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Community Theatre presents 'Brigadoon'



Special to the Okeechobee News/OTC

The men of "Brigadoon" model their Scottish kilts. The Okeechobee Community Theatre presents the classic Broadway musical for four performances, Friday and Saturday nights, Nov. 6, 7, 13 and 14, at 8 p.m. at the (Freshman Campus auditorium) theatre just one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant. Cast members, from left to right include: Kevin Lute, Brian Garza, Michael White, Joey Marcinek, John Garner, Josh Van Wormer, Tom Murray, Kevin Shumate, Matt Garner, Cooper Ferrell, Robert Steiner and Mike Zieden.



(Left) Fiona MacLaren (Genna Lute) admires the fabrics offered by vendor Archie Beaton (Robert Steiner) in a scene from the colorful fantasy musical, "Brigadoon," presented by the Okeechobee Community Theatre. (Right) Tommy Albright (Michael White) falls for Fiona MacLaren (Genna Lute) on his one-day visit to the enchanted village of "Brigadoon." Tickets for the Nov. 6 and 7, 13 and 14 performances are \$12 and are available at the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce and at the theatre box office before performances.

City council approves new police cars, radio system

City meeting covers wide range of issues

By Pete Gawda
 Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee City Council, during an unusually long meeting Tuesday night, Nov. 3, conducted a wide range of business from purchasing police cars to discussing the sign ordinance once again.

The council passed an ordinance closing NW Seventh Avenue from NW Fourth Street to NW Sixth Street and closing NW Fifth Street from NW Seventh Avenue to the dead end, to allow for construction of the county's emergency operations center (EOC). The ordinance has a 36 month reversionary clause. That means that after 36 months, if the county has not built the EOC, the property will revert back to the city unless an extension is granted.

The council approved the first reading of proposed comprehensive plan amendments dealing with the city's 10-year water plan. The plan states that an adequate water supply must be available before the city issues a certificate of occupancy. The plan also states that all new development must connect to Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) water if available. When an existing development changes ownership, connection must be made to OUA water if available. The plan must be approved by the Florida Department of Community

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Affairs before it comes back to the council for a second reading.

Once again the city spent a considerable amount of time discussing the sign ordinance and considering recommendations made by the planning board.

"I think we've gotten this way too complicated," was the opinion of Councilman Dowling Watford.

"Whatever we decide, someone will find a way around it," stated Mayor Jim Kirk.

Instead of allowing temporary signs to be displayed only for limited amounts of time, the council discussed eliminating the temporary sign category and just limiting the total number of signs a business may have. In the end, the ordinance was referred back to staff to be rewritten.

The consensus of the board was to accept the five major issues identified by staff and the planning board to be considered during the preparation of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report to the city's comprehensive plan. Those issues are: the need to provide for a transition from residential to commercial use in certain areas of the city; the need to eliminate inconsistencies between the official zoning map and the future land use map; the need to re-examine the Taylor Creek area to allow sensitive development along the creek; the need to establish compatible and consistent urban design; and the need to emphasize pedestrian connectivity and establish streetscape standards within the city.

Turning to police cars, the council voted to purchase 14 Ford Crown Victorias at \$20,833 each and five Dodge Chargers at

\$19,888 each. In addition another Dodge Charger was purchased for the police chief, a Ford F150 4x4 for \$25,750 for the fire chief and a Ford Escape at \$16,403 for the city administrator. All prices, except for the Ford F150 were from state bids.

In spite of misgivings the council approved a wireless service agreement and memorandum of understanding concerning the State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS). Deputy county administrator Jim Threewits, who is coordinating the implementation of the radio system, could not give the council a firm price because he said there were so many variables. The school board and OUA are also participating in the system along with the city and the county. If any of those other organizations makes any changes, the cost could change and the wireless service agreement would have to be revised and brought back to the council. The current budget contains \$75,000 for SLERS. Current figures show that it will cost the city \$112,642 initially to participate, which is

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 80. Winds will be from the northeast between 10 to 15 mph with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East northeast wind around 10 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and a low of 66. Winds will be from the east between 5 and 10 mph.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 6-4-6; **Play 4:** 7-0-4-5; **Fantasy 5:** 3-9-11-12-19; **Mega Money:** 10-16-22-34 MB 8; **Florida Lotto:** 5-13-22-38-40-49 X 2; **Powerball:** 10-11-14-45-51 PB17 x3. Numbers drawn Thursday, **Cash 3:** 7-1-8; **Play 4:** 6-6-3-8.

more than some councilmen were expecting to pay. City administrator Brian Whitehall said that the difference would come from a mid year budget adjustment. Mr. Threewits said that the annual recurring cost to the city would be \$7,884. Councilman Watford wanted the agreement changed to state that any rental income from the county owned tower that SLERS will use would be applied toward each agency's cost of operation on a pro rated basis.

The mayor presented a ten year service award to Sue Christopher, administrative secretary to the fire department and a five year service award to police sergeant Justin Bernst. The mayor also proclaimed Nov. 20 - 26 to be Farm Home Week in the city and he read another proclamation urging citizens to wear Buddy Poppies Nov. 8 - 11.

In other action the council:

- passed ordinances updating and bringing in line with current laws the city's general employees, police and firefighters pension trust funds;
- granted Corey Miller one year from the date of the certificate of occupancy to build a sidewalk in front of his SE Fourth Street property;
- tabled until next month action on a donation of land to the city by G-4 Land & Cattle Company for use as a turn lane in order for staff to resolve a discrepancy in the survey;
- approved the standard yearly agreement between the city and Okeechobee Main Street; and,
- approved amendments to the 2009 fiscal year budget to true it up for auditing purposes.

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FDEP probe ends with local arrest

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Hector Ivan Rojas

An Okeechobee businessman was arrested on a warrant Monday, Nov. 2, charging him with the felony of illegal disposal of hazardous waste.

Hector Ivan Rojas, 46, Town Lake Drive, Pooler, Ga., was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$2,500.

Rojas, the owner of H&R Aircraft Design, 2800 N.W. 20th Trail, was arrested following an investigation by Michael W. Buckley, an investigator with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

According to a probable cause affidavit by the investigator, Rojas owns an aircraft strip-

ping and paint facility in Hanger N1 at the Okeechobee County Airport. The affidavit states that Rojas was allowing rinse water used for removing paint from aircraft to run into the floor drain of the hanger. That water then flowed into an Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) water treatment plant.

A lab analysis of the water indicated that it contained hazardous waste—specifically, "... high levels of xylene, toluene and methylene chloride," stated the affidavit.

Investigator Buckley went on to state that OUA officials indicated that H&R Aircraft was the only business connected to the lift station and did not have an industrial pre-treatment use agreement to dispose of any hazardous waste into the treatment plant.

Investigator Buckley said Rojas had illegally allowed the hazardous materials to flow into the water treatment plant for about eight months.

Woman accused of hitting beau with hammer

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Surwonner Johnson

An Okeechobee woman has been accused of hitting her boyfriend with a hammer then breaking out the windows of his car.

Surwonner Johnson, 28, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Nov. 1 on a felony charge of aggravated battery. She was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of criminal mischief and petit theft. Johnson was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$11,000.

An arrest report by Deputy Robbie Lamb, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), states Johnson and her boyfriend be-

gan to argue after returning home from a local night club on Sunday, Nov. 1.

The couple went to bed, but the man was awakened around 5:51 a.m. when Johnson reportedly hit him twice with a hammer. The OCSO deputy indicated in his report that he could see what appeared to be a bruised area on the man's left arm.

According to the deputy's report, she also used the hammer to break out the windows of his 2005 Dodge automobile.

Deputy Lamb estimated the damage to the car at \$800.

The report goes on to state that the woman allegedly also took the man's cell phone and refused to return it.

Report: student arrested for throwing gum

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A student at Okeechobee High School was not only suspended from school for nine days but was charged with a felony after he reportedly threw gum into the hair of a teacher.

Martin Gabino Macias, 16, was arrested Oct. 30 by Deputy William Suggs, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), on a felony charge of battery on a school board employee.

Macias was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail and then released into the custody of his father.

According to an arrest report by Deputy Suggs, a school resource officer at OHS, Macias threw at least three pieces of gum at Catherine Hyde as she passed out notes to the rest of the class. The gum hit her in the back of the head and stuck in her hair.

The report goes on to state that Macias could also face expulsion, according to the Okeechobee County School Board Code of Conduct.

Macias was reportedly angry with the teacher for taking his hat.

Okeechobee 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).

- Jerry Miles Sterling, 62, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 3 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

- Danny Alan Keenum, 45, S.W. 21st St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 3 by Deputy John Hazy on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$4,500

- Justin Brian Wolf, 21, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 3 by Officer Phillip Eddings on a charge of grand theft. His bond was set at \$1,500.

- Bill Clemons, 22, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 3 by Deputy Cari Arnold on a charge of grand theft-firearm. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Joan Dolores Hearn, 52, N.W. 32nd Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 4 by Deputy Matthew Hurst on a charge of driving under the influence. She was released on her own recognizance.

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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We are excited with the progress being made with this project and the improvements to our members' service that we anticipate upon its completion. Glades Electric is proud to be "Neighbors Working for Neighbors".

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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!

Blood Round-Up

• In the paper recently I have been reading letters from local folks whose lives were saved through blood transfusions. With the annual blood round up donation drive coming up, they want everyone to know how important it is to donate. These are our friends and neighbors who might have died if they had not received transfusions of donated blood. I used to be a regular blood donor, but due to medical issues I am no longer allowed to give blood. I recently read that only 37 percent of the American population is eligible to give blood. The rest are too young or have some reason they cannot give -- such as illness, taking prescription medications, living overseas (exposure to Mad Cow), anemia, etc. If you are one of the healthy 37 percent, please consider donating blood during the blood round up. The life you save may be one of your friends, neighbors or loved ones.

• Being given away is a bag of goodies to every one who donates blood. Many businesses have contributed to the "cause" by including coupons or free gifts. Let's be the best in the state for giving of ourselves to others in need.

• Please support the Blood Drive, The Blood Round up is: Friday Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 200 NW 2nd St. in Okeechobee. This year's goal is 500 units in two days!

Gay marriage

• Voters in the northeastern state of Maine repealed a state law that would have allowed same-sex couples to wed, dealing the gay rights movement a heartbreaking defeat in the corner of the country most supportive of gay marriage. Gay marriage has now lost in every single state -- 31 in all -- in which it has been put to a popular vote.

• Civil rights have no business in a vote. They should be automatically granted by the federal government.

• If gays can't get married because gays are not welcomed to get married under the eyes of God, than other religions and people of non-faiths should not be allowed to marry either. Since marriage is just a ceremony to bring a family together under the eyes of God, right?

Atheist "holy day"

• In Florida, an atheist created a case against the upcoming Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays." The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsel, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists." The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fools Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day."

Halloween festival

• My congratulations to Okeechobee Main Street, the sheriff's office and the other sponsors of the annual Halloween festival. It was a great event and the thousands of kids who attended seemed to have a good time. One suggestion I have is to open up more entrances to the event. There was a real bottleneck at the one entrance and people were trying to exit there as well. Another suggestion -- do not hand out candy at the entrance as that really slowed down the line. Put the extra bags at a booth inside and let helpers walking around hand out the extra candy. This is an event that could grow every year.

Letters to the editor

Saved by blood

We can live our whole lives not knowing we have a problem. I found out last year I am a "bleeder." This made me more grateful than ever to all those who donate blood and who will donate at this year's Blood Roundup.

I had been a regular blood donor for ten years. Then, in 1993 I had my daughter. The pregnancy had gone perfectly, I was healthy and strong, there were no complications -- until the moment of delivery. I bled a lot, but no one realized how much until the next morning when I tried to sit up and passed out; I needed two units of blood. I got better and life moved on.

Fifteen years later, in April, '08 I needed a hip replacement, which went well, until they couldn't stop the bleeding. My count was so low, they had to administer two units of blood. No one, including me, made the connection with the long-ago incident. I recovered and again moved on.

Prior to surgery to replace the other hip seven months later I did everything possible to assure a healthy outcome. I ate properly, went off any meds, built my blood, got in top shape. But ... "it" happened again. It was time to find out what was happening. The diagnosis -- I am a bleeder.

Three times I could have died. Three reasons I am grateful to all who donate blood. I'm told that only 37 percent of the US population can give blood. Please be one who saves lives. Maybe it was your donation in 2008 that saved my life, and for that I thank you.

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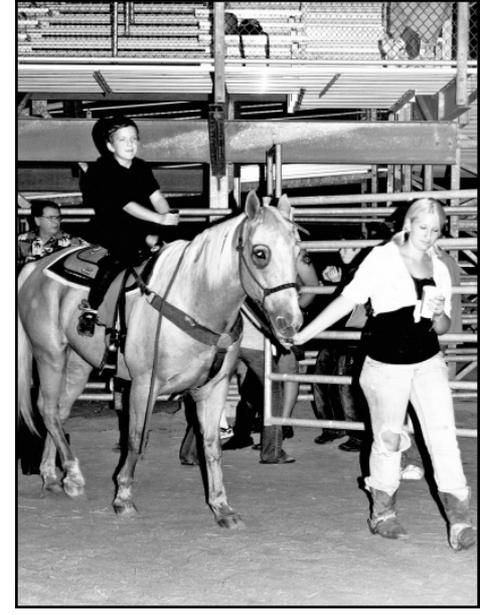
in the saddles. Watching their beautiful little smiling or wondering faces made it so worth while for us. The parents delightful laughter and encouraging words to us to keep going was so much fun too. Some of the crew had already been on a long trail ride in the morning, so it was quite a tiring day, but, still a blast.

The best part, you may ask. When the little ones would throw their leg over into the saddle, we would ask, "Is this your first time riding?" Some would say "Yes" with a big happy smile on their face.

Hopefully, we have created a great love of horses as we walked and talked to all the children in celebration of this "Have fun holiday."

Again, thank you Main Street for this opportunity to share.

Blessings on your Happy Trail,
Bobbi Poole



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen
Pony rides were one of the many attractions at the Halloween festival held at the Agri-Civic Center on Halloween night. The festival was hosted by Okeechobee Main Street, the Okeechobee Sheriff's Office and the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners. The Law Offices of Hoskins and Turco sponsored the pony rides

Festival a success

A great big thank you to Main Street for organizing the recent Halloween Party for the children at the Agri-center. You did a fabulous job there, with so much attention to all the details. All the effort put into it, hopefully was well worth it for you, as much as it was for us. We walked five horses in circles for hours with lots of big and small children

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Craft Fair in the Woods

On Saturday, **Nov. 14**, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. everyone is invited to attend the annual

Craft Fair in the Woods at Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee. There will be something for everyone. Swamp buggy ranch rides along with holiday decorations and craft items and barbecue and swamp cabbage to enjoy. For more information, please contact Cheri Brant at 863-763-2085 or Pam Hales at 863-763-2678 for more information.

Old fashioned bazaar

The Okeechobee Presbyterian Church USA at 312 N. Parrott Ave. will hold an old-fashioned bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 7**. The hours are 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.

Craft program calls for artists

Calling all "Arts and Crafters" in the Okeechobee area. Peace Lutheran Church Quilters are planning a BAZAAR for **Nov. 21**, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We know there are many talented people and groups in our community and we would like you to join us to show and sell your home made arts and craft items. To reserve a table call Marty at 863-467-4840 or Donna at 863-763-7056.

Hamfest in the Woods

Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring Hamfest in the Woods on Saturday, **Nov. 28**, at Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. 441 SE. Enjoy a \$6 breakfast of eggs, sausage, gravy, biscuits and coffee. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a cracker cowboy meal of roast beef,

mashed potatoes, beans, slaw, dessert and drink will be served for \$10. In addition to the hamfest, at 10 a.m. Gordie Peer, former western movie stuntman, will be entertaining with whip and rope tricks. There will also be bluegrass music. RV parking is \$30 for Friday night. Please RSVP as space is limited. RVers wishing to experience Church-in-the-Woods may stay over Saturday night at no charge. Sunday lunch is free. Tent campers are \$15. All proceeds from entry fees go to the Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club. Proceeds from campers and food sale go to Alpha Ministries. For more information email w4qjp@sstowers.com or call 863-763-9800. For more information on Alpha Ministries visit www.alphaministries.org.

Calendar of Events

Friday

Tops Take off Pounds Sensibly #669 meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. All persons interested in a sensible approach to losing weight and becoming part of a caring group are welcome to come and see what we are all about. For information, contact Ollie Morgret at 800-932-8677.

Highlands Social Dance Club welcomes the public to their dance every Friday, from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Sebring Lions Club on Sebring Parkway, one mile east of U.S. 27 in Sebring. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$6 for guests. For information, call 863-471-0559.

A.A. meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 200 N.W. Second St. This is an open meeting.

A.A. meets from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. This is an open speaker meeting.

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, **Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. 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.

Saturday

The **Okeechobee Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution** will meet the first Saturday of each month from October until April at 10 a.m. in the Okeechobee County Library. All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. It will be a closed discussion.

Okeechobee Chapter D.A.R. meets the first Saturday of every month October-April at the Public Library at 10 a.m. For information call Kenna Noonan at 863-634-5669.



Okeechobee News/Linda Bridges

Aging in place solutions

Rotarian Trinidad Garcia, M.D. welcomed Nancy Bredemeyer, Ph.D.-Professor and Chair Interior Design Department IRSC & Pat Alfrey-Counselor IRSC. Dr. Bredemeyer spoke of Interior Design Solutions to Aging in Place by residing in one's home for a lifetime-postponing moving to assisted living as long as possible. For information on Rotary, call-863-763-1120.

OHS Latin Club plans Sat. car wash

The Okeechobee High School Latin Club will hold a car wash to help raise funds for their trip to Greece in March 2010. The **Nov. 7** car wash will be located in the parking lot of the Tractor Supply Co. store on S. 441 in the Publix Shopping Center starting at 10 a.m.

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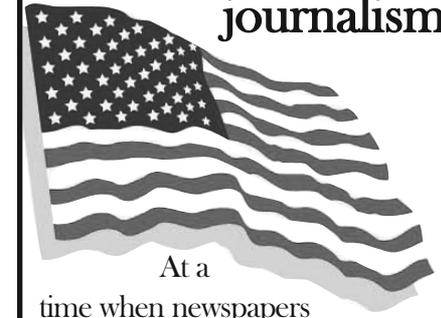
Air Force Airman 1st Class Justin T. Yackamouih has arrived for duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del.

Yackamouih is a C-5 aircraft jet engine mechanic assigned to the 436th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He has served in the military for six years.

He is the son of Thomas A. and stepson of Sheryl E. Yackamouih of S.E. 10th Ave., Okeechobee.

The recently promoted airman first class is a 2002 graduate of Okeechobee High School.

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Community Events

FOE to host steak dinner

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, #4137, 9985 Hwy. 441 North will host a steak dinner on Friday, **Nov. 6**, at 5:30 p.m. The dinner includes choice of potato, steak or chicken, salad, bread and desert for \$12 donation. Live entertainment will be provided by Wayne Purvis.

Safe Boating Assoc hosts sale

The Okeechobee Safe Boating Association will hold a garage sale on **Nov. 6-7**, beginning at 8 a.m. The sale will be held at 740 S.R. 78 West. Proceeds from the sale will benefit safe boating programs.

Church plans yard sale

Believers Fellowship Church Ladies Ministry will hold a yard sale on Saturday, **Nov. 7** from 8 to noon at 300 SW 6th Ave.

Sub sandwich fundraiser

The Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee is sponsoring a Sub sandwich fundraiser on Monday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The deadline for orders is Friday, **Nov. 6** at 6 p.m. Turkey, ham and roast beef subs will be available as well as club subs which are a combination of two of the three meats available. Every sub will have a choice of either provolone or yellow American cheese. The choice of fixings includes lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, mayonnaise and mustard. Each sub come with a bag of regular chips and a 12 ounce can of Coke, Diet Coke or bottled water. The cost is \$6 per order. Order can be placed by fax at 763 467-8748 or by calling 863 634-4834.

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Shirley Jeane Schreier, 70

DELRAY BEACH — Shirley Jeane Schreier, age 70, recently of Delray Beach, died Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, in Vitas Inpatient Hospice at Columbia Hospital.

Born July 14, 1939 in Cadiz, Ohio, she had been a resident of West Palm Beach for 14 years and of Okeechobee for five years. She was a member of the Ladies Oriental Shrine, Zeta Zeta Court where in 2003-04 she served as High Priestess. She enjoyed the Genie Dance Unit, reading and computer solitaire.

She is survived by her husband, Richard P. Schreier of Delray Beach; daughter, Deborah Jeane Singer (Steven) of Pompano Beach; son, W. Douglas Tunstall (Beth) of Richmond, Va.; sister, Janet H. Shipman of Cleveland, Ohio; stepsons, David Grupp (Cindy) of Wellington, and Michael Grupp (Kathy) of Houston, Texas; six grandchildren, Monica, Christopher, Ashley, Kimberly, Joey, and Nicole. She also is survived by a niece and many cousins.

Please celebrate her life by joining family and friends at a memorial service held by the Ladies Oriental Shrine at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, at Garden Masonic Lodge, 9473 Roan Lane, Palm Beach Gardens. Light refreshments will follow.

No flowers please; if you wish, contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation or the Ladies Oriental Shrine.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL. Online condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

Yvonne 'Bonnie' Wheeler, 68

PORT ST. LUCIE — Yvonne 'Bonnie' Wheeler, died November 04, 2009, in Port St. Lucie.

The daughter of Farley & Lucille Williams, she was born in Bergoo, West Virginia, moving to Okeechobee, from Dayton, Ohio in 1978. Mrs. Wheeler was a Walmart Associate for 17 years and a member of the North Church of God.



Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Jack L. Wheeler; her daughter, Rita & Rob Howett of Tony, Alabama; four sons, Jack & Debbie Wheeler of Jensen Beach, Mike & Becky Wheeler of Tipp City, Ohio, Tim Wheeler of Okeechobee, & Jason Wheeler of Port St. Lucie; three siblings, Jim & Diane Porter of Lancaster, Ohio, and Wayne & Linda Parker of Elyria, Ohio; Gene & Wanda Williams of West Milford, West Virginia; her Mother, Lucille Williams of Lancaster, Ohio; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held from 3 to 4 p.m., November 08, 2009 at the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. A Service will follow at 4 p.m. at the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home in Okeechobee, Florida, with Saint Lucie County Sheriffs Chaplain, Dave Thompson, officiating. Arrangements made by Yates Funeral Home & Crematory, Fort Pierce, Florida. Friends and family may sign a guest book for Mrs. Wheeler at www.yatesfuneralhome.com.

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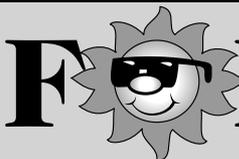
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SWAT youth leader attends state meeting

Sept. 11-13, Kimberly Mullin, age 13, from Okeechobee attended the Statewide Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) meeting in Orlando. Kimberly is a member of Countywide SWAT Club and the Osceola Middle School SWAT Club, where she serves as secretary. Students participated in team building activities and empowerment activities. Youth also discussed the Tobacco program's recent focus change from activism and awareness to policy and systems change. The State of Florida also has a Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) that branches from SWAT. The YAB is responsible for organizing the priorities and activities of SWAT on a statewide level. The board consists of 12 members, three from each of the four regions in the state. Kimberly Mullin was nominated by her peers and elected to the board after her phenomenal performance during the Q&A portion of the process. Kimberly's position is especially important to our county because for the first time in years Okeechobee has direct representation in SWAT on a statewide level.



Kimberly Mullin



Submitted photo

Farm visit

Cornerstone Christian Home Educators visited Larson Dairy on Thursday Oct. 29. Dairy manager, Mr. Jose Verano (not pictured), taught the students about the nutritional needs of the cows, the milking process and showed them the tanks that the milk is stored in until the delivery truck arrives. The students also got to try milking a cow themselves. Pictured are: Dustin & Cody Barnes, Cole Verano, Jasmine Catalan, Seth Stewart, Mireya Catalan, Olivia Joyner, and Hannah Stewart.



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Seminole Casine Brighton Costume Contest

Judges for the Seminole Casine Brighton Costume contest were Linda Bridges of the Okeechobee News, Paul Wessling of the Seminole Fire Department and Brian Lenhart of the Seminole Fire Department. Winners of the contest were 1st: Roxana Hare "Headless Bride" \$500; 2nd: Linda Yarbrough "Headless Basketcase" \$300 and 3rd: Ellen Lemos "Octomom" \$200.

Students of the Week

Okeechobee High School Students of the Week are—Back Row: Timoth Hirst, Victoria Bostic, Brianne Furphy, Desiree Jeaner, Essence Williams; Front Row: Tyler Yates, Shemaiah Henderson, Kayla Runyon, Kristin Roberts, Amy McDavid. Not pictured are: Raul Piedra, Valerie McKee, Ruth Sorzano, Kyle Folson, Wesley Holden.



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Fighting breast cancer

These employees of Los Cocos Mexican Restaurant donated \$10 each to the National Breast Cancer Foundation and that total was matched by the owner Yolanda Solorzano. (left photo) They are, left to right, Ms. Solorzano, Mary Hernandez, Joan Wilcox, Flora Rodriguez, Angel Borowski, Nelly Baltazar, Abby Castillo, and Julie Rodriguez. (in right photo) Left to right, Marcela Rebollar, Liz Jimenez, Veronica Martinez, Romona Martinez, Irma Sanchez, Jetta Gray, and Ms. Solorzano. For their donations, they will each receive a free pink hair extension.

Mayor honored for 20 years in government

The Florida League of Cities announced that James E. Kirk, City of Okeechobee, has been recognized for 20 years of service. James E. Kirk was honored at the Florida League of Cities 83rd Annual Conference in Orlando.

"Mayor Kirk serves as a prototypical role model for other public servants across the state, and indeed the nation, who work every day to provide the best in municipal service to their citizens," said Carmine Priore, President, Florida League of Cities and Vice-Mayor, Wellington. "Mayor Kirk deserves to be recognized for his longstanding accomplishments, dedication and hard work."

Mayor Kirk began his public servant role with the City of Okeechobee in January 1, 1989, as a Council Member. He was voted as Mayor, (two year terms), by his fellow Council Members, January 7, 1991. He has shown outstanding leadership abilities and always has the best interest of the City and the Citizens of Okeechobee at heart. He has been voted as Mayor for nine terms. He holds the longest record of 18 years as being Mayor for the City of Okeechobee.

During his terms he has served on various boards as the liaison for the City. Such boards are: Juvenile Justice Council, 10 years; Workforce Regional Development Board, 6 years; Central Florida Regional Planning Council, 4 years; Shared Services Council, 1 year. He is also a representative for the Executive Round Table, (only the



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
Andrew Hanson, of the Florida League of Cities, left, presents City of Okeechobee Mayor Jim Kirk, right, with a plaque honoring the mayor's twenty years' service on the city council and 18 years as mayor.

Mayor can be appointed to this position).

He received a beautiful recognition plaque and Years of Service pin denoting the years served. He will also be featured in the League's award-winning publication, Quality Cities and on the League's web site.

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Coquina considers road project

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The Coquina Water Control District Board of Supervisors spent most of the morning Wednesday, Nov. 4 showing new board member Dorothy Miles around the Viking properties. As part of their tour, they looked at the road going north from the end of One Mile Grade with a view to making improvements to that road. Coquina owns several lots adjacent to the road that could be used for fill dirt. The board also inspected a water control device on Canal C and determined that minor repairs were needed.

Before starting on their tour they discussed the spraying contract. As the board had received no response to their advertisement for bids, they decided the contract wording needs to be more specific. They also marked possible road projects on a map. The next board meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at the county annex on U.S. 98.



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Danny Faircloth, superintendent for Coquina Water Control District, left, and Bryan Clemmons, right, engineer for the water control district inspect damage to a water control structure on Canal C. As part of the Wednesday, Nov. 4 Coquina Board of Supervisors meeting, supervisors and staff inspected Coquina facilities.

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Fall colors

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Educational Foundation hosts annual luncheon

The Okeechobee Educational Foundation (501c3) hosted its annual Achieving Excellence Program luncheon on Oct. 7, at the Methodist Church. Linda Syfrett, OEF President, served as mistress of ceremonies at the luncheon and welcomed guests, donors and board members. OEF Director, Dr. Patricia Cooper, recognized Achieving Excellence campaign donors with certificates and Achieving Excellence pins.

Jenny Pung, friend of the foundation, prepared a power point presentation highlighting the events of the last year. Kati McWaters, scholarship recipient, shared how her many local scholarships enable her to pursue her dream of becoming a school teacher in Okeechobee. Ms. McWaters is a first year teacher at North Elementary.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation provides mini grants to teachers through partnerships with Consortium of Florida Educational Foundation, Kiwanis in memory of Marge and Dick Blair, Okeechobee Battlefield Friends and new this year Rotary Club. Linda Davis and Michelle Pritchard, mini grant recipients, shared how the supplemental items purchased with grant funds impacted the students in their respective classroom. Erin Cox, Indian River State College, shared with the audience the value of the Take Stock in Children scholarship to the local children and thanked donors.

A large and important component to the Take Stock Scholarship program is the required mentor that meets with each student on a weekly basis. Ms. Cox invited guests to become a mentor and support this

scholarship program. Also in attendance were some of the one hundred local scholarship donors who provided two hundred and thirty scholarships to one hundred and twenty two OHS graduates last year! The United Way and Children's Services Council were also recognized for their contributions to the success of the Foundation and the OEF programs. Since 1996 over \$1,700,000 has passed through the Foundation to OHS graduates in the form of scholarships. Scholarship donors and their committees select their recipient(s), monetary value and other criteria to meet their specifications.

Special thanks to Laura Sims and Paula Younger for the donation and Ben Sims and Rick Amsden for the fine preparation of the pork loin; Okeechobee County Food Service for the donation of the sides; Mary Hurley for the delicious desserts and door prizes; Pastor Jim Dawson for use of the Fellowship Hall; Jenny Pung for the PowerPoint presentation, Countryside Florist for the centerpieces and former board member Dowling Watford for his continued support. These fine individuals made our luncheon possible and a great success! Please let us know how you would like to get involved: make a donation to the Achieving Excellence Campaign - Platinum \$2,500, Gold \$1,000, Silver \$500 or Friend of the Foundation; sponsor a mini grant; sponsor a scholarship; or would like more information. 863-462-5000 ext. 257.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Katie McWaters, a first year teacher at North Elementary School. Shared her story of how local scholarships helped her achieve her dreams.

Boating Safety class

The boating safety class will be held on **Nov. 7**, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one hour lunch break. The location is Okeechobee Marina. Entrance is in the Coast Guard Auxiliary building on the right side of the driveway. If you are 21 years of age or under, this course is approved by N.A.S.B.L.A. and meets the state of Florida's requirements to operate a 10hp or greater boat or PWC. The course costs \$30 per person or \$100 per family. Seating is limited—reserve your spot early. Call 863-824-7623.

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Brahman scouting report: Palm Beach Lakes Rams

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Despite the Okeechobee High School football team's poor record (0-8), all could be forgiven tonight if the Brahmans can somehow upset the Palm Beach Lakes Rams, (5-3).

The winner of the game will be runners up in the District and earn a playoff spot.

"Fire to compete and win is still in them," Brahman's Coach Myron Jackson said, "We've had a pretty good week of practice. You never can tell how the week is going to end. We have to apply practice techniques to games."

Palm Beach Lakes is a power running team. Juan O'Farril is their leading rusher with 590 yards and five touchdowns. Deon Charles also runs the ball a lot. He has 205 yards on the season and three touchdowns.

The Rams average over five yards per carry on the ground and are not a passing team. QB Cody Bonea has completed 40 of 91 passes for only one touchdown this year.

"We must stop the run. We get out manned at the point of attack a lot. That's where technique and fight come in. The little dog in the fight must have a lot of fight in them," Coach Jackson noted.

Another key point will be getting off to a good start. The Brahmans have been hampered by slow starts this year. They begin to play well in the second half, which is when most coaches are putting in more of their reserves and younger players.

"I have one heck of a JV team that I'm lining up with only six seniors," Jackson added, "Take those seniors away and you have 25 kids that could be playing JV."

"A positive start is a must for us. It takes us a couple of series every game to settle down defensively. On offense it's been hard for us



Scouting Report

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to get into a groove and sustain drives," he added.

Jackson said he is proud that his team hasn't quit in games and that they play hard for four quarters. He said that additional players were called up from the junior varsity squad this week and they added to the intensity of practice.

Jose Laredo, Sir Wiggins, and D'Ronte Files were three players called up from the JV squad for this week's game. The JV ended their season last week.

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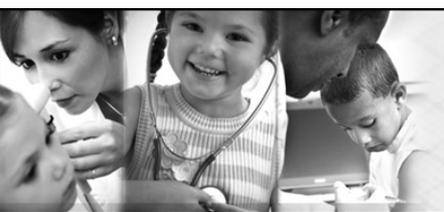
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You are hereby notified that the following described livestock; One [approx]16hh black mare, right front and left hind white half pastern, white spot on left side of barrel, white star to stripe to snip, and One [approx] 15.2hh chestnut mare with flaxen mane and tail, left hind stocking, right hind half pastern, white blaze and small white spots throughout body and face; are now impounded at Cattlemen's Road to Arena, 1885 Hwy 441 North, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 and the amount due by reason of such impounding is \$25.00 dollars plus a daily impound fee of \$8.00 per day and \$63.84 for cost of advertisement until disposition

The above described livestock will, unless redeemed within 3 days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash.

Dated this 4th day of November, 2009.

Noel Stephen, Undersheriff, Okeechobee County, Florida 338303 ON 11/6/09

Change in School Board Meeting Date

NOTICE

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee of Okeechobee County has scheduled its next regular session for Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners meeting chambers at the Health Department located at 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

A person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Stephany DuPree, Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Facilitator 338297 ON 11/6/09

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Okeechobee County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.362(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments to be levied within the unincorporated area of the County, for the cost of providing any or all of the following services: drainage, road improvements, including, but not limited to roadside ditches, swales, and sidewalks, street lighting, canal cleaning and canal maintenance, enhanced or substitute solid waste collection and disposal, stormwater treatment and mosquito control, commencing for the fiscal year beginning on October 01, 2010. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.362, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held on **Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Clerk of Okeechobee County, Florida. All interested persons are invited to attend.

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the Board with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to proceeding or call 1-772-807-4370. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770.

CLIF BETTS, JR., CHAIRMAN BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA 338252 ON 11/6,13,20,27/09

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO. 2009 DR 613

In re: marriage of: **TERESA ANN BECHER** Petitioner and **DAVID J. BECHER** Respondent

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: DAVID J. BECHER Last known residence: KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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; TERESA ANN BECHER, c/o JOHN R. COOK, Attorney for Petitioner, P.O. Box 515, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, on or before: November 23, 2009, and file the original with the clerk of court, at Okeechobee Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd St., Okeechobee, Florida 34972, 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 office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the clerk of the circuit court 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.

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

That the petitioner shall publish this notice to respondent in a newspaper of local distribution, being the following: Okeechobee News on the following dates: October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 2009. DATED: October 23, 2009.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Arlene Nealis Deputy Clerk

LAW OFFICE JOHN R. COOK PO Box 515 Okeechobee, FL 34973 (863) 467-0297 Fla Bar #262951 337404 ON 10/30;11/6,13,20/09

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast - Region 20 and the Treasure Coast Workforce Consortium announces a meeting of the Executive Committee to which all persons are invited:

Date & Time: Friday, November 13, 2009 - 8:00 a.m.

Place: Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast DBA, Workforce Solutions 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 100 Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

PURPOSE: To discuss matters concerning the Workforce Investment Act, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Federal Stimulus Funding), Workforce Employment Opportunities, the Welfare Transition Program, One-Stop Career Centers, and the Workforce Development Board - DBA, Workforce Solutions. A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting:

Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 100 Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

Should any person wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above referenced meeting, they will need to ensure a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, in order to provide a record for judicial review. 338300 ON 11/6/09

Sudoku Puzzle

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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6	3	7	1	9	5	2	4	8
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Level: Advanced

ANSWER:

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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| ACROSS | 7 Lions or tigers or bears | 36 Food preservative letters | 52 "Nope" |
| 1 According to design | 8 It replaced the Slovak koruna on 1/1/2009 | 38 Fall back | 53 Doe to be identified |
| 10 Attended | 9 Rehab symptoms | 39 Tucked in | 54 Culture medium |
| 15 Prolong | 10 Eddy | 43 Slatted window opening | 55 ___-Rooter |
| 16 Prefix with glyph | 11 Pilot | 47 Quite weighty | 56 Fordham's hoops conf. |
| 17 "No need to get so excited" | 12 "Contact" acronym | 49 Meet with the old gang | 57 School closing? |
| 19 Triage sites, briefly | 13 Presley's middle name | 50 Joints with caps | 60 Prefix with light |
| 20 River of Tuscany | 14 Limo mail cue | 51 Leave abruptly, as a lover | 61 One-third of CDLIII |
| 21 Short-tailed weasel | 18 Limo leaders, at times | | |
| 22 Geometric fig. | 23 Relaxed pace | | |
| 24 Kiara's mother in "The Lion King" | 24 Peggy Lee and Marilyn Monroe, at birth | | |
| 25 Letters on seconds | 26 Dashboard letters | | |
| 27 "___ out?" | 27 Comic book artists | | |
| 29 "Medium" network | 28 "___ say more?" | | |
| 32 Breakthroughs in therapy, say | 30 Atlantic game fish | | |
| 35 Language teaching site | 31 Zoo enclosure | | |
| 37 "No way!" | 32 Shogun's capital | | |
| 40 "The Lord of the Rings" monster | 33 Bygone days | | |
| 41 Visibly embarrassed | 34 Like much pottery | | |
| 42 Thin swimmer | | | |
| 44 Speaker in Cooperstown | | | |
| 45 Bit of treasure | | | |
| 46 Fireworks reactions | | | |
| 48 What a nyctophobe fears | | | |
| 51 Gelatin candy | | | |
| 54 Composer Khachaturian | | | |
| 58 Stimp's pal | | | |
| 59 "No idea" | | | |
| 62 Crescent shapes | | | |
| 63 Floating point | | | |
| 64 That point | | | |
| 65 Hematite producers | | | |

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Hunters, be careful cleaning wild hogs

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding hunters to take precautions when dressing and handling harvested wild hogs.

Wild hogs, though not originally native to Florida, are now found within all 67 counties, and like any wild animal, can carry parasites and other diseases - some of which can be transmitted to people. One such disease for hunters to be concerned with is swine brucellosis.

The FWC is advising hunters handling wild hog carcasses to take precautions to protect themselves from exposure to brucellosis and other diseases. For instance, avoid eating, drinking or using tobacco when field-dressing or handling carcasses, and use latex or rubber gloves when handling the carcass or raw meat. Also, avoid direct contact with blood, reproductive organs and fecal matter. Wearing long sleeves, eye protection and covering any scratches, open wounds or lesions will help provide protection. Another precaution is to clean and disinfect knives, cleaning area, clothing and any other exposed surfaces when finished, and wash hands frequently with soap and water.

When cooking wild hog, as with any wild game, care in handling is an important part of disease prevention. Raw meat should be handled with gloves and contact surfaces and utensils thoroughly cleaned. The meat should be cooked thoroughly to 170 degrees. Swine brucellosis is not transmitted through properly cooked meat.

"Hunters shouldn't be overly concerned with swine brucellosis, but they should practice these good-hygiene, safety precautions when field-dressing wild hogs," FWC wildlife veterinarian Mark Cunningham said.

Brucellosis in people is called undulant fever and could be transmitted if a hunter cuts himself while field-dressing a wild hog and is exposed to the animal's blood or bodily fluids. Symptoms may include a recurrent fever, chills, night sweats, weakness, headaches, back pain, swollen joints, loss of appetite and weight loss.

Hunters who exhibit these symptoms or may have been exposed should contact a physician. Contact your county health department for further information about swine brucellosis.

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