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The Stearman PT 17, a World War II era trainer, is available for flights at the Okeechobee County Airport.

Airport restaurant offers flights

By Pete Gawda
 Okeechobee News
“Get a bite - Take a flight”

That's the slogan of perhaps the most unique restaurant in Okeechobee - The Landing Strip Cafe at Okeechobee County Airport. In addition to dining with a great view of the airport, customers get a discount flight in Jack Reisel's 1941 Stearman PT 17.

Partners Robert Lambert, operator of the airport and Harold DeLang, have both had previous dining experience. The restaurant is open seven days week. From Sunday through Thursday the restaurant is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday they are open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
The Kissimmee River as seen from about 400 feet up off the left wing of a Stearman PT 17, a World War II era open cockpit trainer.

Shooting leaves one dead

Local man killed on his 47th birthday

By Eric Kopp
 Okeechobee News

Investigators are still searching for the person or persons responsible for the shooting death of an Okeechobee man Sunday night.



Kenneth McBride

Around 11:30 p.m. on July 12 Kenneth McBride heard a knock on his front door. When he opened the door a physical altercation ensued and shortly thereafter he was shot to death by an unknown gunman, said a detective with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

Mr. McBride turned 47 Sunday. “The victim responded to a knock at the door, got into a physical confrontation with the person at the door. He got the better of them and turned to go back in the home and was then shot in the upper torso,” said Detective Ted Van Deman. “There were other family members in the home at the time. Some of them were children.”

He went on to say Mr. McBride was shot in back of the right shoulder. He was pronounced dead at Raulerson Hospital.

Detective Van Deman declined to comment on a possible motive for the killing, as well as what type

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Among other menu items the restaurant offers country fried steak, lasagna, catfish, and they claim to have the breakfast in town.

The restaurant features custom tables and chairs, plasma television and satellite radio. There is an outdoor smokers' patio with steak furnishings.

As a bonus for dining there, those saving the receipt from a meal get a discounted flight on Mr. Reisel's "Star Spangled Stearman" painted in the blue and gold colors of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Before climbing into the open cockpit of the single engine biplane, Mr. Reisel, a veteran of 40 years of aviation, outfits the passenger in goggles, helmet and a scarf just like

Snoopy boarding his Sopwith Camel. With the passenger in the front cockpit, Mr. Reisel takes the controls in the rear cockpit.

The Stearman, which has dual controls in the front and rear cockpits was used as a trainer by the army air corps and the navy. After World War II the aircraft was used as a crop duster.

With all the vibrations, rumble, roar and wind it is truly flying by the seat of your pants. Fuel is contained in a tank in the upper wing and is gravity fed to the engine. The floating fuel gauge is suspended before the front cockpit. Instead of taking off and landing on the paved runway, the large rubber tires work better on grass, giving amazingly smooth takeoffs and landings.

Passengers get to see the landscape from a new perspective, "low and slow" as Mr. Reisel calls it. At altitudes from 400 to 2,000

feet and an airspeed of 80 miles an hour the passenger gets a birds eye view of the landscape. At times, when flying against the wind, the Stearman is outrun by eighteen wheelers on the ground below.

Mr. Reisel says the Stearman is built like a tank with a simple rugged design. However, it was not built for economy, guzzling 12 - 14 gallons of fuel per hour. The majority of air crews in World War II trained on this aircraft. Mr. Reisel referred to it as washing machine because it washed out so many cadets. However, if you have a flair for adventure, your flight will not be a washout, Mr. Reisel will see to that.

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



Submitted to the Okeechobee News
The fireplace and inlaid tables make for a cozy setting at the Landing Strip Cafe located at the Okeechobee County Airport.

Shooting

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of gun was used. He did say, however, that a handgun was recovered at the scene.

"We're looking into all possible leads in regard to the connection between the shooter and the victim," he said. "By all reports, this was a nice guy that kept to himself."

An autopsy on Mr. McBride was being conducted around 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 14.

The detective also declined to comment if there was any connection between this shooting and the July 2 shooting of two Okeechobee men on N.E. 13th Ave. One of those men is still in a hospital on the coast

and is apparently paralyzed from the waist down after being shot in the back.

Two men—Keith Denard Johnson, 29, of Belle Glade, and Byron Bruce Brinkley, 29, of Okeechobee—were arrested in connection with that shooting. Johnson was charged with aggravated assault, aggravated battery and tampering with evidence. Brinkley was charged with principal in the first degree - aggravated assault, principal in the first degree - aggravated battery and principal in the first degree - tampering with evidence.

Both men were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under bonds of \$15,000 each. Both men posted bond and were released the next day.

Javaris Jermaine Johnson, 24, was shot in the back as he rode his motorcycle past the

Front Street Cafe on N.E. 13th Ave. around 8:30 p.m. A short time later Tarrance Pryor confronted Keith Johnson, who is also known as Ki-Ki, and demanded to know why he shot his cousin, Javaris Johnson, explained Detective Van Deman.

Ki-Ki and Mr. Pryor then began to fight and Mr. Pryor was shot in the side with a .40 caliber Glock handgun, said the detective. Mr. Pryor was treated at a local hospital and released.

Detective Van Deman said it still isn't known who shot Javaris Johnson.

"We don't know who actually pulled the trigger at the first shooting. We believe Javaris was shot by a different shooter and a different gun," the detective said.

In the slaying of Mr. McBride, Detective

Van Deman would not comment if anyone in the house actually witnessed that shooting.

Mr. McBride's murder case is being handled by OCSO Detective M.D. Faulkner.

If anyone has any information concerning this killing they are asked to contact Detective Faulkner at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 863-763-3117. Information can also be left by calling the OCSO Street Crimes Unit at 863-763-5742; or, by calling the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers tip line at 1-800-273-TIPS (8477).

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Two charged with attempted theft

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two people have been arrested on felony charges because they reportedly went onto a man's property and rode around on his riding lawn mower to "make him mad."

Arrested Friday, July 10, were James Lamb, 20, N.E. Ninth Ave., and Jason Michael Beaulieu, 16, N.E. 301st Blvd. Both were charged with attempted grand theft and armed trespassing.

Lamb was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000. Beaulieu was also booked into the county jail, but was then taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

According to an arrest report by Deputy Anthony Kibler, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), Lamb and Beaulieu went on the man's back porch and took his riding lawn mower off the porch.

The deputy said the homeowner had installed surveillance cameras because of

prior problems. The cameras show Lamb and Beaulieu entering the property on Tuesday, July 7, and riding the mower around the yard while reportedly looking for a place to "get out," stated Deputy Kibler.

Lamb was also armed with a .22 caliber rifle, added the deputy's report.

The two interlopers reportedly told the deputy they were hunting rabbits and became bored so they decided to make the man mad "because they did not like him."

Seat belt violation leads to felony arrest

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested on felony drug charges after he was stopped for not wearing his seat belt while driving on Parrott Avenue early Sunday morning.

Raymond Colon, 18, S.E. 11th Ave., was

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).

- Crystal Lynn Shockley, 23, N.W. 35th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Max Waldron on a charge of felony domestic battery. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

- Michelle Mixon, 33, N.E. 18th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Paul Jackson on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with giving false information to a pawn broker. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

- Roger Wolfe, 51, Bason Street, Lorida, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Anthony Kibler on a charge of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at \$1,500.

- Ronald G. Wessell, 39, S.E. 21st Court, Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Matthew Hurst on a charge of battery on a person over 65 years of age. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Rosalino Yanez, 29, N.W. Seventh St., was arrested July 11 by Deputy Augustin Saucedo on a felony charge of possession of cocaine. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of expired driver's license. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Cynthia Deuse Hand, 19, N.W. 82nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested July 12 by Officer Justin Bernst on a charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$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.

arrested July 12 on felony charges of possession of a schedule II controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams.



Raymond Colon

Colon was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$30,500.

Officer Scott Morgan, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated in his arrest report that he pulled over a gray Cadillac around 12:28 a.m. Sunday that was being driven by Colon.

The officer's report states that he found

a suspected marijuana 'roach' in an ashtray, as well as two oxycodone tablets and one pill that he described as being acetaminophen with codeine. The suspected 'roach' was field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana, stated Officer Morgan.

Colon was also issued a traffic citation for operating a motor vehicle without wearing a seat belt.

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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!

Michael Jackson

The media loves a dead celebrity, they can't get enough. And when Michael Jackson died they just had a field day because everyone likes at least one Michael Jackson song, for me it is "Billie Jean." But his singing and dancing can never make up for his strange ways and the many allegations of child abuse. The man went on camera and said he sleeps in the same bed with children that aren't his. He wasn't insane, he was quirky and misunderstood and although we might enjoy him or his music we'll never know who the real Michael Jackson was. We'll never know why he did what he did.

EMS tax

• I believe in safety first and I couldn't put a price on my son's life. Whatever I have to pay, tax me. Something happens to my son someone better be there! We can get rid of many other things or complain about many other things. This one is NOT negotiable.

• If they need \$100 a residence per year -- I think the paper said between \$90 and \$100 per home -- to make sure we have the EMS service, I have no problem with that. I hope I never need to call them, but I certainly want them to be there when I do!

Fireworks and dogs

• We are prepared to take extra precautions with our dog on the Fourth of July and New Years eve, but when people have to explode their leftovers for however long they feel like it, we cannot ever be sure when he can be taken off a leash and let to run on our own property. They scare him. One time he was gone for three days before he came dragging back, all covered with burrs, and twigs of every description. When I called the outfit that registers the chips, I was told they had more reports of runaways on July 4th and New Years than at any other time. Please, folks, save them for next year.

• I would not ever let the dog outside unless it is in a fenced yard or on a leash, no matter what time of year. Even if there aren't fireworks, there are many other things that might scare or entice a dog to leave their yards. The county has a leash law.

• The neighbors let their dog loose to wander up and down the road every single day. Ours will not leave the yard unless he is enticed to chase one that is out there, or unless he is scared out of his wits by firecrackers. You explain to me, please, the logic in leashing or fencing so that others can practice their illegal activities. I explained that the fireworks were expected on the 4th of July and New Years. Why should we have to tie up our dog on our own property to avoid a run-away any other day of the year?

• We fenced our yard because we want to be able to let our dogs out to run a bit or just enjoy the outdoors and don't want to run the risk that they might leave the yard and be hit by a car. Is it an inconvenience to open and shut the gate? Sure. But it is worth it to keep our pets safe. As a responsible pet owner, it is my responsibility to keep my pets out of the road. There are many pet owners who are not responsible and let their animals roam the neighborhood. If ours were not in a fenced yard, no doubt they would join the pack. We deal with the inconvenience and expense of the fence because we care about our pets.

Large reward for information on dog fighting

• I hope they are able to put an end to dog fighting -- it is very cruel how they train these animals, and how they let them kill smaller dogs and cats while training them. Editor's note: For information online go to <http://www.hsus.org/animalfightingpsa>.

Officer accused

• In regard to the items in the paper about the detective who is accused of wrongdoing, it is innocent until proven guilty in this country. So we should all just reserve judgement until something is proven. Right now there are just accusations.

• This is to Sheriff May. I hope you know we are all behind you and we believe in you and your department. The actions of one officer should not tarnish the whole department. Your deputies have important work to do and we should all let them focus on it.

• This is for the Okeechobee Sheriff's Department. You all are some great guys. You have always been there for us and the community. How many times have we called? Y'all have always been there. Our prayers go out to the sheriff's department -- all the crew up there. You are greatly appreciated. And remember, a person is innocent until proven guilty.

• People are so quick to condemn a law enforcement officer whenever one is accused of any wrongdoing. But the vast majority of law enforcement officers are honest and hard working and they risk their lives every day to protect the rest of us. I think we need to show them our appreciation and our support. And the same goes for the firefighters and for the military servicemen and women. These people make a career out of protecting the rest of us. They deserve some appreciation. God bless them.

T-shirt contest

• I don't know why they made such a fuss about the wet T-shirt contest. There have been worse things going on in bars in Okeechobee. What are the deputies going to do, stake out all the bars in case drunks start taking off their clothes?

• I agree with the person who said you should have put the names of the women charged with indecent exposure in the paper. Maybe if you embarrassed them a little they would quit embarrassing themselves in public.

• I don't care what goes on with the drunks in the bars. It is only when they leave the bars and get into their cars and attempt to drive that it becomes my business and my problem. I think we'd be better off if the deputies just did vehicle checks on the main roads on Friday and Saturday nights and got all of the drunk drivers off the roads. You want to act like a fool in a bar, I don't care. It doesn't hurt me. You want to drink, fine. But don't drive. Anyone who drives drunk endangers the rest of us who have to drive on those same roads.



DUI

• I think if some one is caught just one time for DUI they should loose their license for five years. A second time loose it for life. Third time 25 years in prison. Most repeat DUI offenders don't care—they're going to drive any way. As long as they're free to drink. Look in the arrest log at all the repeat offenders. Then they are just fined and set free to do it again. Not until they kill someone do they get any time. Even then, if they can afford the right attorney they might just get 30 days.

Cell phones and texting

• On the news they are talking more and more about how dangerous it is for people to use cell phones while driving. It is very distracting. And even worse, people are using cell phones to text while driving. This is more distracting than drunk driving according to the studies I have seen. When they are looking down to type out a message, they are not watching the road at all. When talking on the cell phone,



they may only have one hand on the wheel, but at least that is not as bad as texting. I think it should be illegal to use a cell phone while driving unless you have the hands-free headset and voice command dialing. But it should be illegal to be holding a cell phone in your hand while you drive. A lot of states have already done this as have some whole countries. Florida needs to ban cell phone use while driving. And even if it isn't illegal yet, don't do it. When you are in the driver's seat, 100 percent of your attention should be on driving the car safely.

Fireworks

• The Fourth of July is over. If you have leftover fireworks, save them for New Year's. We are tired of the noise and it scares the animals.

• I didn't see anything in the county commission news about the fireworks. I was hoping maybe the county would have done something to return the money that the private citizens had to pay to use the parking lot at the Agri-Civic Center for the fireworks show. I think it is terrible the county made them pay for that when they donated the fireworks for the community show.

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Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

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

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

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St. It will be a closed discussion.

Bingo at the Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge. Food will be served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m. Public is welcome.

THURSDAY

Okeechobee Stitchin' meets every Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Bring your sewing project and machine and join in on the fun. All types of sewing is welcome. For more information call Belinda Boyle at 863-357-0166 or Corry Geissinger at 863-467-2231.

Cancer Support Group will meet on the third Thursday of the month to help and encourage women who have been diagnosed with cancer. The meeting will be held at the American Red Cross office at 323 N. Parrott Ave. from 5:15 until 6:15 p.m. For information, call Janet Topp at 863-824-2899.

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

Tantie Quilters meet every Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Historical Society Museum on U.S. 98 N. For information call Margaret at 863-467-8020, or Marie at 863-357-0868.

Cowboys for Christ Range Rider for Jesus

Letter to the Editor

Thanks to the community

OHS rodeo team would like to take this opportunity to send out a very sincere thank you. There were a lot of businesses and caring members of our wonderful community who came forward and helped us in our time of need. We have a total of seven members of our team who will be traveling to Farmington, New Mexico to compete in the National High School Rodeo Finals, July 19-25. This is a huge expense on the parents and without the support of successful fund-raising some of our team members would not have been able to make the trip. The original goal was surpassed.

A very special thank you goes out to: Okeechobee Livestock Market, Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, Seminole Tribe Council, Willie Johns, Publix, Golden Corral, WOKC Radio Station and Billie Dean, Okeechobee News, Milking R Dairy, Marty and Kathy Culligan, Everglades Farm Equipment, Okeechobee Cattlewomen, Dudley Kirton, Southern Accent Ranch, Jessie Smith and Family, Bryant Culpepper, Chamber of Commerce, Okeechobee Main Street, Photography by Bobbi, Custom Graphics and Signs, Syfrett Feed, Walpole Feed, Dale Ann Watford, The ARC and many other thoughtful members of the community. Okeechobee is a small town with a big heart and we are proud to say we live here. We promise to represent you well at Nationals and make you proud of your hometown rodeo team.

Melissa McKay

Ministries will meet for a pot luck supper at 6 p.m. with services at 7 p.m. at the Basinger Civic Center. For information, call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

Grieving parents support group is a non-denominational group of parents who meet the first and third Thursday of each month, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. at the Red Cross building classroom, Court Plaza, 323 N. Parrott Ave. For information call Georgene at 863-763-2957 or Melanie and Tony at 863-763-4149.

Family History Center meets from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. Anyone interested in finding who your ancestors are is welcome to attend. For information, call The Family History Center at 863-763-6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

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

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

Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee will meet from noon until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64

501 SE Second St. All Kiwanis and the public are welcome. For information, contact Frank Irby at 863-357-1639.

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

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

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

Ongoing Caregiver Support Group Hospice of Okeechobee and the Area Agency on Aging sponsor a caregiver support group every Thursday at 2 p.m. Anyone who is caring for an ill family member is welcome. The meetings are held at Hospice at 411 S.E. Fourth St. For information, call 863-467-2321.



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Pet of the Week

Red, a young female Curr dog, possible chow mix. She's a wonderful family house pet waiting for the right family to adopt her. Adoption fee includes spay, vaccination, rabies vaccine \$135. Come meet our "furkids" at 1203 Hwy 98 N. daycare rescue shelter. Humane Society Pet Rescue no kill policy rescue. Hours of operation are: Tuesdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Monday and holidays closed to the public. Thank you so much to Okeechobee News team for your support. You have really helped to make a difference. If you would like to see the pets available to adopt, go to our petfinder home page, click, "Click here to see our Happy Tails!" <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/FL846.html>.

Okeechobee Forecasts

Today: Partly cloudy with a high near 91 and a 40 percent chance of scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Winds will be calm becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a low around 72. Winds will be from the east southeast around 5 mph becoming calm.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high near 91 and a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Winds will be calm becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 72 and a slight chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Winds will be from the south around 5 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy with a high near 92 and a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, Winds will be calm becoming south southwest around 5 mph.

Lotteries

The Florida Lottery: Numbers selected **Monday** in the Florida Lotto are: **Cash 3:** 7-4-8; **Play 4:** 7-2-3-4; **Fantasy 5:** 18-20-28-32-35. Numbers selected **Tuesday** are: **Cash 3:** 9-2-9; **Play 4:** 7-3-0-4.

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 Contractors Association will meet every third Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. at Beef O' Bradys. All contractors are welcome. For more information, contact Scott Chapman at 863-634-7532.

New Beginnings Narcotics Anonymous meets at The Gathering Church, 735 SW 24th Ave, at 7 p.m. in the youth building behind the church. For information, call Monika at 801-3244 or Rocy at 610-0975.

FRIDAY

Tops Take off Pounds Sensibly #669 meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. For information, contact Ollie Morgret at 800-932-8677.

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

Business Women's Referral Luncheon will be held on the third Friday of every month at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking and then lunch. Networking opportunities available for women in business and is open to the public. No membership is required. For information, contact Robin Delgado at 800-299-8878; or, by e-mail at info@flainjurylawyer.com.

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church,

312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. 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 from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open speaker meeting.

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Churches plan special programs and events

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Believers' Fellowship, 300 S.W. Sixth Ave., sponsors a Community Gospel Sing **every Friday evening** at 7 p.m. Anyone who loves to sing, play or listen is invited to join them for an evening of uplifting music. Coffee and dessert will be served in the fellowship hall after the sing. For more information call 863-763-2938.

Cowboys for Christ will meet at the **Basinger Community Center** on Thursday, **July 16**. There will be a potluck meal at 6 p.m. and the service starts at 7 p.m. The

Community Events

Sub sandwich fundraiser

The youth of First United Methodist Church will hold a "Sub sandwich" fundraiser with lunch delivered to you on Friday, **July 17**, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Orders can be placed by fax at 863-763-2481 or by phone at 863-763-4021. Deadline for orders is Thursday, **July 16**, at 5 p.m. Sandwich orders come with several choices, chips and water. Call and order your delicious sub today!

FREE school and/or sports physicals

Mobile Clinic The Visiting Nurse Association's mobile medical unit will provide school and/or sports physicals free of charge to any students in need of this service on Thursday, **July 16** and Thursday, July 23, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Physicals are performed by Sandra Ripper-Brown, ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner), who is licensed in the State of Florida to provide this service.

Parents and/or guardians are strongly encouraged to bring any available past medical history information, as well as immunization records and student identification. Visiting Nurse Association (VNA), 208 E.S. Park Street, 863-357-2197.

Hospice to host 'clearance' yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee, 411 S.E. Fourth Street will hold a Yard Sale on Thursday **July 16**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and Friday, July 17, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. All clearance items must go - Terrific bargains galore! Funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 863-467-2321.

Golf tournament helps Firestix

Chobee Firestix Fast-Pitch Softball will host a golf tournament on **July 18** to raise money for the team to go to the Disney World Series, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club, starting at 8 a.m. Cost is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Hole sponsors are also sought. For information, call 863-634-1722.

speaker will be George Rhoden.

Okeechobee Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 412 N.W. Sixth St., is having vacation Bible school **July 12 - 16** from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. Kids ages 3 -12 are invited to this fun-filled Veggie Tales VBS with the Pirates Who Don't Do Anything. For more information call 863-610-1291.

First Baptist Church, 401 S.E. Fourth St., is having a sports camp **July 13 - 17** at the Recreation Outreach Center (ROC). The hours are 6 to 8:30 p.m. Participants must have completed K- fifth grade. The camp is free. Register at the ROC or church office as soon as possible as space is limited for some

Pet Rescue to change hours of operation

The Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee shelter will be changing days open to the public effective Sunday, July 18, until further notice. Only volunteers will be let in to the shelter on Sundays, Monday's and Wednesday mornings to work. The new days and times are:

Tuesday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday 1 until 5 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

We need the extra time closed to the public for remodeling, and pet projects. Please excuse our dust, sorry about any inconvenience this may cause. If you show up on Sunday, Monday or Wednesday morning, wear your work clothes! Thank you, The Humane Society Pet Rescue Volunteer teams.

County to host volleyball tourney

County Parks & Rec. Dept. is hosting a 4v4 Summer in the Sand Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament for both youth and adults. Youth teams (ages 12-17) - Saturday, **July 18** and adult teams (18 & up) - Sunday, **July 19**, beginning at 9 a.m. at the sand volleyball courts across from Yearling Middle School on N.W. 23rd Lane. Team entry fees must be submitted to the Recreation Department at 640 N.W. 27th Lane (Sports Complex) no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, July 17. Team fees: youth- \$80, adult- \$150. For more information, please call 863-763-6950.

Sons of the American Legion host Steak Dinner

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor their monthly ribeye steak dinner on Sunday, **July 19**, from 3-6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64, 501 SE Second Street. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad, roll and butter, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Live entertainment for your enjoyment. The public is welcome. Donation is \$12.

sports. Sports include basketball, cheerleading, fishing, flag football, golf, softball, soccer and tennis. For more information call Glenda at 863-467-7625.

Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace, is having vacation Bible school **July 13-17** from 6:30 to 8:30. Age groups will range from preschool through middle school. The theme is Studio GO! To register please call 863 467 7858.

Okeechobee Church of God, 301 N.E. Fourth St., is having vacation Bible school **July 20 - 24** from 6 to 8:30 each evening. The theme is Son Rock Kids Camp, where kids build their lives on the Rock: Jesus. Dinner will be served each evening at 6 p.m. If you need a ride or have any questions call 864-763-4127.

Peace Lutheran Church, 1750 N. W. 23rd Lane, is participating in the FL/GA District Summer Event **July 26 - Aug. 1**. They will be helping the community of Eustis, which was damaged by Tropical Storm Faye last fall. The event is open to high and college level young people and adults.

Treasure Island Baptist Church, 4209 U. S. 441 SE, will be having vacation Bible school **July 27 - 31** from 5:30 to 8 p.m. each evening for grades K - sixth. The theme is "The Wonderful Way of God." For more information, call the church office at 863 763 0550.

More 2 Life Ministries will be selling smoked pork dinners on **July 31** as a fund raiser for a mission trip to Haiti. The \$7 meals, consisting of smoked pork, baked beans, coleslaw and a roll, will be available next to Gilbert Snapper and Golf Cars on S. Parrott Avenue beginning at 11 a.m. until the food is gone. Free delivery will be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. for advanced orders of two or more dinner at a single location. For tickets or information please contact Kyle Reno at 863-634-2371 or Brent Magee at 610-3301 You must have a ticket to receive a dinner.

Church of the Nazarene, 425 S.W. 28th St., will have vacation Bible school **Aug. 10 -14** from 6- 8:30 each evening. Children ages 3-12 are invited to attend the Sing N Play Swamp Stomp at Croc Creek. For more information or to pre-register please call 863-763-3519 Monday through Thursday.

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U. S. 441 N, will be having



Places of Worship

Vacation Bible School **Aug. 10 - 14** from 7 to 9 each evening. The theme is "Passport to the Promised Land Following the Steps of Jesus." For more information call 763-7743.

The deadline to register for Upwards Soccer at **Oakview Baptist Church**, 677 S.W. 32nd St., is **Aug. 27**. Early registration is \$60 per child. Evaluations will be held on **Aug. 18, 20, 25 and 27**. Play begins **Aug. 31**. Boys and girls from K-4 through sixth grade may sign up. For more information, please call the church at 763-1699.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail okeeneews@newszap.com or call Pete Gawda at 863 763-3134, extension 4225. The deadline to receive information to appear in Wednesday's column is 5 p.m. the Monday before.

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.

Doris Bernice Evans Heckert

OKEECHOBEE — Doris Bernice Evans Heckert, age 80, of Okeechobee, died July 13, 2009, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Sept. 17, 1928, in Okeechobee to the late Sandlan and Polly Ann (Yates) Carter she was a homemaker born and raised in Okeechobee. She attended Church of God of Prophecy. She worked in the Markham canning plant in Okeechobee.

Mrs. Heckert was preceded in death by her husbands, Joseph C. Evans and Billy Dole Heckert; sisters, Haddie Lamb, Oleta Arnold, Arbelles Raulerson, Arzonias Prebble, Euella Yates and Mimmie Strickland; brothers, Junior Carter, Kelly Carter, Bud Carter, Henry Carter, James Carter and Luther Lowe. She is survived by her sister, Annie Tyson of Okeechobee and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. until service time of 10 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at Church of God of Prophecy with Pastor Mike Bevis officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobeeff.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

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County discusses real estate issues, broadband internet

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Real estate matters and broadband internet were among the issues that occupied Okeechobee County Commissioners during their day long meeting on July 9.

In an unusual situation that planning official Bill Royce later called a "fluke," commissioners spent a considerable length of listening time to arguments of Robert Crane, attorney for the developers of Thoroughbred Estates and neighboring rancher Haynes Williams. Thoroughbred Estates is an 85 lot subdivision on the north side of N.W. 240th Street about one and a half miles east of East Line Road. Mr. Williams owns 101 Ranch to the north of the subdivision. At one time Mr. Williams owned the land that would eventually become Thoroughbred Estates. When he sold the property, he retained ownership of the road going through the property to have access to his property. The property had several different owners before it was developed as a subdivision. The developers of Thoroughbred Acres and other area property owners have an easement to use the road which Mr. Williams owns and pays taxes on. This easement became the cause of confusion. When the plat was recorded it was thought that the developers owned the road and the easement was for surrounding property owners. The road was incorporated into the plat of the subdivision.

"This is essentially a private dispute," was the opinion of county attorney John Cassels. "This is not an emergency from the county's standpoint."

The county became involved because the contract for construction of required improvements between the developer and the county call for required construction to be completed by July 22. The dispute over ownership of the road will have to be resolved before the subdivision can be completed. Commissioners granted a six-month extension of the contract in order for both property owners to reach an agreement. If

the contract had expired the county would have been on the hook to complete the infrastructure and would have had to deal with the road ownership issue.

Mr. Carter stated that his client might replat the subdivision. "Nobody wants the road paved at this point in time," he asserted.

County ordinance calls for a residential lot to be on a paved road before a building permit can be issued.

A different subdivision has fallen victim to the economic times and has a different kind of problem. Commissioners granted the request of the developers of Old Florida Ranch subdivision in the extreme northeast corner of the county to vacate the May 2008 plat of the subdivision. Since no lots have been sold, developers are putting their plans on hold.

Property owner Stuart Ledis was successful in two of his three requests for zoning changes. He owns two tracts of land on U.S. 441 S.E. near C.R. 15B. He requested the zoning be changed from agriculture to residential single family on them in order to put in subdivisions. On a nearby third tract of land he requested a change in zoning from agriculture to neighborhood commercial-2 for a commercial development to support the subdivisions.

Attorney Devin Maxwell, representing Mr. Ledis, predicted there will be an increased demand for housing in the area.

In spite of the protests of neighbors James and Dorothy Scopelitis, who were concerned about environmental impacts and density, the board approved the two requests for residential single family zoning.

However, Mr. Ledis was not successful in his request for commercial zoning.

"We are adamantly against the commercial portion of this proposal," stated neighbor George George. "This is a rural area," he said. "We would like to keep it that way."

Mr. George noted that there are over 21 vacant businesses on U.S. 441 SE.

Commissioners apparently agreed with Mr. George and the planning board, who had recommended disapproval, in voting to deny the request. Commissioner Margaret Helton, who represents that area, suggested that at a later date commercial zoning might be appropriate.

The fourth zoning change request was successful. Philip Berger was granted a change in zoning from agriculture to heavy industrial on a N.E. 128th Avenue parcel near the landfill where he plans to build an industrial park. Commission chair Cliff Betts said this would be a very appropriate use for the property.

Turning to the broadband issue, Lyn Topal of Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) informed commissioners of FHREDI's efforts to secure a \$100 million grant to bring the infrastructure for increased broadband internet service to this area. The grant brings needed broadband access to both cities and rural areas of the county. Plans call for cities to be served by a fiber optic network and the outlying areas would be served by other technology. It would give service providers open-access to a broadband fiber network around our cities. The grant would bring the end cost of internet service to residents down. The proposed broadband network will have redundancy to keep the system from going down. Ms. Topal mentioned that Hendry County was without internet service for two days because a cable was cut. Network redundancy will provide the county with alternate access if a cable is cut here.

This system should prove to be a magnet to attract new industry to the area and could be used by schools for online courses from

anywhere in the world. The system could also be used to transmit medical data, a capability Okeechobee does not presently have because of insufficient bandwidth.

The deadline to apply is Aug. 14. Ms. Topal said she should know in September if the grant application made the first round of cuts. If the grant application is successful the funds would be available in November and the project must be completed in two years.

Upon Ms. Topal's stressing of the importance of broadband to this area, commissioners voted to endorse FHREDI's efforts to secure the grant.

In other action, the board:

- voted to go forward with plans to abandon a platted alley in Connors Highland subdivision;
- adopted the parks and recreation master plan submitted by Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, the county's recreational consulting firm;
- established priorities to be included in the Florida Department of Transportation five year work program for 2011-2015 with four laneing S.R. 70 as first priority, the second priority, the intersection of S.R. 70 and U.S. 441 and the third priority, the S.R. 710 extension;
- decided not to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure on property intended for a failed low income housing project that was to be partially funded by SHIP; and
- set a budget workshop for July 29 at 9 a.m. to set the millage rate for the 2009/10 budget.

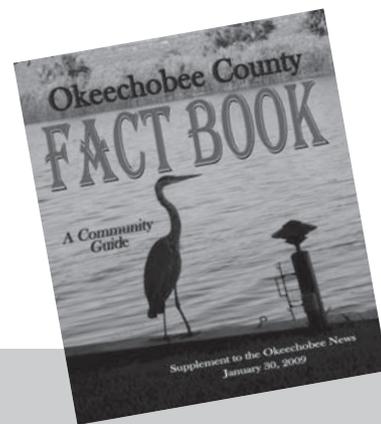
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News in brief

Big Lake Mission to sponsor school supply drive

Big Lake Mission Outreach is currently sponsoring their annual school supplies drive for their needy families. Last year the Mission helped 135 children with their list, but this year the need is even greater. They

will be accepting donations up until school starts on Aug. 24. Most all school supplies are needed (No Trapper Keepers). For a complete list, check out the local stores or call the schools. The mission will gladly accept checks made out to the Mission and staff can do the shopping. Please call 863-763-5725 or 863-697-6433 for more information or drop off locations.



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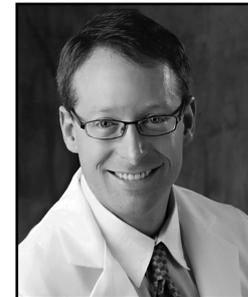
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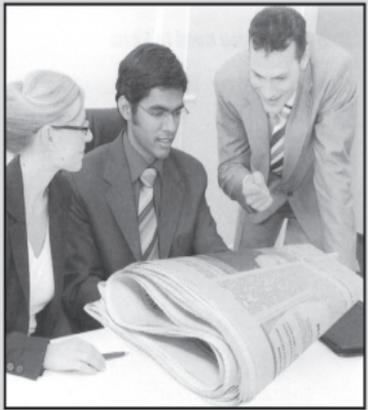



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Whitney will complete her bachelor degree in Recreation and Leisure Services Administration from Florida State University in December 2009. Phil will complete his bachelor degree in Business Administration from Flagler University in December 2009 as well.

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OUA considers new budget and developers' fees

Water and sewer rates may change

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The proposed fiscal year 2010 budget that the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) Board of Directors discussed for the first time at their July 14 meeting contains no rate increase and a 2 percent merit increase for employees. However, before final adoption of the budget, rates could be raised and employees could see no raise at all.

"The last thing we want to do is raise rates," stated board member Carl Leonard. In spite of that sentiment the reality is that utility rates might have to be raised. One of the major problems facing the board is the fact that the proposed budget is based on the utility receiving the \$1.4 million in devel-

opers' fees that it will become due next budget year. A few years ago, during the building boom, some developers agreed to make yearly payments on their guaranteed wastewater capacity fees and other fees. The fees were in the form of assessments attached to the developers' yearly tax bill. This year some developers did not pay their taxes, resulting in OUA buying nine tax certificates to protect their investment. Therefore, it is doubtful the developers will pay their taxes next year. Concern was also expressed about making debt service payments after the developers agreements have expired, especially without the anticipated revenue from the customers of failed developments.

Mr. Hayford said it was suggested that next year the budget not even include revenue from developers agreements and include instead a line item to buy the tax certificates.

Finance director Basil Coule informed the

board that each 1 percent increase in rates would bring in \$93,904 in revenue. Financial advisor Jeff Larson stated that a smaller rate increase now would keep the next rate increase from being larger.

The board also discussed removing the prosed two percent merit pay increase from the budget.

"I don't think we have a choice," Mr. Leonard said. "Employees may have a difficult time with this but they have to understand we are saving jobs."

Board member Devin Maxwell suggested that vacant positions that are funded in the budget be eliminated.

They also decided to look at the number of the new vehicles in the budget and eliminating any nonessential projects and expenses.

Staff will crunch the numbers and the board will look at the budget again at their next monthly meeting.

Turning to other items, the board took no action after listening to options available for adding 85 sewer customers in the area of S.W. Fifth Avenue, S.W. Seventh Avenue and S.W. 16th Avenue. It was the consensus of the board that the cost per connection would be prohibitive.

It is time for renewal of OUA's property and casualty insurance. After listening to a presentation by their insurance agent, the board took no action and asked him to come back next month with the answers to specific questions.

Board attorney Tom Conley announced that on June 26 the utility had closed on the purchase of the King's Bay wastewater treatment plant. In the past the utility had expected to close the plant. Now with the construction of the eastside forcemain in doubt because of the apparent failure of planned developments in that area, the utility may have to operate the plant.

In other action, the board:

- approved a one year renewal of the contract with the accounting firm of Nowlen, Holt & Miner;
- received the finance report for the period ending June 30;
- approved application for payment in the amount of \$24,160.74 from Derrico Construction for work completed on the SE-2 lift station project;
- authorized payment of \$40,790.45 to Metzger and Willard, Inc. for engineering, design and permitting on the Treasure Island sewer system - north;
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- agreed to go out for bids for a financial advisor.

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County may suspend impact fees

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

There is a possibility the county may suspend impact fees in an effort to stimulate new construction. Banks are not currently financing impact fees. Some people feel that suspension of impact fees would stimulate new construction and the loss of impact fees would be offset by an increase in ad valorem taxes from the new construction. At the last county commission meeting county attorney John Cassels was instructed to bring back a proposed ordinance that would suspend impact fees for six months.

Even if the county waives impact fees, builders would still have to pay a school impact fee for residential projects. Residential and commercial projects in the city limits would still have to pay city impact fees at this point. The Okeechobee City Council is scheduled to discuss suspension of impact fees at their next meeting. In addition to paying school board and city impact fees, city residents pay all county impact fees except fire/rescue.

Impact fees are designed so that new construction pays for its impact on the infrastructure, such as increased use of roads or an increased need for fire protection.

County impact fees are broken down for roads, corrections, fire/rescue, and EMS and are scheduled to be collected over a ten year period. According to Mr. Cassels, any length of time that impact fees are suspended would count toward the ten year period. Impact fees are to be used for specific projects in each of the areas they are collected for. However, impact fees make up only a small part of the cost of each project. About two thirds of the funding for each impact fee project must come from other sources.

Impact fees were started July 21, 2007. From that time through June 30 of this

year a total of \$382,356 in impact fees have been collected from 271 residential building permits and 15 commercial building permits in the county. Figures on city building permits are not readily available. In addition, \$1,938,093 in county funds and \$106,319.45 in city funds have gone toward impact fee projects. According to figures released by deputy county administrator Jim Threewitts, over the next eight years a total of \$5,931,466 per year from impact fees and other sources would have to be received to have sufficient funds to complete the projects that impact fees were earmarked for. The current trend indicates that, even without a suspension, impact fees are not going to add up fast enough to complete the planned projects.

Of the seven area counties polled, only three have suspended or reduced impact fees. On July 1 Highlands County suspended their impact fees for one year. So it is too early to tell the effect on building permits. Building officials stated that some builders who might have been issued a permit in June waited to see if the impact fees would be waived. In January of this year Glades County suspended impact fees for one calendar year. Building officials there say that there has been no change in the number of commercial permits issued and a slight increase in residential permits issued. Beginning April 1, Polk County reduced impact fees by fifty percent. In March, Polk County issued 70 building permits. In April and May 45 permits were issued each month. In June, 83 permits were issued. So it looks like the reduction of impact fees in Polk County has not had much effect on building permits. St. Lucie, Indian River and Osceola counties have not suspended impact fees. Hendry County does not have impact fees.

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SUSAN A. EXAMPLE

Susan A. Example was born on July 15, 2009, at 10:15 a.m. at the New Town Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her mother is Jane Example and her father is Joseph Example. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Illustration of New Town, Fla. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Example of New Town, Fla. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Example of New Town, Fla. and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Example of New Town, Fla.

ANNIVERSARY
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION

Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary with family and friends on October 15, 2009. The Example were married on October 1, 1964 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in New Town, Fla. The best man was the Honorable John Example. The officiant was the Rev. John P. Picket. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla.

ENGAGEMENT
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION

Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration announced their engagement on July 15, 2009. Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Example of New Town, Fla. Jane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Illustration of New Town, Fla. The couple plans to be married on October 1, 2009. The officiant will be the Rev. John P. Picket. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla. The officiant is the pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church, New Town, Fla.

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Budget cuts have sheriff eyeing layoffs

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

When Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May is asked how he's going to reduce his operating budget for fiscal year 2009/10 his answer is short and to the point: "I don't know. I have no idea."

The sheriff was told at the last meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners that he had to reduce his already "bare bones" \$17,228,143 budget by another 27.1 percent of the county estimated \$4,400,000 budget shortfall. That translates to another cut of \$1,191,293.

To reach that goal, Sheriff May has little choice.

"To make even a portion of that we're looking at layoffs, cutting back overtime, cutting back on equipment and, without a doubt, you're looking at cutting back on services. And that's just to get a portion of that," he said Monday, July 13. "I cannot cut another \$1.19 million from this budget and provide law enforcement coverage."

He projects that seven non-law enforcement personnel will be laid off and two currently open positions will not be filled. If the cuts have to go deeper, it will be devastating to the residents of the county.

"If after I turn in this budget and it isn't good enough, it will have to be gun-toting deputies who are laid off," he added.

Worrying over his budget is nothing new for the sheriff and his staff. In fiscal year 2008/09 the sheriff cut his budget \$931,414, and for fiscal year 2009/10 he cut his spending plan \$367,391. That's a total of \$1,298,805.

"We've cut almost \$1.3 million in two budgets, and now we are being asked to cut another \$1.2 million" he stated.

While pledging to "cut as much as I can and still provide services," Sheriff May said it may also be necessary to park patrol cars on the midnight shift. Deputies would basically sit at the department and only respond

to calls. There would be no cars on routine patrol.

"My department realizes the budget crunch the county is in and we have to cut all that we can and a lot of that money is from our operating expenses," he said. "Anything more, and my officers won't be safe and our citizens won't be safe -- it will be a recipe for failure and a blueprint for disaster."

According to Sheriff May, he is allowed by law to have a contingency fund that is to be used in case of emergency -- such as hurricanes Frances and Jeanne in 2004. That fund is to be 5 percent of his budget. This means that with a budget of \$17,228,143 that fund would be approximately \$850,000.

However, to try and meet the demanded cuts the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office will not have a contingency fund. So the sheriff and his command staff will cross their fingers and hope there are no hurricanes this year, or any other type of catastrophic events.

"Past budgets have had a contingency fund and if it wasn't spent it was turned back to the county. Some years the sheriff has turned back more than \$1 million in unused budget money," said OCSO Major Noel Stephen.

However, according to the sheriff's executive assistant Juanita White, the sheriff's office is bound to give all money back to the county that the sheriff does not see fit to spend.

Sheriff May said any money that is not absolutely necessary to run his department will be returned to the taxpayers.

By law, the sheriff can spend the total budget but Sheriff May pointed out that this has never happened and he does not believe it ever will.

The sheriff's office has also applied for several federal grants to save county taxpayers money, such as the Byrne and Recovery Act grants. The Byrne grant pays for the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force, while

the Recovery Act grant will pay for six new patrol vehicles. Neither Okeechobee County taxpayers nor the county will have to provide money for these uses

But county leaders now say the sheriff should include these grant funds in his budget.

While the county initially gives the sheriff's office the \$487,453 to fund the task force, the federal government reimburses the county all of that money. However, the sheriff has to include that grant amount in his budget because it doesn't reduce his bottom line.

Once the county receives its reimbursement for the Byrne grant the commissioners will disperse it among other departments as it sees fit, explained the sheriff.

This will hold true for the \$109,914 in grant money to be used for the new cars.

Mrs. White went on to state that the sheriff's office was just given 427 tax deeds, which are to be served by four deputies. While there is a fee for the service of these deeds -- which went up from \$20 to \$40 on July 1 -- all of that money goes to the county.

So while the sheriff and his staff pour over the budget and look for ways to slash it, he must also begin to prepare for the likelihood that some of his department will be put on the unemployment line when the new budget goes into effect Oct. 1.

"When this happens, then the entire county will lose," said Sheriff May.

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WASHER - white excellent condition \$175. (863)612-5333

WASHER/DRYER, GE - Like new, white, many settings, \$265. Call 863-675-0104

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Barns Sheds & Lawn Items

SHED 10'X20' - w/ attached 20'x20' carport w garage door. \$3500. (954)560-8375

WOOLEY SHED - 10 x 20 w/AC. Good condition. \$2000. (863)357-6315

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HUFFY 3 speed Ladies 26 in. Labelle - ready to ride! \$35. (863)675-0300

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Buildings & Sheds

Storage Shed - Smith Built, 10x12 Eave Shed, 1 1/2 yrs old, \$1,500 Call 603-978-2292

Building Materials

INDUSTRIAL POLES - 52L 12" T 19" B and larger. Sold by the foot. \$5. (772)260-4514

SOFFITS NEW 12' Vinyl White Vented 2 Boxes PTS12 - \$150. (561)371-1027

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BABY BASSINET, car seat and baby clothes - \$50/will sep. (239)657-4348

BUNKBEDS - Labelle. White metal w/ ladder. \$ 1 2 5 / firm . (863)673-5704

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WHITE CHANGING Table - good condition \$35. (863)517-2151

Clothing

LIKE NEW Designer Mens Jeans - Jean sz 32/34 EX Cond. Each \$20. (863)697-1191

LIKE NEW Designer Mens Shirts - Shirts Sz Lrg/Xlrg Ex Cond. EC \$10. (863)697-1191

Collectibles

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CRICKET CRAFT MACHINE - 4 cartridges & accessories, \$150. (863)357-0256

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Furniture

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WEIDER PRO Club weight bench w/300lb weight set - \$300. (863)885-1172

Jewelry

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Medical Items

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POWER CHAIR - Hove-round. Like new. \$495 charger & manual included. (863)699-1911

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Condos/Townhouses Rent

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2 BR/1B w/large den; fenced yard w/shed. Near Taylor Creek Bridge. \$700 863-763-8848

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FOR RENT: 3/2 House, 2 car garage, C/Air & Heat, W&D Hook Up in garage. On Eagle Bay Dr., Call (863)634-9330 or (863)467-2541

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IN TOWN - 3BR/2BA, laundry rm., porch, garage, lawn svc., non-smkg. env., small pet OK. \$1,000 mo. + \$800 sec. (941) 504-3954

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SEASWIRL 17' C.C. 1990 - 74" Beam 90HP Evinrude, Trolling motor, Trailer \$3500. (863)467-2371

TRAILMASTER PONTOON TRAILER 2005 - 2 axels,almost new \$2500. (863)824-0801

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5th Wheel - Hitch, 15K, Reese, \$125.00 Call 603-978-2292

FIFTH WHEEL, '03 - 3 axle, 40' Dream By Designs, 3 slide outs 1 of which is superslide, full sz. bath, w/house toilet, w/d, queen sz. BR, rear kit., plenty cabinets, \$20,000. (863)532-1325

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JET SKIIS 1995 - WaveRunner and Kawasaki 900. With trailer. \$2500. (863)763-8767

Marine Accessories

2002 Mercury 8HP outboard motor. Freshwater use only \$600. 239-247-4485 LaBelle

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YAMAHA V STAR 1998 - new clutch runs good 58K miles \$1800/neg. (863)634-0771

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Automobiles

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Automobiles

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LINCOLN MARK VII '92, 5.0, V8, auto., low miles. \$750 or best offer. (863)675-7105

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MERCURY SABLE STATION WAGON, '94 - new air, 100k mi., \$2,000. (863)254-3552

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NISSAN 300ZX 1987 - runs but needs work, free 1988 for parts \$1500. (863)763-6879

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Four Wheel Drive

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Golf Carts

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Parts/Repairs

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Pickup Trucks

'95 Dodge 1500 pickup with topper. \$2000 obo 318v8 LaBelle 863-612-4832 or 674-1333

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Dodge pickup 2005, good shape, std cab \$5,000 LaBelle 863-674-0212

Pickup Trucks

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JEEP WRANGLER YJ 1991 - Bucket seats, 5-spd, 4-wd, 4-cyl, 4.56 gears, Dania 30 in front, Dania 35 in rear, 4" body lift, 4" suspension lift, 35x12.5x15 rim and tires (mud country) inside the cab is done with Rhino Liner. \$5000/or best offer. (863)228-0122 (863)902-4139

Utility Trailers

UTILITY TRIALER - 19 FT, Tandem, Double axle. \$700 or best offer. (863)357-3567

UTILITY TRIALER - 5x8 utility trailer with sides and spare tire \$350. (863)467-5616

UTILITY TRIALER - 5'x9' trailer with sides and spare tire \$400. (863)467-5616

UTILITY TRIALER - 16'x 6 1/2 dual axle. \$800. (561)261-0903

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 12th day of August, 2009, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, AND LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS (O.R.) BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST; THENCE BEAR N 85 DEGREES 41' 36" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET TO A POINT-OF-INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF N.W. 32ND DRIVE; THENCE BEAR N 02 DEGREES 53' 55" E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 831.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 36 DEGREES 24' 17" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST-RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1095.73 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000; THENCE BEAR N 36 DEGREES 23' 35" W CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, AND ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, FOR A DISTANCE OF 277.50 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUE N 36 DEGREES 23' 35" W, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, AND ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 155.81 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000; THENCE BEAR N 85 DEGREES 41' 19" W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, FOR A DISTANCE OF 423.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR S 01 DEGREE 17' 17" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 215.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR S 87 DEGREES 48' 16" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 260.17 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 74 DEGREES 38' 50" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 258.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 1986 REDM DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 14602448A AND 14602448B AND TITLE NUMBERS 44172412 AND 50695864

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

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff

vs.

CHRISTOPHER W. MOATS and CHRISTINA L. MOATS, his wife,

Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2009-CA-134

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 29th day of May, 2009.

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

By: Linda F. Young

Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Cassels & McCall

John D. Cassels Jr., Esquire

Post Office Box 968

Okeechobee, Florida 34973

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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Okeechobee County School Board will consider adoption of the School Board policy listed below at their meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee. Copies of the proposed policy are available in the School Board Office located at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Room 307.

ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 8.70 - USE OF FACILITIES

- This policy sets forth procedures for use of school facilities by civic groups, charitable organizations, nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies.
- The proposed amendment will add "Supplemental Educational Services Providers" to the list of occasional users of school facilities.
- The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 106.15, 1001.43, 1001.33, 1001.51, 1013.10.
- This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Patricia G. Cooper, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

326576 ON 7/15/09

LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held at BMJ Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 31st day of July, 2009 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows:

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 12th day of August, 2009, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, AND LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PORTION OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND AS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS (O.R.) BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST; THENCE BEAR N 85 DEGREES 41' 36" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 7, FOR A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET TO A POINT-OF-INTERSECTION WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF N.W. 32ND DRIVE; THENCE BEAR N 02 DEGREES 53' 55" E, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 831.34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 36 DEGREES 24' 17" W, CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST-RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1095.73 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000; THENCE BEAR N 36 DEGREES 23' 35" W CONTINUING ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, AND ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, FOR A DISTANCE OF 277.50 FEET TO THE POINT-OF-BEGINNING;

THENCE CONTINUE N 36 DEGREES 23' 35" W, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, AND ALONG SAID EAST BOUNDARY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 155.81 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000; THENCE BEAR N 85 DEGREES 41' 19" W, ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID O.R. BOOK 260, PAGE 2000, FOR A DISTANCE OF 423.24 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR S 01 DEGREE 17' 17" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 215.88 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR S 87 DEGREES 48' 16" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 260.17 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE BEAR N 74 DEGREES 38' 50" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 258.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH A 1986 REDM DOUBLE-WIDE MOBILE HOME BEARING IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS 14602448A AND 14602448B AND TITLE NUMBERS 44172412 AND 50695864

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

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK,

Plaintiff

vs.

CHRISTOPHER W. MOATS and CHRISTINA L. MOATS, his wife,

Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2009-CA-134

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 29th day of May, 2009.

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

By: Linda F. Young

Deputy Clerk

Law Office of Cassels & McCall

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323051 ON 7/8, 15/09

Public Notice

Highlands County HOME Consortium Fourth Program Year Action Plan NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Heartland Rural HOME Consortium (which includes DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties, Florida) is applying to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2009-2010 allocation under the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). This Fourth Program Year Action Plan is submitted under the Consolidated Plan for 2006-2011.

The preliminary activities, with the estimated dollar amount for which the Consortium is applying are:

Funding Source	Budget
HOME Investment Partnership	\$670,986
Total	\$670,986
Planned Activities	Budget
HOME Homeownership	\$503,241
Community Housing Development Corporations (15%) Administration	\$100,647
	\$67,098

Each County in the Consortia has adopted a single anti-displacement and relocation plan before submission of the Consolidated Plan. The Consortia will assist displaced persons with grant funds, as indicated in the budget and policy. A required 25% match will be covered by on-going activities in each County under the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

Two Public Hearings to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the Fourth Program Year Action Plan will be held at 201 E Oak Street, Ste. 201, Arcadia FL beginning at 10:00 a.m. on July 22, 2009, and at 165 S. Lee Street LaBelle, FL, on July 22, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m.

A draft copy of the Annual Plan will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the Highlands County Housing Department, 501 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870 on July 30, 2008 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Fourth Program Year Action Plan will be submitted to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before August 14, 2009. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the Public Hearings contact Teresa Hofer, Interim Highlands County Housing Director, at (863) 402-6717.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired should contact Teresa Hofer at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should also contact Teresa Hofer at (863) 402-6917 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD) please call (800) 955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Teresa Hofer at (863) 402-6917 at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant 91.225, the following certifications will be submitted to HUD with the Fourth Program Year Action Plan. The certifications will be made available by Highlands County Housing Department and HUD for public inspection upon request. These certifications will be available on or after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of five years.

- Affirmatively furthering fair housing;
- Anti-displacement and relocation plan;
- Drug-free workplace;
- Anti-lobbying;
- Authority of Jurisdiction;
- Consistency with Plan;
- Acquisition and Relocation; and
- Section 3.

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326978 ON 7/15 CGS 7/16/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 47-2008-CA-000318

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

MELODY E. RICKETTS a/k/a MELODY E. HALL, et al, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause, in the Circuit Court of OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:

The West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Tract 2, Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County, FL, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 3A-D, inclusive of the Okeechobee County Public Records

and commonly known as: 14675 Northwest 270th Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd St., Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 a.m., on August 12, 2009.

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

Dated this 6/26/2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk

325976 ON 7/15,22/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-128

In re: Estate of DOROTHY JO MARCZESKI,

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2008 CA 610 Assigned to: Judge McManus

MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee for RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK, etc., Plaintiff, VS. ROBERTO MOYA-GOMEZ, etc., et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF CLERK'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 2, 2009, and subsequent Order entered on April 20, 2009, by the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida...

Being a parcel, of land lying in portion of Section 10, Township 36 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northeast corner of West One-Half (W 1/2) of the East one-Half (E 1/2) of the Southeast One-Quarter (SE 1/4) of said Section 10; thence bear S 01°24'33" E along the east boundary line of that certain parcel of land as described in Official Records (O.R.) Book 374, Page 1110...

Containing 9.888 acres, more or less, and being subject to any and all easements, restrictions, reservation and for right-of-ways of record including but not limited to an easement for the purpose of ingress and egress and being more particularly described as the west 30.00 feet of the above described property.

Together with that certain 1995 Redman Manufactured Home VIN#FLR79B11746HP and FLR79A11746HP21 and Title # FLA 562364 and FLA 562365, situated thereon.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of Circuit Court By: Linda F. Young As Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration not later than 7 days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986 (772)807-4370 within two working days of your receipt of this Notice.

Attorney for Plaintiff 500 Virginia Ave., Suite 200 Fort Pierce, FL 34982 326591 ON 7/15,15/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 08-CA-428

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR LONG BEACH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-10, Plaintiff, VS. FREDA B. LAURENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FREDA B. LAURENT; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 2nd day of March, 2009, and entered in Case No. 08-00428, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida...

LOT 7, BLOCK 57, BASSWOOD, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 51, AS RECORDED IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) disabled person who, because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact not later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding Court Administration at 250 NW Country Club Dr., Port St. Lucie, FL 34989. Phone 772.807.4370, 1.800.955.8771 (hearing impaired) or 1.800.955.8770 (voice impaired) Dated this 30th day of June, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of The Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2008-CA-000269

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff VS. EDIVAR F. FILHO; CARLA D. REIS A/K/A CARLA D. FILHO; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT (S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Motion and Order Rescinding Foreclosure Sale Date dated the 3rd day of Sept, 2008, and entered in Case No. 47-2008-CA-000269, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida...

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

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Dixie Youth Ozone compete in state tournament

By Charles M. Murphy Okeechobee News

The homerun ball came back to haunt Okeechobee as they competed in the Dixie Youth Ozone baseball tournament at Marianna in North Florida this past week. Okeechobee ended up losing two out of three games, mostly due to homeruns.

Saturday Okeechobee rallied from a 4-0 deficit to defeat West Volusia American 10-7.

Samuel Devido opened the scoring with a two run single for West Volusia in the second. D.J Pelts added a two run single in the frame against Okeechobee starter Jarrod Morgan. Okeechobee responded in the bottom of the third with three runs. Otto Ramirez had an RBI single and Evan Faulk added a two run single. Okeechobee added four runs in the bottom of the fourth. Key hits included a double by Elijah Finney. Three consecutive walks issued by West Volusia pitchers Dale Root and Dewey Nugent helped fuel the Okeechobee rally.

Okeechobee added three more runs in the fifth to take a 10-4 lead. Morgan had a two run single and Mason Joyner added an RBI double.

Austin Medina hit a three run homerun in the sixth for West Volusia to finish the scoring.

Finney had two hits and two runs scored, Layton Thomas had one hit and one run scored, Jarrod Morgan had one hit, two runs scored and two runs batted in. Joyner had one hit, two runs scored, and two runs batted in. Kevin Coleman had an RBI groundout. Chase

Quisenberry and Brendon Barcia both scored one run. Otto Ramirez had one hit, one run scored, and an RBI. Evan Faulk had one hit and two runs batted in.

On the mound Elijah Finney tossed two shutout innings. He struck out two. Brendon Barcia picked up a save with a scoreless inning of relief.

Trenton Hickman made an excellent defensive play to rob Greg West of a hit in the third.

Sunday Sebring hit six homeruns as they defeated Okeechobee by the 10 run mercy rule, 11-0 in four innings. Alex Ford had two homeruns and five runs batted in. Jordan Baker hit two solo homeruns. Easton Davis hit a solo homerun, and J.C Cobb had a three run homerun for Sebring.

The Streak scored seven runs in the bottom of the first against Okeechobee starter Jarrod Morgan.

Okeechobee wasn't able to get a hit. Barcia drew a walk

in the fourth inning to become Okeechobee first and only base runner.

Jonathan Struck and Jordan Baker combined on the no hitter for Sebring.

Okeechobee did make several fine defensive plays in the outfield. Ethan Revels robbed Alex Gomez of a homerun with a nice running grab in the second. Chase Quisenberry made a nice catch to rob Ford of a base hit in the second. Evan Faulk also had a nice defensive play in the bottom of the third.

Elijah Finney continued to pitch well with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief.

Okeechobee was eliminated on Monday by Central of Panama City, 7-3. Alex Gordon hit a two run homerun in the first inning, and Kyle Fisher added a three run homerun for Panama City in the fourth inning.

Okeechobee scored three times in the second thanks to five bases on balls and five stolen bases.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Boost, perhaps
7 Adrian Monk's former org.
11 Hotel rm.
14 Took
15 Shakespearean exile
17 Causes to disappear
18 Monitors, e.g.
19 Ready for another voyage
20 Cove; Disney's Polynesian Resort pavilion
21 Gorge
22 Diamond warning
25 Plays with
26 35th anniversary gift
28 Trickster
31 Foundation
32 State on the Sea of Cortez
33 Heavily televised 1990-'91 event
36 Factor in measuring specific gravity
37 Eyepiece
38 Golfer Michelle
39 Test marks, maybe

- 7 Spiffed (up)
8 Coins with overlooked flaws that are put into circulation
9 Blocker target
10 Much-anticipated spring thing; Abbr.
11 Painter who was a leader of French Romanticism
12 "Tennessee's Partner" author
13 Shake
16 Team named for its city's leading industry
20 Cutting light
23 Friend of Zephir the monkey
24 Blue "W," e.g.
27 Minstrel's repertoire
28 "It Bad (And That Ain't Good)": Ellington song
29 Glues
30 Loaded leader
32 They may be upset in tournaments

- 34 Outmaneuvered, in a way
35 1980s word processing giant
36 Neglected to
38 Some island dancers
41 Los Angeles County Fair city
42 Wasn't square with
43 Oak Ridge Boys classic
45 Pussycat leader
46 Helmet feature
47 Broad collars
48 Wander
49 Another 35th anniversary gift
53 Bracket shape
54 Key that takes you back

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: OATES, FLUBS, ICK, SLUMP, DETOO, IRA, CORPORATE, TEX CUT, ANNIKA, SRI, JADE, REAREN, ONTAP, ESSES, GENTLE, EVAS, OBOE, REAIR, DAS, SMIDGEN, ILS, GIZMO, TORT, SNIT, ENZYME, MECCA, ATEAM, THANKED, WASH, TAC, ENDEAR, ALP, SSTEHDAMAG, REI, QUEEN, LANED, TSE, SPORT, SNERD

xwordeditor@aol.com

15x15 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-59 indicating starting positions for clues.

DOWN

- 1 Having a bite
2 In more pain
3 Muddle
4 Refuse to bend
5 Get hot
6 Six-pointers, briefly

By Doug Peterson (c)2009 Tribune Media Services, Inc.

Buying a car? Look in the classifieds. Selling a car? Look in the classifieds.

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Firemen work fast to save home from blaze

By Charles M. Murphy Okeechobee News

An estimated \$12,000 in property damage was done Monday night after a fire at 3693 N.W. Eighth Avenue, according to a fire report from paramedic Justin Hazellief.

The report said quick response from Okeechobee County fire rescue might have saved the structure from significant damage.

The report said smoke was found inside the living area and a piece of furniture was on fire. Firemen extinguished the blaze

quickly. They reported no injuries.

Firemen said the fire apparently started in the kitchen area. The cause of the blaze was under investigation by the State Fire Marshal. No one was home when the fire broke out around 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Five units and eight firemen and volunteers were on the scene for about two hours cleaning up the scene. They also saved the family's possessions from the smoke and fire.



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Seminole Talent Show

Seacoast National Bank staffer, Kathleen Shatto donates prizes to Karen Wernie of the Seminole Reservation for their upcoming employee talent contest on July 5.

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Local FFA member recognized on state level

An Okeechobee Brahman FFA member was recently elected as a State Officer of the Florida FFA Association. At the 81st Annual Florida State FFA Convention, Nathan Candler was elected to serve as the Area VI State Vice President.

The actual process began earlier this spring when potential candidates underwent a two day screening process of interviews, tests and exercises. The selected candidates were presented at the State Convention where they gave a campaign speech and participated in a question and answer session with the delegates.

Nathan and six other newly elected officers will spend the next year as ambassadors for FFA, agriculture education and the agricultural industry in Florida. They each chose to delay starting college for a year in order to fulfill their duties. This summer, the

team will attend leadership conferences and begin planning for the year.

The State FFA Officer Team is responsible for many activities throughout the year such as planning and presenting workshops for chapter officers, making chapter visits, assisting with State FFA contests and other functions and serving as Florida delegates to the National FFA Convention. They will spend one week as interns in Tallahassee at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services learning about the operations of the department. They will also participate in goodwill and agricultural industry tours during the year as well as assist with agricultural exhibits at the Florida State Fair.

The FFA is a national organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. There are more than 15,000 FFA members in the state of Florida.

Community Brief

History Camp to open soon

Take a trip through time with our Adventures in History 4-H Camp. The camp will take place from **July 20-24**, and will take a trip a day, opening doors for local youth through history. The cost for the week long camp is \$100 and includes a Monday visit to the Edison and Ford Estate Tour including the lab and museum. Tuesday's adventure includes Jupiter Lighthouse and swimming at DuBois Park. Wednesday, it's the Tampa History Center including exhibits, "A Land Remembered and Cowmen and Crackers"; Thursday the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billy Swamp Safari and Friday, it's off in space with a visit to the Kennedy Space Center. Youth ages 8 and up are welcome to attend. Sign up at the Extension Office. Call 863-763-6469 for more information.



Submitted photo
Nathan Candler, an Okeechobee Brahman FFA member, was recently elected as the Area VI State Vice-President of the Florida FFA Association.



Submitted photo/Bill Black

Concord College and Florida State Football Scholarships

The Concord College and Florida State Football Scholarships were presented at the OHS Awards night. Pictured above (L-R) Christopher Tullio, Chris Branham and Lonnie Pryor.



Submitted photo/Bill Black

Universities Scholarships

The Universities scholarships were presented at the Okeechobee High School Awards night. Presenters and recipients above, left to right, Kristal Hazellief, Olivia Skeen, Sharon Coker, Christopher Cain and Joshua Christian.

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KOA assists Okeechobee golf

By Charles M. Murphy
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Drives off the tee are a major part of the golf game. The Okeechobee High School golf team can thank the KOA golf club for some of their long drives this coming year.

The KOA has donated the use of their driving range for four hours per week so members of the golf team can practice free of charge. Golf Coach Mark Ward said local junior golf enthusiast Jim Waldau was a big part of this arrangement.

"Noel Stephen coordinated it, Terry Lanman of the Okeechobee Country Club helps out, and Wendy Woodham of KOA was very supportive. We are very appreciative," Ward said.

The team finished second in their district to powerful Martin County last year. Ward said the time his golfers spent free of charge at KOA played a big part in that, "It's a win, win situation for the community," he said. "The summer time work aided us in our consistency."

Waldau provides tutoring at the driving range. He has supported junior golf for years. He holds annual events including a junior tournament and golfing clinics. He mentioned that this is his favorite thing to do, help young people.

"I'd rather help young kids learn how to play the right way, learn the rules, like proper etiquette, and help the OHS golf team win state titles," he said.

Coach Ward said 6-12 players have shown up on a regular basis this summer. He noted competition for spots on the team will be very heavy this year. He returns six strong golfers and has local prodigy Kodi Stephen joining the team this year.

Ward said the best way to improve in golf is to swing the golf club. Work on the driving range can help with keeping the right swing on the ball.

Ward said he expects to field a very strong team this year. He said he might have to keep fewer players than in past years and anyone interested in playing golf this year needs to be practicing now because it'll be tough to break into the starting six. He stated that keeping fewer players will allow him more time to work with kids individually.

Waldau Jr. Golf will hold a clinic at the KOA on July 20 through 24. Information about the clinic can be obtained at floridajuniorgolf.org or by phoning 863-467-7300.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy (left) Kodi Stephen works on his driver and irons at KOA and Tim Gray (right) is another of the high school golfers that has taken advantage of donated hours at the KOA driving range.

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