

## Briefs

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### Homestead exemption deadline nears

Applications for Homestead exemption—Additional Senior Exemption for person's 65 years or older, Agriculture Classification and all other exemption applications should be filed with the Property Appraiser's Office by March 1, 2009. Agriculture renewal cards (green cards) are also due March 1. The property appraiser's office is located at 307 N.W. Fifth Ave. in the Alderman Building. Exemption for seniors 65 and older is subject to income limits. For more information contact the office at 863-763-4422.

### FHREDI meeting planned

A public meeting of the Board of Directors for Florida's Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative, Inc. and Florida's Freshwater Frontier, Inc. is set for Monday, March 2 at 10 a.m. and will be held at the Bert J. Harris, Jr. Agri-Civic Center, 4509 George Boulevard, Sebring, Fla., Conference Room 2.

### Drought Index

**Current:** 675  
**Source:** Florida Division of Forestry  
**Local Burn Ban:** None

### Lake Levels

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# Economic plan postponed

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

In an ironic twist, a plan to improve the local economy was postponed due to concerns over the condition of the county's economy. At their semimonthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26 Okeechobee County Commissioners heard Mark Smith describe the economic development plan proposed by Main Street Okeechobee (OMS). This is a plan designed to implement the economic development pro-

gram prepared for the county by economic development advisor William Fruth in 2006.

The plan calls for \$75,000 in start up funds from the county. While the goal of the plan is to eventually be funded completely by private donations, it is depending heavily at first on government funds.

After hearing the plan, commissioners expressed concern about committing county funds at this time and tabled any action until next meeting. Later in the

day deputy county commissioner Robbie Chartier was scheduled to give a financial overview of the county and they wanted to hear that before making any decision.

In her report, Mrs. Chartier stated that as of Jan. 31, the county is in stable financial condition. However, current year revenues are below budget and target levels. The good news is that current expenditures are also below budget and target levels and prior year reserves re-

main untouched. She cautioned that each month the county will need to closely monitor the revenues and expenses and make adjustments as needed.

Ad valorem tax receipts are below the budget target by 32.01 percent. However, Okeechobee County Tax Collector Celeste Watford stated that normally in the month of March there is a last minute rush to pay taxes before the April 1 deadline. Receipts from special assessments for fire/rescue, and solid waste

collection, emergency medical services, small county surtax, sales tax, state revenue sharing, solid waste host fees and gas tax are all below budgeted amounts. Fees from building permits and impact fees are also below the level expected.

Mr. Smith stated that the economic development plan proposed by Okeechobee Main Street will help our tax base and promote a more vibrant

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## Cracker Trail Ride: The path of cattle drives



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Riders cross the Kissimmee River bridge Thursday during the annual cracker trail ride.

## Riders honor local history

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

For over 20 years riders have crossed the state in order to remember the old cracker cowboy days.

More than 100 riders visited Okeechobee Thursday night and Friday on their way to the annual Cracker Day parade in Fort Pierce. The close to 150 mile trek began last weekend in Bradenton.

Many of the riders have gone on the ride for several years. Each night they are greeted with special entertainment. This year there were poets, folk singers, historians, and rodeo type events.

Kayle Lyn Pella of Lorida said she enjoys the ride each year because it reminds her of her grandfather, who took part in actual cattle drives when he was a boy. She lives at Gum Pond Ranch and has 300 acres and 80 head of cattle to handle each day, so the drive is another day's work for her.

"I'm an eighth generation cowgirl. Its kind of like reliving history for me. My grandpa told me a lot of stories about the



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Riders of all ages enjoy the annual cracker trail ride.

drive, especially the Kissimmee River and how ranches would meet up with other ranches, and go on to the coast. It's really good clean fun for kids and families to do," she said.

Pella said most people think Florida is all sandy beaches and urban areas. She noted that isn't the real Florida. "I hope we keep getting more people

to go on the drive and keep it going. The youth are taking an interest. This is a part of history that shouldn't die out."

Kathy Hunt has gone on the drive for five years. She brought her daughter, Schyler, 17, on the drive this year. She said it is something she looks forward to every year.

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## First land boom also went bust

Will history repeat itself?

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

It has been said that history repeats itself. We might be seeing that happen in Okeechobee.

In 2006 we were in the midst of a building boom with numerous subdivisions containing all the latest amenities being planned. Now, three years later, for various reasons, the properties are as undisturbed as they were before the developers starting drawing their plans.

During Okeechobee's first land boom in the early 1920s full page advertisements in the Okeechobee News sounded a lot like the descriptions of planned subdivisions that were seen in the paper three years ago during the recent building boom.

One real estate advertisement in 1926 predicted that Okeechobee would soon be the "Chicago of Florida."

During the early 1920s, according to historian Retired Circuit Judge William Hendry, many lots were sold to specu-

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## City council faces another short meeting

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

It appears that the Okeechobee City Council is facing another short meeting with only three action items on the agenda for the Tuesday night meeting.

The first item is consideration of an ordinance dealing with the city's capital improvement plan. It revamps the five year capital improvements schedule and includes the five year capital improvement plans of Okeechobee Utility Authority and the Okeechobee County School District.

The second item changes the future land use map from multi-family to commercial. The property is owned by A.M.S.A. LLC and is located in the 100 block of N.E. 11th Street. This change will allow the owner to build an office for a home health care service.

The third item is an agreement with LaRue Planning

### If you go ...

**What:** Semimonthly meeting of the Okeechobee City Council

**When:** 6 p.m., Tuesday, March 3

**Where:** City Council Chambers, Okeechobee City Hall, 55 S.E. Third Ave.

& Management Service, Inc. to prepare the city's evaluation and appraisal report. This agreement will allow LaRue to conduct meetings, gather data, analyze key issues, identify and summarize corrective measures, evaluate relevant changes in growth management laws and address specific requirements of Florida Statutes. It calls for the work to be completed by Jan. 1, 2011 at a cost of \$31,000.

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## Wild fire threatens Basinger homes

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Close to 250 acres of woods and pasture land burned after a wild fire struck the Lamb Island Road area on Thursday, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue reported.

Crews from the Division of Forestry, and County firemen and volunteers spent much of the afternoon and evening battling the flames. Three homes and a barn were threatened at times as the fire jumped the road and fire lines on several occasions.

Lt. Karl Holtkamp of Okeechobee County Fire Rescue said the fire was sparked by a lawnmower. It grew quickly because of high and tricky winds. "It jumped the road and our fire breaks," he said. It's very dry, and the wind sure

didn't help. We kept the homes safe."

One firefighter noted the palmetto bushes are like kerosene when a fire gets going. The fire shut down N.W. 144th Avenue, and also burned power lines.

"It's unpredictable. In Florida the winds can chance direction and the head of the fire can turn in a minute. The access also made it tough to fight," Holtkamp added.

The Division of Forestry (DOF) brought in a helicopter to help protect one of the homes. They also had their fixed wing plane, four tractors, and two engines.

"Firemen put up a good fight," DOF Spokesman Melissa Yunas said, "It is extremely dry at this point. Anything that causes a spark is dangerous. Please be safe when you

use anything that can cause a spark."

The Basinger swamp area is one of the most wooded areas of Okeechobee County. However, most of what burned Thursday was cattle pasture and dry prairie. Glades Electric crews were also on scene due to burned power lines.

"One of the homeowners was very happy. He said our helicopter dropped water right where it needed to be to protect his home," Ms. Yunas added.

County firemen stayed through the night to be sure the fire didn't rekindle.

There were no injuries reported and no buildings were damaged. One brush truck owned by the County suffered fire damage to its passenger side door and frame.



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Okeechobee County Sheriff's Deputies shut down N.W. 144th Avenue as flames and black smoke filled the sky.

# Riders

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"I love this ride. I've rode every mile for the past five years. It's a really good time and a lot of fun," she said.

Hunt said she really enjoyed the entertainment this year, much of which focuses on the history of the cracker cowboy. She noted the visit to the Bar Crest Ranch in Highlands County is a highlight for her.

"The weather has been great. It could be a lot worse. One year we woke up on a Sunday to 29 degrees and rain, it was miserable," she noted.

Hunt said she would recommend this ride for people who really want a taste of how it was to live in Florida many years ago, "Anybody who ever has a chance to do it, ought to do it. It's kind of addicting. You'll want to do it every year."

Schlyer Hunt has gone on the drive for four years. She said it's a lot of fun for her. She admits she loves the country way of life and wishes she didn't have to live in an urban subdivision in Bradenton. "I'd rather be in the country. We board our horses in Parrish. I'd rather be there. I wish I could have lived in the olden days. If I had the choice I would have



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Kathy Hunt (right) and her daughter Schlyer enjoyed the annual cracker trail ride across Florida.**



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Kayle Lyn Pella and Cole have ridden on the trail for many years.**



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Riders approach the Edna Pearce Lockett Estate in Fort Basinger during the trail ride Thursday.**

'cause you don't get to see this kind of stuff anymore," she said.

The Bass family hosted the riders on 700A Thursday night. They stayed at the Adams Ranch west of Fort Pierce on Friday night.

# Plan

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economy. He noted that the unemployment rate in Okeechobee is nearly 10 percent. That is higher than state or national unemployment rates.

The plan calls for the hiring of a professional, full time economic development director with a salary of \$65,000, including benefits. This person would report to the OMS Director of Economic Restructuring with general oversight provided by the economic restructuring committee. The economic development director would be responsible for developing and implementing the eco-

conomic development program of the county.

The goal of the economic development director over a three year period would be to create up to 250 primary jobs that would provide for the sale of goods or services outside the county, create up to 100 secondary jobs providing goods or services to be sold within the county and stimulating up to \$25,000,000 in capital construction.

While OMS is sponsoring the plan, their goal is that economic development would be a stand alone organization in a two to four year period.

Mr. Smith said OMS would aggressively seek private funding and phase out government funding. In another month the group

intends to start soliciting funding from business and industry.

"We think we have created a broad spectrum of ways business and individuals can participate," he said.

"We believe we have a good workable plan here," Mr. Smith said. He added that he has gotten positive feedback from prospective members.

"Is this the appropriate time to invest this money?" asked commissioner Ray Dorer.

"There may be opportunities to attract businesses because of the economic conditions they are in," replied Mr. Smith. "I think businesses will be looking to relocate."

He expressed hope that by the time the plan is fully operational

the economy will be beginning to turn around.

"The only way to increase our financial capacity is to have a broader tax base," was the opinion of former commissioner Elvie Posey.

Mr. Posey said he went to a meeting the day before and learned it doesn't look like the economic incentive package will help our area. He went on to say that we are going to have to help ourselves.

John Gurney of Workforce Solutions, the local employment organization, expressed his organization's endorsement of the plan.

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# Okeechobee Forecast

**Today:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 4pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

## Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 69. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

**Monday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70. Calm wind becoming north between 5 and 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

# Land

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lators who hoped to turn a quick profit. Then, a few years later there were a record number of foreclosures. However, unlike today, when most of the foreclosures involve newly built houses, many of the earlier foreclosure were vacant lots that had been bought by speculators.

A full page advertisement in the Jan. 8, 1926 issue of the Okeechobee News glowingly described the planned subdivision of Highland Park which was on State Road 70 east of Mosquito Creek. The ad boasted that Highland Park would become "one of Okeechobee's finest residential suburbs" with graded streets, water, electricity, a club house, tennis courts and a private lake. However, no homes

were ever built there. The land is now improved pasture.

Another full page ad in that same paper touted an even classier subdivision, Montrose Court, which was west of the city on State Road 70 across from DeBerry Gardens. The ad boasted that the subdivision would have broad paved boulevards, sidewalks, street lights and a gated entryway.

"Only Spanish and Italian architecture will be permitted," the ad said. "Construction must be of stucco or brick."

The ad further stated that the houses fronting State Road 70 would have to cost at least \$6,000. By contrast the same newspaper advertised a new six room house and a five car garage for \$3,800.

The lots in Montrose Court ranged in price from \$2,000 to \$3,500 and the developer was even willing to handle the financ-

ing. The terms were one quarter in cash with the balance to be paid in 24 equal monthly payments.

While no houses were ever built in Montrose Court, evidently some lots were sold. A check of the Okeechobee County Property Appraiser's website reveals that that property is now a 310 acre improved pasture with one owner. However, scattered throughout that 310 acre parcel are several landlocked 0.125 acre plots owned by other individuals. These plots were probably once lots in the subdivision.

Only time will tell if recently planned subdivisions will end up like Montrose Court and Highland Park.

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# Lotteries

**Florida Lottery** — Here are the numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 1-4-1; **Play 4:** 0-3-8-7; **Fantasy 5:** 2-15-25-26-32; **Mega Money:** 8-15-26-36 MB 11; **Florida Lotto:** 11-19-43-44-47-53; **Powerball:** 17-32-42-49-56 PB11 x4. Numbers drawn Friday, **Cash 3:** 9-1-7; **Play 4:** 6-9-1-3.

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## 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).

- Billy Thomas Hatfield, 40, Broadland Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 23, by Officer Kelley Margerum on Highlands County warrants charging him with burglary of a structure, grand theft and dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$7,000.

- Christine Ann Luther, 45, Water St., Wakefield, Mass., was arrested Feb. 24, by Deputy Mark Shireman on a charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$750.

- Martin Gerardo Godinez, 19, N.W. Second St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 24, by Deputy Patricia Massung on a warrant charging him with burglary of a dwelling. He was also arrested on a warrant charging him with failure to appear - no tag and failure to appear - driving while license suspended. His bond was set at \$25,000.

- Wilbert Perez-Borja, 25, N.E. 55th Trail, Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 25, by Deputy Cari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$12,500.

- Donovan Fontenette, 42, Sandia Drive, Port St. Lucie, was arrested Feb. 25, by Deputy Cari Arnold on a warrant charging him with grand theft. His bond

was set at \$1,000.

- Sande Sue Eaton, 40, N.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 25, by Deputy Cari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - criminal use of an identification card (two counts). Her bond was set at \$10,000.

- Robert Ivan Starnes, 39, S.R. 70 E., Okeechobee, was arrested Feb. 25, by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish on a warrant charging him with felony driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$5,000.

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.

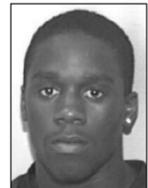
## Okeechobee's Most Wanted

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 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



**Jackie Cotrill**



**Antonie Faust**



**Wilbert Perez-Borja**



**Benji Sanders AKA Juan Tapia**



**Emillio Serrano**

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

**Wilbert 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

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

## FWC biologists use magnets to keep nuisance crocodiles away

Magnets usually attract, but the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) want magnets to do just the opposite. FWC biologists are studying if magnets can keep state-endangered American crocodiles from returning to situations where they are not welcome, primarily in neighborhoods in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

Crocodile-human interactions have increased as the crocodile population has recovered. One technique to resolve these conflicts is translocation. This involves capturing the crocodile and moving it to suitable crocodile habitat as far away as possible, in an attempt to keep it away from an area. However, translocation is seldom effective. FWC biologists have found that translocated crocodiles will travel an average of 10 miles per week to

return to their capture site, in a practice called "homing." Others never make it because they are hit and killed by vehicles as they cross roads. Some may be killed by other crocodiles at the release site or during their journey back.

In an effort to break the "homing" cycle, FWC biologists have initiated a new study. Crocodile agents have been instructed to attach magnets to both sides of the crocodile's head at the capture site. It is hoped the magnets will disorient the crocodiles and disrupt their navigation, so they can't find their way back to the capture site. The magnets are removed from the crocodile's head upon release. Agents will also secure a colored tag to the crocodile's tail, so returning crocodiles can be identified later.

"Scientists in Mexico have reported success in using magnets

to break the homing cycle," said Lindsey Hord, FWC crocodile response coordinator. "The results of the study are promising. If it proves successful here, we could gain an effective technique to resolve crocodile-human conflicts."

If a nuisance crocodile continues to return to the capture site, or its behavior presents an unacceptable risk to people, under certain circumstances, it could be removed from the wild and placed into captivity.

You should never approach a crocodile, and if you see one that concerns you, call the FWC's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286) to report the animal. To learn more about the American crocodile in Florida visit MyFWC.com/crocodile.

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### Handicapped parking

**TICKETS:** In the Palm Beach paper, there was an article about volunteer traffic officers giving out tickets to illegally parked vehicles, people parking in fire lanes and parking in handicapped parking with no permits. We have the C.O.P. program here in Okeechobee who could function the same way. The officers in Martin county were all volunteers who had attended a class on traffic laws. They carried digital cameras and took a picture of the violators vehicle with the license plate showing and turned this in with the ticket to the sheriff's office. The article showed a volunteer writing a ticket at the Treasure Coast Mall. The article stated that Martin county had collected over \$7800 in fines since the program started.

**PARKING SPOTS:** To the people who keep complaining about the motorcycles parked in the striped areas. You are right, we are not parked legally. Therefore, from this point on I will park my motorcycle exactly where I am supposed to, the same place you park your car or truck. When you get tired of driving around the parking lot and seeing little motorcycles taking up a whole parking space, please be advised: you spoke and I listened. Golf carts have no business on the road or in the parking lots—they are not licensed.

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### Reflections

**TEN COMMANDMENTS:** I would like to reflect on the comments made about the ten commandments in Reflections from the Pulpit. It sounds to me like the writer is criticizing the Catholics, which is not uncommon here in Florida. It also seems common to attack the Anglican church and the Lutheran church. It says the same ten commandments in each case that he is presenting here. And furthermore, the bible wording had to be changed. It had to be translated so he could even read it. Because if it was printed in the language in which it was originally written, he couldn't even read it.

### Water, water

**WATER MAIN:** Recently we had a water main break in Treasure Island and I want to thank the Okeechobee Utility Authority for what they did to notify us. They came around to the house twice with notices, they came and told us personally and we had two telephone calls to remind us about what we needed to do. And they repaired it as quickly as they could and I am very pleased with what they did. Thank you to all of you.

## Community Calendar

### Sunday, March 1

**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, 120 N.W. Third St.  
**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, (Behind Napa Auto Parts) A.A. weekend noon meeting Open Discussion. The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

### Monday, March 2

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Open Discussion at 7 p.m. 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 First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. This will be an open meeting.  
**Okeechobee Model Airplane Club** will meet at the Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane at 7 p.m. For information, contact Robert Rosada at 863-467-5440.  
**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.  
**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 Karen Graves at 863-763-6952.

### Tuesday, March 3

**Civil Air Patrol meetings set**  
 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  
**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.  
**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, (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.

**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.  
 New Beginning's meeting of **Narcotics Anonymous** will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Believers Fellowship Church, 300 S.W. Fifth Ave. It will be an open discussion meeting. For more information call Monika Allen at 863-801-3244.  
**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 Saviour, 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.  
**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.

**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.

**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

**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.

**The Okeechobee Lions Club** meets at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 700 S. Parrott Ave. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome. For information, contact Elder Sumner at 863-763-6076.

**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. The public is invited.

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

**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.

**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 persons with alcohol and drug related problems at 6 p.m. For information call 863-357-3053.

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.

**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.

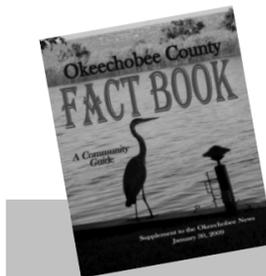
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## Students of the week

South Elementary students of the week included: Madison Hernandez, Ethan Adamo, Morgan Holliday, Veronica Hernandez, Kyle Barrett, Dallas Miller, Cameron Campbell, Hannah Crapps, Lillian Henry, Cynthia Cortez, Abigail Myers, Austyn Scruggs, Hunter Smith, Leslie Calzada, Jacob McKee, Jared Phares, Brooke Adkins, Jordan Hickman, Logan Stton, Maria Olvera, Cody Wheatley and Carmela Garcia.

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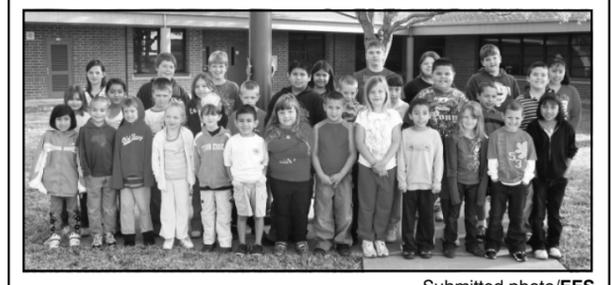
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## Students of the Week

Students are achieving excellence everyday at Everglades Elementary School. **Students of the Week** are: kindergarten: Gabriela Flores-Perez, Brian Eshleman, Race Bickel, Lainea Wilson, Justin Bennett, Marco Campos, Savannah Brown; first: Shawn Bayless, Yamilet Gandarilla, Kassidee Cloud, Edwin Reyes, Katilyn Broadrick, Hunter Hulien, Neydi Garcia; second: Stephanie Dossey, Margarita Barrera, Tyler Underhill, Genesis Rivera, Larry Wilson, Daniel Meza; third: Alexander Haaka, Alexandra Jacobo, Marc Alicea, Jessy Valladares, Mitchell Johnson; fourth: Julie Arnold, Nolyn Claypool, Ty Floyd, Adriana Hernandez; fifth: Brandon Kobernik, Khrystal Henderson, Lane Selph, Kenia Ludviano. Congratulations!

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# CES students learn about presidents

## First grade

At Central Elementary School, Mrs. Vaughn's class has been very busy in this short month. We learned about taking care of our teeth. Thanks to the dental hygiene students from IRSC. We also learned about famous Americans. For Presidents' Day we studied Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. For Black History Month we studied Americans who made a difference for people of color. Congratulations to Annalley Maldonado, Ta'Makia Jones, Matthew Mangold and Alexander Aguirre for being Students of the Week.

Mrs. Bostwick's class at Central Elementary School now know that the Underground Railroad was really a trail of houses where slaves could hide and flee to safety. Students of the Week these past few weeks were Bryan Leal and Lana Vanderhoff. Congratulations, superstars! Keep making those responsible and respectful choices!

**First Grade B.A.S.E. News**  
Students in Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Garcia's classrooms have been reading stories about famous people who made a difference in America.

In Spanish, we integrate our money chapters in math with our February unit of famous people. We are learning about many



of the presidents that appear on various coins and bills. Did you know that Benjamin Franklin was not a president even though he appears on the 100 dollar bill? Our students are learning to use touch math counting by subtracting and adding 2 digit numbers with their coins.

Special Congratulations to our students of the month: Max Abreu and Miguel Flores.

Happy Birthday to: **Laura Rodriguez**  
Our students of the week have been: Victoria Cline, Max Abreu, Miguel Flores, Jasmin Montalvo, Jennifer Salas-Garcia, Cason Cooper, Joseline Flores, and Elizabeth Casas, Mrs. Lori Howard, Mrs. Maria Garcia

## Second Grade

Mrs. Greseth's class has been learning about weather in Science. They had a great time making a tornado in class. They also learned about different types of "wild weather" and how to pre-

pare for bad weather. In Math they proved they were experts with patterns and are now working on measurement. In Reading the students read a touching story about a wolf pup and a boy. Congratulations to Jenna McClanahan, she has earned 300 steps in 100 Book Challenge! Keep on reading everyone!

## Second Grade BASE

2nd Grade B.A.S.E. has been learning about Super Storms! Did you know that a bolt of lightning can be 50,000 degrees! Or that hail can be as big as a baseball! In Spanish, students learned how the weather can change habitats and the effect pollution has on the environment.

All students are looking forward to our field trip to Dekker Farm to pick strawberries. In Spanish, they have been studying the different parts of plants.

Students have been busy reading for A.R. Our top readers in A.R. are Kaitlyn McKay, David Solorzano, and Carlos Ayala.

# Community Events

## Benefit Bake Sale

Seacoast National Bank will be hosting a bake sale on Thursday, **March 5** and Friday, **March 6** to benefit the March of Dimes. The March of Dimes walk will be held in Flagler Park #4 on **March 7**. Registration begins at 7:30 and walk begins at 8:30 a.m. Come into both Seacoast branches on Friday and enjoy homemade baked goods! All proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the March of Dimes. For more information, please call 863-697-6819.

## Hospice to hold yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee will host a yard sale at the Blue Volunteer Building next to the Hamrick Home (411 S.E. Fourth St.) on Thursday, **March 5** and Friday, **March 6** from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, **March 7** from 8 a.m. until noon. All monies raised will go to the continuing care of patients in the Hamrick Home and patients who choose to stay in their own homes. For information call 863-467-2321.

## Free memory loss screenings

Friday, **March 6**, from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., the Alzheimer's Association will sponsor free memory loss screenings at the Visiting Nurse Association, 208

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# Livestock Market Report

February 23 and 24, 2009

**Cows**

Breaking	\$43.50	\$46.00
Cutter	\$36.50	\$45.00
Canner	\$33.00	\$37.00

**Bulls**

1000-1500	\$50.00	\$57.00
1500-2000	\$50.50	\$59.50

**Monday Tuesday**

Calves	477	692
Cows	110	197
Str	8	209
Hfns	0	193
Bulls	4	67
Yrlngs	11	22
Mix	0	48
Total	610	1428

**Med #1 Steers Hfns**

150-200	140-195	120-180
200-250	117-125	92-105
250-300	117-120	90-102
300-350	112-120	87-97
350-400	105-115	83-90
400-450	97-110	80-89
450-500	93-101	79-84
550-600	89-95	78-81
600-650		72-81

**Med #2 Steers Hfns**

150-200	100-110	97-107
200-250	105-120	72-92
250-300	95-115	77-91
300-350	91-112	67-88
350-400	70-85	72-85
400-450	89-105	65-82

**Small #1 Steers Hfns**

220-235	120-125	100-110
250-300	107-120	86-87
300-350	98-112	75-84
350-400	80-97	73-82
450-500	83-90	0-0
550-600	0-0	0-0

maybe a \$1 or 2 higher on better quality calves. Willard Palmer of Palm Bay topped the calf market with a high of \$2.15. Lightsey Cattle of Lake Wales topped the cow market with a high of \$48.50. No Monday sales until after July 4.

See ya next week  
Todd

# Obituaries

*Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing [obits@newszap.com](mailto: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](http://www.newszap.com).*

**Edith L. Hester, 89**  
OKEECHOBEE — Edith L. Hester, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, in Okeechobee Health Care Facility. She was 89.

Born in Roane County, Tenn. on April 11, 1919, to the late Charles and Cora Lewis, she was a homemaker of the Baptist faith.

Mrs. Hester was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Hester.

She is survived by two sons, David Hester (Judy) of Okeechobee, and Dr. Larry Hester (Dr. Peggy) of Norfolk, Va.; sister, Evelyn Palmer of Kingston, Tenn.; brother, Charles Lewis of Knoxville, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Gretchen Robertson of Okeechobee, Brad Hester of Winter Park, and Jill Richardson of Jensen Beach; and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held in Tennessee at a later date. Friends may sign the guestbook at [www.bassocheecheefh.com](http://www.bassocheecheefh.com).

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**ACROSS**

- Letter fancifier
- Indian metropolis
- G-man
- Madonna role
- Top-notch unit
- Suffix with real or rational
- "Electronic storage" component
- Scary current
- Anger
- 1969 landing site
- Respectable
- Deity with goat legs
- Swimming areas
- Gala
- Acress Bullock
- Randy of "Huckleberry Mountain"
- Copenhagen native
- Postal acronym
- KGB country
- Steel rod that strengthens concrete
- Author Austen
- Adherent: Suffix
- A marquis outranks him
- Home's wife
- Steamed cantina dish
- More deranged
- More or less
- Dessert often layered
- Put a previously tested system into operation
- Detective game
- Baton Fougue sch.
- Large deer
- "Post office's answer to FedEx"
- Wide shoe size
- Hardship
- Utah's Mountains
- Leb. neighbor
- Pile of pancakes
- Primp

**DOWN**

- Big truck, for short
- At any time
- Icy coating
- "Who am I argue?"
- Annual agricultural benefit concert
- Apply, as ointment
- Thames school
- Grassland
- Paint additive for a firmer finish
- "It's curtains for me"
- "Building inspector's concern"
- Online reading
- Org. divisions
- Part of BYOB
- "Suzie Q" band, initially
- Sunny, in forecasts
- Old hat
- "... se habla español"
- To-do
- Con man
- Buffalo NHLer
- Began the card game
- "Bus Stop" playwright
- 39-Across, for one
- Place to duck out
- Green gemstone
- Invents, as a story
- "... was saying ..."
- Shakers' partners?
- Mouse, in Munich
- Curved moldings
- House Speaker before Gingrich
- Office worker
- Gator relative
- Highway division, and word that can follow the first word of the answers to starred clues
- Location
- Bator, Mongolia
- Tiger's org.
- Fallen space station

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# Seminole students visit Post Office

**Kindergarten**  
At Seminole Elementary School kindergarten students enjoyed learning about different workers in the community in their reading classes. The students then visited two places in our community, the Post Office and Publix. At the Post Office the students saw the mail trucks and mailed letters to special family members. At Publix the students saw how the boxes were recycled, how fresh pineapples are prepared, and how bread is made. They enjoyed the snacks of fresh pineapple, cheese, and cookies. The students wish to thank the workers, Ms. Dee Dee at the Post Office and Ms. Lou at Publix, who helped to organize the trips and showed us around.

**Second**  
Students in Mrs. O'Bannon's class have been sharpening their reading skills through the use of signal words — who, what, when, where, why and how. They've completed a study on weather, especially

severe kinds of storms. They created a double bubble map comparing tornadoes and hurricanes and then wrote a comparison and contrast article on them. Mrs. O'Bannon was pleased with the wonderful job they did on their writings. They've also studied about animals and their habitats and are now writing book reports on them. Congratulations to Thomas Garcia who recently represented the class as the Character Counts "fairness" student.

Ms. Martin congratulates Jacqueline Luvanio as character count student of the month from Rm:512. Students are using the basic signal words in writing their book reports. We are having fun counting money as well as playing "money bingo." Parents, continue to encourage reading at home as well as practice math skills studied at school during the week.

Mrs. Elders' class has been working on subtraction with regrouping. Students can practice their basic

subtraction facts. We are enjoying the story "Nutik, the Wolf Pup" comparing the little boy and wolf pup in the story to us and our puppies. Congratulations to Daisy SanMiguel for representing my class as the Character Counts student for Fairness. Congratulations also, to Ahmad Yousef for being my Student of the Week.



**Fourth**  
Fourth graders are breathing a brief sigh of relief that the FCAT Writing is over. All the students put a great deal of effort into their writing and gave it their all. Now we are back on track to complete that amazing race to finish the FCAT Reading and Math Tests that are coming up. Students are working on reviewing of concepts and strategies to help in both subject areas. We need the parents to continue working with your child

by reading each night for at least 30 minutes a day. Continue practicing of multiplication facts will help in many areas taught in math.

**Fifth**  
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 KOA! We know they can accomplish their goals!

# Everglades students learn about natural resources

**Second Grade**  
At Everglades Elementary School, Mrs. Campbell's class is learning about natural resources. We want to help protect our environment. Ask us about the "three Rs"

Mrs. Kirby's class has been studying fossils in science. They have researched dinosaurs and shared their facts with the class. They also illustrated their dinosaurs using their creative imaginations.

Ms. Hunt's class is busy studying animals all over the world and their habitats. Rain forest animals have the coolest homes and arctic animals are probably the toughest. They are cool, but we don't need to meet them!

Mrs. Brady's class is learning about plane shapes, movements, Presidents, and practicing a song called "Hip-Hop Shamrock" for the PTO meeting in March. We hope to see you there!

Mr. Wright's class is currently

working on computer projects on weather, plane shapes, fables, thinking maps, money, time and animals. We are using the Tech 4 learning programs called Pixie, Frames, and Web Blender all through the EETT grant.

Our class project has been sent out to be published, it's a book about animals.

Ms. Gumz's class just finished the Earth unit in science. We learned about the Earth's surface, natural resources, weather, and the solar system. We wrote stories about what we would do if we were president, we all want to fix the world. We enjoyed this week making origami, thanks to Mrs. Paz Horvath, our art helper! Remember to read, read, read!

**Third Grade**

Mrs. Reno's class is building objects using solid figures and

tessellations. We are learning George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and what they were like as students. We are comparing them to ourselves. We are making and solving patterns, and learning about Fahrenheit and Celsius. We are making predictions about stories, and comparing and contrasting characters, settings and events. Congratulations to our recent Student of The Week: Mackenzie Miers and Kobe Crews!

Mrs. Tilton's class is grasping geometry and discussing decimals. In social studies we are learning about Presidents Washington and Lincoln. Next week we will study famous people of the Renaissance era. Our writing centers have stretched our imagination, allowing us to write short informational paragraphs, spin for sill descriptive sentences, and turn a wheel to sequence sentences. Congratulations to our Students of The Week; Aubrey

Wojcieszak and Alyssa Pervis.

Mrs. Koff's class is learning about fractions and the different types of graphs in math. In social studies, we are learning about important Americans, such as Washington, Lincoln, and Benjamin Franklin. In science we are finishing up our lesson on plants. In reading, we are reading the story, "My Very Own Room" and creating plans for their own special room! We continue to read for 100 Book Challenge and many are reaching their goals.

The faculty, staff, and all students are wishing the third, fourth, and fifth graders "GOOD LUCK" on the upcoming FCAT assessments! We ask that each student does their very best and that they will be proud of their own personal effort! Every one in the Everglades "family" wishes these boys and girls, "Good luck!" FCAT rocks at Everglades!

# South Elementary students study robots

At South Elementary School this week, in reading, Kindergarten has been learning many exciting things. They have learned the letter K and the wonderful sound it makes. Along with the letter K, they learned the words "little" and "said". They also read a book titled Oak Trees. In this book, they learned the life cycle of an oak tree. They were very excited when they learned that an oak tree can grow from a tiny acorn.

In math they have been studying long, longer, and longest. They are now able to put items in order from shortest to longest. They have been working in many fun centers and organizing manipulatives from shortest to longest. They have gone on journeys through their rooms to measure items. They use many fun measuring tools to determine their answers.

First grade had an exciting February! They have been busy

# OFC students have talent!

**By Frankie O'Conner**  
O.F.C Journalism Student

On Friday, Feb. 20, the Okeechobee Freshman Campus hosted a talent showcase for its students. Freshmen were given the opportunity to share their talents with their peers Omar Alvarado boasted trumpet skills playing the opening to the Kentucky Derby.

Stormin Youngblood performed an original piece on the electric guitar. Andi Baker belted out "Broken Wing" by Martina McBride and was followed by the sweet sounds of Andrea Estrada with "Only Hope" by Mandy Moore.

Alson Chaisson showed of his piano skills playing "You Are There." Quandel Rikley and De-ion Hayes performed their own rap. "Get Happy."

The talent showcase also included a skit by the Art Club demonstrating a bad testing situation. In conclusion to each act was a strong round of applause from the audience.

Who knew some of our ordinary students at O.F.C had such extraordinary talents!

learning about the Presidents. They had an interesting trip to the Post Office. The students wrote Valentine letters and mailed them to their families. First grade wants to thank the people at the Post Office for a fascinating behind the scene tour.

First graders had fun learning about robots! Students made robots which are on display in the Media Center. These robots were made out of recycled household items. They come in many different sizes and shapes.

First graders are looking forward to the first week in March. They will be learning about Dr. Seuss and have many exciting activities planned. The students are welcome to bring Dr. Seuss books to school to share with the class. They are also planning for the trip to the Manatee Center which will take place in March. They hope to see manatees and dolphins and to learn more about their habitat.

Third and Fourth grade have been focusing on reviewing skills already learned this school year and preparing for the FCAT. The third grade students are having a FEAR Factor competition to hone

their skills while fourth grade has implemented a Math carousel time in the afternoon. During this time students move to different classrooms to work on skills and activities that develop math fluency.

Next week South will be having an FCAT Pep Rally. All grades are excited to show their support and help cheer on the third and fourth graders. We know that the students will "Rock the FCAT!"

FCAT testing will occur on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Third and fourth grade students are encouraged to arrive to school on time, well-rested, and ready to show what they know. Students have been learning a lot of exciting information and are well-prepared.

There will be a March of Dimes hat day on Friday, March 6. Students can pay 50 cents to wear a hat during the day. This will be a donation to March of Dimes.

Spring Fundraiser orders are due on March 6th. Students can turn in the orders whenever they have finished selling the items. These foods are very tasty and will arrive frozen on April 2. If you turn in an order, please plan on picking up the items on that date so that they will remain frozen.



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JUVENILE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2004-0P-008

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ADMINISTRATION ANEX BUILDING, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, SMALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 458 HIGHWAY 98 N., OKEECHOBEE, FL. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST FROM THE UNDER-SIGNED. IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING; THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, IS MADE. ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING MUST HAVE THEIR NAME AND TOPIC PLACED ON THE AGENDA ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICES BY CALLING (863)763-4601 AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING. NOTICE: COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS AN ONGOING AQUATIC SPRAYING PROGRAM, DISTRICT WIDE.

WILLARD M. BYARS  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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311770 ON 3/1/09

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Okeechobee County:

Watershed Technologies LLC (HWTT Nutrient Removal Projects) 3208 Westchester Dr, Cocoa, FL 32926, has submitted Application 090109-12 for modification of Water Use Permit 47-00854-W for an industrial use. The water will be withdrawn from Mosquito, Lemkin and Wolff Creeks and the project is located in Section 18, Township 37 South, Range 36 East.

Tantle Properties LLC (Lakeview Condominiums) 104 NW 7th Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34972, has submitted Application 090116-1 for an Environmental Resource Permit for 14.6 acres of residential lands. The water will be discharged to Lake Okeechobee and the project is located in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Environmental Resource Regulation, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.

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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 FOR THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS RELATIVE TO R.R., A MALE CHILD, BORN ON THE 28th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003. 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 AT 2:30 PM ON THE 6th DAY OF APRIL, 2009, IN COURTROOM "D". FOR HEARING AND TO SHOW CAUSE WHY SAID PETITION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. 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 AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AND THE SEAL THEREOF, THIS 30th DAY OF DEC., 2008.

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			8					
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		8		9	1		7	
			4	2			5	6
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Level: Beginner

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

ANSWER:

# Volleyball club swings into action

Big Lake Juniors Volleyball Club swung into action this month for the 2009 season. There are teams currently competing in the 10, 12, 13 and 14 and under age groups. After playing Feb. 7, in a preseason tournament in Lake Wales, all teams headed this past weekend to Walt Disney Wide World of Sports in Orlando for the AAU Disney Classic. Pool play matches on Saturday determined the seedings for the single elimination tournament on Sunday.

The Big Lake 14s swept through their pool play and early tournament matches without losing a game and advanced to the championship match in the Gold Division. In the championship match they met the Blue Lightning 14s of Gainesville, Fla., who were also undefeated. A close, hard fought contest ended with the Big Lake 14s losing 25-20 and 26-24 for a second place ranking out of 25 teams in their age group.

This group of young ladies has been playing club volleyball together for three years. Team mem-

bers are: Outside hitters: Darby Jones and Maci Thomas; middle blockers/hitters: Kyla Hargraves, Katie Ward and Taylor Williams; setters/opposite hitters: Sarah Davis and Aubrey Robertson; libero/defensive specialists: Krista Ward and Samantha Rivero; Taelor Logan. They are coached by Todd and Rachel Jones.

There are high expectations for this group of young athletes who begin their high school careers next year. Several of these girls were members of the Yearling Middle School volleyball team last fall that went undefeated for their season. Currently the Big Lake 14s have a match record of 9-1. Next on their schedule is the Molten Pre-Qualifier Tournament in Tampa on March 14-15, a tournament that this team won last year.

The mission of Big Lake Juniors Volleyball Club is to introduce and promote the sport of volleyball to young female athletes. They strive to help these young ladies to develop discipline, learn about commitment, gain self-confidence and discover the value of teamwork.



Submitted photo

The Big Lake Junior's 14's volleyball competed in the 2009 Disney Classic and placed second in the Gold Division. Team members are (in no particular order): Aubrey Robertson, Sarah Davis, Samantha Rivero, Coach Rachel Jones, Darby Jones, Taelor Logan, Katie Ward, Kyla Hargraves, Taylor Williams, Maci Thomas, Krista Ward, and Coach Todd Jones. Congratulations!

Team members are encouraged to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat and, above all,

to understand that the quality of their effort is the true measure of their success.

# Impact cheerleading headed to Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The First Baptist Church of Okeechobee has big plans for cheerleaders this year.

The church has joined Impact Cheerleading and will host a summer camp from June 15-19, to drum up interest and support.

Director Jennifer Cannon said the competition cheerleading squad is under the fellowship of Christian Cheerleading and is open to almost all ages, from kindergarten to 10th grade. Both boys and girls are welcome to join.

"I'm hoping to get a big response. It's a great operation," she said.

Cannon and other church lead-

ers attended the national championships last December in January in Orlando and came away very impressed with the program. She was committed to bringing the program to Okeechobee after that experience.

"It's all faith based. The motto of the program is a purpose to cheer," she added.

Cannon said teams from all over the country including Texas and Alaska took part in the national championships.

The cost of the Okeechobee camp will be \$125. That fee will cover all your costs including clothing. It also includes lunch each day. Cheerleaders and coaches who've participated in the program will be on hand to instruct at the camp. College cheer-

leaders will also be involved.

Cannon said she envisions the creation of several teams of cheerleaders after they learn what kind of response the camp receives.

Teresa Arrants said the cheerleaders will perform at a new flag football league in Okeechobee this summer and fall. She noted the cheerleaders can perform in front of crowds.

The church also seeks volunteer coaches especially those with a background in gymnastics. For further information on the program, call 863-467-7625.

The new football program will be called First and Goal. It is open for kindergartners to 12th grade. It is another ministry of the church and is faith based. The cost will be \$45. Registration will begin

on July 1. Games will run from Sept. 5 through Oct. 20. Aug. 15, is the deadline to register.

The church is currently constructing three fields for the flag football league. They will have two kids for younger leagues and one league for the high school ages.

"I think the kids are excited and they have a great time playing it," Arrants said.

She noted the Church is also interested in a t-ball league for next year.

"We try as much as we can to help the future of our community. Keeping the youth connected to Christ is our goal," she added.

# Okeechobee well represented on All Conference squads

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Two Okeechobee fall sport coaches were named coaches of the year when the all Treasure Lake Conference All star teams were released in February.

Jacque Robinson won the conference coach of the year for volleyball while Mike Schilp won coach of the year for cross country. Both teams had excellent years as the cross country team again made it to state and the volleyball team made it to the second round of the state playoffs.

Monica Koger, Megan Clements and Rebekah Bryan were named all conference in volleyball. Koger made first team, Clements made second team, and Bryan earned honorable mention.

The boy's cross country first team was almost all Okeechobee. Eddie Guerrero, Adrian Leon, Misael Alvarado, Reynel Denova, and Shawn Horvath all made first team. Lionel Jones earned second team. Matt Bauer earned honorable mention.

Isabella Penido was named to

the first team for girls cross country. Heather Tinsley was second team, and Laura Serrano earned honorable mention.

Matt Payne made honorable mention for boy's bowling and Brittany Herndon made all conference honorable mention for girl's bowling.

Boy's golf had representatives on the all conference teams. The team made it to the regional tournament this year. Corey White was named first team, Richard Donegan second team and Michael Watson earned honorable

mention. Paige Arnold was honorable mention for girl's golf.

Kenny Murphy made honorable mention for boy's swimming. Celena Letcher and Jessica Wackler earned honors for girl's swimming.

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