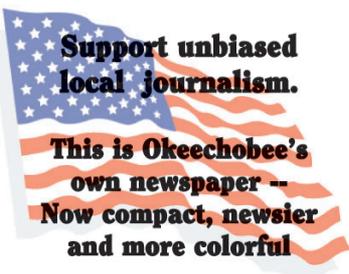


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City council approves lean budget

City employees' paychecks shrinking

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Thanks to action taken by the Okeechobee City Council on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29 some city residents may see lower tax bills. In a process that was a lot sim-

pler than the one the county went through, the council gave final approval to a millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2009/2010.

In light of the current economic situation with businesses cutting back on employees' salaries and laying people off, Councilman Dowling Watford did not think city employees should receive a longevity increase. The proposed budget contained no salary increases but

it did include longevity increases. Mr. Watford said that giving the longevity increases would cost the city \$40,681. He made a motion to reduce the proposed millage rate to a number that would save an additional \$40,681. However, that motion died for lack of a second.

City administrator Brian Whitehall stated that under the proposed budget employees would actually realize a decrease in their overall

pay of 3.5 to 4 percent, as the lump sum provided last year will not be included in this fiscal year and the additional payroll deducted health insurance contribution.

The council unanimously approved a millage rate of 6.7432 which will bring in slightly over \$6.74 in taxes for every \$1,000 of assessed value. One mil equals

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Lake project combines water quality and recreation

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Plans as old as 1925 and as recent as the 1990s are being combined for water quality, recreation and economic development in the Lake Okeechobee area'. These

plans involve the current Lake Hicpochee and a newly-created lake to be called, for lack of a better name, 'Lake Clewiston.'

In 1925 John Nolan, a city planner from Boston, was hired to draw up waterfront plans includ-

ing a marina, piers and hotels for a town on the Okeechobee ridge -- a rocky area of high ground. The town was originally known as Sand Point because of a spit of land jutting out into the lake. The name was changed to Clewiston

in honor of Alonzo C. Clewis, who brought the railroad to the area.

The first houses in the area were built around Sand Point because it never flooded. This was

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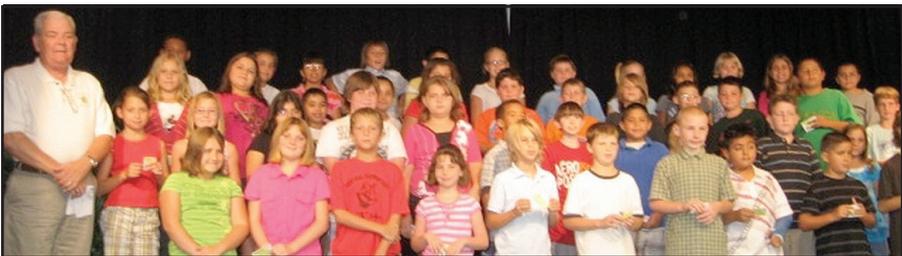
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Students of the week

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Safety Patrol

Central Elementary School held their first PTO Meeting for the school year on Thursday, Sept. 24. Fourth grade students were sworn for Safety Patrol by Sheriff May.

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Sheriff 'disappointed' with gun buy-back results

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Even though Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May said he was "disappointed" with the results of his gun buy-back program held Sept. 26, he is already thinking about doing it again.

Saturday's buy-back program held in Douglas Park was the first time such a program had been held in Okeechobee County. While he had hoped of getting as many as 50 guns, Sheriff May said 10 were purchased at a price of \$50 each.

"I'm disappointed. I would have liked to have gotten more," he said Monday, Sept. 28. "But, that's 10 guns off the street."

While most of the guns were described as "junk," the sheriff said a Rossi .38 special was in good shape and the revolver would be kept.

"We'll probably use it as a backup gun," he explained.

The sheriff's office also bought other handguns -- such as .38, .32 and .22 caliber revolvers -- as well as a single shot .22 caliber rifle and two sawed-off shotguns.

Sheriff May said the two shotguns "... were old and had been laying in someone's closet for a long, long time."

All will be destroyed, except for the .38 special and a 9mm automatic handgun.

OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman, who is

a firearms instructor and helped render the guns inoperative at the buy-back, said the 9 mm automatic will be sent to the Indian River Community College Crime Lab in Fort Pierce for a ballistics test.

"We have cases involving 9 millimeters in



Submitted photo/Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

Ten guns were purchased Saturday, Sept. 26, by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at its inaugural gun buy-back program that was held in Douglas Park. Although Sheriff Paul May said he was disappointed that so few guns were sold, he is considering doing it again sometime next year.

the past, and 9 millimeters are used in more crimes than any other calibers," he said.

Once that test has been completed, the results will be entered into a national database where law enforcement agencies can compare those results to any cases they may have in which a 9 mm handgun was used.

Sheriff May said all of the serial numbers from the guns are being checked to see if they are stolen.

Detective Van Deman said the weapons will be kept will be destroyed by cutting them into pieces.

"Then, we'll dispose of the metal somehow," he added.

In an earlier interview, the detective said

it would be best to simply melt down the firearms. However, he said there are no foundries in the immediate area to do that.

Saturday's program was aimed at getting guns off the streets in hopes of heading off violence in the Douglas Park area which has seen several recent shootings. All of the guns were purchased with no questions asked and those who sold the guns were paid in cash that was confiscated in drug operations, said Sheriff May.

The sheriff said he is already considering holding another buy-back program sometime next summer.

"We may do one county wide that will be held in the park," he said.

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Wrong-way driver arrested on drug charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local deputy arrested a woman on a felony drug charge after he stopped her for driving north while in the southbound lane of N.E. 16th Ave.

Amy Lynn Brown, 40, S.W. 10th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 26, on charges of possession of cocaine and tampering with evidence. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$10,000.



Amy Lynn Brown

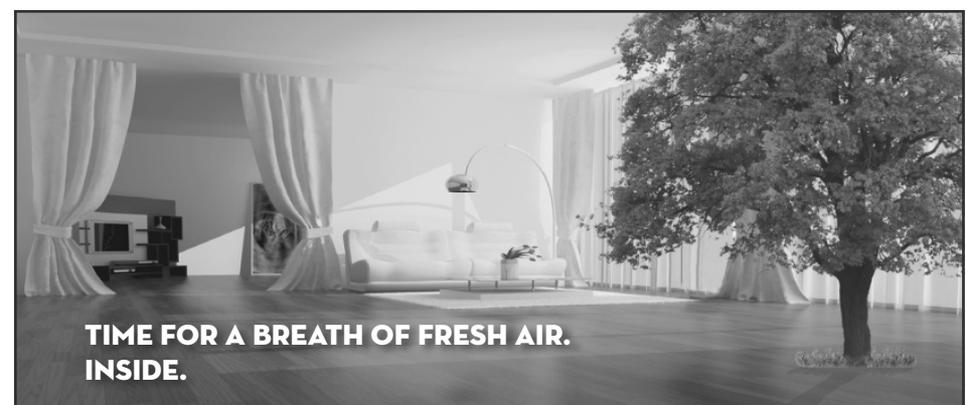
After Deputy Donald Ellis, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stopped the

woman in the 1000 block of N.E. 16th Ave. he reportedly felt the woman was impaired. His arrest report stated that she spoke "... as if she was not moving her tongue" and did not open her mouth when she answered his questions.

He asked Brown to open her mouth but saw nothing. A back-up OCSO deputy, Justin Akins, then asked Brown to open her mouth and to pull down her lip. At this point a small piece of a white substance could be seen in her mouth, stated the deputy's report.

Deputy Ellis then conducted a field test on the substance. That test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine, the report added.

After Brown was placed under arrest, Deputy Ellis stated that he also issued her a citation for failure to maintain a single lane.



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Who was the worst president in your lifetime?

• Who in your opinion has been the worst president in your lifetime? My vote is for Jimmy Carter.

• Jimmy was indeed poor, he came in via the "hate" vote against Ford. Ford pardoned Nixon (which for political purposes at the time made perfect sense). Nixon however, is the hands on winner.

• Ask me again in 2012.

• The worst president in my lifetime? Obama. Who else?

• The worst by far was Ronald Reagan. Under the guise of less government and taxes, he let the rich take over the country's industry. Both Bushes were an extension of Reagan. Nixon was a crook who did whatever he wanted. I didn't vote for Obama because I am afraid of his inexperience (I don't think he's the anti-Christ or anything).

• I find it a shame that Jimmy Carter is named a bad president. He has spent many years of his life promoting world peace and human rights. Doesn't seem like such a bad thing to me. The fact that DC would not cooperate with him might be a point in his favor, in my opinion.

• The absolute worst president in my lifetime, and throughout history, is George W. Bush. Oh my God, what a terrible, terrible, terrible, lying, worthless man he was.

• I think Jimmy Carter has been a great former president, but while he was in office his lack of leadership hurt this country. He was not a strong president. Ronald Reagan would never have had a chance of being elected were it not for the "ABC" vote -- as in voters who decided they would choose "anybody but Carter." Since leaving office, Carter has done a lot for this country and has proven himself to be a truly great man. But he was not a very good president while he was in office.

• Over the years I would rate certain presidents (regardless of party) very high and some not so high. On paper, at least, Roosevelt would be very high. He had served in the cabinet, had been governor of New York and had run for vice president in 1920. Truman, while he never went past high school, had run his own business albeit not too successfully, had come up through Missouri politics and served as a senator. His experience as vice president was only about three months. His resume would be somewhat similar to Lincoln's. Eisenhower graduated from West Point, followed a military career and is best known for his leadership in the invasion of Europe. He was also president of Columbia University. Kennedy was a US senator and had some legislative experience prior to that. Johnson was also a US senator for many years and had started out as a school teacher. Nixon had been vice president under Eisenhower for eight years. Ford had a leadership role in the House of Representatives for many years. Carter graduated from the Naval Academy and was governor of Georgia. Reagan had been governor of California. George Bush had served in the legislature and was vice president for eight years. Clinton had been Governor of Arkansas. George W. Bush served as Governor of Texas. And now Obama. He was a community organizer, a state legislator and he served very briefly in the US Congress. Has he had managerial experience? Met a payroll? Served in a real leadership capacity? On paper, at least it would seem that Kennedy and Obama were similar in experience. Both were about the same age when they became president. Who was the best qualified? The least qualified? You decide.

• Worst president was Clinton. I always hated him, how he would get on TV and take credit for any good news. He once was on TV to take credit for the gas prices to go below \$1 per gallon. like he had anything to do with it. Then he would lie so openly, and his tactic for all the things he was into was ignore them. Congress -- mostly Republican -- really ran the country and managed to balance the budget for the first time. Clinton vetoed it, yet Congress overrides his veto and it passes with out Clinton's help. Now people say Clinton was the president who balanced the budget. Clinton was the most two-faced person we ever had in the White House.

• I find it disturbing that two of Jimmy Carter's books have been recommended by Osama Bin Laden.

Unemployment

• Unemployment is well over 10 percent. Ten percent is what they are paying out. There are many people that cant collect and a lot whose benefits have run out. And don't forget the folks who worked under the table. The unemployment rate is really around 17-19 percent.

• There are numerous educated individuals who are currently having great difficulty obtaining employment.. I have been turned down for several jobs in Okeechobee on the basis of being "over qualified" even to the point of having one interviewer tell me that the company could really use me and my experience, but that she was "afraid" to hire me since I was more qualified than she and was concerned that I may end up with her job.

• I'm a unemployed truck driver with 13 years under my belt. I gave up looking for work and now I babysit my kids instead of paying somebody \$200 per week to do so. I'm not gonna get a job that pays me \$250 per week just to give \$200 to the baby sitter. As the house market collapsed. The builders no longer needed the workers to build houses. Well the government identified construction worker to be hit hard and helped them. If any construction worker would walk in to the career center they were offered job retraining. And once they took bait and asked "what can you train me in?" Truck driving was at the top of the list. So now experienced drivers have trouble finding work because the newly-trained drivers will work for less. I think employers care more about low wages workers then ones with experience.

County budget

• I know times are tight, but I was not happy to read that the county commission decided to the dip into the reserves to balance the budget, rather than cut expenses. The reserves were built up over many years and are supposed to get this county through emergencies. That way the commission is using up the reserve money just to run day-to-day operations, pretty soon it will be all gone. So then what happens if we have a hurricane or other real emergency?

• There are other options to cut expenses to save money. Why does the administrator need two assistants? For what he is making, he should be able to handle that job all by himself.

• One of the hardest things in the world is for a government entity to operate in the black because the priorities are all wrong and there's too much of "what can I get out of this?" by those in power.

• It also needs to be mentioned that each of the administrator's assistants also have an assistant. So, there's a county administrator, two assistant administrators, and two assistants to the assistant administrators.

Cell phones

• I challenge anyone to reading this to set aside their cell phone by shutting it off every time you get in your vehicle. Turn it back on when you stop and get out. Listen to your messages and see if anything was so important that it deserved putting your life (and others) at risk.

Emergency services

• I know folks are facing tough economic times and can't afford to pay more taxes. So why doesn't our county prioritize and fund the basics -- the essential services that a community cannot survive without. Maybe the county offices could get by with fewer assistants and secretaries. Maybe the county commission could do some work besides just coming to meetings twice a month. They are paid more for two days a month than many people in Okeechobee get for full time jobs.

Kidnapped woman

• When are the courts and police going to realize that a piece of paper will never stop an abuser?

• The police have to follow the law as do the judges. If we want change, we need legislators willing to put some teeth in the law.

• I have seen first hand police not taking seriously an order of protection. I was in court once and saw two cases come before mine where the judge with held adjudication and made the person pay fines for a first time offense for violating a protection order. All this does is allow the person to continue to think the can get away with it. If you violate it, you should be thrown in jail!

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Letters to the Editor

Do you know your local fire department?

While attending the meetings on Sept. 3 and 10, 2009, I feel that there are certain facts that are unknown. As a firefighter-paramedic here in Okeechobee, I feel that there is a lack of education for our citizens. I was voted in as Union President in July 2009 by members to head the Professional Firefighters and Paramedics of Okeechobee Local 2918. I never thought that I would have had so much on my plate right off the word go, but it comes with the position. I am not here to argue on who is responsible for what and who is to blame. I am here to help with some facts with our department and help with a general understanding, no assumptions.

Okeechobee County Fire Rescue is staffed by 36 full time positions, which include: 31 firefighter-paramedics (fire/medic) and five firefighter-EMT's. Starting salary for a fire/medic is \$41,041 and \$33,639 for fire/EMT. We work a 56 hour work week that is known as the 3's and 4's. These are 24 hour shifts that begin at 8 a.m. and end the following day at 8 a.m.

OCFR has three stations that are staffed with up to 12 personnel on a daily basis, 6 at station 1, 4 at station 2 and 2 at station 4. Station 1 drops down to five or four personnel depending on how many are off on sick or vacation days. This means that there are a total of ten personnel in a given day between three stations. The fire service has progressed to new heights in the past 20 years that have created a business type of environment.

We are crossed trained, which in essence saves taxpayers money, and also gives us a broader knowledge and skill. Education has become a must in the fire service and did you know that one-third of our department holds a minimum of an A.S. Degree in Fire Science and almost one-fourth hold

more than one A.S. Degree. We also have six members who are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in a related field. We also hold Fire Inspector, Fire Officer, Fire Instructor, HazMat, Special Operations, and Dive certificates and licenses. But as good as all of this is for your local fire department, there are also many downfalls that we are facing.

On a daily basis we operate with 10-12 personnel, which means that if there are 10, five ambulances are staffed and no fire truck is manned. If there is 12 personnel, five ambulances and 1 fire truck is staffed. We operate out of three stations, but we become unable to fully man our fire trucks due to our call load. We run 84 percent EMS and 16 percent fire, which will amount to over 6,000 calls this year.

When our stations become depleted due to excessive amounts of calls, we are subject to "call ins", in which we are reached by cell phone to come in and cover the station and calls that are on hold or may be placed on hold.

I know that there are a lot of citizens in Okeechobee who listen to their scanner on a daily basis and we have many instances where calls have to be placed on hold due to the lack of manpower to cover them. In my three year career with OCFR, I have placed a call on hold due to no available units over 20 times. I'm not alone when it comes to this, and yes I know the reaction, I chose this line of work and if I don't like it I should move or find another career.

But is this really what citizens of Okeechobee deserve? I love and enjoy my job; I share a special relationship with my coworkers and would not trade my career for anything. But in our line of work, every second counts, and it doesn't seem to settle in with the general public until it pertains to them. Yes, I do take a lot of the blame due to the fact that we have not done our job in public education. We have a different style of job requirements in many ways and in most cases the

public just does not understand.

I am here to offer a challenge to the citizens of Okeechobee. When is the last time you took time to visit your local fire rescue department? We are there 24/7, 365 days a year and enjoy interaction with the public. Over 85 percent of us at OCFR work at least one side or part time job to make ends meet. We are not "pampered" as I've been told and yes we do only work ten days a month, but they are 24 hour shifts. We do not get to go home and see our families and most days that we are off are spent to catch up on sleep due to the fact that we spend most of the night up responding to calls.

On top of all of this, citizens of Okeechobee were giving the Board of County Commissioners the general understanding that they were ready to take a cut in this service to escape any type of payment. This was the atmosphere at the meetings on Sept. 3 and 10 and OCFR cannot afford any types of cuts.

There is a large misunderstanding on why fire rescue sends an ambulance and a fire truck on the same call. This is done on motor vehicle collisions, fires and ALS (Advanced Life Support) calls. There are firefighters on the ambulance and paramedics on the fire truck. Having those four personnel on a scene of this nature is not only for our safety, but to give the best treatment possible. This is not done to waste taxpayers' money; it is done on a tactical level in fire service. ALS calls involve IV treatment, medication administration, defibrillation, and advanced airway techniques that require a certain amount of manpower on each scene. Florida is emerging as one of the leading states when it comes to changes in the fire service and almost all fire rescue departments have guidelines on when a fire truck is needed at an emergency.

In regards to all of this, in the past month we have been very busy with projects involving the community. On the first weekend of

August we had our annual school supply drive, which was a success. The following weekend we teamed up with Kiwanis and the Fraternal Order of the Police to clean up and remodel the gazebo in the park. And on the final two weeks of August we had our annual "Fill the Boot" drive for MDA. This was a new experience for us, due to the fact that we are not able to be at the main intersection, but we still achieved great results. There will be more to come from Local 2918 and we are all looking forward to the relationship that will be built between us. Thank you for your time and have a great day!

Christopher Douglas
President, Local 2918

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Okeechobee Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61. Calm wind.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming east northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 5 mph.

Lotteries

The Florida Lottery: Numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery are: **Cash 3:** 1-7-1; **Play 4:** 5-8-0-3; **Fantasy 5:** 4-6-14-21-34. Numbers selected Tuesday in the Florida Lottery are: **Cash 3:** 1-1-0; **Play 4:** 1-3-0-7.



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Community Events

Substance abuse goup plans ceremony

The Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition will host their third annual Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education (N.O.P.E.) ceremony at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, U.S. 98 N., on Thursday, Oct. 29. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the ceremony will start at 6:30 p.m. To have a family member or friend remembered, log on to www.nopetaskforce.org to register and download a photo of that person. That photo will then be included in a special video. If you don't have access to a computer, call Lucille Arcuri at (863) 261-3685 to drop-off a photo that will be included in the Memorial Wall. For information, contact Connie Curry at 863-763-3117 or Lucille Arcuri at 863-261-3685.

Elks plan reorganization meeting

The Okeechobee Elks Lodge will hold a reorganization meeting on Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Spirits Lounge, 245 S.E. Highway 441. Current and past members as well as those interesting in joining are welcome. For more information, contact Ernie Basil at 863-467-0207 or Bob Brakke at 863-610-2431.

Hospice plans yard sale
Hospice of Okeechobee (411 SE 4th Street) will hold a Yard Sale on Thursday, Oct. 1 and Friday Oct. 2 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Shop in air conditioned comfort in our Blue Building or the Country Store, where we have ALL NEW ITEMS offered at extremely reasonable prices. OR shop at our "Flea Market" (outside under the Carport) where every item is dirt cheap (prices start at only 10 cents per item). Funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 467-2321.

Drama club presents play

The OHS drama club will present "Here We Sit," a comedy by L. Don Swartz, in the OHS auditorium on Oct. 2, 3, 9, and 10. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets for adults are \$8 each and students \$5 each. For more information call Miss Raulerson at 863-462-5025 ext. 8011.

Fire and Safety Day event set

The Okeechobee Home Depot will once again host Fire and Safety Day with a free event for the entire community. The event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with a "Kids Workshop" to begin at 9 a.m. Lots of hands on activities for kids with special guest appearances from K-9 and much more! For more information, please call 863-467-0292.

Croppin' Crew to meet

The Croppin' Crew will meet Saturday, Oct. 3 at Treasure Island Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will be a tea bag folding class and a mini flip-flop scrapbook class. We will have a carry-in lunch at noon.

BHR Women of the Moose hold Benefit

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the Buckhead Ridge Women of the Moose Chapter 2036 will hold a Cake Wheel Raffle during the prime rib dinner served from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge and during the evening of the social hour, to benefit the children at Mooseheart and seniors of Moosehaven. Members and qualified guests are asked to participate to help raise funds for this benefit. For additional information, call benefit chairman Malinda Wood at 317-340-6955 or the office at 863-763-2250.

VFW Post 9528 holds October Fest

The VFW Post 9528, 29012 East Hwy 78, will hold an October Fest on Oct. 4. Dinner will be served from noon until 4 p.m. Menu will consist of all German food, knockwurst, brockwurst, German potato salad and German sauer kraut. German music for all for a donation for \$8. Flu shots will also be available. You must sign up for shots. Forms are available at VFW.

Shrine Club reopens spaghetti dinner night

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will once again offer Spaghetti Dinners beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. with music from 6 until 9 p.m. The donation for the dinner is just \$5. The Shrine Club is located at 1855 S.W. 53rd Street, Okeechobee. For more information, please call 863-763-3378.

Barbecue dinner to benefit Dee Dee Cates

The Okeechobee Bar and Club Association will host a benefit for Dee Dee Cates on Oct. 10, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Cypress Hut Fraternal Order of the Eagles 4509, 4701 U.S. Highway 441 S. Barbecue dinners with all the fixings will be \$8 per person. There will also be a hot dog cart raffle, 50/50 and bottle raffle and an auction. All proceeds will go to offset Ms. Cates' medical bills. She has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. Donations may also be made at Seacoast National Bank in the account of Dorothy "Dee Dee" Cates. Anyone who wishes to donate an item for raffle can contact Tommy at 863-634-9840.

Main Street plans mixer

Okeechobee Main Street's October Mixer will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13. This month's mixer will be hosted by the Okeechobee Branch of First Bank and Trust of Indiantown located at 205 East North Park Street from 5-7pm. the mixers are a great networking opportunity for the businesses and citizens of our area. Whether you have a new or old business or just new to Okeechobee, come enjoy networking, refreshments, door prizes and a chance at the Mega 50-50. For more information call 863-357-MAIN (6246).

Churches plan special events

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

First Baptist Church, 401 SW Fourth St., will begin signing up basketball players and cheerleaders for Upwards Basketball on Oct. 1. This program is for students kindergarten through sixth grade. The deadline for registration is Nov. 6. The cost is \$60 until Oct. 30 and \$65 after Oct. 30. Participants can sign up at the church office or at the ROC. For more information call 467-7625.

Grace Brethren Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will hold their first Friday movie "Facing the Giants" Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The church members invite you to join them for this free entertainment for family and friends.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 901 SW Sixth St., will have the Annual Blessings of Animals at the Sacred Heart Pavilion Sunday, Oct. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. All animals with their owners are welcome to attend this annual blessing. For more information please call the parish office at 863-



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763 3727. The church is also offering religious education classes for children and youngsters, Registrations for C.C.D. (Catholic Christian Doctrine) are now being accepted. Classes for all grades, kindergarten through ninth grade are being held every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. For more information please the parish office.

A new church is being established in Okeechobee, **Kingdom of God Embassy**, corner of U. S. 98 and C. R. 68

in Basinger, under the leadership of Ambassador Bill Sherman. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. with Thursday services at 6:30 p.m. The church will feature Bible study and teaching (from Genesis through Revelation), praise and worship and prayer meetings. Learn how to live every day in victory through true faith in the finished work of Christ Jesus our King.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com.

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.

Jesse Lee Crum, 68

MOORE HAVEN — Jesse Lee Crum, age 68, of Moore Haven, passed away Sept. 28, 2009 in Moore Haven.

He was born Sep. 23, 1941, in Palmdale, the son of the late Maurice and Mary Jane (McDugald) Crum. Mr. Crum married Celia Strickland. He was a Manager for Lykes Brothers Citrus Company for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Celia (Strickland) Crum; one son, Phillip Nall; four daughters, Sherri Lee Waldren, Tiffany Griffin, Nancy Swafford, Cynda Nall; Mother, Mary Jane (McDugald) Crum; two brothers, Billy Crum, Bobby Crum; two sisters, Ann Delk, Sue Pierce; special nephew, Darryl Crum; grandchildren, Megan Sharma, Cade Waldren, Jeffrey Griffin, Jentry Griffin, Justus Griffin, Andrea Strickland, Cassi Anderson, Robert Nall, Mia Nall, Trystin Swafford, Kelley Haught, Ian Harris; great-grandchildren, Reva Sharma, Michael Anderson, Jr, Tuff Haught; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his Father, Maurice Crum; brother, Tommy Crum; and daughter, Kimberly Lynn Crum.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Lakeport Garden Club or/and your local athletic association.

There will be a memorial Bar-B-Q at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4, in the Donald Peoples Camp located on Wayman's Road, Glades County.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home.

Juanita Simmons, 76

OKEECHOBEE — Juanita Simmons, age 76, of Okeechobee, died Sept. 25, 2009, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

Born July 1, 1933, in Okeechobee to Richard and Curtis (Keene) Carter, she was a homemaker and member of the Church of God.

Mrs. Simmons was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Edward Simmons. She is survived by her daughter, Betty Simmons; son, Richard Simmons (Myrna) all of Okeechobee; two grandchildren, Justin Simmons of Troy, Ala., and Jeannie Barrigan of Orlando; and one-great grandson, Case Edward Simmons of Hanceville, Ala.

Graveside funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, at Evergreen Cemetery with Pastor Don Leon officiating.

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

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Arrest Report

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

- Waltorian Jackson, 18, Pahokee, was arrested Sept. 24 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of possession of cocaine, and the misdemeanor of possession of an alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age. His bond was set at \$2,750.

- Juan Anselmo Discua, 18, N.E. 207th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy Jason Hickman on a felony charge of burglary to a conveyance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of loitering and prowling. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Justin Lee Principe, 17, N.E. 208th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy Jason Hickman on a felony charge of burglary to a conveyance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of loitering and prowling. Principe was also arrested on a juvenile take and hold order charging him with grand theft of a firearm, possession of alprazolam with intent to sell/deliver, possession of hydrocodone with intent to sell/deliver and delivery of hydrocodone within 1,000 feet of a school. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Roberto Anibal Discua, 20, N.E. 207th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy Jason Hickman on a felony charge

of possession of a short barrel shotgun. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$10,500.

- Adrian Ervin Minondo, 36, N.W. 36th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy Dale Hardy on an Orange County warrant charging him with violation of probation - fraud-rental property. He is being held without bond.

- Stephen F. Sherman, 39, N.W. 27th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 25 by Deputy John Ashby on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

- Bravillo Torres, 30, N.W. 214th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 26 by Deputy John Ashby on a charge of driving under the influence and no valid driver's license. His bond was set at \$500.

- Juan Carlos Garcia, 26, S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 27 by Officer Kelly Margerum on a felony charge of possession of cocaine. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of no valid driver's license. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Jesse Dirke Zipperer II, 23, S.E. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 27 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on Florida Parole Commission warrants charging him with parole revocation (two counts). He is being held without bond.

- Timothy Locklear, 24, S.R. 31, Punta Gorda, was arrested Sept. 28 by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of worthless check - \$150 or more, and the misdemeanor of worthless check. His bond was set at \$5,250.

- William Bert Harden, 52, S.R. 78 W., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 28 by Deputy Paul Jackson on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of worthless check - over \$150. His bond was set at \$500.

- David Alan Wicks, 47, N.W. 248th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 28 by Deputy Thomas Kitchen on a charge of driving under the influence. His 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.

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Dairy worker charged in theft

By Eric Kopp
 Okeechobee News

A man was arrested and charged with not only stealing two cutting torch tanks valued at \$1,500, but for allegedly selling them to a co-worker for \$75. Ken Andrew Vargas, 25, N.E. 20th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Friday, Sept. 25, on charges of grand theft and dealing in stolen property.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$15,000. An arrest report by Deputy Rodney J. Rucks, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

(OCSO), states the items were taken at a local dairy. Then, when the victim began asking co-workers if they had seen the tank set, another worker said he had just bought such a set from Vargas. When asked by the deputy, the man said he did not know the tanks were stolen and that he bought them because he thought Vargas "... was in bad need of money," Deputy Rucks stated in his report. The victim went to the man's home and identified the tanks as those that were purportedly stolen from him. Vargas reportedly told the deputy that he bought them from another man.

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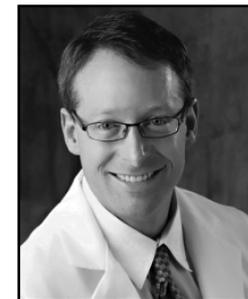
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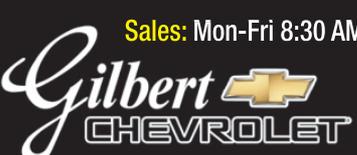
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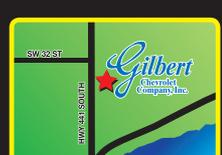
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Teen Anglers enjoy tournament

The Okeechobee Teen Anglers' held a tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Okee-Tantie.

Sixteen anglers took to the water and it was a great day overall. They caught 43 fish for a total weight of 80.97 pounds.

The winners in the 11-14 age group were: First Place - Tyler Brenner with 8.05 lbs and Big Fish of 2.88 lbs; Second Place - Jose Hernandez with 7.95 lbs; Third Place - Ryan Edwards with 5.22 lbs. The winners in the 15-18 age group were: First Place - Dusty Hall with 17.48 lbs and Big Fish of 6.54 lbs; Second Place - Chris Eaton with 7.93 lbs; and Third Place - Ryan Mellele with 7.03 lbs.

The Teen Anglers would like to thank boat captains Ernie Johnson, Matt Johnson, David Pearce, Mike Ingram, Leroy Bauer, Kenny Farmer, Skip Jeslowski, Ken Hall & Mike Zubricky.

This tournament was a tribute to "Bubba" Helton.



Special to the Okeechobee News
First place in the 11-14 age group in the Okeechobee Teen Anglers' tournament on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Okee-Tantie went to Tyler Brenner.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Third place in the 11-14 age group in the Teen Anglers tournament went to Ryan Edwards.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Jose Hernandez won second place in the 11-14 age group in the Teen Anglers tournament.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Chris Eaton won second place in the 15-18 age group.



Special to the Okeechobee News
In the 15-18 age group first place went to Dusty Hall with 17.48 lbs. and big fish of 6.54 lbs.

ENGAGEMENT

COURTLAND CONNER & MICHAEL MULLER

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Conner are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtland Landry Conner of Okeechobee, to Lt. Col. Michael (Mike) Lee Muller of Louisville, Ky. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kelley of Casa Grande, Ariz. and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Muller of Moneta, Va. Courtland is a graduate of OHS and Indian River Community College. She is presently employed by the U.S. Postal Service. Michael graduated from the University of Arizona with a BA in Science in Engineering Physics and received his Masters from Emory Riddle Aeronautical University. He is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corp at Fort Knox where he is the commanding officer of their tank school. Michael and Courtland are planning a December wedding.



BIRTHS

MASON DYLAN FENDER

Tyce Fender and Brenda Ellerbee of Okeechobee are the proud parents of a baby boy born on Sept. 1, 2009, at 1 a.m.

Mason Dylan Fender weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was born at Florida Hospital in Sebring.

His maternal grandparents are Tammy and Stacy Colburn of Okeechobee and Billy and Stacey Ellerbee of Okeechobee.

His paternal grandparents are Ty Fender of Okeechobee and Bonnie Fender of Delray Beach, Florida.



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Hospital announces Ambassadors Club

Raulerson Hospital invites Okeechobee Residents to join the Raulerson Hospital Ambassadors Club. Raulerson Hospital welcomes individual volunteers who would like to participate in regularly scheduled meetings where your unbiased feedback will help the hospital provide excellent patient care during your stay or a loved one's stay. They are looking for dedicated individuals, who have either been a patient or a visitor at Raulerson Hospital. If you would like to participate in this progressive community program, please contact Marnie Lauter at 863-824-2702 or by e-mailing Marnie Lauter at: (marnie.lauter@hcahealthcare.com) for more information.

OCSO offers bicycle education classes

Recently the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) was given the opportunity to extend bicycle education to the youth of Okeechobee.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided all of the equipment necessary to complete the training, to include an enclosed cargo trailer, bicycles of various sizes, bicycle helmets and the equipment needed to conduct a bicycle rodeo within the community.

The sheriff's office was first offered the opportunity after assistant County Administrator Jim Threewits attended a community traffic safety team meeting in Okeechobee.

After meeting all of the requirements of FDOT, the supplies were delivered to the sheriff's office. Some of the requirements included an eight-hour training session which was conducted at the Holiday Inn Express. The training was conducted by two FDOT instructors from the University of Florida and was attended by 10 OCSO members and one employee of the Hendry County Sheriff's Office.

An additional requirement was that the sheriff's office would conduct bicycle education in the public schools from grades three through six.

Thus far, the training has been conducted for 30 attendees of the sheriff's summer camp.

On Tuesday, Aug.18, 11 children at the Stepping Stones Academy, 400 S.W. Fourth St., had the opportunity to learn bicycle

safety from the sheriff's office. Even though five of the children could not ride bicycles yet, they walked with their peers who were riding bikes. The children were all fitted with individual bike helmets that were provided by the OCSO.



Submitted photo/Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

Mrs. Stephanie's class at Stepping Stones Academy watched a bicycle safety video on Aug. 11 and learned not only how to ride a bike safely, but how to inspect a bike to make sure it is safe and how to properly put on a helmet.

The children not only learned about general bicycle safety, but they also learned how to inspect a bike and the proper fitting of a bicycle helmet.

The OCSO will be conducting this bicycle safety training in both the public schools -- elementary and middle -- and various locations throughout the community.

If your group would like to sponsor a bicycle safety presentation, please contact OCSO Corporal Keith Stripling at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit, 863-763-6064, for additional details.

Golf standings

This week's results from the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club:

- GOLD TEES**
 1st -- B. Meyer
 2nd -- C. Herndon
 3rd --tie-- G. Guydosh, V. Johnson and J. Masters

- PIGS**
 1st -- Harry White
 2nd - Russ Adams Jr.
 Last - Max Sherry
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 Max Sherry, Rus Adams Jr., Harry White and Kenny Curran.

The Joyce Hacker Scholarship Golf Tournament will be Oct. 10.

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\$1 for every \$1,000 of assessed value. Many people will be paying less taxes because property values in the city have decreased about 15 percent. As a result of decreased property values, the city expects to receive \$271,000 less in property taxes.

The council also unanimously approved the proposed budget with general fund expenditures totalling \$5,278,639. This is a 2.7 percent decrease from the current year's general fund expenditures. However, overall expenditures, which include capital projects and the public facility improvement fund, increased 1.8 percent to \$7,235,248 due to several capital projects and the purchase of new radios in order to participate in the county's new radio system.

LAKE

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the site of the original Clewiston Inn. Then the hurricanes of 1926 and 1928 changed everything and the construction of the Herbert Hoover Dike cut off Sand Point from Lake Okeechobee.

In the 1990s Clewiston City Commissioner Franklin Jones, a civil engineer, enlarged Mr. Nolan's plans.

Now, landscape architect Forest Michael is taking these economic development plans and throwing in the elements of water storage and filtration as he strives to strike a balance between agricultural, economic development and ecological interests.

Mr. Michael proposes forming what he calls Lake Clewiston in the 728-acre triangular shaped area bounded by Sand Point, the Herbert Hoover Dike and the C-20 canal. The base of the triangle would be Sand Point and the point of the triangle would be near the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) S-4 pumping station on the Herbert Hoover Dike, located east of Uncle Joe's Fish Camp.

Conceptual plans call for Lake Okeechobee water to enter Lake Clewiston through the C-21 canal, which would connect with the "lake" between Sand Point and the area bordered by the C-20 canal. There would be a water control structure and an outflow on the western end of the lake. The water from

Each city department has reduced its operating budget expenditures an average of 13.2 percent.

Mr. Whitehall said that the city expected to receive about \$380,000 less in state revenue in the coming year.

"I think we have put together as good a budget as could be expected," stated Mayor

Jim Kirk. He said he appreciated the work that the council put into preparing the budget. "Thank you for doing your homework," the mayor added.

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

Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Americorps to support reading mentor program

Big Brothers Big Sisters, along with Americorp volunteers, will serve all five Okeechobee elementary schools for the 2009-2010 school year!

The program provides reading mentors to referred children in grades K-3. BBBS is hosting a Clay Shoot at Quail Creek Plan-

tation on Saturday, Oct. 24. Community members can support this program and the children in Okeechobee by sponsoring, donating a drawing item or shooting at this event. Contact Sharon Vinson at Shared Services at 863-462-5000 ext 257 for more information.

Lake Clewiston would use existing canals and water control structures to flow through the Diston Island Agricultural Area into Lake Hicpochee to help maintain the level of that lake, and provide flood control and water storage.

Under Mr. Michael's proposal, Sand Point would be developed as a recreation area with emphasis on fishing and water sports. The two sides of the triangular shaped lake would be developed as wildlife habitat and would also double as water filtration areas.

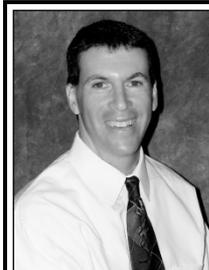
Mr. Michael believes the two sides of the lake would make a good refuge for wading birds, as well as good fishing areas.

A city marina on the C 21 and other devel-

opments in the area would rely on Mr. Nolan's 1925 plans. The goal is for businesses to locate in the area that would focus on the recreation and nature study offered by Lake Clewiston.

Mr. Michael has applied for two grants for the City of Clewiston for a trailhead and the marina. He is also hoping to reach agreements with SFWMD, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as well as local county governments.

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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.

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 join in on the fun. All types of sewing is welcome, such as quilting, applique, embroidery, crocheting, knitting, serging. Bring your sewing machines if you like to sew. For more information call Belinda Boyle at 863-357-0166 or Corry Geissinger at 863-467-2231.

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

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

6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

New Beginnings **Narcotics Anonymous** has moved to 103 S.W. Second Ave. at 7 p.m. For information, call Monika at 801-3244 or Rocy at 610-0975.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grieving parents support group is a 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. To help support and comfort one another after the loss of a child through shared experience. For information call Georgene at 863-763-2957 or Melanie and Tony at 863-763-4149.

Martha's House Inc. sponsors weekly support groups for women who are, or have been, affected by domestic violence and abusive re-

lationships. The support groups are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. For information call 863-763-2893, or call Shirlean Graham or Irene Luck at 863-763-2893 or 863-763-0202.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OHS boys win the Run for the Stars Invitational

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's cross country team was late in arriving to compete at Thursdays Run for the Stars Invitational in Miami Dade County. They weren't late at the finish line and that is what really matters.

The Okeechobee boys team crushed the competition as they had three kids in the top five and five of the top 12 racers overall.

Eddie Guerrero won the race with a time of 17:31. Adrian Leon of Okeechobee finished second with a time of 18:00. Maura Dominguez finished fifth with a time of 18:17. Agustin Leon finished in sixth position with a time of 18:20. Lionel Jones finished 12th with a time of 18:55.

Cross Country Coach Mike Schilp said his boys ran in brutal conditions of high humidity and 99 degrees. "Our boys got to the line and didn't really get any respect right off the bat," he said. "One kid asked, what's a Chobee?"

Schilp said the boys got off to a great start and kept up the pressure. He noted most of the people at the finish line were astonished that one team had so many runners finish near the top.

"I couldn't help but smile. We went into the meet as an unknown, but emerged as a dark horse victory. I was very proud and that made the drive back from Miami very easy," he said.

The girls competed hard but finished back in the pack. Schilp said the girls had a tougher time dealing with the heat as two girls couldn't finish the course.

The Okeechobee County Florida State employees' Charitable Campaign (FSECC) Local Steering Committee announces a meeting of the local FSECC Steering Committee to which all persons are invited:

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 Taking Applications for **L.P.N. for the Jail**
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 Pick up applications at the Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office at 504 N.W. 4th Street or print an application online at okeesherriff.org.
 Deadline for applications is 5 pm on Oct. 5, 2009.

Employment Medical

LOCK TENDERS
 Part Time - 15 to 30 hrs. Locations: Okeechobee area. Must be willing to work any schedule. Shifts 5:30am-1:00pm or 1:00pm-9:00pm Sunday thru Saturday. Background & Fingerprints are required. Call 863-634-4697.

Employment

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST
 Lincare, leading national respiratory company seeks Healthcare Specialist. Responsibilities: Disease Management Program, clinical evaluations, equipment setup & education. Be the doctor's eyes in the home setting. RN, RRT, CRT licensed as applicable. Great personality with strong work ethic needed. Competitive salary, benefits & career paths. Drug Free Workplace, EOE. Please fax resume to Angel, 863-763-5191 or call 863-763-7337

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POWER WASHING NEEDED. Please call 863-824-6736 or 863-634-5405

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 2BR/2BA, in town, W&D, \$800 mo. + \$500 sec. Call (863) 634-5780

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ON CANAL, Unfurnished 2BR, 1 BA Cottage. Florida Rm. facing water. Carport \$650 mo. + sec. Water & Yard Maint. Included. 772-794-2438 or 772-538-8183

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Real Estate

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Farms - Sale

RANCH - 780 ACRES, 10" well, 1.5 ml. paved rd. Call John, The Tuck-er Group 863-357-8769

Houses - Sale

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OKEECHOBEE - 5 acres, \$49,000; \$2,000 down. Owner financing. Zoned Mobile Home or House. **DIXIE RANCH** - 1 Acre lots, \$29,000; \$300 down. Owner financing. 863-763-5626

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OKEECHOBEE - Oct. 3rd-4th, 6am-8pm, 4340 Hwy. 710 East. Misc. housegoods tools power equip. smallboat rv 95 toyta celica conv. forklift tractor

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Garage/Yard Sales

Fri & Sat, Oct 2 & 3,
 8 am -5 pm
 4031 SW 9th Way
 Tools, clothes, Christmas items, you name it

LAZY 7 - Fri & Sat. Oct 2nd & 3rd, 7am-? 8451 SW 15th Lane. Indoor Outdoor furn, HH decor, Senior Care, sporting gear, clothes, Camo.

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

Experienced, excellent computer and phone skills, able to multi-task. Good pay and benefits. Email resumes to: devans@optsvc.com

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Help Wanted:

Temporary positions available at Fisheating Creek Campground, Palmdale, FL. Vacancies include: **Sales/Reservation Clerk; Maintenance; Cleaning Personnel**
 Contact: FFWCC_FECWMA 863-946-1194. **Deadline 10/19/09**

MH THERAPIST

Needed Part Time for in-school services in Hendry-Glades Co. Must be licensed or license-eligible and bilingual (Eng/Span). For info., call (863)612-0728

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Lots - Sale

Recently Foreclosed, Special Financing Avail., Any Credit, Any Income
 Vining Estates, Two 1.25 Acre Vacant Lots, located at, 20809 & 20861 NW 248th St., Okeechobee. Visit - www.roseland-co.com/7W1 Drive by then call (866) 957-4918.

VIKING LOTS, \$5,900
 Dry, 1/4 ac lots, price covers all costs. Call Don 954-290-0861



Mobile Homes

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BHR - RVs for Rent, starting \$300-\$500 & 1BR/1BA Cabin, 55+ park, seasonal or yearly. 1st month's rent free! (863)763-7164

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DW MH - renovated, 4BR/2.5BA, 1800 sq. ft., fenced 1/2 acre lot, screened porch, shed, Pioneer Estate area, Price Reduced \$89,000. Bank finance. (863)610-1600

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-174

In re: Estate of **TIMOTHY MONROE LIGHTSEY a/k/a TIMOTHY M. LIGHTSEY,** Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order Determining Homestead Status of Real Property and Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the Estate of **TIMOTHY MONROE LIGHTSEY, a/k/a TIMOTHY M. LIGHTSEY,** Deceased, File Number 2009-CP-174, by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972; that the decedent's date of death was December 18, 2007; that the total estate consists of exempt homestead real property and exempt personal property; that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

STEWART R. LIGHTSEY, 700 N.E. 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
MARY K. LIGHTSEY, 700 N.E. 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 All creditors of the decedent and

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other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY THE LAW. All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claim with this Court AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED BY THE LAW. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED AND ANY CLAIM FILED TWO YEARS AFTER THE DECEDENT'S TIME OF DEATH WILL BE BARRED FOREVER.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is September 23, 2009.

Person Giving Notice: **Stewart R. Lightsey**
 700 N.E. 4th Street
 Okeechobee, Florida 34972

Attorney for Person Giving Notice: **CONELY & CONELY, P.A.**
 Post Office Drawer 1367
 Okeechobee, Florida 34973
 Tom W. Conely, III
 Florida Bar No. 096482
 333759 ON 9/23,30/2009

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations the fictitious name, to-wit:

Avel's Domcein
 under which we expect to engage in business at:
 2793 SE 18th Terrace
 Okeechobee, FL 34974
 in the City of Okeechobee/County of Okeechobee, Florida.
 That the parties interested in said business enterprise are:

Richard Doss Jr.
 Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, this the 28th day of September, 2009.
 BY: **Richard Doss, Jr.**
 334839 ON 9/30/09

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INVITATION TO BID RFB 6000000291 CATTLE GRAZING LEASE AGREEMENT

The South Florida Water Management District will receive sealed bids through the Procurement Office, 2nd Floor, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33406, for the purpose of a cattle grazing lease located in Okeechobee County, Florida on **October 16, 2009 at 2:30 P.M.** local time, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read.

A site visit will be held at the property 3 miles north on NW 50th St., Okeechobee County, Florida, on **October 1, 2009 at 9:00 AM.** All bids must conform to the instructions in the Request for Bids and include a properly executed Bid Form and Compliance Disclosure Form.

Solicitation documents will be available **September 9, 2009** in the SFWMD Procurement Office, at the above address, by calling (561) 682-6391. Interested bidders may also call the 24-hour **BID HOTLINE 800-472-5290.** The public is invited to attend the RFB opening. **Information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained at our web site - www.sfwmd.gov.** The solicitation can be downloaded for the District web site: www.sfwmd.gov listed on the current solicitation calendar. **For more information, please contact Linda Greer, Senior Contract Specialist at (561) 682-6396.**

Legal Description

HF10E-007
 A parcel of land in Sections 19,20,21,28,29,30,31,32,33 and 34, Township 36 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, described as follows:

All of said Sections 19,30 and 31.
 Together with:
 All of said Sections 29 and 32 LESS and EXCEPT the Right-of-Way for NW 50th Drive (70 feet in width)
 Together with:
 All of said Section 20 lying Southwesterly of the centerline of Taylor Creek LESS and EXCEPT the Right-of-Way for NW 50th Drive (70 feet in width).
 Together with:
 All of said Sections 21 and 28 lying Westerly of the centerline of Taylor Creek.
 Together with:
 All of said Section 33 lying North and East of NW 50th Drive and Southwesterly of the centerline of Taylor Creek.
 Together with:
 All that part of Section 34, Township 36 South, Range 35 East, lying North of NW 50th Drive (70 feet in width) and West of State Road 15 (U.S. Highway #441) and Southwesterly of the centerline of Taylor Creek.

Containing 4,784.93 acres, more or less.

LESS HOWEVER, from the above described parcel of land, the following Two (2) parcels of land:

Parcel 1
 That certain parcel of land in SFWMD Contract C-13477-A02, Exhibit "B" described as containing 70 acres, more or less. Said parcel now known as the "Hydromentia Okeechobee ATS Site" described by Mr. Ted Phillips PSM of LBRH in Project No. 05-0054-ATS-LGL dated 6/12/06. The description following is copied from Mr. Phillips drawing. The bearing used in this descriptions do not relate to any of the other tracts in this description. The Tract No. was added for the purposes of this lease. Tract No. HF100-008

Parcel 2
 Tract HF100-002 as described in South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Lease No. LS040986. The bearing used in this descriptions do not relate to any of the other tracts in this description.

Tract No. HF100-002

A parcel of land located in Sections 33 and 34, Township 36 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida. Bounded on the East by Westerly right-of-way of Taylor Creek as recorded in Official Records Book 73, Page 435 of the Public Records of said county, and by the West right-of-way line of State Road 15 (U.S. Highway 441); bounded on the South and West by the Northerly right-of-way line of Northwest 50th Drive (Hilliard Road), and bounded on the North by the following described line: Commencing at the Northwest Corner of said Section 33, Township 36 South, Range 35 East; thence South 02°04' 12" West along the West line of said Section 33, a distance of 615.52 feet to the Northerly right-of-way line of Northwest 50th Drive (Hilliard Road); thence Southeasterly along a curve concave to the Northeast, having a radius of 594.75 feet, a central angle of 26°41' 44"; an arc length of 277.11 feet; thence South 73°31' 13" East a distance of 1229.91 feet to a curve concave to the Southwest; thence Southeasterly along said curve having a radius of 356.87 feet, a central angle of 46°32'22", an arc length of 289.87 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 87°20'40" East a distance of 03252.20 feet to the said right-of-way of Taylor Creek.

Containing 207.75 acres, more or less.

The above described parcel of Land. (Tract No. HF10E-007) contains 4,513.06 acres more or less. 332567 ON 9/9,30,10/4/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-178

IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID CARSON WILLIAMS
 Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **DAVID CARSON WILLIAMS,** deceased, date of death August 1, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claim with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No.: 2001 DR 585 Division: Family

Eduarda Anselmo, Petitioner/Wife, and **Antonio Arellano,** Respondent/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Antonino Arellano (Address is Unknown)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Steven Dipler P. A., whose address is 817 S. University Drive, Suite 122, Plantation, Florida 33324 on or before 30 days from Sept. 30, 2009, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Florida, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, 0110 Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 9/22/2009

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Kathy Arnold
 Deputy Clerk
 334819 ON 9/30,10/7,14,21/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000495

SEA COAST NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff
 vs.
ABNEY, SR., JOHN W., et al., Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN W. ABNEY, SR.
 3709 NW 17TH AVE.
 OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN W. ABNEY, SR.
 3709 NW 17TH AVE.
 OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 8, Block 5, of BASSWOOD INCORPORATED, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 22, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on **Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309,** and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 23rd day of September, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 As Clerk of said Court

By: **Linda F. Young**
 As Deputy Clerk

Copy furnished to: A copy of this Notice of Action, Complaint and Lis Pendens were sent to the above-named Defendant(s) at the last known address. **This is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.** (20544.0032)
 334790 ON 9/30,10/7/09

2000 Buick Park Avenue
 VIN#1G4CW52K8Y4219537

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantee(s).
 334840 ON 09/30/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2009-CA-589

RUSSAKISS RANCH, LTD. Plaintiff,
 vs.
J.C. WAGEN and N.M. LETTS, and each of the foregoing, who are not known to be alive or deceased, and if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them or either of them,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: J.C. Wagen, address unknown
N.M. Letts, address unknown, and each of the foregoing, who are not known to be alive or deceased, and if deceased, their unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them or either of them.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the said Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, bear North 00°26'07" West along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, a distance of 646.36 feet to the intersection with the North right-of-way of Oswow Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence continue North 00°26'07" West, along the said West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, a distance of 711.68 feet;

Thence bear North 89°43'52" East, a distance of 308.33 feet;

Thence bear South 00°16'57" East to the intersection with the North right-of-way of Oswow Road, a distance of 509.96 feet;

Thence bear South 56°22'15" West, along the North right-of-way of Oswow Road, a distance of 366.82 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TOM W. CONELY, III, of CONELY & CONELY, P.A., whose address is Post Office Drawer 1367, Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367, and file the original with the Clerk of the above styled Court within 30 days of first publication; otherwise a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on September 9, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 Clerk of Said Court
 By: **Bea Rodriguez**
 Deputy Clerk
 333320 ON 9/16,23,30,10/7/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO: 47-2008-CA-000374

NATIONAL CITY BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO HARBOR FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK PLAINTIFF
 VS.
EDWARD R. JONES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EDWARD R. JONES, IF ANY; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE; WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; CHASE BANK USA, N.A.; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANTS IN POSSESSION DEFENDANT(S)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Granting the Motion to Reset Foreclosure Sale dated 9/1/2009, entered in Civil Case No. 47-2008-CA-000374 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, OKEECHOBEE, Florida, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2nd FLOOR, at OKEECHOBEE JUDICIAL

Malcolm Harden
 Personal Representative
 2035 N.W. 35th Street
 Ocala, Florida 34475

CONELY & CONELY, P.A.
 Post Office Drawer 1367
 Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367
 (863) 763-3825
 By: **Tom Conely III**
 Florida Bar #096482
 Attorney for Personal Representative
 334842 ON 9/30,10/7/09

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title on the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

A parcel of land lying in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 33 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the said Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, bear North 00°26'07" West along the West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, a distance of 646.36 feet to the intersection with the North right-of-way of Oswow Road and the POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence continue North 00°26'07" West, along the said West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 22, a distance of 711.68 feet;

Thence bear North 89°43'52" East, a distance of 308.33 feet;

Thence bear South 00°16'57" East to the intersection with the North right-of-way of Oswow Road, a distance of 509.96 feet;

Thence bear South 56°22'15" West, along the North right-of-way of Oswow Road, a distance of 366.82 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on TOM W. CONELY, III, of CONELY & CONELY, P.A., whose address is Post Office Drawer

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2008CA00673CA

INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, FSB Plaintiff, VS. NICOLE SAINT-FELIX; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICOLE SAINT-FELIX; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

RENOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated 9/15/2009 and entered in Case No. 2008CA00673CA, of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida. INDYMAC FEDERAL BANK, FSB, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO INDYMAC BANK, FSB is Plaintiff and NICOLE SAINT-FELIX; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NICOLE SAINT-FELIX; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash The Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Of The Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312, N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972.

PARCEL 4 THE EAST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF TRACT 6, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH, RANGE 33 EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGES 3A-D, INCLUSIVE OF THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS, SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OF THE SOUTH 30 FEET THEREOF FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE PURPOSES.

A 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 but file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 17th day of Sept. 2009.

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

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 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 provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Fort St. Lucie, Florida 34986, Phone No. (772)807-4370 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

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Bids will be received by the Tallahassee Office until 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, for Proposal ID 11363. A Certification of Qualification is not required for this Sidewalk project on SW 9th Street, SW 11th AVE, and SW 7th AVE in Okeechobee County. Budget Estimate \$230,769.00. Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/Letting/Project_Info.shtm or by calling (850) 414-4000. 334234 ON 9/30;10/7/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-173

In re: Estate of RUTH EDITH LEWIS a/k/a RUTH E. LEWIS Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of RUTH EDITH LEWIS a/k/a RUTH E. LEWIS deceased, date of death August 24, 2009, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The first publication of this notice is September 23, 2009.

Robert S. Johnson Personal Representative 14425 N.W. 256th Street Okeechobee, Florida 34972

CONELY & CONELY, P.A. Post Office Drawer 1367 Okeechobee, Florida 34973-1367 (863) 763-3825 By: Tom Conely III Florida Bar #096482 Attorney for Personal Representative 333770 ON 9/23,30/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 2009-CP-172

In re: Estate of MARY FRANCES DIXON, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MARY FRANCES DIXON, deceased, date of death April 10, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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The first publication of this notice is September 23, 2009.

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Yearling impressive in win over Osceola Middle

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Both middle school volleyball teams started the match with the same cheer they've learned with Big Lake Juniors, but after that they were all playing for their own school.

Yearling defeated Osceola in two games, 25-10 and 25-17 Thursday at the Yearling's gym.

Yearling dominated the first game as they jumped out to a 12-2 lead and got several hard serves from Delaney Osceola.

Osceola played better in the second game and actually led 8-7 before Yearling rallied.

Warriors Coach Amie Eldred said she was impressed with how well her team did, "We are very much a building team. We've had some injuries. Overall I was impressed with what we did, especially in that second game."



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Delaney Osceola's hard serves were too much for Osceola to handle Thursday.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Stormy Stokes celebrates a Warrior point during Thursday's match at Yearling.

Yearling Coach Bruce Conrad said his girls haven't lost a match since 2007. They have won at least 15 matches in a row. He lost six girls to the high school last year, but the returners have come together and are playing well.

"I'm proud of them. We went to Oslo Wednesday, they were 4-0, and we beat them 25-5 in the first game. The girls played hard. This is one of the most fun years I've had. I've got young girls but they are playing well. The older girls are helping them out and have been very patient. It has really turned into another great year."

Delaney Osceola had 15 service aces against Oslo, and also had several aces in the first game against Osceola. The Warriors definitely took notice.

"They do have some really good servers," Eldred said, "One server ran points on us. The size of their team really helps a lot. They have a lot of returners and have a bigger team. We got unlucky this year. Girls moved away or moved on to high school."

Eldred said she hopes her team will be completely healthy next time the schools play in October.

"We hope to do a little bit better next time when we're healthier."

Yearling also won the soccer match, 8-0, by mercy rule early in the second half.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Okeechobee County Health Department

Invitation to:

The Tobacco-Free Initiative of Okeechobee Network Meeting

DATES:
 Wednesday, September 16, 2009
 Wednesday, November 18, 2009
 Wednesday, January 20, 2010
TIME: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
PLACE:
 Hampton Inn Conference Room
 1200 NE Park Street
 (next to the post office)
RSVP to: 863-462-5781
 Lunch will be provided

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