Juarez and this week it is Dylan Walker. Congratulations! Homer Bowers received Student of the month for Fairness.

Third Grade BASE students still preparing for the upcoming FCAT test in 2 weeks. Testing will begin March 3. The students are very well prepared and will do excellent. We are learning about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington in honor of President's Day. We will be also be learning more about Black History Month. Congratulations to the students of the week: Beatriz Perez and Mckayla Skinner.

Mrs. Norman's class is staying busy! In science we have been studying the parts of plants and

what they need to live. We are currently learning about geometric shapes and fractions. The students are having fun writing about a pet that they would love to have. Our students of the week have been Peyton Hewitt, Ruby Buster, Ivy Campbell, Curtis Fountain and Zack Lara. Curtis and family, thanks for all your support. The students are doing great and deserve a pat on the back.

Fourth grade

Central's fourth graders are still a buzz about the 50's day celebration watching Mr. Goff dance and seeing Mrs. Jones hula hoop was great fun. Students did their utmost BEST on the Florida Writing Assessment last week and are ready to tackle the next State Assessment. Parents, Mrs. Fullea stated it best -- try not to talk about and use the 'FCAT' word with your child. Continue to encourage your child to do his or her best on each and every project, assignment and task and your child will do his or her best. In the classrooms, we have discussed test taking strategies and helpful hints to make sure we have the best setting and advantage when we take the reading and math assessments, but again, it is only 'one piece' of your child's year. Therefore, watch the review worksheets or tasks that come home and speak to your child's teacher directly if you have any concerns. Thanks!

And, Parents, we are heading into the spring season and have noticed some students have already 'taken a break' -- just a reminder our Spring Break is not until April and students need to focus and concentrate in the classrooms so all can learn! Just a reminder, Progress Reports did go home and need to be reviewed, signed and returned to your child's teacher. If you wish to make a conference, contact your

child's teacher! In Mrs. Pritchard's classroom. Chance White, Adoniel Martinez, and Tyler Holley have been recent Students of the Week as well as Sheryl Altman. Sheryl was also the Student of the Month, demonstrating the pillar of Fairness. Way to go kids. Robert and Apple won the multiplication challenge and will have a 'super out' with the teacher and her family very soon and students are also being challenged to a Geometry Magic Square Tourney very soon. Will the same two kids win that? Happy Birthday to Mrs. Pritchard, Apple Nunez, and Mikayla Corde in the month of February and March and Tsaggaris Olsen will also celebrate that special day in March as well. Have a great week!

Computer Lab

Congratulations to Carmen Ramirez, Hailey Spearow and

Emma VanCamp for earning enough Gold Success Maker points to spend on some neat prizes in the computer lab. Way to go girls....

First grade and Kindergarten have been very busy working with money. They have been identifying money, sorting and learning the value of each coin.

Media Center News

O-day ou-y ow-kn ow-hay o-tay eak-spay ig-pay atin-lay? Pig Latin is one of the languages spoken in the book Do Unto Others by Laurie Keller. The second grade classes all learned how to say their name in Pig Latin. Kindergarten and first grade classes enjoyed hearing new books from the Book fair, while third and fourth grade classes discussed biographies, autobiographies and collective biographies.

Community Events

Eastern Star to host breakfast

The Okeechobee Chapter No. 1228 Order of the Eastern Star will host a breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 8 until 11:30 a.m. The breakfast is All-you-can-eat scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy, potato casserole, grits, juice and coffee all for just \$7. The breakfast will be held at the Masonic Lodge 107 N.W. Fifth Ave., Okeechobee.

Church holds Jubilee

New Testament Baptist Church, 535 N.E. 22nd Ave. (at the junction of Hwy 70 and 710), will hold a "Jubilee" Feb. 22-26, services will begin at 7 p.m. each night except Sunday, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. for Sunday school). A pitch in dinner will be held after the morning service, followed by an afternoon of fellowship and games. The evening service will be held at 2 p.m. For more information please call 863-763-6682.

Orchid Club to meet

The Okeechobee Orchid Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m. following the Garden Club at 6 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Office at 458 Highway 98 North, 863-763-6469. The program will be the showing of a new orchid DVD produced by the University of Florida. President Harry Hoffner will assist anyone who has a problem with their orchids.

Rain Garden workshop date set

Rain gardens are a convenient and attractive way to collect rainwater and allow it to trickle through the soil. They help reduce the storm water runoff from your yard! To learn more about Rain Gardens and to plan your own garden, come to this informative workshop.

The workshop will take place on Feb. 24, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. or from 5:30-7 p.m., Okeechobee County Extension Service, 458 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 863-763-6469 to sign up.

Dine with Doctors date set

Did you ever wonder what procedures are followed in an emergency room? The next "Dine with the Doctor," a medical series, is scheduled for Feb. 24, in the dining room of Raulerson Hospital. Dinner services starts at 5 p.m. with the physician presentation at 5:30 p.m. The dinner is only \$5 for the entree, salad, roll and butter, beverage, and dessert...The physician presentation is FREE.

This month's presentation, "What Happens in the Emergency Department" will be presented by Jonathan Adelberg, M.D., Emergency Department Medical Director at Raulerson Hospital. Please R.S.V.P. to Bill Casian at 863-824-2702 for a reserved seat.

CCC to meet

The Community Collaborative Council of Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee School Board Office. Guest speakers will be: 211-Rhonda Throop; Port St. Lucie Behavioral Hospital - Pamela Springer and Hibiscus Children's Center - Angela Lowe. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000 ext. 257.

Library Book Club to meet

The Friends of the Library Okeechobee Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 6 p.m. at the library. The book for discussion is *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defore.

Back to work seminar set

Pritchard's Insurance and Raulerson Company Care will present a "Back to Work" program on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 1802 South Parrot Avenue, from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. There is no charge for the seminar. Guest speakers will discuss topics that deal with issues concerning returning to work after occupational injuries. Anyone is invited to attend this informative seminar. For more information, please call Lisa Rodriguez at 863-824-3114 or by email: lrodriguez@pritchardsinc.com.

Church holds third bi-annual quilt show

The Women's Ministry of Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church will sponsor their third bi-annual quilt show on Saturday, Feb. 28, from

10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The show will be held in the fellowship hall of the church, 1731 Hunter Road. Admission is free, there will be refreshments and door prizes. For more information or to enter items call Wilma 863-763-2047 or Goldie 863-763-1049.

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.

David L. McCormick, 63

OKEECHOBEE — David L. McCormick, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009, in Raulerson Hospital.

Having served in the U.S. Navy, Mr. McCormick enjoyed fishing, hunting, boating and was a hospice volunteer.

Preceded in death by two brothers, James and Allen.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Nila; one son, Brian McCormick of Washington State; two daughters, Heather Downard of Carlton, Ky., and Mimi Delgado (Miguel) of Poartland, Ore. In addition, he is survived by stepsons, Ricky Gray of Okeechobee, Robert Gray (Tammy) of Villa Hill, Ky., and Gary Gray (Sinthia) of Union, Ky; two step daughters Denice Beasley of Glenco, Ky., and Darlene Myers (Alvin) of Cincinnati, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; brothers, Dickie McCormick, Orville McCormick Jr., Kelly McCormick; and sister, Violet Hanes all of California, Ky.

No services are planned, however, memorial condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

All arrangements are under the direction of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory.

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Donivan Francis McCully, 94

OKEECHOBEE — Donivan Francis McCully, of Okeechobee, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009, in the Hospice Hamrick House.

A 30 year resident of Okeechobee, he enjoyed fishing, golf and hunting.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II and served in the South Pacific.

He is survived by his companion, Jean Wenstrom; two sisters, Leona Milbourn and Mary Lesniak; and three nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at the Buxton Funeral Home 4 p.m. Monday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee P.O. Box 1548 Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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Everglades students learn how to write stories

Second Grade:

At Everglades Elementary School, Mrs. Brady's class is writing stories about what would happen if two cartoon characters from two different cartoons met and fell in love. For example "Scooby Doo" and "Betty Boop." We have had fun using our creativity writing these fantasy stories! In math, we are learning about probabilities. In science, we are learning about living and nonliving things.

We are excited about exchanging valentines on Friday!

Ms. Hunt's class has been busy counting money and figuring out change received. We love to pretend to buy things from our friends and they give us the change back.

We are future millionaires, because counting money is fun!

Mrs. Campbell's class enjoyed watching our volcanoes erupt. We are learning a lot about the Earth's surface. We have decided that fossils and dinosaurs are cool! Our dinosaurs look great, we are a creative group!

Mrs. Kirby's class is busy learning to count money. We are working on showing how to make the same amounts with different coins. Future bankers have to start with the basics!

Mr. Wright's class has been putting together some really neat computer projects. We are starting geometry in math and natural resources in science. In social studies our unit has been on America.

Ms. Gumz's class is learning what causes day and night and seasons. Rotation, orbit, and tilt are key vocabulary words to explain what we learned. Black History Month has shown us how things have changed, especially now that we have a black President. We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day! Best wishes for a confident and capable attitude that you did well on FCAT Writes! Good luck 4th grade!

Ms. Kosinski's has been working on probability in math. We are loving spinning our predicting action. We have finished a power point on living and nonliving living things. We would like to thank Ms. Hurley and Mrs. Lundy for visiting our class and viewing our projects! We enjoyed their positive feedback! We would like to thank Mrs. Davis' fourth graders for taking the time to look at our projects. We were excited that the older kids liked our second grade projects! In social studies we are learning about "Black History." We are learning new facts every-



day. The students were surprised to learn that Garrett Morgan (an African/American) invented the traffic light. Did you know that? Finally, in reading we have been reading "Super Storms." The class felt a strong connection to this story as we had just covered weather in our science unit. We wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day!

Third Grade:

Mrs. Koff's class is learning how to read and make their own plots in math class. In reading we are finishing our story for the week, "Here's My Dollar." The students are learning about different ways that they can get involved in school and in their community. In writing they kids are excited to be writing letters of encouragement to the fourth graders to wish them well on FCAT Writes! In science, we are finishing up our lesson on the solar system. The students are learning about the planets and get to create their own constellations!

Mr. Viens class is making encouragement cards to wish the fourth graders well on their FCAT Writes! writing test this week. In science, we are learning about natural resources and how to conserve and recycle our resources. We have been working on medians, modes, and means in math and how to do research and surveys and how to make data charts and line graphs. Congratulations to Haylie and Juan for being students of the week. Keep reading for your 100 Book Challenge steps and earn a pizza from Pizza Hut.

Mrs. Tilton's/Ms. Campbell's class has been equivalent and simplest forms of fractions. In science, we are exploring perimeter, area and volume. In writing, each student has created their own travel brochure of China. based on the student's interest in certain cities. Good luck to our friends in fourth grade on the FCAT Writes!

test this week! Congratulations to Aubrey Wojcieszak, our student of the week!

Mrs. Reno's class is really "shaping up" as we learn about geometry in math! Our student teacher in reading, Ms. Campbell, is helping us review compare and contrast, reading comprehension, and vocabulary. In social studies, we've been learning about different forms of government. We've been writing every day and are becoming superb story tellers! In science we have been exploring customary length and capacity. Keep reading at home for 100 Book Challenge steps. Our class leader has 260 steps (over 17 hours of reading)! Congratulations to Carter Karella, Zachery Arcuri, Samuel Clarke, and Kobe Crews our most recent students of the week!

Mrs. Forde's class is going for the goal with multiplication. We are tracking the basic multiplication facts with soccer balls and goals. Our reading class is studying the importance of helping others as well as author's purpose. Do you know why the author wrote something? Remember PIES, persuade, inform, entertain, or share a personal story. We are working with our inclusion teacher, Mr. Bonasera, he is helping us with a huge science, writing, and technology project. The students have learned about natural resources, they wrote a magazine article on paper and then typed it into the computer. They included pictures and captions. Their knowledge of natural resources has increased due to this project. The students' work will be shared with the faculty at the next early release day. Congratulations to students of the week; Cody Floyd, and Stephanie



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Making words is fun

Ms. Hyde's Kindergarten students work together making words during small group time.

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Fifth Grade:

The fifth grade would like to thank Kathy Hogen Kamp for donating lab supplies for our upcoming unit on weather and the water cycle.

Mrs. Washington's class is working hard in reading and language arts. We are focusing on the use of content clues to gain a better understanding of the test.

City

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details of the 26 page proposed ordinance page by page. According to the proposed ordinance temporary sidewalk signs would be legal only in the central business district. There can be no more than two real estate signs on a property. The proposed ordinance would not allow the placement of a garage sale sign on someone else's property. Another of the restrictions stated that signs that change text must change at an interval no faster than 60 seconds. The use of strobe lights in businesses would be prohibited.

Hand held signs would be allowed while advertising on trash cans on private property would not be allowed. If a business with a nonconforming sign is sold, the sign may stay as it is unless the owner changes it by more than a 50 percent Then it must conform to local codes. If the sign is torn down it must be replaced by a sign that conforms to current code.

Since this was a workshop, no official action could be taken. The ordinance must still go before the city council for the first reading.

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Award

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Ms. Colburn said she went to work in the medical field after a close relative became sick. She said she wanted to learn so she could help people. "My mom was sick and I didn't know how

to take care of her. She died and I went to class," she explained.

Ms. Colburn thanked her fellow employees in the department and the Raulerson Hospital Family for helping her achieve this award.

"We do a lot of stuff because we get support from our department. Others pick up the slack for

me. I couldn't do what I do without the departments support," she added.

Ms. Colburn's family was on hand to share in the moment with her.

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SES students Jump Rope for Heart

South Elementary students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Students jumped rope for a healthy heart on Friday, Feb. 6, during with Coach Schlabach, sponsor of the event, and the other Specials teachers. They raised for this very worthwhile organization.

The South Elementary yearbook is in its final stages of production. It will be sent to the



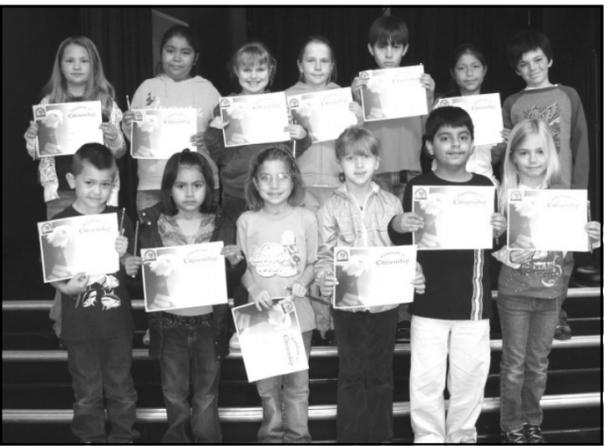
publisher within a few weeks. We reserve several pages for ads each year. Often families or area businesses wish to publish an ad in the yearbook. For pricing and

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Spirit Day on Friday will be celebrated by wearing red, pink or purple. If your child wishes to bring Valentines in for their fellow classmates, most students have bags and students can give Valentine's to their classmates. Please contact your child's teachers if you need additional information.

Fourth Grade is ready to Rock the FCAT—for Writing. The FCAT

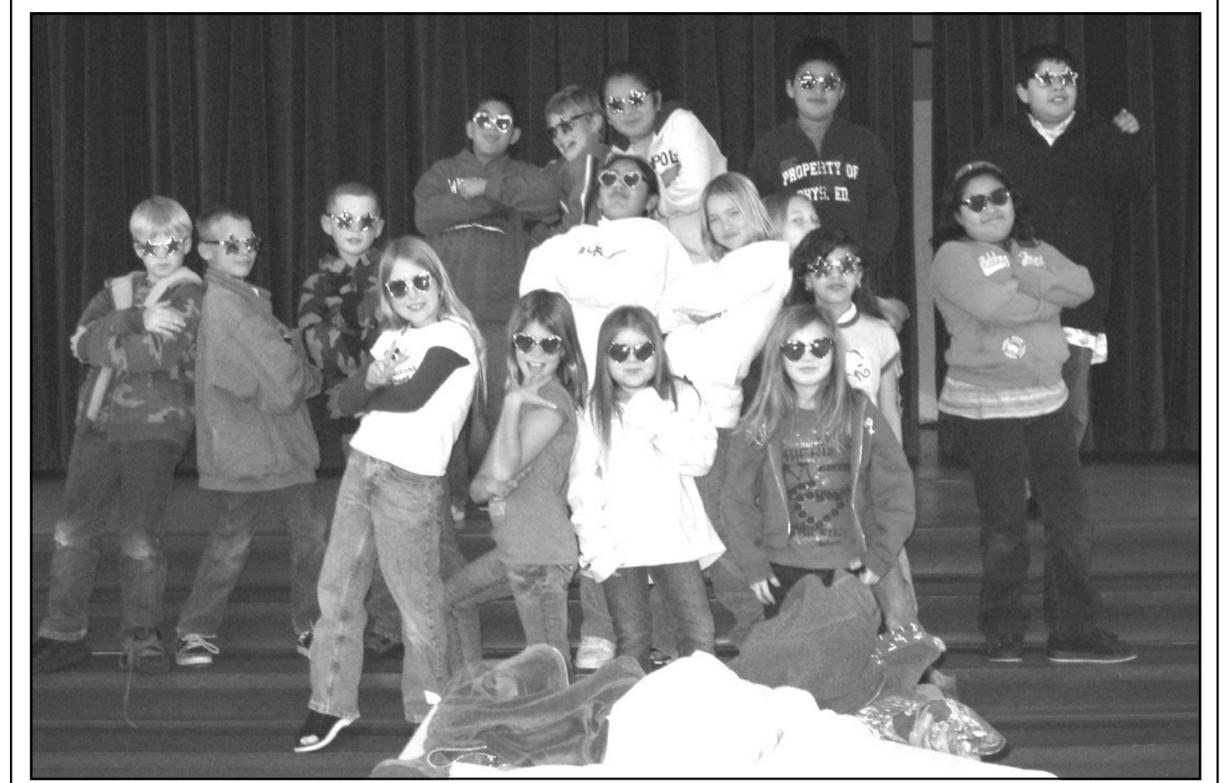
Writing assessment will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, for fourth grade students. Master Teachers came from the Write a Play company on Tuesday to talk with 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students about writing. The Master Teachers then went into each fourth grade classroom to help students write dialog and descriptive phrases in the format of a play.



Submitted photo/SES The South Elementary School Students of the Month for January were: Vanesa Gomez, Arena Haywood, Justyn Scruggs, Skylynn DiRusso, Ashley Bowers, Britney Whipple, Jasmine Calzada, Sarah Heaton, Shahmir Ali, Meghan Kuschel, Brenda Aguilar, Maya Kneidel, Jesse Mond, Verenise Lopez, Destani Whaley, Nelly Almanza, Marshall Rucks, Dilmer Larowe, and Austin Spano. Congratulations students.



Submitted photo/SES Students are achieving excellence everyday at South Elementary School. Students of the Week include: Chase Beal, Lidia Arriaga, Matthew Nguyen, Alyssa Vavra, Jeremiah Horton, Kameron Allen, Emily Land, Jadene Garcia, Melanie Gonzalez, Nicholas Hayford, Emily Beaty, Anthony Richards, Elana Rodriguez, Sydney Hendrix, Stormy Requena, Kristina Jarrell, Chandler Pearce, Daniela Olvera, Alexis Alicia, Jennifer Willis, Hunter Mehrer, Jose Martinez, Baron Stuart, Breanna Blount, Clay Rogers, Anjelilque Miller, and Shyane Adkins.



Submitted photo/Everglades Elementary Having fun to rap Mrs. Davis's fourth graders perform an FCAT rap to encourage everyone to do their best on the FCAT writing test.

Livestock Market Report

Feb. 16 and 17, 2009

Cows	Monday	Tuesday
Breaking	\$42.00	\$52.50
Cutter	\$41.00	\$50.00
Canner	\$33.00	\$40.00

Bulls	Monday	Tuesday
1000-1500	\$51.00	\$53.50
1500-2000	\$55.00	\$64.50

	Monday	Tuesday
Calves	445	648
Cows	50	618
Str	2	40
Hfhrs	0	43
Bulls	16	27
Yrlngs	8	37
Mix	0	11
Total	521	1424

Med #1	Steers	Hfhrs
150-200	160-175	140-155
200-250	115-130	97-110
250-300	123-125	97-112
300-350	117-120	89-99
350-400	104-113	85-90
400-450	94-107	82-88
450-500	92-101	80-86
550-600	90-94	78-80
600-650		76-82

Med #2	Steers	Hfhrs
150-200	0-0	90-95
200-250	97-120	72-90
250-300	110-117	80-97
300-350	95-112	80-90
350-400	90-101	67-86
400-450	66-92	66-81

Small #1	Steers	Hfhrs
220-235	115-145	90-100
250-300	110-115	90-100
300-350	100-110	89-91
350-400	70-104	77-80
450-500	0-0	0-0
550-600	82-88	0-0

Feeder calves remained steady although quality was off. With what "fats" are bringing, it's a wonder they were steady at all. Slaughter cows and bulls took a dive - \$4 to 5 lower. Look for calves to be steady for a while

with numbers scarce. Monrad Chandler of Okeechobee and Williard Palmer of Palm Bay topped the calf market with the high of \$1.75. Adams Ranch, Ft. Pierce, topped the cow market with a high of \$55. Remember our last Monday sale is on Feb. 23. Tuesday sales only until after July 4. See ya next week, Jeff

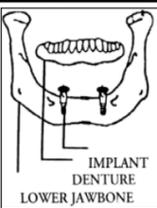


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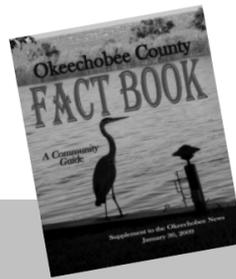


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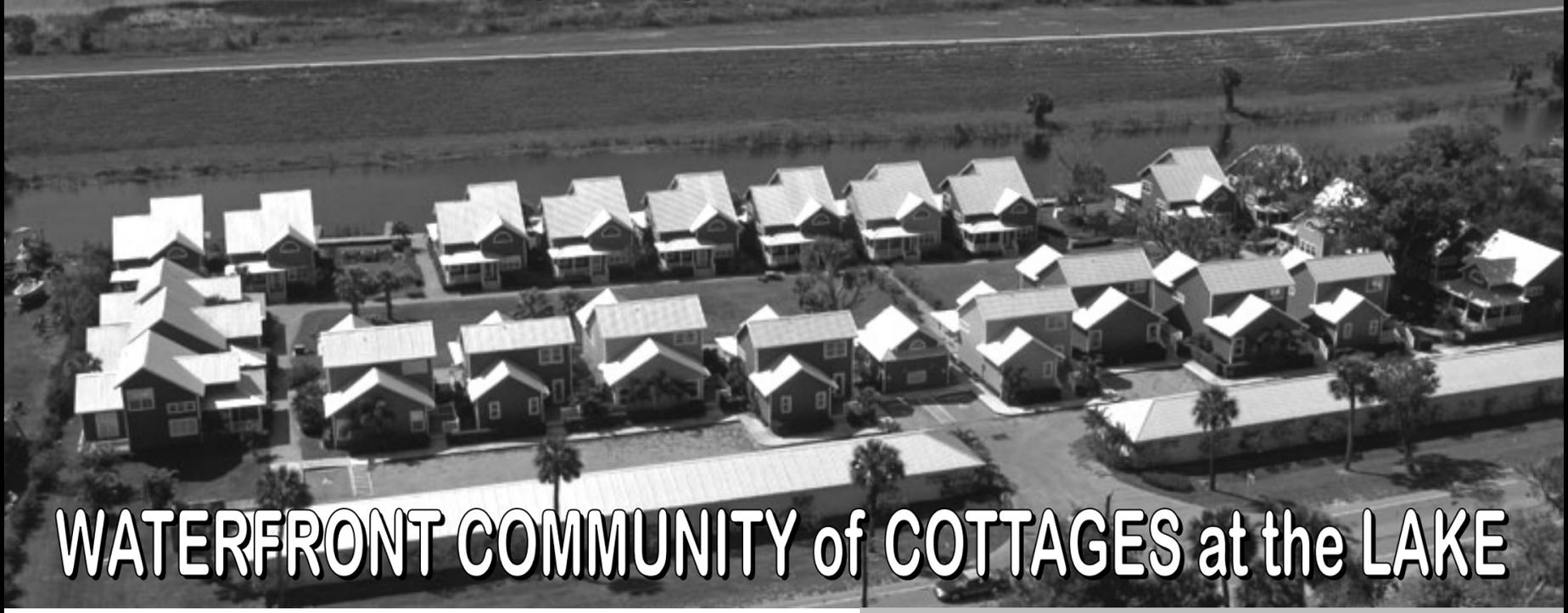


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INVITATION TO BID
GROUND MAINTENANCE
 BID NO. PW-01-10-02-09

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Okeechobee General Services Department, Room 101 at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974, (863) 763-3372 ext. 218, no later than **2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers. Bids may not be revoked after bid opening. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted.

The work for which this bid consists of is: Ground Maintenance for City Hall, City Parks, Police Department, Fire Department, Right-of-Ways, Medians and Sidewalks.

Bid Packets are available at the General Services Department, during normal hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except holidays, for a non-refundable \$10.00 fee.

Envelopes should be clearly marked "Ground Maintenance Bid No. PW-01-10-02-09 - City Hall, City Parks, Police Department, Fire Department, Right-of-Ways, Medians and Sidewalks" and may be hand delivered or mailed to the address listed above. Facsimile or emailed bids will not be accepted.

The City has the right to accept or reject any and all bids, with or without cause, to waive technical errors deemed most advantageous to the City. All bids shall remain open for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening.

Donnie Robertson, Public Works Director
 311351 ON 2/22/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2004-0P-008

IN THE INTEREST OF:
R.R. DOB: 12/28/03
 Mother of the minor child:
 Cheryl Rosier
 (parental rights terminated)

TO: Father of R.R., **Raul Aldana**
 Residence and Address Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A PETITION UNDER OATH HAS BEEN FILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE ABOVE-STYLED COURT LOCATED AT: OKEECHOBEE JUDICIAL CENTER 312 N.W. 3rd STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

AT 2:30 PM, ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2009, IN COURTROOM "D" OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. THE CHILD WAS BORN IN THE COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. YOU ARE COMMANDED TO BE AND APPEAR BEFORE A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, JUVENILE DIVISION IN THE ABOVE-STYLED COURT LOCATED AT: OKEECHOBEE JUDICIAL CENTER 312 N.W. 3rd STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THIS ADVISORY HEARING CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF THIS CHILD. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILD NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

BE ADVISED THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, ONE MAY BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. WITNESS MY HAND AS CLERK OF SAID COURT AND THE SEAL THEREOF, THIS 30th DAY OF DEC., 2008.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF COURT
 By: Kathy Arnold
 DEPUTY CLERK

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE
PROJECT RESOLUTION
FOR STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM PROJECTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 334 through 339 and Chapter 73 and 74, Florida Statutes, as amended, the State of Florida, Department of Transportation ("Department") has authority to locate and designate certain transportation facilities as a part of the State Highway System and construct and maintain the same with funds which are now or which may hereafter become available to the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 334 through 339 and Chapters 73 and 74, Florida Statutes, as amended, the highway authorities of the state, counties, cities, towns, and villages, acting alone or in cooperation with each other or with any federal, state, or local agency of any other state having authority to participate in the construction and maintenance of transportation facilities, are authorized to designate, provide, and regulate limited access facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 337.27 Florida Statutes, the Secretary of Transportation has delegated the authority to execute eminent domain resolutions to the Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, the property is being acquired by Florida's Turnpike Enterprise ("Enterprise") a division of the Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James Ely is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Right of Way maps have been prepared by the Department showing the location of Item/Segment Number 422418-2.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Director that the Fort Drum Service Plaza Wastewater Treatment Pond, Okeechobee County, Florida is hereby located and designated as Item/Segment Number 422418-2, and the line and location of said part of said facility are hereby designated as a part of the State Highway System; and the Right of Way maps prepared by the Department, as aforesaid, are hereby adopted as the official Right of Way maps for said Item/Segment Number; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, finding that traffic conditions, present or future, would justify said facility being designated as a limited access facility, hereby designates, or has designated the same as a limited access facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the judgment of the Department that the construction of said portion of said Item/Segment Number is necessary, practical and in the best interest of the State; and that the acquisition of such property and property rights as are needed for said construction is necessary for the performance of its duties and for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of said state facility for the use of the general public; and that the Department is authorized to make such acquisition by gift, purchase, or condemnation.

State of Florida
 Department of Transportation
 Florida Turnpike Enterprises
 By: James Ely, D.P.A.
 Executive Director and
 Chief Executive Officer

ATTEST: Executive Secretary

DATE:
 Approved as to form and legality
 Jack R. Leonard
 Office of Turnpike General Counsel
 311514 ON 2/22,25/09

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Okeechobee High School was no hit until the sixth inning as they fell to Treasure Coast 6-1 in the regular season home opener for boy's baseball Thursday night.

Scotty McManus threw fastballs past and curveballs around the Brahman bats as the Titans won in their first ever visit to Okeechobee.

McManus added a nice night at the plate with three hits. His sixth inning bases clearing triple basically sealed the victory for Treasure Coast. Chris Brown and Danny Davis also had three hits to pace the 12-hit attack.

Okeechobee's lone run came on an RBI double by Mark Weir in the sixth inning. His drive to right field nearly left the building, but hit off the screen about the wall and bounced back onto the field. It was that kind of night for Okeechobee.

Brahman Coach Dylan Tedders said he thinks his kids are over thinking at the plate and aren't as focused as he'd like,

gression at the plate that we saw early. We're in a little funk. We've seen quality pitching," he said. "We just need some sparks to get us out of this. We just can't us into too big of a hole and try to get out."

Cameron Tewksbury did his best to keep Okeechobee in the ball game. The Brahmans starting pitcher had some rough innings but held Treasure Coast to three runs over five innings. He allowed nine hits, but was able to make pitches so seven runners were stranded on base. Coach Tedders said Cameron is still counted on to be a staff leader this year.

"I think he's over thinking the situation," said the coach. "He's got to realize that we will put him in a good situation. That's the problem with coaching smart athletes, they over think. That's where we're at. We're over thinking situations, on the mound and at the plate. We need to relax and play baseball."

Okeechobee fell behind 2-0 in

a walk, and moved to third on a balk and a single by Cory Shaver. Marotta scored on a second passed ball to give the Titans a 1-0 lead. Danny Davis followed with an RBI single to make it 2-0.

The score remained 2-0 until the fifth when McManus and Chris Brown opened the inning with singles and Marotta added an RBI single to center. Okeechobee managed just two base runners through the first four innings. Mark Weir drew walks in the first and fourth innings. He was stranded in the first and was out trying to advance to third on a ground ball in the fourth.

Treasure Coast greeted the Brahman bullpen rudely in the sixth. Giovanni Cruz hit a hard grounder that Weir booted at third. Davis followed with a single and Eric Alvarez followed with an infield single against reliever Brandon Farless. Mike Minondo relieved and was greeted by a triple by McManus that doubled the Titans lead to 6-0.

Okeechobee's run came in the sixth as Drew Selvey singled and scored on Weir's long double.

Cameron Tewksbury hit a fly ball double in the seventh for Okeechobee's only other hit. 12 Brahmans were struck out by a pair of Titans pitchers.

Okeechobee will travel to Forest Hill on Tuesday and return home to meet Glades Central next Friday.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Adam Tewksbury reacts after a fifth inning strikeout Thursday. Twelve Okeechobee batters struck out in the game.

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