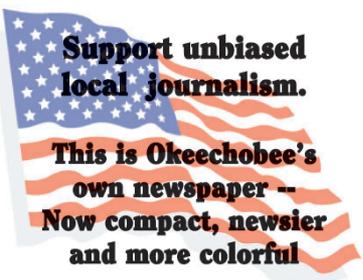


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Local leaders discuss county's future

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

A laundry list of concerns facing Okeechobee County was discussed in a meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 29.

Okeechobee County Commissioners met in workshop session with the planning board to discuss a list of issues in order to arrive at a consensus of the three to six issues to be concentrated on in the state required evaluation and appraisal report (EAR) on the county's comprehensive plan. The purpose of the meeting was not to find answers to issues but merely

to list the most important issues facing the county.

"Every issue on this list is important," said planning official Bill Royce.

Commission Chairman Cliff Betts noted that the county needs property for light industrial developments close to the city.

The group discussed the possible S.R. 710 bypass that would go around downtown Okeechobee and intersect with U.S. 441 north of the city. The routes preferred by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) favor possible routes that would intersect with U.S. 441 at Okeechobee High

School and further south.

Mr. Royce said that while the proposed bypass would not have as limited access as the turnpike or Interstate 95, it would be more restricted than we are used to.

Commissioner Betts said the bypass needs to be further north. He said the southern routes would just add to congestion at the high school and at the hospital.

County administrator Lyndon Bonner said he questioned FDOT traffic survey figures which predicted that the further north a bypass road intersected with U.S. 441, the less traffic it would carry. He said that people in Okeecho-

bee have a better concept of the best route than FDOT.

The group discussed the connection between utility service and development.

"Eventually water and sewer become the basic building blocks of any community," stated Commissioner Joey Hoover.

Gary Ritter, director of South Florida Water Management District's Okeechobee Service Center said that there would come a time when Okeechobee Utility Authority would not be allocated any more water from the lake.

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Which witch?

These two young ladies, Vickie Elkins, left and Vickie Holland, right, have something in common besides their first names. These Okeechobee County Health Department employees decided to celebrate Halloween by dressing as witches.

Humane Society shelter finds homes for strays

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

For the 13th year the Humane Society of the United States celebrates National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week in honor of shelters and their dedicated staff across the country. The celebration is held the first full week in November. This year it is Nov. 1-7.

Why not celebrate National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week by visiting the Humane Society Pet Rescue in Okeechobee?

Belinda Forlifer and her volunteers have made great strides in the few months the shelter has been open. People sentenced to do community service have come out on weekends and cleared debris and overgrowth from the area behind the kennels, leaving a nice area for training the animals. They have a row of new kennels in their air conditioned building thanks to the generosity of the Dr. Jane Bicks Foundation.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
This kitty needs a good home. There are many other cats and dogs waiting for adoption at the Humane Society Pet Rescue.

One building currently houses both dogs and cats. There is more outside fencing for better control of

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the animals. The dogs have an outdoor shaded play area cooled by a fan. In the kennel area there is a food storage and preparation area with sinks to wash the food bowls.

They hope to soon have a separate building to house cats. Many of the cats in the shelter are there because the owner had to go into nursing homes.

Since they started keeping track earlier this year, the shelter has rescued around 138 animals. Of that number, approximately 100 have been adopted out. The shelter had to euthanize three animals because of illness. Currently the shelter has 20 dogs, and 14 cats.

They also have other animals in foster care at volunteers' homes.

All animals up for adoption have been spayed or neutered and have received all necessary shots. The cost for adoption is \$135 for dogs or \$175 if the dog is purebred. The cost for casts is \$75.

Dogs are given heart worm preventative and pills for fleas. Once a month volunteers brush the teeth and clean the ears of the dogs. Cats are bathed and brushed and have their claws clipped once a month.

Ms. Forlifer would like to thank all the volunteers that she calls the glue holding things together. She said the number of animals that



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

These dogs are in need of a good home. They are temporarily residing at the Humane Society Pet Rescue.

Correction

In the article headlined, "Convicted killer's sentence may change," in the Friday edition of this newspaper, the homicide victim's name was incorrect. The story incorrectly identified the victim of the 1985 murder as Faith Meserve. The victim was actually her sister-in-law Valentine Meserve. Valentine Meserve was married to a local businessman Robert Meserve. The Okeechobee News regrets the error and any inconvenience or confusion it may have caused.

can be accommodated is only limited by the number of volunteers to care for them. She would also like to thank the merchants of the community for their support.

In addition to more volunteers, the shelter could use donations of fence posts and indoor outdoor carpeting to use as kennel mats.

The shelter is located on U.S. 98 just north of the stockyards. The hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesday the shelter is open from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. The telephone number is 863-357-1104. For additional information go to the website at www.animalrescueokeechobee.org.

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



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Correction

Preston Powell took third place in the 4-6 age division in the Taylor Creek Bass Club's Kids Fishing Tournament on Oct. 25. He was misidentified in the story in the Wednesday paper. We regret this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

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Increasing the depth of the commercial corridor along U.S. 98 was discussed.

The group also discussed controlling the development of large lot subdivision and the importance of open space and recreation facilities in a subdivision. Commissioner Joey Hoover said that sidewalks add to a subdivision.

Mr. Ritter suggested bicycle paths to promote eco-tourism.

In addition the importance of infill was discussed, which is building on lots that are between other houses.

Planning board member Mack Whorley said that better code enforcement will help clean up the county and thus help attract new industry.

County attorney John Cassels mentioned what he called the "quiet success" in improving housing standards in the county over the years.

Since this was a workshop no formal action could be taken. Mr. Royce said he would have to contract some of the work on the EAR out to a consultant. He said that some of the work could be done in house. The consultant would do the technical work but Mr. Royce said it would still take a lot of staff time. He predicted the process would be done by June.

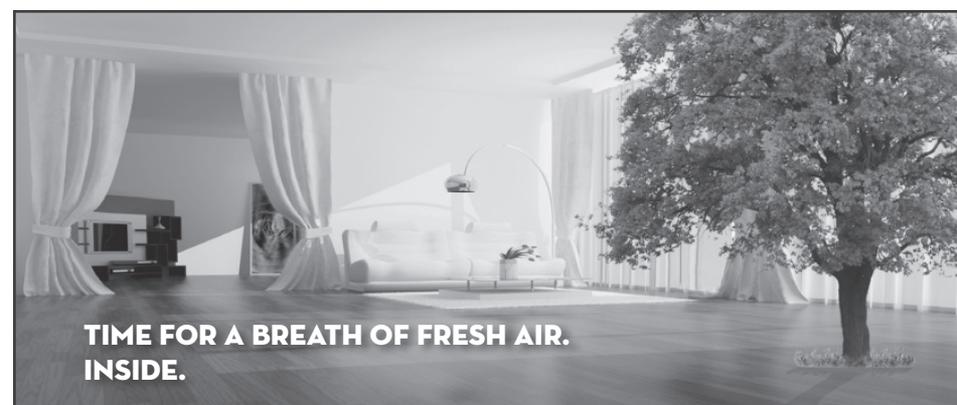
County staff will meet with state agencies such as the water management district, and departments of community affairs, environmental protection and transportation to discuss priority issues.

The revised list of priority issues will then be submitted to the commissioners for approval before the list is submitted to The Florida Department of Community Affairs.

"We want to give thanks for our family, extended family and friends in Okeechobee!"

Bill and Charlie Hays would like to invite all family, extended family and friends for a celebration on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, from 2PM until 5PM at their home, located at 4130 SW 9th Way. All former and present members of the Big "O" Teen Anglers, Inc., boat captains and club sponsors are invited to attend. There will be karaoke and room for the kids to run and play. Turkey is on the menu, so bring a covered dish and your choice of beverage and come celebrate with us.

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IRSC to host DECA Crafts Bazaar

The Indian River State College Chapter of Delta Epsilon Chi (DECA), a student business organization, will present the 29th Annual DECA Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce. Hundreds of craft and gift items including holiday decorations, toys, fabric, haircuts, and more will be on sale. Food, drinks, and bake goods will also be available.

Each year the bazaar provides a forum for IRSC students to apply various skills learned in the classroom. IRSC business students

plan, coordinate, and organize this exciting event. The event features approximately 125 vendors, and hundreds of people typically attend the annual event.

Funds will be raised through various activities including a cut-a-thon, in which IRSC Cosmetology & Barbering students will provide low-cost haircuts. Cut-a-thon tickets may be purchased at the bazaar or pre-purchased through the IRSC Cosmetology and Barbering Department at 772-462-4286.

The Interior Design Sale will be located in the Koblegard Student Union. The sale will

feature accessories to beautify your home for the holidays, holiday fabrics, as well as design displays and consultation. Students will be giving presentations on the latest design trends and interior technology.

The Culinary Arts program will do a cooking demonstration offering mouth-watering delights for the most discriminating tastes. The culinary program engages students in real-world learning experiences at area restaurants augmented by classroom instruction.

Vendor space is available now! For more information, please call the IRSC Call Center at: 1-866-792-4772.

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).

• Ruben Eric Collins, 35, N.E. 11th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 28 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a Lake County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$1,200.

• Carl Wayne Shirey, 31, N.W. 213th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 29 by Deputy Patricia Massung on a St. Lucie County war-

rant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Ricardo Manera Cardenas, 30, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 29 by Deputy Patricia Massung on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with amended violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (cocaine). He is being held without bond.

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

Okeechobee's Most Wanted

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

If you have any information on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treasure Coast Crimes Stoppers, you have the option of remaining anonymous. You can also receive a reward if the information results in an arrest.

Reed Ashton Hair, 20, 6'1" 215 lbs. Martin County Charge - Dealing in stolen property



Reed Ashton Hair



Jack Folk



Daniel Kyle Morvant



Huber Ambriz Sierra

- Okeechobee County escape warrant pending.

Jack Folk, 7/29/1977, Burglary Structure, Grand Theft, Criminal Mischief, Bond \$55,000.

Daniel Kyle Morvant, DOB 9/17/1987, Aggravated Battery, Bond \$20,000.

Huber Ambriz Sierra, H/M, DOB 6/13/1965, Burglary Structure, Grand Theft. No Bond.

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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!

Employee fired for refusing to take off pin

• Actions speak louder than words. The guy says he supports the military by wearing the button. Home Depot supports the military by donating supplies and volunteer hours to help repair the homes of families of active duty servicemen. Also, if a Home Depot employee is in the reserves and is called up, Home Depot makes up the difference between their regular pay and benefits and their military pay so that their family does not suffer. I think the military service members appreciate Home Depot's help more than they care about whether or not a store employee can wear a certain pin.

• The local supervisors didn't care about the pin so the guy wore it for nearly two years. Then all of the sudden they tell him that he can't wear it and if he refuses to take it off, they have to let him go. Does anyone else suspect that a "secret shopper" visited the store and checked the box for "cashier wearing something that violates dress code" on the review form?

• A rule is a rule. If I speed through a school zone 20 times and don't get stopped and then one day I speed through the same place and a cop pulls me over and writes me a ticket, saying "I did it before and I didn't get in trouble," is not going to sway the judge. The first time the employee was warned, he should have paid attention instead of continuing to wear the button. Even Jesus said, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." He is at work and should have followed the business rules. Religion has nothing to do with it.

• I am a Christian and I think the best way to show your faith is to treat others with respect and kindness. Let your good example—not your wardrobe—be what people notice.

• Religion or politics don't work in the workplace, it's best to leave your beliefs and opinions at home.

• I think the point the home depot employee was trying to make was not about religion at all. It was to show support for his family member who is involved in a war fighting for our country and freedom in a dangerous place. I understand this very well as I wore a pin to support my son during the first conflict. This is what military families do. Our nation is founded on one nation under GOD—either believe it or leave it.

• If there were two businesses that offered the same products or services, I would frequent the one that OUTWARDLY professed they welcomed God through their doors. You know there was ONE woman who is responsible for open prayer being removed from public schools. No one believed she could really do this, not even for a moment did anyone think this. The American people let their guard down. Pulling together would be a GREAT thing for any community to do! Actually it would be great if petitions were begun and spread nationwide to bring God back into school and everyplace else!

• I shop at Home Depot pretty regularly and I don't think I have ever noticed any of the employees wearing a pin on their uniform aprons. If the store was lax in the past about enforcing the "no pins" rule, I suspect they are very strict about it now. Quite possibly someone from the company said something to the manager. Didn't they recently have corporate stop-loss officials in the store in regard to some shoplifting? There was a story in the paper about the arrests in regard to the retail thefts. Maybe one of the corporate guys noticed the pin or pins and it got back to the main office and the manager was told to get rid of the pins because they were in violation of the dress code. Just a guess.

SR 710 to U.S. 441 bypass proposed

• I am glad they are finally seriously discussing by-pass routes. Maybe they will work on an east-west one as well. I would really like to see a bypass that would connect State Road 70 with State Road 78 on the west side of town, but I doubt there is enough traffic to warrant it currently. It would be nice for those who live on the west side of town to be able to get to the lake without going through town.

• I think it would be better to build an East-West bypass. Most of the traffic through Okeechobee is E-W and would relieve a lot more traffic at the intersection of 441 and 70 if that traffic was directed to an E-W bypass. A lot of the traffic that comes up 710 goes through town and continues north on 98 towards Sebring. A bypass that does not connect with 98 will not help that. If an E-W bypass was constructed first, 710 could be extended to connect to it, and those drivers would then have to option to go north on 441, north on 98 or west on 70 without impacting traffic in town. An East-West bypass should start at Berman Road (4 corners) and run around the city north of Basswood, then come back down to 70 somewhere around the Kissimmee River. Then, looking at a map, it's a straight shot east from Berman Road to the new Crosstown Parkway in Port St. Lucie. It could be the start of a new, major E-W corridor from coast to coast. We don't need any more North-South corridors.

• We would lose a lot of business I think. Okeechobee is like one big truck stop a lot of the time and we get a lot of business from people just "passing by."

• Talking to several of the community leaders, they pointed out that very few businesses actually profit from the through traffic. Okeechobee is actually a little too close to the coast for transient traffic to stay overnight—hardly anyone stops after driving just one hour, or with only one hour to go, or at most two hours if they are using 710 to come from or get to West Palm Beach. Almost all of the other businesses are supported primarily by local folks, or folks who travel specifically to Okeechobee for a visit, and a bypass would actually make traffic lighter in the "metropolitan" area and make it easier to get around.

Rodeo arena

• I may be wrong, but it looks like the only way it (it being the rodeo) would consider changing is if the majority of rodeo fans stop attending and supporting the event till it moved home. As long as something works, it's not broken, and you don't need to fix it. Complain and wish it were different but as long as you support and attend functions at the New Agri Center Arena the cows ain't comin' home.

• Let us please all get together to encourage the Cattlemen's association to go back to the "authentic" rodeo arena up on 441 North. Where the seating is better, out in the sunshine or under cover, where the cowboys can be just that. Where there is heritage. Where the roof is not black, making it like an oven. Where there is grass for grazing the animals before and after the events. Where there are two exits, to funnel traffic. Where in an emergency, the hospital is exactly across the street. Where there is plenty of room for vendors, tents, tables, for the good old fashioned type of rodeo this town needs to still support. PLEASE I for one miss it terribly. There was nothing like it, and it can happen again, if enough ask for it to be changed back.

• I totally agree... They need to fix the old one up a little bit... Some of the seats aren't too great in the old arena. But yes the rodeo needs to go back to where it always should have been.

• I very much prefer the old arena to the new one. At the old arena on a hot day at least there was a breeze! It wasn't like sitting in an oven.

• Zoning and Code Enforcement didn't exist in Okeechobee County until the '70s. The rodeo arena was built prior to that. They can probably continue to use what is there, but any improvements or additions would have to meet the current requirements.

• I think it looks beautiful! In my mind, there is people all over it, attending some of the greatest rodeos this town has ever produced, with the best grand entrees ever, the best sound system, and the greatest announcers. Where the young ones grew up behind the chutes, not to mention when it rained this was the time to be there, in the mud. Nothing like bronc ridin' in the mud. It was rough, tough, authentic, and real. When the riders had to have skill to compete.

• They did the same thing at Silver Spurs when they built the new and modern arena. It really took away a lot of the old spirit that the old arena had.

• I have been to the old arena in Kissimmee, and no way does the concrete monstrosity they built for Silver Spurs compare to it. There is nothing like an open arena, with the smells and sounds it generates. I totally understand the motivation the agri-civic center had in its conception, I was at the meetings. But, now all is said and done, and a mistake was made in the transferring of the rodeos there.

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

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

MONDAY

Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at 323 North Parrott Ave. at the Red Cross Office. For information contact Harold Hilliard at 863-763-5337.

A.A. Grapevine open meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. every Monday at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave.

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

Okeechobee Model Airplane Club will meet at the Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane at 7 p.m. For information, contact Robert Rosada at 863-467-5440.

Okeechobee Senior Singers meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Everyone who enjoys

singing is invited. For information or to schedule an appearance for your organization or group, contact Marge Skinner at 863-532-0449.

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

TUESDAY

Civil Air Patrol meetings set

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

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

New A.A. Meeting in Basinger: There is now an A.A. meeting in Basinger on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Basinger Christian Brethren

Church on 700-A, north off U.S. 98. Beginners are welcome.

New Beginnings **Narcotics Anonymous** has moved to 103 S.W. Second Ave. at 7 p.m. For information, call Monika at 863-801-3244 or Rocy at 863-610-0975.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief and Loss Support Group meets every

Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Hospice Building, 411 S.E. Fourth St. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Brenda Nicholson at 863-467-2321.

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

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

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

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

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

Reflections from the Pulpit

By Rev. Calvin Fryar

Pastor, Brighton Baptist Church

Return! Return!

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Revelation 2:4-5)

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." (1 Peter 1:8-9)

Repentance is more than feeling sorry for self; it is returning to the point of our departure. "All we like sheep have gone astray." (Isaiah 53:6) It is to depart from the Shepherd. And if we have strayed from Him, we must return to Him to find rest for our souls: "I have gone astray like a lost sheep." (Psalm 119:176)

God has put into the heart of all of His creatures to return at an appointed time to an appointed place. The salmon knows when and where she must be to fulfill the will of her Maker; the bear knows when to hibernate and the bird knows to fly south. The trees and flowers know when to go dormant and when to bloom. All of nature has its appointed time. God has given us a time to return to our first love - when He calls we must return to Him.

They were told to remember from where they had fallen. Remember your first love; had they forgotten Him?

Evidently the Ephesians had begun to fall out of love with the Lord, They were being comfortable in the world without Christ, a very dangerous thing for a Christian to do in this world.

To illustrate this Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, one time told a parable:

He said, "A flock of geese lived together in a barnyard. Once a week they gathered in one corner of the yard. One of the most eloquent speakers mounted the fence to

speak about the wonders and grandeur of geese. The speaker spoke of the exploits of their ancestors.

"Their forefathers, the preacher goose declared, explored the trackless wastes of the sky with powerful wings. In goodness the Creator gave geese wondrous wings to fly and planted within them the urge to migrate.

"Not only did the geese listen attentively each week, but they nodded their heads in solemn approval. When the preaching goose was done, those who listened complimented him prettily on his learning and eloquence.

"Now this happened every week. One thing did not happen, however. They never did fly. They went back to their waiting dinner, for the corn was good and barnyard secure."

There is a very present danger in security. We may become so comfortable in our salvation that we become distracted. We may begin to place other things between ourselves and the Lord: we may leave our fist love!

When the birds are migrating in flocks to other lands, and the instinct is strong upon them, if you catch one and imprison it in a cage, it will beat its breast against the bars and pace back and forth. But let the migratory season pass, you may open the cage and the bird will not fly. You may even take it and throw it up into the air, but it will fall limp to the ground. The tug on that little heart is gone. For a soul, for a nation, and I suppose even for a world there comes a time when the tug of the Holy Spirit at the heart may pass forever, if they know not the time of their visitation. -"Sunday School Times"

They were told to "repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his space, except thou repents."

I believe we need to seek a special closeness to the Lord; we need to see Him with our hearts.

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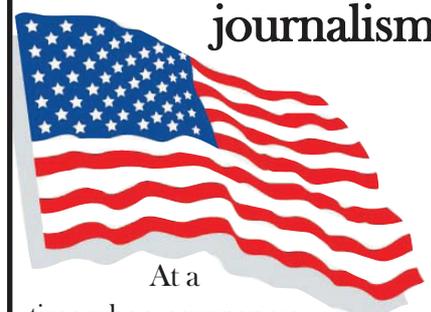


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Community Events

Church holds "Round-Up" Sunday

Sunday, **Nov. 1**, New Testament Baptist Church, (at the Jct. of Hwy 70 and Hwy 710) will hold a Round-Up Sunday, beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be gospel singing, preaching and a chuck wagon style cook-out. There will also be activities for the kids after the morning service, such as, sack races, apple bobbing, face painting, pony rides and more! Wear your western clothes and cowboy boots and be part of the round-up. Also, at 9:30 a.m. will be Sunday school. There is a class for all ages, from infants to adults. Depending on the age, the kids will sing songs, hear a bible story and play games, while the adults dig into the bible in the adult class. For more information please call Pastor Jim Gilbert at 863-763-6682.

Christmas Cantata planned

The Okeechobee Community Choir, in its 11th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, will begin rehearsing this Sunday, **Nov. 1**, for the presentation of the Christmas Cantata, "A New Birth - A New Beginning," and other seasonal favorites. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 NW Second St. All interested singers, both locals and our Northern friends, are invited to participate. Singers should be able to match pitch and read music somewhat. Rehearsals are fast-paced and loads of fun. Music and rehearsal CDs are provided free. Last year, 65 singers representing 19 local churches participated. The cantata will be presented the weekend before Christmas, December 18, 19 and 20. For more information, call Sandy at 634-7714.

Ladies Auxiliary Breakfast

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, # 4137 located at 9985 U.S. 441 N will be sponsoring a breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, **Nov. 1**.

Okeechobee Community Improvement Association

The Okeechobee Community Improvement Association will meet on Monday, **Nov. 2** at 7 p.m. at the Douglas Brown Community Center. All members are asked to attend due to several projects that need to be discussed. Also anyone interested in joining the not for profit organization is welcome to attend. For more information contact Rita Jones, secretary at 863-467-0594 or 772-380-3518.

Friends of library elect officers

The election of officers for the Friends of the Okeechobee Library will be held Tuesday, **Nov. 3**, at 4:30 p.m. in the library board room. Nominations are as follows: Marion Davis, president; Jan Fehrman, vice-president; Renee Widder, Treasurer; and Hazel Parnis Secretary. Additional nominations may be made at the meeting prior to voting. For more information please call the library at 863-763-3536.

Schools apply for grants

The Okeechobee County School District will be preparing 2010-2011 Federal Grant applications and private schools are eligible to participate in this process. In order for a private school to receive these funds, a representative must meet with the Okeechobee County School Board district personnel who manage these grants. The No Child Left Behind Act requires that a timely and meaningful consultation be provided to private schools to inform them of the services and benefits available to them. A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, **Nov. 3**, at the Okeechobee County School Board, Room 301 at 3 p.m. Interested private schools should send an authorized official. Patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. For information call 863-467-2321.

Cypress Hut to hold special election

Cypress Hut Fraternal Order of Eagles will be holding a special nomination for the office of vice president on **Nov. 4**. The election will be held on Nov. 18. For more information, please call 863-467-1154.

Bible courses planned

New Testament Baptist Church, S. R. 70 and C.R. 710 is offering a course of study of the entire Bible from Faith Bible Institute. The course consists of six, 13 week semesters. Registration deadline for the first semester is **Nov. 6**. Classes being Monday, Jan. 11 and will be held on Monday evenings from 6 to 9. The registration fee is \$15 and the cost per semester is \$90. The topic of study for the first semester will be the Book of Genesis. For more information call 863-763-6682.

Realtor Board hosts golf tourney

Join the Okeechobee County Board of Realtors at our 16th Annual Golf Tournament on **Nov. 7**, at the Okeechobee Golf & Country Club, 405 NE 131st Lane. Shot Gun Start at 8 a.m. Funds raised will benefit high school Seniors. Ten \$500 scholarships were awarded to 2009 Seniors! Lunch is provided by the Country Club. We have several hole-in-one prizes including a new car! Put a team together, come and join the fun. Cost is \$175 a team or \$45 per person and it's only \$60 to sponsor a hole. For more information, please call the Okeechobee County Board of Realtors at 863-467-0004.

First United Methodist Women sponsor Bazaar

The First United Methodist Women of Okeechobee invite you to attend their annual bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 7**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at 200 S.W. Second St. You will find a variety of crafts, quilted items, knives, baked goods, white elephant items and a silent auction. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to missions projects local, national and abroad. Come and bring a friend!

Indiantown Lions Club to hold flea market

The Indiantown Lions Club will be holding their quarterly flea market at the Post Park (next to Library) in Indiantown on **Nov. 7**. We will set up at 7:30 a.m. The cost for dealers is \$10 per space and \$5 rental for tables. There is a lot of space and all dealers are welcome. For more information, call Richard Werkmeister at 772-597-4789.

Old fashioned bazaar

The Okeechobee Presbyterian Church USA at 312 N. Parrott Ave. will hold an old-fashioned bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 7**. Doors open at 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Handmade crafts, holiday decorations, white elephants, Christmas gifts, and baked goodies of all kinds will be available. For information call, Eleanor Newhouse at 863-763-6928.

Turkey Dinner at Masonic Lodge

The Masonic Lodge, 107 NW Fifth Ave., will have their Annual Turkey Dinner on **Nov. 7**. The menu consists of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. The price is \$7. You can eat in or carry out. The meal will be served from 2 to 6 p.m. The lodge is also taking reservations for whole fully cooked turkeys (18-20lbs) for pick up at the lodge on Thanksgiving Day between 9 a.m. and noon at a cost of \$30. Orders can be placed at Porter Cleaners.

Local Forecast

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

Monday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming north northeast.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 84. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Lotteries

The Florida Lotto: Numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lotto are: **Cash 3:** 5-8-6; **Play 4:** 0-9-4-3; **Fantasy 5:** 1-2-15-23-29. Numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lotto are: **Cash 3:** 4-1-8; **Play 4:** 4-1-9-5.

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.

Coletta June Skinner, 64

OKEECHOBEE — Coletta June Skinner, passed away Wednesday, October 28, 2009, in her home. She was 64.

Born June 30, 1945 in Jamestown, N.Y. to the late Arthur and Colette Barrett, Coletta came to Florida in 1952. She was a homemaker, caretaker and later worked for both Broward and Okeechobee County School Boards. She enjoyed traveling in her RV, cooking, gardening, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.



Mrs. Skinner is survived by her husband, Thomas E. Skinner of Okeechobee; children, David Gilliland of Davie, Danelle (Jimmy) Brannon of Davie, and Thomas (Gina) Skinner Jr. of Cooper City; stepchildren, Jerry Skinner of Labelle, Debbie Skinner (fiancé Matt Ciccolo) of Fort Lauderdale, Jeff (Ginger) Skinner of Lakeland, and Vickie Shalley of Fort Lauderdale; 13 grandchildren, Stephanie, Jessica, Justin, Christy, Mindy, Julia, Steven, Shaylee, Dwayne, Lindsey, Allison, Christian and Carina; and seven great-grandchildren, Taylor, Kayden, Taylor, Trace, Payton, Mason and Brett.

Visitation will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, until service time at 3 p.m. at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, with Jerry Skinner officiating. Interment will be 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, at Lauderdale Memorial Park in Fort Lauderdale.

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

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Students of the Week

Central Elementary Students of the Week of Oct. 26. Kindergarten: Aaliyah Olvera, Erik Tate, Aleah Pritchard, Brandon Collins; First Grade: Vincent Flores-Torres, Shelby Sumner, Aracely Cisneros, Terrell Fludd, Eric Sandoval, La'Darian Jones, Madison Hargraves, Kai Ichimura Second Grade: Viviana Jaimes, Lisett Carillo, Jayme Scurry, Ethan Vandermolen, Raith Sales, Yaire Ayala-Rodriguez; Third Grade: Kaitlyn Mckay, Armando Garcia, Gisselle Leal, Erin Rodriguez, Charlie Muller; Fourth Grade: Sally Tijerina, Robert Padgett, "Buzz" Zach Busbin.

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South Elementary School students of the week for October 30, 2009 are: Analisa Amaya, Lourdes Hernandez, Zad Villalpando, Piper Hans, Britney Whipple, Cristian Trejo, Shane Rawlings, Rebecca Rhoden, Barbara Hicks, Josh Allen, Kyle Palmisano, Sabria Smith, Jarrett Faulkner, Grace Luna, Julissa Hernandez, Karlyn Daniel, Marisabel Gomez, Chancy Thomas.



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Students of the Week

Yearling Middle School Students of the Week include, top row: Andrew Young, Brooke Boswell, and Monica Reyes; bottom row, sitting: Chris Oliver, Rafe Fisher, Matteo Rosales and Lataysia Williams. Also pictured are Mrs. Markham and Mr. Tedders.

Boating Safety class at Okee-Tantie

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Construction Licensing board to meet Tuesday

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board will be facing two items of business when it meets Tuesday afternoon.

Michael P. Zanetti, of Master Care Shutter Corp, already has certificates of competency in aluminum specialties from Palm Beach and Martin counties. He has requested a certificate of competency from Okeechobee County.

In a matter that was carried over from the September meeting, Wilhelm Burkhardt d/b/a Burkhardt & Son will have to answer charges of violation of the building code, proceeding with a job without building permit and inspections and working outside of the scope of his certificate of competency. After much discussion at last month's meeting it was determined that Mr. Burkhardt was in violation. However, no action was taken because the board members could not agree on whether to give a letter of reprimand or assess a fine.

Volleyball team falls short in district championship

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Jensen Beach defeated Okeechobee High School for the ninth consecutive time and won their fourth consecutive district volleyball championship with a victory over Okeechobee Thursday night.

Jensen won the first game easily 25-10, and then struggled to win the next two, 25-20, and 25-21.

They earned the right to host a regional quarterfinal match next Wednesday. Okeechobee will travel to play Merritt Island on the road in the quarterfinal. Okeechobee defeated Merritt Island in the first round last year.

Brahmans Coach Todd Jones said the team did well at times and actually held leads in both the second and third games before losing the games, "We did a very

good job of creating and anticipating in the second and third games. The first game they blew us away with their offense."

"We started to predict and read a little better and were able to hang in there," he added.

Jones said the girls hoped they could pull off the upset and host a first round game, but it wasn't in the cards this year. "We'll have to travel instead. Hopefully we'll get another shot at Jensen Beach in the next round."

Merritt Island is (18-2) and has pretty much the same stats they had last season. He noted he doesn't expect Merritt Island to have the height and the athletes that Jensen Beach has.

"That's the only reason we struggled against Jensen. We couldn't block and slow down their offense," he said.

If you go ...

What: Monthly meeting of the Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board

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In the military ...

Kelly graduates training

Charles T. Kelly III graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

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The cadet is a student at the Georgia Military College, Milledgeville. He is the son of Tim E. and Shelby L. Kelly of Okeechobee. Kelly III is a 2007 graduate of Okeechobee High School.

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“Red is for Love” kick-off party a success!

The American Red Cross held the “Red is For Love” kick-off party on Oct. 15. The event was hosted by Don Patel/Pier II Resort. There were 90 attendees who came out to hear about this exciting event scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 at the Okeechobee Shrine Club on Highway 78.

Maureen Budjinski heads up the planning committee for this unique event. This unique first time event will be black tie optional. “We are looking to give attendees a different feel. Guests will be able to truly enjoy a wonderful experience while raising

money for our local American Red Cross,” says Budjinski. All monies raised at the event will remain in Okeechobee.

Budjinski announced table sales at the kick off party and 14 tables sold in one hour! Sponsor tables are available at \$500 each. Tables will seat 8 persons. Individual tickets are \$50 and can be reserved by calling 863-467-0054. The event will also host a few “singles” tables to accommodate everyone!

For more information, please call Maureen Budjinski, Event Chair at 863-467-0054.



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The “Red is for Love” committee pictured includes: Maureen Budjinski/Event Chair, Toni Doyle/Event Co-Chair, J.D. Mixon/Logistics, Teresa Chandler/Publicity, Stephanie Hand/Sponsorship, Marnie Lauter/Mailings, Marie Culbreth/Pre-Events, Maureen Burroughs/Decorating, and Billy Dean/Entertainment. Not pictured: Sonny & Betty Williamson/ Honorary Chairs, Candace Burke/Food, Bridgette Waldeau/Invitations, Brandon Tucker/Silent Auction, Danielle Shockley/Logistics, Candace Burke/Food and Robert Lee.

Meyer named bank president

First Bank and Trust of Indiantown announced the appointment of Richard E. “Dick” Meyer as President and CEO.

Mr. Meyer has been in banking for 36 years, and most recently served as Vice President/ Lending Officer of Integrity Bank in Jupiter. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Mr. Meyer was employed at First Bank from 1997 to 2004 as Executive Vice President/Senior Lending Officer. He is receiving a warm



Richard E. Meyer

welcome from employees of the bank, business leaders and banking customers in Indiantown, Palm City, Okeechobee and Lakeport. First Bank Chairman Linda Post said, “We are proud of our strong rating for financial safety, soundness and 50 years of community-based service. With Dick’s leadership, we believe the best is yet to come!”

Mr. Meyer has served in several director and executive positions at the local chamber of commerce, as well as working on many volunteer, fundraising efforts with Rotary and Kiwanis. In addition, he has been active with local churches and the Christian Businessman’s Fellowship.

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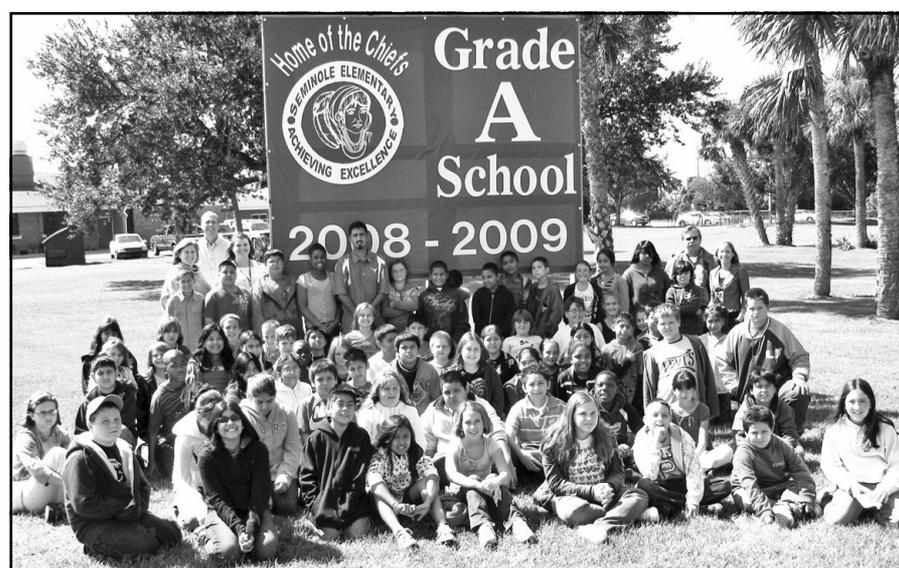


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OLGA elects 2009-10 officers



Special to the Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Ladies Golf Association elected their 2009-10 officers. They are as follows: (left to right) Treasurer - Dale Bryant, Secretary - Fran Dierig, President - Shirley Esterline, and Vice President - Paula Fisher.

The Okeechobee Ladies Golf Association (OLGA) held their first yearly meeting on Oct. 15, 2009. At the meeting they elected their new officers for the year. They are as follows: President - Shirley Esterline, Vice President - Paula Fisher, Secretary - Fran Dierig and Treasurer - Dale Bryant.

New president, Shirley Esterline got the meeting underway and up-to-date on all the events that are planned for the present and coming year. The Association meetings are

held on the third Thursday of every month from October thru April.

The many events planned are Thanksgiving, Christmas and their Annual Invitational Tournament which is held on the first Thursday of February 2010, and more tournaments held throughout their season.

They invite you to come and join them for a very fun time. For information call the Okeechobee Country Club at 863-763-6228.

This week's winners were Paula Fisher and Joyce Huffman. Congratulations.

OHS girls volleyball team reaches district finals

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School girls volleyball team defeated Fort Pierce Central and Suncoast to reach the final of the District 14-4A volleyball tournament this week.

Okeechobee played Thursday night against Jensen Beach in an attempt to break the Lady Falcons dominance over Okeechobee.

The Falcons have defeated Okeechobee eight straight times.

Against Fort Pierce Tuesday, Okeechobee got an easy victory, 25-9, 25-10, and 25-8. LeAnna Cotton led the way with four kills, seven service aces and 11 assists.

Krista Ward added 16 service points for the Lady Brahmans.

Suncoast was a tougher task in the district semifinals. Okeechobee prevailed 25-23, 25-23, and 25-17. Cotton had another strong match with seven kills at the net, 14 assists, and four service aces. Senior Moni-ca Koger had nine kills for Okeechobee.

Okeechobee is now (20-9) on the season. Regardless of the outcome of Thursday's match, Okeechobee earned a berth in the state regional tournament which begins on Tuesday. Okeechobee will likely play an opponent from the Melbourne, Cocoa Beach area.

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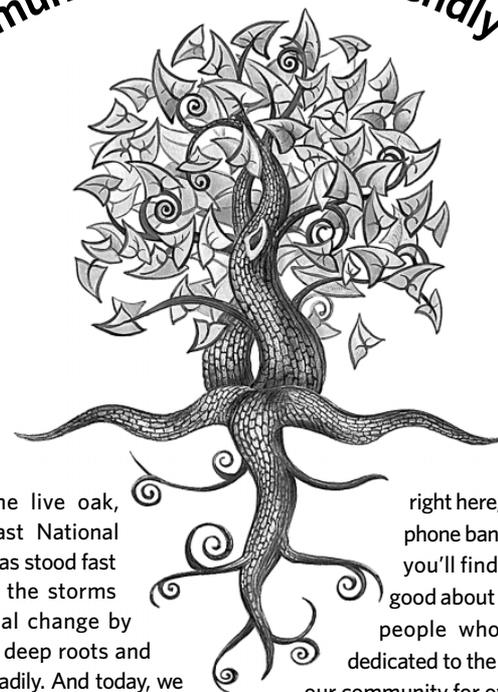
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Tough loss to the Wildcats for the Brahmans

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Hardee Wildcats put an unheard of 33 points on the board in the second quarter en route to an easy 54-0 shellacking of the Okeechobee Brahms Friday in varsity football action at Brahman stadium.

Jarrius Lindsey and Jacob Mayer combined for 227 yards and six touchdowns in the first half as Hardee (7-0) averaged over eight yards a rush in the contest and completely overwhelmed the Brahman defense with their triple option attack.

"I think its because of hard work," Hardee QB Esayi Youyoute said afterward, "Ever week we challenge each other. This week the coach brought up some JV players and they challenged us a little bit. It's hard work from the scout to everybody on the team."

Brahman Coach Myron Jackson said he never saw anything like he saw Friday night as his team fell to (0-8). "That was beyond a tough loss. That is just a good old fashioned butt whipping. Sure we shut them out in the second half, but we shut out a JV team."

Okeechobee had done a good job in limiting offensive turnovers in their first seven games. Their luck might have run out Friday as the Brahms coughed it up twice on the ground and had three passes intercepted.

Hardee's Carson Davis returned the opening kick 48 yards to set up a quick score for the Wildcats. Jarrius Lindsey scored three plays later on a 22 yard run and a (7-0) lead. Okeechobee responded with two first

downs thanks to strong runs by Marcus Martin. On third and 11 at the Brahman 46 Jack Radebaugh was intercepted by Tylar Alden, and the senior linebacker returned the ball 32 yards to the Brahman 13 yard line. Two plays later, Lindsey scored again and the rout was on.

"That first turnover kind of knocked the wind out of our sails," Jackson said, "After that everybody was just standing around waiting for something to happen. You must make things happen if you want to win a football game," he noted.

Hardee scored on a 50 yard drive on their next series. A Brahman personal foul hurt the defense. A 19 yard run by Mayer gave Hardee a first and goal at the six, and Lindsey scored on a one yard run to make it 21-0 after the first quarter.

"I think we came out and played well," Youyoute said, "We worked hard this week and we expected to do this. We thank God."

The second quarter seemed to go on forever as Hardee scored five touchdowns. Youyoute capped a three play 53 yard drive with a 29 yard touchdown run on an option play, Mayer scored on a one yard run to cap a three play 48 yard drive, and Mayer broke loose on a 49 yard touchdown run. Mayer added a three yard run moments later after an Okeechobee fumble by Walt Fortner.

Fortner was forced to run on a punt attempt later in the quarter and was tackled at the Okeechobee 16 yard line. Antjuan Jones



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Coach Efrain Ochoa gives some words of advice to QB Jack Radebaugh before Friday's game.

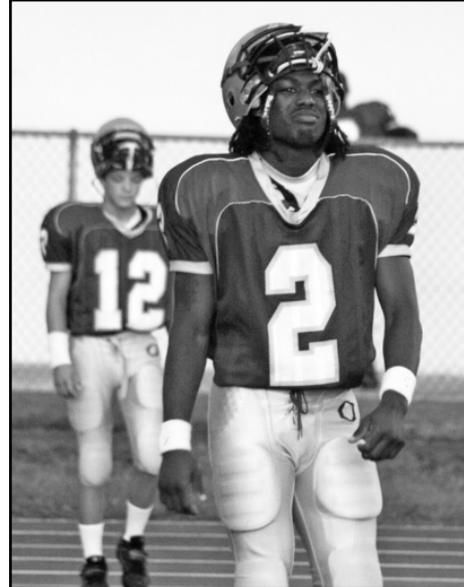
scored two plays later on a six yard jaunt to make it 54-0 at the half.

Okeechobee had a few positive plays in the second half. D.J. Washington had an 11 yard run and Ronald Jackson added a 15 yard run. Walt Fortner added a 23 yard run on a fake punt.

Coach Jackson will call up a number of JV football players this week. He said he will play the kids that want to work hard. He noted if the team can manage a victory next week against Palm Beach Lakes, they can still make the playoffs. He said the competition at practice should be good for the team.

Game notes

Okeechobee had three personal foul or unsportsmanlike conduct penalties in the game. Josh McCall and David Carter com-



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Walt Fortner had a new number Friday, but the team had the same result, a big loss.

ined for a sack in the first half for Okeechobee. Deonte Evans had an interception for Hardee in the second half.

Justin Conrad had a tackle behind the line of scrimmage in the fourth quarter. LaVante Spivey stood up Conner Davis on a big hit in the third quarter for no gain.

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Yearling Middle School News for November

PTO - We had our first PTO meeting on Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. We had election of officers, discussed PTO expenditures, fundraiser possibilities and had a visit from the Okeechobee Horse Farm. Our next PTO meeting will take place on Monday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. Please come and join us. For more information, contact Andrea Mitchum at 863-462-5056.

Basketball tryouts - Girls basketball tryouts were on Monday, Oct. 26 and were completed on Friday, Oct. 29. A list will be forthcoming. Boys' Basketball tryouts will begin Monday, Nov. 2 and will conclude Friday, Nov. 6. The tryouts will take place after school and the students will need an official FHSAA Physical completed by a licensed physician.

Volleyball - The Volleyball team went undefeated this season at 12-0. The Lady Yearlings closed-out every team they faced in two games. Coach Conrad commented, "These girls have really stepped up and shown great leadership and work ethic. I am very proud of them." We are all very excited about the ladies perfect season. We are looking forward to another successful season next year due to the fact that we have many returning players.

Report Cards - Report Cards were distributed on Oct. 30. Please take time to go over the report cards with your son/daughter. According to Okeechobee County Schools' Student Progression, students must pass five out of their six classes to meet promotion requirements.

Tutoring - Yearling Middle School offers an after school tutorial program. The after school tutorial program operates two days a week from 3:40 p.m. until 5 p.m. (Tuesday and Thursday). Parents must provide their own transportation for the after school tutorial. The tutorial program began Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Soccer - Like the Lady Yearlings, the Yearling Soccer Team had a very successful season. The team went 10-0-1. The only glitch was a tie with Sebastian Middle School at 0-0. Also, like the Lady Yearlings, the YMS Soccer Team has many returning players for next year so we expect another successful season next year.

Information hotline - Yearling Middle School offers an Information Hotline to assist students and parents. As of right now, parents and students will be able to call the Information Hotline at 863-462-5066 and listen to their work assignments for the day or week. Please call our school office if the Information Hotline seems incorrect.

Volunteers - Are you interested in volunteering at our school? Please contact Mrs. Markham (Assistant Principal) if you would like to help our students.

Veterans' Day - Yearling will host a Veterans' Day Program on Nov. 11, in the YMS gym. We would like to thank Mrs. McGee and YMS Student Council for organizing the event. The programs will proceed as follows:

9:15 a.m.- Pods 400, 500, 600, and 700 will attend.

10:15 a.m. - Pods 300, 100 and 200 will attend. We would like to welcome all guests and Veterans. Thank you for your sacrifice to our country.

Awards program - Awards Day is Monday, Nov. 9. Parents will be getting a letter in the mail if your student has earned an award. The times for the Awards Programs are as follows:

9:05 a.m. - Pod 700 and 8th grade

10 a.m.- 7th grade

1:10p.m. - 6th grade

SAC - Our next Student Advisory Council meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m.

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CASE NO. 47-2009-CA-000601

CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

VS. **LISA KAREN HICKOK, et al,** Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **JACKIE WILSON RAINES**
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: 20522 NW 286th Street Okeechobee, FL 34972
CURRENT ADDRESS: UNKNOWN

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This notice shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the Okeechobee News (Independent Newspapers).

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on this 19th day of October, 2009.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Court
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

337043 ON 10/25;11/01/09

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2009 DR 451
DIVISION: Domestic Relations

MELECIA P. JOHNSON, Petitioner/Wife
and
TAUREAN A. JOHNSON, Respondent/Husband

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **TAUREAN A. JOHNSON**
12208 71st Place North
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

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 your attorney for Petitioner, MELECIA SIMPSON, whose address is:

Sasha A. Watson
121 South Orange Avenue
Suite 1500
Orlando, FL 32801

Your answer and or written defenses are due within 30 days of 1st publication date. Before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter, you are required to also file the original with the Clerk of this Court at:

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Okeechobee, FL 34972

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You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, 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.

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SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Arlene Nealis
Deputy Clerk
337889 ON 11/1,8,15,22/09

SPECIAL NOTICE TOWN HALL MEETING PUBLIC SAFETY PRESENTATION

Notice Of A Town Hall Meeting-Public Safety Presentation, Monday, November 9, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida to discuss all current and future needs and aspects of Public Safety. Presentations will be given by Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue, Public Safety Center, E-911 Communications Center & Emergency Operations Center.

Lyndon L. Bonner
County Administrator
337906 ON 11/1/09

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING
Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board

The Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 3:30 P.M. The public meeting will be held at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, located at the 1728 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. For more information, contact Virginia Derry at the Planning and Development Department, 499 N.W. 5th Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972; (863) 824-3010.

All interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at this public meeting. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Licensing Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Planning and Development tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official record of the Department

Virginia Derry, Secretary to Board
Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board
337229 ON 10/30;11/1/09

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NOTICE OF FILING
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA

On October 19, 2009, an application was filed by Brian M. Johnson with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. for the Commission's consent for a new construction permit for an FM Radio Broadcast Station on Channel 291C3 in Okeechobee, Florida. The proposed station will operate with 12.5 kilowatts effective radiated power at an antenna height of 82.9 meters above ground level at 3705 SW 28th Street, Okeechobee, FL. The main studio will be located at 210 West North Park Street, Suite 102, Okeechobee, FL. Copies of the application, amendments and related materials are available for public inspection at 210 West North Park Street, Suite 102, Okeechobee, FL. 337395 ON 10/28;30;11/1,4/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 09-001074-FCS
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Michelle Renee Lighty,
Wife
and
Gregory Allen Lighty,
Husband

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **Gregory Allen Lighty**
(Address Unknown)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on Petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:

Keith A. Peterson, Esquire
Law Offices of Peterson, P.A.
101 NW 5th Street
Mulberry, FL 33860

on or before 11-17-02, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either be-

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fore service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a default 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, 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.

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Dated: 10/15/09

Robert W. Germaine, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
337919 ON 11/1,8/09

NOTICE OF VACANCY
OKEECHOBEE CONTRACTOR INDUSTRY LICENSING BOARD

The Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida is seeking a candidate for appointment to the County's Construction Industry Board (CILB). The CILB conducts monthly public hearings in accordance with Section 12.03.05 of the County Lane Development Regulations, as amended; determining requirements for application, issuance, suspension, or revocation of Certificates of Competency; sponsors applicants who meet the criteria to take required Block examinations; hears cases regarding construction industry code violations; hears appeals of certain administrative determinations. Membership is on a volunteer basis without compensation. Candidates must be residents of the County and are appointed to represent the public interest for a three year term.

Applications may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office, second floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 or can be downloaded at www.co.okeechobee.fl.us. A completed application and residency verification must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2009 to the County Administrator's Office.

Applications submitted shall be valid for other vacant CILB positions or citizen boards that may occur during the next 12 month period.

Cliff Betts, Jr., Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
337903 ON 11/1/09

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