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Man: 'Satan tells me to hurt kids'

Says he fights off devil's influence with help from God

By Eric Kopp
 Okeechobee News

Members of local law enforcement emphatically state that James Lee Clark has no criminal history and, from what they've ascertained, has never harmed a child.

Clark, 19, is currently being held in the Okeechobee County Jail following his arrest on Friday, Dec.

11, on a misdemeanor charge of trespass after warning. His bond has been set at \$25,000.

Parents of small children became frightened earlier this week after a law enforcement-issued flier was given out by a local day care that was not intended to be given to the public.

"This (the flier) was not intended to be disseminated to the



James Lee Clark

general public," said Detective Ted Van Deman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). "Somehow, copies were made and then given out to the public that ultimately caused a bit of a panic. That was not the intention of the flier.

"At this time, we have absolutely no information that Clark has harmed any children. Every effort is being made to ensure that he stays in custody until the appropriate care can be provided to him," added the detective.

The flier was given to area law enforcement, schools and day

care centers and stated if Clark was seen around these areas where young children are found that law enforcement should be notified.

Clark, who is mentally challenged, recently told a detective that he hears voices -- specifically, the voice of Satan.

Detective Van Deman added that after Clark's arrest he was interviewed by OCSO Detective M.D. Faulkner. In that interview, Clark told Detective Faulkner that Satan tells him to hurt little kids, said Detective Van Deman. Clark then added that he wouldn't do it because he is

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Citrus packing plant planned

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Commissioners cleared the way for a Citrus packing company to operate a facility near Okeechobee Little Farms when they held their final meeting of the year on Thursday.

Commissioners voted (5-0) to approve a rezoning for Sun Treasure Packing at the home of the former bowling alley at 10753 Highway 441 North.

The zoning was changed from commercial to light industrial. The four acre site currently includes a 15,600 square foot concrete block building.

The only concern Commissioners raised was about truck traffic.

The county staff report suggested that the facility could see about 10 truck trips per day. Staff said the facility will expand the

county tax base and also create jobs in a clean industry. The firm is based in Vero Beach.

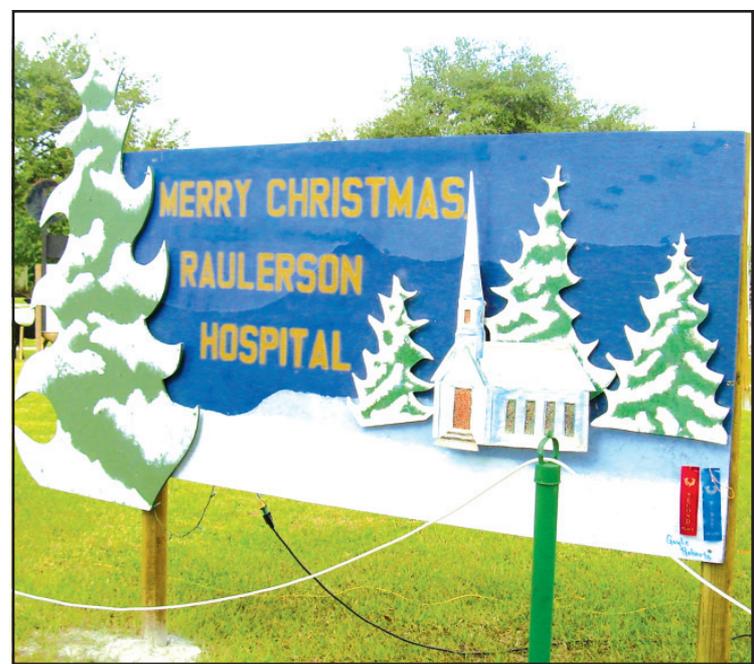
Commissioner Noel Chandler said the company would employ 10 employees at first.

He noted the facility would clean fruit before it is sent on to citrus processing plants.

"It's a central location in Florida," he said. "I see it being a benefit to the community."

In other actions the Board approved a resolution to support appropriations from the Florida legislature for the Emergency Operations Center, the State Road 710 extension, and county road maintenance work. The resolution also threw county support behind requests from the City of Okeechobee, the Okeechobee Utility Authority, and the Econom-

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elskens

Most Impressive Scene

A giant holiday greeting card from Raulerson Hospital won first place in the Most Impressive Scene category of the OHS Band Booster's Holiday Stroll in the Park card contest. A card depicting a covered bridge entered by Okeechobee Juvenile Offender Correctional Center took second place. A card entered by A.E. McHugh took third.

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Individual youths may enter the Livestock Educational poster contest and 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters may enter the Educational Display contest. The top three club/chapter displays will win awards of \$250, \$150 and \$100 for their programs. You may download the entry forms and rules at the Okeechobee County Fair Web site, www.okeechobeeountyfair.com under the exhibits link, or pick up copies of the 2010 Premium Book at the Okeechobee County Extension Office at 458 Highway 98 North. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Spann at 863-634-3327.



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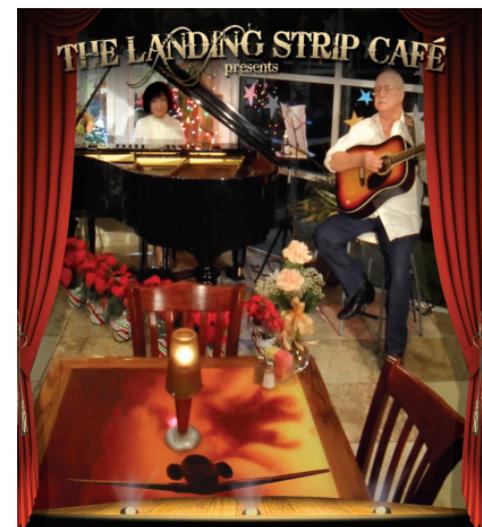
Division champs

The OCRA Gators Midget Division team are champions for the 2009 season winning their division with a record of eight wins and just one loss. Congratulations to Coach Mo Madrigal, Coach Berne Smalls and Coach Daniel Nunez and also to all the players for their hard work throughout the season.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: 100 percent chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm with a high near 77. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph becoming southwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with a low around 55 and a 20 percent chance of showers before 11 p.m. Winds will be from the west southwest around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 70 and winds from the northwest around 10 mph. **Saturday night:** Partly cloudy with a low around 43. Winds will be calm.



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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).

• Israel Avalos, 31, Menlo Way, Rex, Ga., was arrested Dec. 15 by Deputy John Hazy on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit sexual battery, attempted home invasion robbery, conspiracy to commit home invasion robbery, conspiracy to commit burglary of a dwelling while armed and attempted burglary of a dwelling while armed. His bond was set at \$160,000.

• Andrea Travers, 39, S.W. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 15 by Deputy Cari Arnold on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance and introduction of contraband into a receiving facility. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Travers is also being held on felony arrest warrants from Stafford County, Va., that charge her with one count of robbery and three counts of shoplifting. She is being held without bond on those warrants and will be extradited.

• Melvin Lawrence Bullington, 24, S.W. Fourth Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 15 by Deputy Justin Akins on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication.

• Alberto Aguilera, 25, Annona Ave., Pahokee, was arrested Dec. 15 by Deputy John Hazy on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit sexual battery, attempted home invasion robbery, conspiracy to commit home invasion robbery, carrying a concealed firearm, conspiracy to commit burglary of a dwelling while armed and attempted burglary of a dwelling while armed. His bond was set at \$167,500.

• Armando Gallardo, 20, Annona Ave., Pahokee, was arrested Dec. 15 by Deputy John Hazy on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with conspiracy to commit sexual battery, attempted home invasion robbery, conspiracy to commit home invasion robbery, conspiracy to commit burglary of a dwelling while armed and attempted burglary of a dwelling while armed. His bond was set at \$160,000.

• Cherise Lawrence, 21, Phyllis Circle, Eustis, was arrested Dec. 16 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with dealing in stolen property (two counts). Her total bond was set at \$17,500.

• Brandon Daniel Billie, 18, N.W. Third St., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 16 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with interference with child custody and robbery. His bond was set at \$12,500.

• Matthew Wayne Cayton, 25, N.E. 64th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 16 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with high speed or wanton fleeing. His bond was set at \$10,000.

• John Paul Goggans, 27, N.E. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 16 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a fugitive warrant issued out of Clinton County, Ind., charging him with corrupt business influence and felony theft (two counts). His bond was set at \$2,900.

• Elmer H. Smith, 33, S.R. 70 E., Okeechobee, was arrested Dec. 16 by Officer Charles

Green on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

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Boy, 12, arrested on sexual battery charges

By Eric Kopp

Okeechobee News

A 12-year-old Okeechobee boy has been placed in the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce following his arrest on multiple felony charges.

The boy was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 16, by Detective Rosemary Farless of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). He was charged with five counts of sexual battery, two counts of attempted sexual bat-

tery and six counts of lewd and lascivious molestation.

According to the detective's arrest report, there are five different male victims and their ages range from 8 to 11.

The report indicates that in at least four of the reported incidents the boy would force the victim to the ground, pulled down their pants and either committed sexual battery or attempted to sexually batter the victim.

Detective Farless also stated in her report that the boy apparently told the victims not to tell anyone or "... he would choke them."

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Store open Christmas Eve

• We heard that a giant retail store will be open until 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve. That is really bad, but is really bad is that the employees will have to stay over for two more hours to clean the store. I guess they don't care that the personal feelings of their employees or their families of the excitement of the Eve. We wish that there would be another chain that will come to Okeechobee to have a little consideration for the employees that make the business go for them and thank them.

H1N1 vaccinations

• No way am I going to get a shot backed by this government that's untested and liable to mutate the virus. Or worse yet make me want to wear a khaki shirt and hail Obama!

• At the Saturday clinic, many of those lined up for the shots were from out of state—or at least had out of state license tags. Some were even from Canada. No ID was required so anyone who got in line and filled out the form got a shot. Should the health department try to limit the resource to county residents? Or, since apparently many people who live in Okeechobee don't want the shot and they had plenty, should they just give it out to anyone who wants it?

• I can't believe it. Citizens of a foreign Nation who have an obvious advantage by having free National Health care coming here to get a free (at the expense of the U.S. Government) inoculation.

• It does seem strange that we have been hearing on the news that they don't have enough vaccine for all of the citizens here, and yet they are giving it out to people from other countries. Still, apparently not many people in Okeechobee wanted the shots as they were prepared for nearly twice as many as showed up on Saturday.

Infrastructure

• If society falls apart, will you have the skills to take care of yourself? Can you grow your own food? Make your own clothes? Build your own house? Something to think about ...

Parade

• I thought the parade was nice, lots of lights, lots of floats. I think they should give out trophies for the best ones in different categories, like best school entry, best business entry, best church entry, best mounted unit, etc. That would add some excitement and give people the incentive to do something different. It might also attract more entries if there was something to win.

Restaurant question

• This Sunday we ate at the restaurant and the service was absolutely unbelievable! I'll skip all the little complaints I had with the whole dining experience and get to the real issue...the bill! When we were done eating the waitress came to the table and said, (we had two tickets...split) "You owe \$12.17 and you owe \$34"... walks away... she comes back to the table to collect and we are sitting there still waiting for the bills. She is holding them in her hand waiting for us to hand over money. I ask if she is going to give us our bills to pay them and she says, "Oh no, I can't give you the bill." My question is why? "We aren't supposed to, I'm not even allowed to bring them to the table." Umm okay, why can't I see my bill because \$34 does not seem right and I want to see MY BILL. "No ma'am we don't give the bills out because we don't want the customers to sit and nit pick every little thing." ARE YOU KIDDING ME? We paid the bills... then kicked ourselves all day asking why we even paid for something we didn't see or get a copy of. What if I was using it for a write-off and needed a receipt? Is this even legal for them to do? I don't think so considering I'm paying sales tax. I think they have to give me an itemized receipt.

• Something sounds "fishy" to me. All eating establishments give you receipts. In fact if you pay by credit or debit they give you one to sign and add the tip to and the other to keep for your records. I would call the manager and raise some Cain with them.

• If I ever go out to eat, I NEVER give the server my debit card. I go directly to the register and pay so I know who has swiped my card. With all this new technology out there, who knows what they do with the card while in their possession.

• There is no way I would pay a bill without seeing what I was paying for. And if they want to try and call the police, bring em' on. I cannot believe you would be the one going to jail.

Don't let holiday hazards ruin your celebration

Poison proof your home for the holidays

The holiday season always couples excited children, rushing parents, holiday decorations, and holiday parties; all of which have been shown to create potential for increases in accidental poisonings.

The staff of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center - Jacksonville would like to remind everyone of the potential poisoning hazards that could threaten your holiday cheer. Bacterial food poisoning from mishandled food at parties can result in diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting. These symptoms usually go away in 12 to 24 hours; however, severe and persistent symptoms, especially when accompanied by fever, can signal that medical attention is needed.

Holiday decorations at this time of year often find their way into a young child's or pet's mouth. Likewise, alcoholic beverages left unattended at family parties have been known to change holiday cheer into a significant cause for concern. The Poison Center can be reached at 1-800-222-1222, 24 hours a day, to immediately help with any of these concerns or to answer questions about these holiday hazards.

The following tips can help you to ensure a safer holiday season. Don't forget to remind your sleepover holiday guests to also keep their medications up, out of reach and out of sight of young children!

Food

• Do not thaw food at room temperature; this allows for bacterial growth. Thaw frozen food unwrapped in the refrigerator.

• Wash work areas, utensils and hands after contact with uncooked meat.

• Do not partially cook turkey one day and continue cooking the next day.

• Refrigerate leftovers separately after the meal; room temperature is not sufficient. Use leftover turkey, stuffing and gravy within three days of cooking.

• Be cognizant of how long food, especially those requiring refrigeration, is left out.

Decorations

• Antique tree ornaments and toys/decorations may contain lead and should not be handled by children.

• Bubble lights may contain methylene chloride which is toxic if the liquid is swallowed.

• The use of artificial snow can cause respiratory problems if not used in a well-ventilated area.

• Angel hair, made of spun glass, is irritating to the eyes and skin.

• Lamp oils can be toxic if contents are swallowed and coughed/vomited into the lungs.

• Artificial tree scents often contain alcohol and other irritants, and can be dangerous if swallowed or sprayed into the eyes. Tree preservatives may have dangerous levels of electrolytes and chemicals and should be kept away from children and pets.

• Many small decorations, toy parts, and batteries can block a child's airway if swallowed. If the decoration or toy fits into the inside of an empty toilet paper roll it may be too small for very young children to handle. Button batteries are particularly dangerous if swallowed and require immediate medical attention.

Alcoholic Beverages

• Clean up immediately following all holiday parties so that alcohol, cigarette butts, and other potentially harmful items are not within reach of children who may imitate adult behavior.

• A small amount of alcohol can cause a child's blood sugar to drop to a dangerously low level. Sleepiness, seizures and breathing difficulties can occur when a child swallows alcohol.

• Store all alcoholic beverages in a locked cabinet or up and out of reach and sight of children.

• Don't drink and drive.

If you suspect a poisoning has occurred, or if you have questions concerning poisonings, immediately call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222. When the problem is poison, the answer is poison control.

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Letter to the editor

Okeechobee Lights

In these hectic and slightly scary times, it was such a pleasure to partake of a Norman Rockwell-esque type experience recently. Kudos to the town of Okeechobee for one of the best Christmas parades I've seen in a long, long time: a pure slice of Americana.

Okeechobee itself has the feel of small town living and watching people of all ages lined up at dusk along Parrott Avenue waiting for the excitement to begin...well, if Rockwell had set up his easel along the curb we'd have taken a step back in time. In a combination of today and yesterday some people were "twittering" while others were just "a-twitter" waiting for the hour long parade and festivities to begin.

It seemed as if every school, church, etc., had its own beautiful float, three or four school bands blasted their instruments enthusiastically, lights galore, more than 50 horses (also sporting lights) and riders, cars, trucks, wagons, Santa and even Waste Management's huge garbage truck (minus contents!) proudly outlined in lights and drivers waving to the responsive crowd.

It was a great evening and as my daughter-in-law wisely noted, "Having fun doesn't have to be expensive."

This year, economics being what they are, many families will experience a toned-down celebration gift-wise be it for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa or Jerry Seinfeld's "Festivus." And yet, sometimes those are the most memorable of holidays.

When my folks moved from Brooklyn to "the country," I was about 12 years old. That first winter found blizzard conditions, no work for my father—a builder and carpenter—no heat other than a pot belly stove in the handy-man special house they purchased and many a dinner of oatmeal and baked apples.

My mother gathered pine boughs in the woods and made Christmas wreaths which I went door to door selling for 50 cents each: something I always remembered as a pleasant experience. Christmas morning found a little package for me under the tree. It was wrapped in white tissue paper and inside

was a small black pocket comb and a pair of pink undies.

To this day, that is still my most memorable Christmas. All the other years of ice skates, accordion, games, and finery for gifts didn't really matter. I felt safe in my parents' love and secure in that fixer-upper as long as the little pot belly stove kept burning.

And while it was only later that I was able to realize how difficult that time was for my parents it taught me a lot about life: Learn to accept what is and keep going because things will get better if you work at it.

My warm wishes to you for a happy and healthy 2010. As we support our military and hopefully see them come home soon, we all hope for a more peaceful frame of mind world-wide. Hang in there: things will get better.

Whatever yours may be, Happy Holidays!

Hilde Messmer, Plantation



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Two little angels

Madison Hilliard and Savannah Moreno were among the heavenly host on the Peace Lutheran School float in the Lighted Christmas Parade in downtown Okeechobee on Dec. 12.

Crossword Puzzle

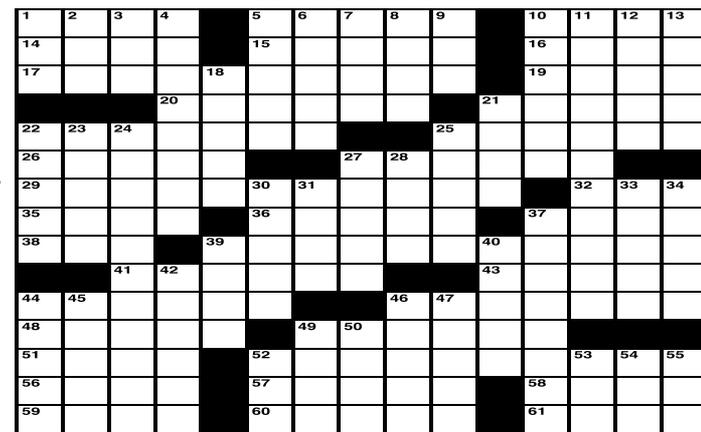
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 - Adversaries
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 - Something to lead a horse to
 - Rained hard?
 - Lock horns
 - Use Scope, say
 - Dogs
 - WWII torpedo vessel
 - Poe's "The Murders in the Rue ..."
 - We, to Henri
 - "The Thorn Birds" author
 - Fixes, in a way
 - Two-dimensional surface
 - Puts to work
 - Pre-coll. catchall
 - Located
 - Horn sound
- DOWN**
- Heavenly body
 - It can precede pop or plunk
 - Make stuff up
 - Amazon predator
 - Move furtively

- Like Niagara Falls
 - Data transmission rate
 - Swenson of "Benson"
 - Disease research org.
 - A hero might hold it
 - "Cut it out!"
 - Dublin-born actor
 - Razzie Award word
 - Use a divining rod
 - One of about 19 million Indians
 - Georgia of "Coach"
 - Dinero
 - Make a dramatic recovery
 - Inner turmoil
 - Rinsed, as a driveway
 - Violin virtuoso
 - Leopold
 - Author Zora ... Hurston
 - Diminish
- Smooth transition
 - "... dust to dust"
 - Expel
 - Droop
 - "High Sierra" director Walsh
 - Two-time U.S. Open champ
 - Andre
 - Pop or bop
 - Full of excitement
 - Cut back, as a branch
 - Gave the eye
 - Mid-12th century date
 - One ...: kids' ball game
 - AWOL chasers
 - Troupe for troops: Abbr.
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Community Calendar

FRIDAY
Tops Take off Pounds Sensibly #669 meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. For information, contact Ollie Morgret at 800-932-8677.
A.A. meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. It's an open meeting.
A.A. meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open speaker meeting.
Business Women's Referral Networking Luncheon will be held on the third Friday of every month at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., beginning at 11:30 a.m. for networking and then lunch. Networking opportunities available for women in business and is open to the public. No membership is required. For information, contact Robin Delgado at 800-299-8878; or, by e-mail at info@flainjurylawyer.com.
 Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, **Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. The only requirement for mem-

bership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. For more information call Loretta at 863-763-7165 or 863-697-0206.

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

SUNDAY
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.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 7-8-4; **Play 4:** 4-7-2-5; **Fantasy 5:** 6-8-10-16-33; **Mega Money:** 11-14-22-42 MB 22; **Florida Lotto:** 6-15-25-37-40-52 X 4; **Powerball:** 13-23-25-35-43 PB15 x5. Numbers drawn Thursday, **Cash 3:** 3-1-1; **Play 4:** 9-1-9-2.

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Holiday Happenings ...

Toy giveaway Saturday

Toys for Tots will be distributed on Saturday, **Dec. 19**, beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. at A Child's World South, 4664 Hwy. 441 SE. Santa will be present to greet children and Otis Spunkmeyer cookies will be there with treats. Parents must provide proof of Okeechobee County residency (Driver's License with Okeechobee address or ID with Utility Bill etc.) for eligibility and not be receiving services from another organization. Please remember toys are on a first come, first serve basis. Parents will not be allowed to go through distribution line. Organizations wishing to receive toys after distribution may Malissa Morgan at 863-634-5852 and arrange for time immediately following distribution party.

Christmas dinner dance

Join the Fraternal Order of Eagles #4137 for a steak night at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, **Dec. 18**, and share the spirit of the holidays with us. Entertainment is by the Harpers. At 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee. For further information, call 863-763-2552.

Christmas Cantata planned

The Okeechobee Community choir, in its 11th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, will begin for the presentation of the Christmas Cantata, "A New Birth - A New Beginning" and other seasonal favorites. Last year, 65 singers representing 19 local churches participated. The cantata will be presented the weekend before Christmas, **Dec. 18** and **19** at 7 p.m. and **Dec. 20** at 3 p.m. Free tickets are required for admission and are available at Okeechobee Health Care Facility, 1646 U.S. 441 N. For more information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714.

Christmas boat parade planned for Saturday

The Okeechobee Yacht Club and Butch's Redneck Yacht Club will hold their annual boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 19. The public is welcome. Decorate your boats and meet on Taylor Creek at Hwy. 70 by Burger King between 5:30 and 6 p.m. The parade begins at 6 p.m. and goes down Taylor Creek to the rim canal and left to Butch's Fish Camp. There will be prizes for the best decorated boats. For information, call Arnie Whelpley at 863-634-4777.

Church presents open air show

The Church of God of Prophecy will present an Open Air Christmas Performance - A King is Coming to Town. Church of God of Prophecy, Open Arms Ministry at 102 N.W. 10th Street, is having a live outdoor Christmas Program on **Dec. 20**, beginning at 6 p.m. The church will present from the birth of Jesus through his ministry up until his return. The Church of God of Prophecy's goal is to reach Okeechobee and the surrounding community with the real meaning of Christmas. There will be seating for all outside of the church, and special treats for all who attend. Let us all put Christ back in Christmas and let our children and grandchildren know the real reason why we celebrate this special day.

Santa is coming to the American Legion

Come one, come all. Veterans and their children are invited to visit Santa at the American Legion Post 64 from noon to 4 p.m. for dinner and toys on **Dec. 19**. Toys for veterans will be available Dec. 19-24. Open registration to qualified veterans, both male and female, will be held during Santa's visit. V.A. Reps will be on hand as well, from Palm Beach V.A. Hospital. For more information call 863-763-2950.

Christmas Around the World

The annual celebration of Christmas Around the World will be celebrated outdoors on Sunday, **Dec. 20**, on the grounds of Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 5 until 7 p.m. There will be a live nativity pageant and performances by different cultural groups, culminating in the appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for all the children present. The following cultural groups will take part in this year's celebration: Irish Dancers, Filipino performers, Mexican dancers, Ecuadorian Troubadour, Chobee Steelers Band.

Shrine club holds New Years Eve dinner and dance

The Shrine Club will have the "Country Tradition Band" with Ted, Sonny, Fred and Charlie to play music on New Years Eve. Tickets will be \$20 each or \$35 per couple. Tickets include dinner and music. For information call 863-763-3378.

Order turkeys and smoked pork for the holidays

Okeechobee Masonic Lodge is taking orders for Whole roasted Turkeys and Smoked Pork Butts. Orders must be made and paid for by **Dec. 22**. Orders can be picked up on Christmas Day from 9-noon at the Lodge. Place orders at Porter's Cleaners, 1700 S. Parrott. Roasted turkeys are \$30 and Pork Butts are \$25. Cash, check and charge accepted. Proceeds will benefit Okeechobee Youth Activities.

Santa to ride on firetruck

Spot Santa on a fire truck in the S.W. section on Dec. 18 and the S.E. section on Dec. 19.

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.

Malcolm McKinney, 53

OKEECHOBEE — Malcolm McKinney, died Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Hamrick Home Hospice. He was 53.

Born September 5, 1956 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., he had been a resident since 1970. He graduated from Okeechobee High School and attend Moorehouse College, where he studied music. He was a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Dean's Court, under former direction of Pastor Dean. He enjoyed playing the saxophone and piano.

He is survived by his parents, Charles and Martha McKinney; brother, Terry McKinney (Charlotte) of Melbourne, Fla.; sister, Glenda Sterling (Louis) of Okeechobee; God-sister, Valerie Gilbert of Tampa, Fla.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, December 19, in the First Missionary Baptist Church of Dean's Court, with Rev. Leroy Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

All arrangements are under the direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 N.E. 5th St., Okeechobee.

Online condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

Annual toy drive under way

The Big Lake Missions Outreach is sponsoring their 15th annual Christmas toy drive for the underprivileged children in Okeechobee County. They are celebrating 15 years of proven ministry, reaching out to the poor and needy in Okeechobee. They are in need of gifts and toys for children one day to teen. They will accept gift certificates, checks made payable to BIG LAKE MISSIONS OUTREACH and cash. Volunteers will then purchase the items needed. Receipts and pickup are available if needed. Also, foods are always accepted through Dec. 21. For more information call 863-763-5725 or 863-697-6433.

Raymond P. Eckert, 82

OKEECHOBEE — Raymond P. Eckert, died Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in the Hamrick Home. He was 82.

Born July 6, 1927 in Lake Worth, Fla., he had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1985 and proudly served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the American Legion of Okeechobee and enjoyed woodworking.

He was preceded in death by his previous wife, Nan; and brothers, Howard, Bob and Frank.

He is survived by his wife of nine years, Jackie of Okeechobee; stepsons, Dan Payne (Rosa) of West Palm Beach, and Walter Warta (Sonja) of Pennsylvania; stepdaughters, Dianne Halverson (Clayton) of Anchorage, Alaska, Susan Drass (Bill) of Orwell, Ohio, and Jackie Goggans (Bilby) of Okeechobee; 12 step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. until service time of 2 p.m. Sunday, December 20, in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel. Private interment will take place at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Florida DOT arrives bringing gifts to Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Ben Walker of the Florida Department of Transportation presented the five year FDOT work program for Okeechobee at Thursday's Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners meeting.
The work plan is highlighted by the widening of four lanes to state road 70 east of Okeechobee to Fort Pierce, and improvements for the main intersection of U.S. 441 and 70.
The work plan includes \$775,000 for bike paths, almost \$60 million to widen SR 70 to

four lanes between NE 34th Avenue and NE 80th Avenue, close to \$54 million for widening SR 70 between NE 80th Avenue to Berman Road, and about \$10.5 million to add dual left turn lanes at the main intersection. The plan also includes \$1.19 million to repair the Taylor Creek bridge over U.S. 98/441 near Treasure Island. The county airport would receive just under \$2.4 million. Projects include an upgrade to lighting and a taxiway rehab project, signage improvements, and an extension to the taxiway at the airport.
County Administrator Lyndon Bonner

said Lock 7 is another county priority for improvements. He said he is working to get electric, water and sewer service to the areas located inside the Herbert Hoover dike for future development.
County Commissioner Joey Hoover said the 70 and 441 intersection project has created a buzz among his constituents. He said right-of-way acquisition is an issue.
Mr. Walker said they are trying to minimize impacts on Flagler Park that additional turn lanes will bring.
"We will work with the county and the city to work with their priorities," he said. "It

will be a balancing act to minimize impacts to businesses and the park."
Alice Gilmartin of the Florida Turnpike Enterprise updated the Commission on an improvement project at the Fort Drum Service Plaza. The plan includes infrastructure improvements that will cost just over \$25 million. Construction will begin in October 2010.
Ms. Gilmartin said the construction will be phased in. There will always be gasoline, restroom, and food services available, but at different locations during construction.
"You will have a beautiful new service plaza," she told Commissioners.

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a Christian and that he fights Satan's request through God.
Detective Faulkner said that a background check indicates Clark has no prior criminal history.
The 6-foot-11-inch, 250-pound Clark had his first run-in with local law enforcement on Oct. 27 when he was approached by Officer Jack Boon of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD). Officer Boon's report states that he was sent to the ROC at the First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., due to a suspicious person. That person was Clark.
The officer's report states that a complainant said Clark was "... touching children on the arms and heads and asking a lot of inappropriate questions." The report does not give any examples of the questions allegedly asked by the man.
Clark, a native of North Carolina, told the officer he wanted to play basketball but was told he couldn't because he wasn't a mem-

ber of the church. He was then trespassed from the church and the grounds around it.
OCSO deputies had their first dealings with Clark on Thursday, Dec. 10, when a concerned parent called from the Sports Complex on N.W. 23rd Lane about a large man who was in the bathroom watching his son. The 3-year-old boy was reportedly sitting on the toilet.
A report by Deputy Yamil Astacio states that when he got to the complex Deputy Donald Ellis and OCSO Detective Rick Duffee were talking with Clark. Detective Duffee, continued the report, also found a soiled diaper in a back pocket of Clark's pants.
"I noticed James was mentally challenged by the way he was talking with the deputies," stated Deputy Astacio.
After speaking with Clark for a few minutes, Deputy Astacio told the man that he could not come back to the Sports Complex or he would be arrested for trespassing.
Clark was arrested the next day by OCPD Officer Scott Morgan on a warrant that charged him with trespass after warning.
OCPD Detective Bettye Taylor stated in a

Dec. 14 report that Clark, who has the mind of a 6- to 10-year-old child, has received counseling at the Goldsboro Counseling Center in Goldsboro, N.C.
In a Dec. 17 interview, the detective said that Clark and his father moved to Okeechobee a short time ago to care for a sick family member. She added that they planned to move back to North Carolina in January.
As for the flier, Sheriff Paul May said it was issued in the hopes of gathering more information on Clark and that it was not intended to be seen by the public. "We're not here to trample on anybody's rights and that's the last thing I want to do," said the sheriff. "But from his actions, where this young man was hanging out and from what he told our detectives, we seriously felt a child in the community could be in danger, and children's safety comes before anything else."

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ic Council of Okeechobee.
They also approved the final plat of the Water's Edge Motor Coach Resort condominium development. A club house, 30 RV lots and several storage units will be developed at 12799 Highway 441 SE.
Commissioners also approved a land lease for two lots in the industrial park with D.W. Sod to lease the former site occupied by Bio-Medical Waste, Inc. The first year lease will be \$4,038, and the second year lease \$7,718.
Owner of D.W. Sod, David Williams said he would likely employ around 10 people in the new business with room for expansion of the work force in the next few years.
The board also authorized a contract with FLW Outdoors 2010 Eastern Series Event for \$20,500 to host the FLW Fishing tournament from January 26-30 on Lake Okeechobee. 300 pro anglers are scheduled to participate in the event.
The projected economic impact is \$1 million on Okeechobee according to FLW officials. The county will also pay \$4,900 to provide hotel accommodations to tournament staff.
The commission approved an extension

in the contract completion date for the historic courthouse restoration project to Feb. 18. Contractors said a delay in the delivery of windows from the manufacturer resulted in about a two month delay.
The Board also agreed to pay the rental fees for the Douglas Brown Center for the annual Martin Luther King Junior Birthday Celebration. Events will be held on Jan. 16 and 18. The rental fee amounted to \$150.
The commission also appointed Neal Long, Cindi Fairtrace, Joshua Mixon, Rev. Bruce Simpson and Ken Kenworthy to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. The County still needs more applicants for this committee.
Commissioners appointed Jeff Sheffield as an alternate member to the Construction Industry Licensing Board.
They also approved an agreement with Neal Long Construction Company to develop 10 affordable rental units on S.E. 10th and 11th Avenue. The project will cost \$621,000 and will be paid for through grant dollars in the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program of Florida.
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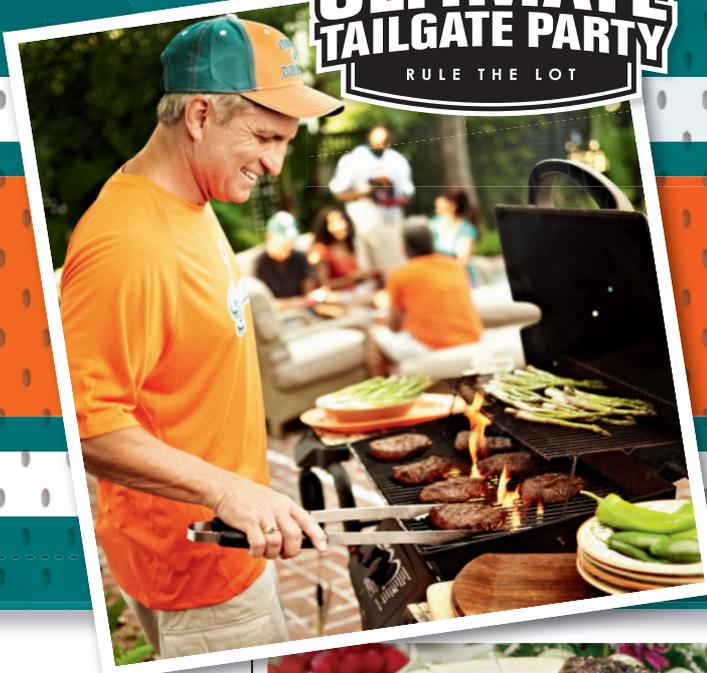
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The holiday season reminds us all to be kind, helpful and thankful for one another. But for the Okeechobee County Cattlewomen's Association, giving happens all year long. "Our Association is not only about promoting the beef industry; it is about giving back to our community," said Sam Durrance, member of OCCWA. The Cattlewomen help out our youth through college scholarships and volunteer our time at community events. This year the Association started the "Cattlewomen's Crockpot." The Cattlewomen prepare delicious meals in their crock pot and deliver it to an individual or family in need. Whether someone lost their home or a loved one, or if they know of someone who is just going through a rough time, they send a home cooked meal (beef of course) to help things along. The Cattlewomen's Crockpot has been sent out about

10 times this year. The expense of the meal is paid by the individual Cattlewoman, but they are working towards raising enough funds for the Association to help cover some of the expense.

For the holiday season, Okeechobee Cattlewomen assist the Florida Cattlewomen Inc. in a statewide community service effort for Hope Children's Home in Tampa. County Associations adopt a group of children and provide a Christmas for them. The children's wish lists are incredible. "While most children are asking for video games and new cars, these children want a gift certificate to McDonald's, socks and underwear or just a soda," stated Melissa Montes DeOca, OCCWA member. "These items are real treats for them, whereas you and I would take them for granted."

The Association also donates "Beef for the Holidays" certificates to the home to help out with the 300 meals they serve per day.

For more information on the Cattlewomen's Crockpot, Beef for the Holidays or OCCWA membership, contact 863-801-5258.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Audrey Driggers
Okeechobee Cattlewomen presentation to HOPE Children's Home at the FCW Inc. Quarterly Meeting in Sebring. OCCWA members Denise Colgan, Nancy Phares, Audrey Driggers and Melissa Montes DeOca, along with Dave Riffe and wife (in green) HOPE.



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Reading challenge

Central Elementary students, parents, and grandparents in Mrs. Howard's and Mrs. Garcia's first grade classes earned their first 100 Book challenge medal. These students completed 25 hours of reading at school and at home to earn this medal.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Audrey Driggers
From left to right are: Gavin (son) and Audrey Driggers, OCCWA and the Wagon Wheel Horse Farm family. Michelle Harper underwent neck surgery due to a vehicle accident.



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Students of the Week

Central Elementary Students of the Week for the week of Dec. 7-11 are: Kindergarten: K'Lynn Tijerina, Chriscetia Campbell, Hailey Eddy, Isabella Saucedo, Jonthan Orozco, Beautiful Smith; First grade: Jasmine Lewis, Andrea Ramirez, Michael Harvey, Brandon Carlo, Leon Edouard, Faith Simmons, Zoyee Ramirez; Second grade: Luis Alanis-Ceron, Eboni Koivunen, Jorge Romero, Joshua Bonilla, Noel Smith, Mason Burke; Third grade: Brittany Roddenberry, Jonathan Najera, Cassandra Brown, Emily Harrison, Josh Osterman; Fourth grade: Abbey Jones, Alejandro Platero, Alyssa Baird, Darren Holley, Briyuna Salazar.



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Holiday shoot to benefit needy children and families

Pine Creek Sporting Club, a new members-only ranch community located in Okeechobee will host a holiday shoot and feast on Dec. 19. The mission of the event is to collect gifts for the children of My Aunt's House, an Okeechobee-based nonprofit organization that provides clothing, shoes, back-to-school supplies and Santa gifts to low income families in the area, and also to celebrate the grand opening of The Pine Creek Lodge, a 7,000 square foot luxury hunting lodge at the center of the community.

The celebration will begin around noon with a holiday feast in the lodge, and a clay shoot will occur around 1 p.m. All guests who bring an unwrapped toy will take five extra shots during the shooting competition. Other activities of interest include a visit from Santa and live reindeer, cigar rolling, trap and five stand shooting, horseback trail riding, hay rides and much more.

Please RSVP to Katie Hoffmaster at 561-514-9920. More than 150 guests are expected to be in attendance.

Pine Creek Sporting Club is a 2,400 acre members-only, champion clays and wing shooting community located just over an hour from Palm Beach. The community consists of 40-acre ranch sites, custom cabins, over 1,000 acres of world-class quail fields, a 7,000 sq. ft. members lodge and pool complex, 13-station sporting clay course designed by Mick Howells, championship five-stand, dog kennels, horse stables, miles of horse, biking and nature trails, spa services, and a 70-foot tower for English high tower shoots. Founding members include Stephen E. Myers, Jack Nicklaus, Nick Price, Tucker Frederickson and Tullio Fabbri. For more information on Pine Creek Sporting Club, visit www.pinecreeksportingclub.com.



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Music for the season

Students at Seminole Elementary School perform in their annual Christmas program by singing songs and playing musical instruments. The students are directed by Mrs. Erin Ellinger, the Seminole Music Teacher.



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Community Events

Turkey Shoot planned

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4137 will hold a turkey shoot on Saturday, **Dec. 19**, at 9 a.m. - until. For further information, call 863-763-2552.

S.A.L. steak dinner

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor their monthly steak dinner on Sunday, **Dec. 20**, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64, 401 S.E. 2nd St. Okeechobee. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad, roll, dessert, iced tea or coffee and entertainment. The public is welcome and donation is \$12.

Orchid/Garden Club to meet

The Okeechobee Orchid Club and Garden Club will hold their annual Christmas party on Monday, **Dec. 21**, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office, 458 Highway 98 N. Please bring a finger food. Drinks and utensils will be provided. Bring an orchid to show. Eat and be merry with your local orchid lovers. Lots of orchid chat. For more information please call the extension office at 863-763-6469. This is free and open to the public.

Register and Pay for IRSC online

Indian River State College students can use the convenience of the web to register and pay for their classes for the Spring Semester while the College is closed for Winter Break. The College closes for Winter Break on Friday, Dec. 21 and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4, 2010. Classes for the Spring Semester start Jan. 6. The last day to pay for classes and avoid a late fee is Jan. 4. For more information about IRSC and to register and pay for classes, visit www.irsc.edu.

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Ultimate Gamer business opens in Okeechobee



(Left to right) Kaylee McQueen, Jordan Palmer, Jeff Zarrella (holding daughter Natalie) and Yabel Zarrella celebrated the opening of the Ultimate Gamer on Dec. 12.

The Ultimate Gamer, 409 S. Parrott Avenue in Okeechobee, opened Saturday, Dec. 12 with a day-long celebration of free video game tournaments.

Local gamers competed for championships in Halo 3, Modern Warfare 2, Wii Bowling, Guitar Hero and Tekken 6.

The shop, owned by Jeff Zarrell and Jordan Palmer, plans to host monthly gaming tournaments.

The store features gaming systems and a wide variety of games. They also buy and resell used games.

In the game room, visitors can play games online for \$5 an hour.

Mr. Zarrella explained that the price of a used game will depend on the age and popularity of the game.

The Ultimate Gamer offers annual memberships. Members receive more for their trade-ins, and pay \$4 an hour for online play.

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Osceola defeats Yearling in girls hoops

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Thaddricka Sanders readily admits that all she does is practice, practice, practice.

Well, practice makes perfect.

Sanders scored 22 points to lead the Osceola Middle School Warriors girls basketball team to their first victory of the season, 29-23, over cross town rival Yearling Middle School Wednesday.

"I'm excited. That's our first win. I'm so happy," Sanders said, "Last year I scored 15 points and this year 22 points. It lets me know that I'm doing better with my sports."

Wednesday's game was a tough, physical battle as both teams went to the free throw line a lot. Yearling played without their primary ball handler and point guard. Coach Erin Morrow said she was impressed with how her girls played without their team leader, "We're not used to playing without her. It was rough for some of the girls to win but they played hard."

Neither team shot the ball well in the first quarter and Yearling led after the first six minutes, 4-2.

Sanders missed six free throws in the first quarter and that had her coach Cathy Jones a bit worried. "We call her our general. When she is on, the whole team is on. When she got down in the first quarter and missed those six free throws, I told my assistant coach we have got to get her started."

The pace of the game quickened in the second quarter and Osceola had numerous fast break opportunities. A three pointer by Sanders gave Osceola a 15-11 lead at halftime.

Osceola led 18-15 after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was wild and woolly as the intensity really picked up. Yearling pulled to within one point, 18-17, after a basket by Delaney Osceola. Osceola rallied as Nicole Chelsey scored a basket and Sanders tossed

in a three pointer and a lay-up in less than 10 seconds. Those five points proved to be the difference in the game.

"I think it helped a lot. I didn't think I hit the three pointer at first but it just fell in there. It was perfect," she noted.

Delaney Osceola and J. Osceola combined for 18 points to lead Yearling.

Coach Morrow said her girls were disappointed but added they look forward to playing again in January, "We just didn't hit our shots and we didn't play with intense defense like we needed to. We hope to come back strong the next time we play."

Coach Jones said her team still has a lot of work to do on rebounds and free throw shooting, "Give Yearling credit. This is always a tough rivalry. It don't matter who wins or loses. It is always a physical game. The winner is who ever plays the best that night, and tonight we were fortunate to be able to out play them."

Osceola hosted Sebastian on Monday and lost 39-13. Garionna Johnson had seven points and Sanders had four points for Osceola.

Yearling girls lost to Sebastian last Thursday, 28-21.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
J. Osceola had 12 points to lead Yearling Wednesday. Defending are #15 Bethany Stuart and #4 Garionna Johnson.

Yearling Middle wins boys basketball tilt with Osceola

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School grabbed bragging rights over in town rival Osceola as their boys hoops team defeated Osceola 49-41 in a tough battle Wednesday afternoon.

Yearling led 12-9 after the first quarter and built a lead into double digits in the second half.

Osceola rallied to cut the lead to one in the fourth quarter but were unable to end Yearling's long winning streak.

Marshall Tommie and Treshon Pierre both had excellent games for Yearling. Felton Thomas also played well inside.

Osceola was led by Sylvester Butler and Eddie Neal. The Warriors played without starting point guard Datron Smith.

Osceola won a close battle with Sebastian on Monday.



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Treshon Pierre (left) scores over Sylvester Butler during the basketball game between Yearling and Osceola Wednesday.

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Cross country team honored at banquet

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

One of the most successful teams in recent school history, the Okeechobee High School boys cross country team, held an emotional send off to senior athletes Tuesday night at the freshman campus auditorium.

The team finished fifth in the state this year as they reached the state finals race in Dade City for the past two seasons.

Three of the team's top runners, Eddie Guerrero, Adrian Leon, and Lionel Jones will graduate this year. All three kept the program moving forward with their dedication to the program, their teammates, and their conditioning.

Guerrero was named team MVP for the second straight year, and Leon won the Brahman award.

"I think it's a great accomplishment to win the MVP for the second year in a row. I'm very thankful," Guerrero said, "I thank God for letting me be here. I just think it's a great award."

Guerrero, who has attracted college recruiters for both cross country and soccer, admits he only began running as a freshman to improve his conditioning for soccer. However, he learned to love the sport and now insists he loved every race, every practice, and his teammates, "I'm going to miss it a lot."

Guerrero finished 15th overall in the state finals this year.

Each senior on the cross country team received a water bottle that was signed by all of the team members. In return, they were asked to hand down a set of baby shoes to another runner who they feel can fill their spot next year.

Coach Julie Bohannon said she wants to build a program, and part of that is living up to the accomplishments of the team before and building on those accomplishments.

"We are losing three of our top five boys

runners. This is a program. I wanted the kids to be challenged. I had four boys travel to districts and state that didn't run in the race so they knew they had a place on next year's squad," she said.

Bohannon said she intends to stay in Okeechobee awhile and try and build a program. Her next order of business will be getting more girls out to run cross country.

Bohannon has recruited some girl's soccer players to run track and perhaps cross country in the fall. She said that will be the first step to building that program.

"Girls can be tough to motivate. If I can get some interest in girls then they'll bring their friends out. I'm hoping to build a program," she said.

Freshman Kayla Nelson was named team most valuable player. Junior Amanda Harrison won the Brahman award. Harrison said she felt honored to win such a prestigious award.

"I was really surprised. I think it is awesome. I thank Coach Bohannon for coming out and being such a good coach for us. I want to make it a good last year. I think I will do well."

Bohannon said the girls didn't win many races this year but that she didn't think that was a disappointment, "It's a tough sport. You girls came out there put your hearts out there. It's a strong accomplishment that you made it this far."

Certificates were given to all of the team members. A number of athletes won two-year letters and three-year lettermen awards.

Scholar athletes on the squad this year included Lionel Jones, Shawn Horvath, Adrian Leon, Phillip Suarez, Juan Lugo, Amanda Harrison and Gabi Rodriguez.

Abril Maldonado and Augustin Leon won the most improved runners award.

Five members of the boy's team were also named to the Treasure Coast All Conference team this week.



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Eddie Guerrero (left) wins his second straight MVP award for boys cross country. Also in picture is cross country coach Julie Bohannon.

Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Amanda Harrison won the Brahman award for girls cross country. Also in picture is Coach Julie Bohannon (right).

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Okeechobee Sod and Citrus, 20 Yale Drive, Lake Worth, FL 33460, has submitted Application 091030-2 for modification of Surface Water Management Permit 47-00145-S for 638.6 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be discharged to the Chandler Slough and the project is located in Sections 17-20,23,24, Township 35 South, Ranges 33,34 East.

G-4 Land and Cattle Company Inc and George A Goodbread Revocable Living Trust (Cypress Creek Mitigation Bank) 12575 Highway 70 East, Okeechobee, FL 34973, has submitted Application 091030-38 for an Environmental Resource Permit for 229.45 acres of mitigation lands. The water will be discharged to Cypress Creek and the project is located in Sections 26,35, Township 36 South, Range 36 East.

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

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report. 341599 ON 12/18/09

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD408

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **CRYSTAL I LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2133** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **TAYLOR CREEK ISLES SECTION 6 LOT 589 1-35-37-35-0110-00000-5890**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of January, 2010**.

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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2009TD405

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Certificate No: **1966** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **PETIT PARK LOTS 11 & 12 BLOCK 4 1-20-37-35-0050-00040-0110**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

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2009TD398

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Certificate No: **2501** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOT 7 BLOCK 24 1-3-15-37-35-0010-00240-0070**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of January, 2010**.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD232

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Certificate No: **1648** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **BASSWOOD UNIT 3 LOT 5 BLOCK 36 1-05-37-35-0030-00360-0050**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **AARON LYONS**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **28th day of January, 2010**.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD037

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Certificate No: **272** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **LOT F OF TRACT 31 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 31 13 34S 33E 1-13-34-33-0A00-00031-F000**
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Name(s) in which assessed: **TRECIE MCCALLA**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD406

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Certificate No: **2513** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOTS 23 24 25 26 BLOCK 25 1-15-37-35-0010-00250-0230**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD397

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **GAIL SMITH** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1263** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **NEW OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS SECTION C LOTS 1, 2, 3 BLOCK 34 1-05-36-34-0020-00340-0010**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **IRENE E RIEGER**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of January, 2010**.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD403

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Certificate No: **1801** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **GRANADA TERRACE E 1/2 OF LOT 10 LOT, 11 BLOCK 6 1-14-37-35-0010-00060-0100**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD400

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **TARPON IV LLC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2639** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **WRIGHTS 1ST ADDITION LOTS 7, 10, 11 BLOCK 6 3-22-37-35-0230-00060-0070**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE A BERTRAM**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of January, 2010**.

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2009TD404

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Certificate No: **2584** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **1ST ADDITION TO CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOT 6 & N 1/2 OF LOT 7 BLOCK 247 3-21-37-35-0020-02470-0060**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD399

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Certificate No: **2587** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: **1ST ADDITION TO CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOTS 26 & 27 BLOCK 247 3-21-37-35-0020-02470-0260**
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE BERTRAM**

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at **10:00 A.M.**, on the **14th day of January, 2010**.

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Certificate No: **2639** Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

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Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: **GERALDINE A BERTRAM**

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2009TD407
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRYSTAL I LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD409
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CRYSTAL I LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD225
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD221
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD401
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WINDER VI LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD223
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD027
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WINDER VI LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD228
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD402
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2009TD230
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD231

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 1096 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT D OF TRACT 7 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 07 24 345 33E 1-24-34-33-0A00-00007-D000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD229

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 972 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT P OF TRACT 5 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 05 29 345 33E 1-29-34-33-0A00-00005-P000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD218

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 641 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT E OF TRACT 11 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 11 23 345 33E 1-23-34-33-0A00-00011-E000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: ADAISH JANGBAHADOUR MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD215

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 538 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT I OF TRACT 21 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 21 21 345 33E 1-21-34-33-0A00-00021-I000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: ADAISH JANGBAHADOUR MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD203

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DENTON II LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 855 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOTS E AND K OF TRACT 3 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 03 AND E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 03 27 345 33E 1-27-34-33-0A00-00003-E000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: ROBERT L REPASS

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 14th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD227

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 836 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT H OF TRACT 27 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 27 26 345 33E 1-26-34-33-0A00-00027-H000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: ADAISH JANGBAHADOUR MAJESTIC HOMES & REALTY SW LLC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD217

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VERONA V LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 701 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOT L OF TRACT 13 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 13 24 345 33E 1-24-34-33-0A00-00013-L000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: CFS PROPERTIES INC A FLORIDA CORPORATION CFS PROPERTIES INC A FLORIDA CORPORATION CHL HOLDINGS INC.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD203

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WINDER VI LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 415 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: LOTS A AND B OF TRACT 12 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 12 AND W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 12 17 345 33E 1-17-34-33-0A00-00012-A000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: DR SIRAJ AHMAD SHAMA P AHMAD

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 14th day of January, 2010.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2009TD395

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ELLA III LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate(s) for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the name(s) in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 2168 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: BEGIN AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 15 SOUTHERN HOMESTEADS UNIT 1; THENCE RUN NORTH ALONG THE NORTHERLY PROJECTION OF THE EAST BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 15 FOR A DISTANCE OF 159.46 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF N.E. 304TH STREET (STATE ROAD 15); THENCE RUN WESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY OF N.E. 304TH STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF 246.85 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF N.E. 55TH AVENUE; THENCE RUN SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR A DISTANCE OF 158.96 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 15, SOUTHERN HOMESTEADS UNIT 1; THENCE RUN EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 15 FOR A DISTANCE OF 242 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. 1-19-34-36-0A00-00007-0000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed: E & S DAIRY

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 10:00 A.M., on the 28th day of January, 2010.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 08-CA-97

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-M2 Plaintiff VS. IRIS MARRERO, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure or Order dated 11/16/2009, entered in Civil Case Number 08-CA-97, in the Circuit Court for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-M2 is the Plaintiff, and IRIS MARRERO, et al., are the Defendants, I will sell the property situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as:

Lot 19, Block 10, of BASSWOOD, Unit No.1, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 22, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, at Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 6th day of Jan., 2010.

Sharon Robertson CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Linda F. Young

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Volleyball tourney

This past Sunday, Dec. 13, Parks & Recs hosted a volleyball tournament on the sand courts across Yearling Middle School. The tournament winners are team Sandy Bottom Bunch, finishing undefeated at 6-0. (LtoR) Rebecca Gainer, Brett Barcia, Jeneane Rhuda, Brandon Gabbard, and Ricky Rhuda.

Carr performs with Marching Knights

Jessie Carr, a student at University of Central Florida, has been performing as a major-ette with the UCF Marching Knights Band for four years.

She will perform at the last football game of her college career on Dec. 19, when UCF plays Rutgers in the Tropicana Bowl in St. Petersburg.

She is majoring in education and hopes to teach first grade.

Miss Carr is a 2006 graduate of Okeechobee High School.

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Okeechobee High School Volleyball banquet held

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Brahman volleyball team continued to be one of the most successful squads on campus this year as they once again had a winning record and qualified for the state regional.

On Dec. 11, the girls got together one last time to celebrate that success.

Monica Koger won the most kills award, Paige McCrary won the most blocks award, LeAnna Cotton had the most aces, Megan Clements had the most digs, Rebekah Bryan had the best ace to error ratio, LeAnna Cotton had the best kills to errors ratio, Koger had the best kill percentage, Cotton had the most assists, Megan Clements won the best passer award, Koger won the most digs award, and Cotton won the most service points award.

Several of the girls won academic awards for having a grade point average of 3.5 or above during the volleyball season.

Koger will receive a four-year letter award at the end of the year. Megan Clements accepted a three-year lettermen award and Janezka Koger earned a two-year lettermen award.

Coach Todd Jones also honored his score keepers and volunteers. Karen Cotton was honored for her work as junior varsity coach.

Coach Jones said he was very pleased with how the season went this year. He said he expects the program to continue to build and improve, "Every year you look at your seniors and ask yourself how are you going

to replace them. The younger girls with another club season, another year older and a year stronger always trickle in and find a spot when the next high school season rolls around."

Jones said his girls have played together for a long time and he predicted their hard work will come to fruition next year.

"It was a good group this year. It's kind of fun to have a group of girls that you spend a lot of time with and have a personal relationship with. Having that extra time with them to build a relationship has been very nice for me," he added.

Brittany Freeman won the Brahman award and Monica Koger won the most valuable player award.

Freeman said she was kind of surprised to win the award but that it meant a lot to her, "I think we have a good chance to go far next year. This year we had a strong team. We lose three seniors but I feel the girls that fill their spots will be just as strong."

Freeman said she tried to keep a good attitude and encourage her teammates this year. She said she always tried to support the coach and his decisions.

"It was a pleasure to win the Brahman award and it means a lot to me," she added.

Coach Jones said the program continues to have a lot of potential. He noted the team will give Jensen Beach a true run for their money next year.

"I honestly say I look forward to going to practice and spending time with each and every one of you every day. It was an enjoyable experience for me," he added.

Okeechobee finished 20-11 this year.

The Junior Varsity awards went to Miranda Serrano for offensive player, Krista Ward for defensive player of the year, and Katie Ward for most improved player. Brooke Snyder won the Brahman award.

Six of the junior varsity girls won academic award for having a grade point average of 3.5 or above during the season. Each of the girls also received certificates and a team photo of the squad.

The JV finished 14-5 this past season.



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