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State task force targets 'pill mills'

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A new statewide task force has been formed to not only cut off the illegal supply of drugs coming into Florida, but also to stop the sale of

prescription drugs for illegal purposes.

According to Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeff Kottkamp pain management clinics, or pill mills, will receive a great deal of focus by the task force. The task force

will be made up of several different agencies, including both local, state and federal law enforcement groups.

That task force had its first organized meeting last month.

"We have all these different

groups working on this issue but they aren't coordinated," said Lt. Gov. Kottkamp in a telephone interview Tuesday, Feb. 9. "We'll see where it leads. But the smart

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Cool beauties: Speckled Perch Festival Parade

Tiny Miss and Little Miss Speckled Perch queens and their courts were bundled up to stay warm as they rode on the Chamber of Commerce float in the 2010 Speckled Perch Festival Parade on Saturday in downtown Okeechobee. The festival continues today. See Page 2.

Water bills to be easier to read

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) customers may soon be able to read their monthly bills easier. At the Feb. 9 meeting, the board discussed revising the bills to make them easier to understand.

The board discussed a different format for the monthly bill. Among other things, it would specifically state if a late fee was included in the charges. It would be less cluttered than the current bill and have the payment due date and total amount due clearly stated at the top of the bill. John Hayford, the utility's executive director was directed to use the board discussion to prepare a proposed revised bill format for the next meeting that would be more user friendly.

The board adopted Resolution 10-01 setting general policies and procedures. It contained a number of changes, Some of them were significant and some were changes

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Council to discuss sign rules —again

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When they meet Tuesday evening the Okeechobee City Council will once again try to come up with a workable sign ordinance.

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Rodeo Action

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CITY

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City planner Bill Brisson is scheduled to present a proposed ordinance which incorporates changes that were discussed last month. No action is scheduled on the proposed ordinance. It is submitted for discussion only.

Under the proposal, a permit would be required for a ground or pole sign. "Sticky back" window coatings on the outside of windows would not require a permit and would not count toward the total allowed square footage of sign space. Another proposed change would exclude noncommercial artwork from computation of allowable sign area. Real estate sale signs would not require a permit and would not count toward

If you go ...

What: Okeechobee City Council meeting
When: Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m.
Where: Council Chambers, Okeechobee City Hall, 5 S.E. Third Ave.

the allowable number of free standing signs. Single building signs would not exceed 60 square feet unless there are facing parallel to U.S. 441 or State Route 70.

The council will also hold the first public hearing to discuss the Community Development Block Grant Program for the fiscal year 2009 funding cycle.

WATER

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in wording. Under the resolution, late charges for nonpayment will no longer accrue for three months. They will stop once water is cut off. Then a delinquency penalty of 1.5 percent a month will accrue for 12 months. After that the account will no longer assess additional penalties. Wastewater customers who are not on OUA water now have 24 months to connect to OUA water.

For information purposes, board members received copies of the manual of standards to set minimum standards for the design, construction and maintenance of water

and wastewater systems that was approved at the last board meeting.

In other business, the board:

- received the finance report for the period ending Jan. 31;
- approved payment of \$12,392.40 to Metzger & Willard for engineering and survey work currently being done on the Treasure Island Sewer System - South;
- approved payment of \$979.14 to Metzger & Willard for engineering and survey work currently being done on the Treasure Island Sewer System-North;
- approved an emergency expenditure to Chaz Equipment in the amount of \$19,500 for repair of the gravity sewer system near S.E. Fourth Ave and S.E. Fourth Street.

Festival continues downtown

The Okeechobee Speckled Perch Festival opened Saturday in Flagler Park, off State Road 70 in downtown Okeechobee.

The festival features a variety of arts and crafts vendors, as well as booths from local clubs and organizations offering games, food and fundraising activities.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day in three sections of Flagler Park. Bring your own blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the show.

Park #1 is the home of the Veterans Memorial. No festival events are in that park.

In Park #2, the Harmon Brothers (Gerry and George) will perform today.

Park #3 will feature the musical stylings of "Lisa and Friends."

In Park #4 area gospel singers will present a celebration of Gospel Music.

The annual Speckled Perch Festival is sponsored by the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce.

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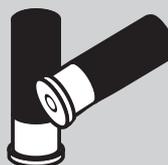
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Sellers, Nourse facing federal charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two Okeechobee men accused of selling methamphetamine to an undercover police officer will soon be taken into federal custody and prosecuted in federal court.

A detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force said Wednesday, Feb. 10, that Timmy Barnett Sellers and Christopher Wesley Nourse will most likely be turned over to federal authorities next week.

Sellers, 41, and Nourse, 34, were first arrested Jan. 27, after they reportedly sold 26.1 grams of a substance for \$2,000 that, when field tested, indicated a positive result for the presence of meth. The task force detective, who described the substance as crystal meth, said the exact purity is not yet known.

Both men were charged with the sale of methamphetamine as well as possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell. Sellers was also charged with the misdemeanors of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to an arrest affidavit, the two men met with the undercover officer at a business in Fort Drum. Once the deal was complete, the men left in a 1998 Chevrolet pickup but were stopped by two other task

force detectives in the 30500 block of N.E. 23rd Way. During a search of the two men, those detectives found the \$2,000 reportedly used to make the buy.

Bond for Sellers was set at \$27,000, while Nourse's bond was set at \$35,000. Sellers was later released on bond, while Nourse has yet to post bond.

On Friday, Feb. 5, Sellers was arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with trafficking in methamphetamine and two counts of sale of marijuana. His bond on those charges has been set at \$350,000.

"The new meth charge is a federal charge," said the local detective. "The sale of marijuana charges were from previous (task force) buys."

Both times, added the detective, Sellers

sold over 20 grams of marijuana to an undercover police officer.

Because of the quantity of meth reportedly sold by the two men, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will take over the cases and prosecute at the federal level. The task force detective said the men will be tried in the U.S. Southern District Court in Fort Pierce. The detective went on to say that Nourse had been on the task force's radar since 2000. But before the task force had completed its investigation, Nourse was arrested in Osceola County and sent to federal prison after he was convicted for selling meth. "He served three years in federal prison then came back here," said the detective. "He's currently on federal probation."

Federal records indicate that Nourse was released from federal prison on June 28, 2006. The task force detective described the two men as "mid-level distributors" who were acting as middle-men when they were arrested in January.



Timmy B. Sellers



Christopher Nourse

Okeechobee's Most Wanted

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

If you have any information on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treas-



Marcel Bates

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Free fair shut down

- I have been wondering why they have the Free Fair in February anyway. Most February and March events are positioned to draw in the snow birds. I doubt if the snow birds are spending a lot of money to go on the ring of fire or the tilt-a-whirl. The main audience for the free fair is the kids and younger people. The free fair might draw even bigger local crowds if they had it in November, when there is not much else going on. The weather is usually better then too. We need to forget the "it's always been done this way" attitude and adapt to the changing times. I know the county fair dates are set by the state because the 4-H and FFA projects run with the school year calendar and they go from the county events on to the state and national competitions. So the county fair has to be in March.

- The County Fair Association holds regular meetings and are open to the public. If people have questions, get involved.

- I support the American Legion, but I think they need to take some responsibility for this mess. They knew back in 2007 that there was a state law that affected the fair dates. In 2008 and 2009, they scheduled the fair so that it started in January and ran through the first week of February only, and so there would not be a problem with the dates. This year, someone dropped the ball and the dates were scheduled so it did fall into the 30 day window, creating the problem. The county fair association had a legally-binding contract with their vendor that stipulated they would enforce the state law about the 30-day limit. They couldn't just write a letter and let the free fair continue because that would be violating their contract. I wish the free fair could have stayed open, but a legal contract is binding. What happened is not good for anyone and I hope at least now everyone understands the state statute.

- The American Legion has done a lot of good in this community and I hate it that they wound up with a problem with the free fair.

- Closing the American Legion Free Fair early is just wrong. The Legion does so much to support this community and the fair is their main fundraiser.

- I will try and lend my support financially more to the American Legion and their activities in the future now that I am aware of the impact this makes to the youth of Okeechobee.

- Let's try to improve this community with new and better things and start new traditions!

- I didn't even know the free fair had opened as I don't drive by there every day and they did not advertise it in the newspaper. I was watching for the big ad they used to run every year with the schedule to figure out which day to go, but I did not see it this year.

Elephants

- The elephant center has problems with St. Lucie County officials. If they would move a half mile west they would be in Okeechobee County. Why doesn't someone from the county propose this?

- They were going to enter the property from the Okeechobee side, weren't they? It says it's a 326 acre project. Waste Management's property is a couple thousand acres. There are only four jobs but maybe they'd look closer at Okeechobee contractors for construction of the project. Wonder if it would bring any tax revenue to the county.

What kind of new business does Okeechobee need?

- I hope those who are trying to bring new businesses into the area focus on looking for those who will occupy buildings that are now vacant. While I can see the point of those who say "we don't need more concrete," we do need more jobs. Okeechobee County has about a 12 or 13 percent unemployment rate. And there are many vacant buildings that a business could move into.

Viking area

- Anyone having any problems on the prairie? Vandalism, graffiti, theft, stuff like that?

Letter to the editor

Fair Association responds to rumors

The Okeechobee County Fair Association would like to address the citizens of Okeechobee concerning the situation with the American Legion Fair. We would like to clear up some of the rumors and misunderstandings that have been circulating.

Our contract with our present amusement ride provider requires that we protect the fair's dates of operation as outlined in the Florida Statute 616.13. This is the law that governs chartered county fairs. This law states that no amusement rides shall be operated within five miles or 30 days of the dates of a chartered county fair. This is a legal issue. The Florida Legislature passed this law. We have a contractual obligation in this matter. We are not in a position to break this law.

The American Legion has stated that they are "grandfathered in." Since the Florida statute that governs fairs and amusement rides makes no mention of any grandfathering in, this is not possible.

The Okeechobee County Fair Association did write a letter to the American Legion in 2007 giving them permission to operate their fair through their advertised dates which did encroach upon the 30 day protection period. This was our initial year and the only year that this has been a problem. The County Fair Board gave approval for the 2007 year only. During the last years, the American Legion has ended their fair prior to the 30 day limitation.

The American Legion changed the dates of their 2010 fair from Jan. 28-Feb. 7, which did not infringe on our thirty days, to Feb.

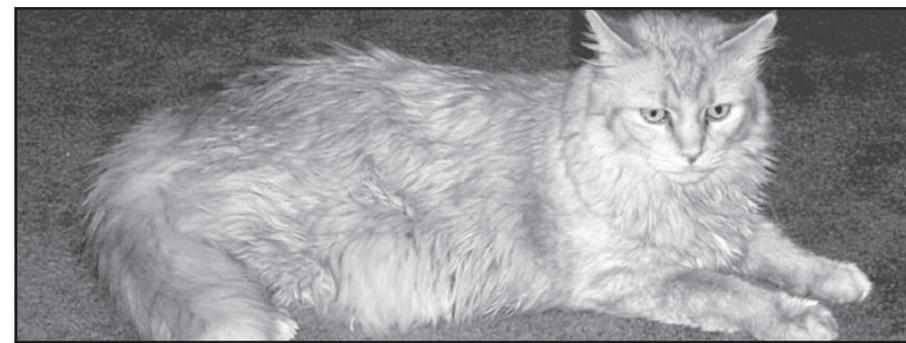
4-14, which did fall within the 30 day window. Their original date was posted on numerous web sites and the local papers. The American Legion also expanded the number of days of their fair from seven to ten this year. Last year's dates were Jan. 26- Feb. 1, seven days, which did not infringe upon our legal window of 30 days. The dates were changed without regard to our position as the chartered fair of Okeechobee County. This year's ten days does violate Florida Statute.

The Okeechobee County Fair Board was presented with two options from the Florida Department of Agriculture: 1) To not allow the American Legion Fair to operate their amusement rides at all, or 2) to allow them to operate their amusement rides up to the 30 day limit. The board chose to allow them to operate up to the 30 day window. This provided them with six out of the seven days of their normal fair schedule. The Board feels that this was the best solution for both parties and fair to everyone involved.

The County Fair feels a great obligation to provide the best county fair to our citizens. We have legal contracts and obligations that we must fulfill in order to bring high quality entertainment and amusement rides to our area.

We all need to work together to ensure that these situations do not arise in the future. We appreciate everyone's support and hope to continue providing "Home Town Family Fun."

Yours sincerely,
The Okeechobee County Fair Association



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Pet of the Week

Fat Albert is quite well behaved, likes dogs, is litter box trained, has always been an inside cat, likes his roped board to lay on, and sleeps on his back most times. He is six years old now. The fee is \$75. He was Fat Albert when we got him, but now he has been watching his boyish figure. He is a cat who wants to lay on your lap.

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Reflections from the pulpit

By Rev. Tommaso Pasquarella
Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church

You must see that sin does disrupt your worship of God. How can you, whether you eat or drink, do it for His glory if you have sin in your life? You must realize that your sins disrupt your fellowship and worship of your Lord, and so you must search your heart and confess any sin there in. "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5) Examine your self, make sure you are right with God, or that you really know Him. "Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." (Psalm 19:12) David constantly went back to his need to have God's forgiveness and to be holy as He is holy in order to be well pleasing before God. Sin is sin whether it is a known sin or an unknown

sin we need to examine our hearts making sure we are clean and upright with a Holy God. The Holiness of God must be respected and feared, so we do not bring dishonor to God. You can not live in sin so grace may abound. Think on these words adapted to speak to your heart from Hebrews 12:1. "Seeing that you are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, those who came before you, lay aside every weight you have, every worry and the sin which doth so easily trap you and make you useless to fulfill His will and let us run with patience the race that is set before us so you can run the race and please your Savior."

Sin hurts God's heart and when you hurt God's heart it hurts your worship of Him. You need to confess your sins and repent and He is faithful and just to forgive your sins. Does your heart hurt when you hurt His heart? We can be holy by concentrating on the things

that would help our focus on the holiness of God. Meditate on His word, think on truthful things, think on honest things, think on fair things, think on pure things, think on things pleasing to God, think on things that are excellent like Jesus. Staying in His Word will help you and me stay focused on the cross of Christ and the salvation He bestows on us, avoiding the sin and the shame it brings to the gospel that hinder your work in His ministry.

If you do not know Christ, then you do not care if you hurt His heart, you do not care to hear His Word or come under authority of the preaching set before you, because you are lost and dead in your sins. You cannot worship God in Spirit and in truth if you do not know Him. Fall on your knees and trust Him today, because He will by no means let the guilty go unpunished, so won't you trust him?

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Calm wind.

Extended Forecast

Monday - Presidents' Day: A 20 percent chance of showers after 3 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph.:

Monday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Northwest wind around 5 mph and a 20 percent chance of showers.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

Community Calendar

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.

MONDAY

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

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

Coast Guard Auxiliary of Okeechobee meets the second Monday of each month, at 7 p.m. at the entrance to Okee-Tantie Camp Grounds. We are seeking new members who are, "Semper Paratus - Always Ready."

For information call 863-824-7623

VFW #10539 Ladies Auxiliary lunch and bingo will start at noon at the Post, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E. Auxiliary members and their guests are invited. Please R.S.V.P. to 863-763-2308.

Okeechobee Senior Singers meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited. For information or to schedule an appearance for your organization or group, contact Marge Skinner at 863-532-0449.

Artful Appliquers is a recently formed chapter in Okeechobee. This chapter meets at the Turtle Cove Clubhouse, 10 Linda Road, Okeechobee on Mondays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Karen Graves, Chapter leader would like to extend a warm welcome to any interested persons to come by and see what they are about. For information call 863-763-6952.

Flotilla 57 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station located at the entrance to Okeetantie on Road 78 on the second Monday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come as a guest and inquire about membership. Do get your safe boating certification. Call to enroll for course or to inquire about membership 863-763-0165.

TUESDAY

Community Gospel Sing will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Seventh Day Christian Church, next door to Douglas Chiropractic and Fitness Center. The public is invited to participate.

Okeechobee Shrine Club will hold a Spaghetti Dinner every Tuesday night with serving to begin at 4 until 7 p.m. for a donation of \$5. Music will be from 5 until 8 p.m. The Shrine Club is located at 1855 S.W. 53rd St. (Hwy 78 W.). For more information, please call 863-763-3378.

The Genealogical Society of Okeechobee will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Public Library, 206 S.W. 16th St. The meeting is open to anyone interested in tracing his or her ancestry. The annual membership is \$10 per person, and \$12 for a family. For information, call Eve at 863-467-2674; or, visit their web site at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flgso>.

Civil Air Patrol set to meet

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

Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition meets the second Tuesday of the month, at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, lunch is provided. For information contact Jim Vensel at 863-697-1792.

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

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

New A.A. Meeting in Basinger: There is now an A.A. meeting in Basinger on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Basinger Christian Brethren Church on 700-A, north off U.S. 98. Beginners are welcome.

Christian Home Educators of Okeechobee will meet at the Grace Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 701 S. Parrott Ave. Anyone currently home schooling or interested in home schooling is welcome. For information, call Lydia Hall 863-357-6729 or Betty Perera 863-467-6808.

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

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

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

Grief and Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Hospice Building, 411 S.E. Fourth St., in Okeechobee. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Brenda Nicholson at 863-467-2321.

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

Widows and Widowers support group meets at Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at the Clock Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott Ave., for breakfast. For information, Darlene Phanco, 863-467-5351 leave message.

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

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

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

Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition meets every second Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church. For information contact Jim Vensel at 863-697-1792.

The Lighthouse Refuge support group meets on the first and third Tuesday at 401 S.W. Fourth Street at First Baptist Church and on the second and fourth Tuesday at Red Cross from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Women who need emotional support or someone just to care are welcome. For information call the hot line 863-801-9201 or 863-357-4447.

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

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

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 1-5-1; **Play 4:** 8-5-3-0; **Fantasy 5:** 3-5-17-18-19; **Mega Money:** 34-39-42-44-MB 21; **Florida Lotto:** 16-19-25-39-48-52 X 2; **Powerball:** 5-8-29-37-38 PB34 x5. Numbers drawn Friday, **Cash 3:** 5-3-7; **Play 4:** 4-7-4-6.



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Community events

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Main Street Mixer set

Okeechobee Main Street's next monthly mixer will be held on Tuesday, **Feb. 16**, from 5-7 p.m. February's mixer will be hosted by Sims & Younger C.P.A. located at 203 SE Second Avenue. Main Street Mixers are a great networking opportunity for the businesses and residents of our area. Whether you have a new or old business, or you are a resident interested in giving back to our community, you're invited to come enjoy networking, refreshments, door prizes and a brand new Mega 50-50.

Pancake supper planned

Believers' Fellowship Church and The Back Porch Church will sponsor a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, **Feb. 16** beginning at 5:30. A donation of \$5 will buy delicious all-you-can-eat pancakes, served with fried apples, sausage and a beverage. Come and join them for good food and fellowship, and help raise funds to send youth to camp and to purchase a new video projector that will be used for various ministries in town. The Believers' Fellowship Church is located at 300 S.W. Sixth Avenue. For more information or to purchase tickets (recommended) call 863-664-0146 or 863-763-0715.

Youth Pancake Supper set

On **Feb. 16** the youth group of Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St., will prepare pancakes and serve them with all the good-ies. A \$5 donation will be appreciated (larger donations will be GREATLY appreciated). For more information call 357-1713.

Meet the candidates

Meet and Greet with 2010 Republican Candidates. Tuesday, **Feb. 23** from 5 to 7 p.m. Fellowship Hall at 401 S.W. Fourth Street. For more information call 863-634-3525.

Tobacco Free Initiative seeking volunteers

The Florida Department of Health and the Tobacco Free Initiative of Okeechobee will host a network meeting. The network is looking for representatives from: Local businesses, all schools, colleges, faith-based and youth organizations, parent and parent teacher associations, hospital and health care and day care providers, law enforcement, state, city and county agencies to work on Tobacco-free campaign!

The meetings will be held on **Feb. 24**, March 31, April 28, May 26, and June 23, at the Hampton Inn Conference Room, 1200 N.E. Park Street (next to the post office) from 4 until 5 p.m. To confirm attendance, please call 863-462-5781. Refreshments will be provided.

Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournaments planned

The next Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournament series III will be held on the following dates: **Feb. 28**, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25 and Aug. 29 with an \$80 entry fee. The \$80 cash entry fee for each tournament in the series includes the Big Fish Pot and the Classic Fund, with a 70 percent payback. The final event, the Classic, will be held Sept. 26. To qualify for the classic, you must have fished at least four prior events from February to August. The classic will be a one-day event with a \$120 cash entry fee. All tournaments are held at Scott Driver park from safe light until 2 p.m. with Taylor Creek as the alternate in case of low water. Please register early. To get an entry application or for questions, call 863-634-3790 or 863-634-9889.

Bass tournament helps

March of Dimes

Seacoast National Bank invites everyone to the 8th Annual Big Lake Bass Fishing Tournament to be held on Saturday, **Feb. 20**, at Pier II Resort located at 2200 Hwy. 441 SE. Registration is \$80 per boat, two-person team and begins at a.m. This event will benefit the March of Dimes.

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County Fair seeks local creative participants

The Okeechobee County Fair Association is seeking adult and youth contest participants for the upcoming Okeechobee County Fair March 12-21.

The contests consist of quilting, sewing, leatherwork, painting, drawing, photography, horticulture, and woodworking.

There will also be food competitions such as home baking and canned goods, as well as a vegetable competition featuring garden vegetable, fruit and vegetable and largest vegetable categories.

This year the Lego Building contest will be open to both youth and adult exhibitors. New for this year will be the educational posters and educational displays competitions. Individual youths may enter the Live-stock

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 Diane Spann at 634-3327.

The Okeechobee County Fair will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The entrance to the Agri-Civic Center and fairgrounds is off State Road 710.

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.

Charles Sachleben, 69

OKEECHOBEE — Charles Sachleben, died Thursday, February 11, 2010. He was 69.

Mr. Sachleben was born in Louisville, Ky. and was a resident of Okeechobee.

He worked as a machinist for the Railroad.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Ann Sachleben; sons, Mark David (Angela) Sachleben and Patrick Christian (Heather) Sachleben; granddaughters, Alexis Delaney and Miranda Avenell Sachleben; and grandson, Liam Crugan Sachleben.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Arrangements are under the direction of Haisley Funeral & Cremation Service.

A guest book may be signed at www.haisley-funeralhome.com.

Lorraine Mary Cooney, 85

OKEECHOBEE — Lorraine Mary Cooney, passed away Friday, February 12, 2010, in Okeechobee. She was 85.

Born June 18, 1924 in New York, N.Y. to Tom and Mae Gaskin, she was the assistant manager with Green Thumb. She was a resident of Okeechobee for 15 years. She was of the Catholic faith and she enjoyed reading, going to the beach to collect shells, gardening, yard work and watching football.

Ms. Cooney is survived by her daughters, Lorraine Mary Cooney "LuLu" of Okeechobee, Carol Ann Walsh of North Miami, Sandy Clevenger of Lumberton, N.J., JoAnn McFarland of Lumberton, N.J. and Therese Cassanos of Everett, Mass.

No services or visitation will be held.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. 2nd St., Okeechobee.

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Boy Scouts announce new Big Lake District

At a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club, it was announced that member Ray Worley had accepted the Chairman's position of the newly formed Big Lake District of the Boy Scouts of America.

Carl Fox, District Executive for the new District, which encompasses the communities around the lake, and consists of all rural communities, made the announcement.

"Some things have changed with the formation of this District. The Gulf Stream Council has promised more accountability to the rural programs for funds raised in their communities, and has a dedicated Executive in Carl Fox. Carl is a local Scout product, who understands our unique rural needs. By forming the rural district our rural needs will be better met, and we can concentrate on community service a little

more," Mr. Worley said. "In celebration of BSA's 100th Anniversary it would be nice to see a little more apple pie and support of helping our elderly and needy citizens. We need to be bringing the kids on the coast to our community, and showing them what it is that we love about our rural area. My first experience with Scouting was of the Scout helping the little old lady across the street. Join me in supporting Scouting's next 100 years."

The Big Lake District has also added to their Officers from Okeechobee since the announcement was made of Mr. Worley's appointment. Judge William L. Hendry will join the District as the Eagle Scout Committee Chairman. Judge Hendry earned his Eagle Scout Badge in 1943. He is also a member of the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Ray Worley

From Left to Right: Big Lake District Officers: Judge William L. Hendry, Eagle Scout Committee Chairman; Carl Fox, District Executive; Ray Worley, District Chairman; Jim Vinsel, President of Kiwanis.

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Christian Team Trail hosts tourney



Special to the Okeechobee News/Pat Ziegler
Another Christian Team Trails fishing tournament held on Saturday, Feb. 6, brought out many local fishermen to catch the most pounds of fish. Fifty-four boats participated in the tournament despite a cold and windy date. The next tournament will be held on March 6. Pictured above, the team of Mike Jones and Justin Jones show 16.05 lbs. of fish but also hoped for biggest fish.

The team of John Hendry and Jim Menlin show some of 16.75 lbs. of fish as they hope to win.

Places through 10th record prize monies all presented by L.C. Fortner, chairman of deacons.



* First place - John Hendry and Jim Menlin with a total of 16.75 lbs. of fish. The team also took the prize for the second Big Fish at 5.35 lbs.

Second place presented to Mike Jones and Justin Jones for 16.05 lbs. of fish and for having the biggest fish of 6.06 lbs.

* Second place - Mike Jones and Justin Jones with 16.05 lbs.

* Third place -- Team Brian Honnerlaw and Brent McCarty 15.74 lbs.

* Fourth place -- Jim Harlock and Justin Schwier with 14.49 lbs.

* Fifth place -- John Supley and Scott Farren at 13.27 lbs.

* Sixth place -- the team of Bill Seitz and Al Willis with 12.47 lbs.

* Seventh place -- Jim Wright and Skip Purple with just under 12 lbs. at 11.99lbs.

* Eighth place -- Rich Stiglitz and Luke Joles with 11.57 lbs.

* Ninth place -- Don Van Dyke and Rick Buntenbach with 11.39 lbs.

* Tenth place -- Team Wise with Larry and Andrew as teammates. They brought in 11.21 lbs. of fish to finish out the tourney standings.



First place presented to John Hendry and Jim Merlin for most pounds of fish at 16.75 lbs. and also second place big fish of 5.35 lbs.

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First place!

First Place in the South Florida Fair Livestock Judging was an Okeechobee's team, The Chobee Cattle Kids. (left to right) Marshal Johnson, Jessica Humphrey, Sarah Davis and Allyson Trimble (High Point Individual).

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

February 8 & 9, 2010		Med #1	Steers	Hftrs	Small #1		
Cows		170-200	143-175	137-142	250-300	110-127	
Breaking	\$52.00 \$59.00	200-250	140-150	112-120	300-350	105-125 85-89	
Cutter	\$48.00 \$56.00	250-300	120-130	100-110	450-500	90-94	
Canner	\$35.00 \$45.00	300-350	116-125	95-104	We can't seem to shake this cold weather and now the snow storms have effected movement of calves to the west causing a \$3-\$5 drop in calf prices - still good but not as good as last week. Cows and bulls stay good with limited supply. D.L. Pearce, Okeechobee, topped the calf market with a high of \$1.75 bought by Reynolds Cattle. Grape Hammock, Lake Wales, topped the cow market with a high of \$61.50 bought by Brown Packing. Todd		
Bulls		350-400	108-120	92-100			
1000-1500	\$63.00 \$67.00	400-450	105-112	89-104			
1500-2000	\$60.00 \$69.00	450-500	100-105	96-104			
		550-600	92-100	80-90			
		600-650	89-94	80-83			
		Med #2	Steers	Hftrs			
Calves	Monday Tuesday	150-200	100-137	110-127			
Cows	224 987	200-250	110-127	100-110			
Str	87 522	250-300	110-127	83-100			
Hftrs	1 27	300-350	94-117	75-96			
Bulls	4 8	350-400	95-116	75-90			
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Total	381 1600						

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Breaking ground

Okeechobee County Commissioners and contractors took part in a ground-breaking ceremony at noon on Thursday, Feb. 11 for the county's new emergency operations center to be built next to Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue Station 1. Wielding shovels were, left to right, Jack Jamme, chief operating officer for Brooks and Freund, contractor for the project, Commissioner Ray Domer, Commission Chairman Clif Betts, Commissioner Noel Chandler, Commissioner Margaret Helton, Commissioner Joey Hoover and Ian Reeves, vice president of Architects Design Group, Inc., architect for the facility. In his remarks Commissioner Betts traced the history of emergency management in Okeechobee County from its beginnings in the mid 1960s as Civil Defense. "Gene was the leading proponent for building a new emergency operations center," he said of the late Gene O'Neill, who headed emergency operations from 1997 to 2008, and who served the county during Hurricanes Charley, Francis, Jeanne and Wilma. The building is supported by grant funding of over \$1.5 million dollars with matching funds of \$2.4 million from the county. The 12,500 square foot facility is designed to withstand a Category 5 hurricane. The sheriff will conduct 911 and dispatch operations out of this building 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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City code enforcement board imposes fines

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When they met Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, the City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board imposed fines in three cases.

Code enforcement officer Fred Sterling stated that the 14th Court property of Estalla Benitez was now in compliance so that case was not heard.

Dan Buchanan had been cited because of the condition of two separate properties. Mr. Sterling said that Mr. Buchanan was a repeat offender. The code enforcement officer said that Mr. Buchanan's property in the 800 block of N.W. Tenth Street had untended vegetation. He was given until March 1 clean up the property or face a fine of \$50 a day for every day of noncompliance.

Mr. Buchanan's second property, at 805 N.W. Ninth St., had been cited for a disabled vehicle and public nuisances. Mr. Sterling said there is an unsightly, unsafe structure

on the property and the overgrowth needs to be removed. Mr. Sterling said that in 2008 Mr. Buchanan had been cited for general cleaning and disabled vehicles on this same property. Since there was more work to be done on this property, Mr. Buchanan was given until March 18 to come into compliance or face a fine of \$50 a day for every day of noncompliance.

The last item on the agenda dealt with Herman and Shirley Murray who were cited because of the condition of a sign on their S.W. Second Street property. The top panel of the sign was missing. Mr. Sterling told the board that the building department had told the Murrays that the sign could be fixed by putting in opaque Plexiglas panels. It was noted that the sign stands in a vacant lot. The business that it once advertised is no longer there. The board gave the Murrays until March 8 to either remove or repair the sign or they would be fined \$25 a day for every day of noncompliance.

Fire guts camper, home

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

About \$17,500 in property damage was reported early Tuesday after a fire broke out at 5572 N.W. 30th Street, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue Lt. Robert Mears reported.

Fire crews responded just before 4 a.m. and found a Cobra Salem motor home fully involved with flame. The flames on the south end were near an adjacent home.

Fire crews worked quickly to protect the home and extinguished the trailer without incident, Mears said.

There were no injuries in the fire. The State Fire Marshall determined that the blaze was caused by an electrical short in the fuse box. About 1,000 gallons of water was used to extinguish the fire.

No one was in the camper when the fire broke out. The camper is owned by Laera Lisgida and the home is owned by Eddie Cruz, fire reports said.

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They were on the scene for approximately three hours.

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way to do any of this is to listen to people on the ground who are dealing with this every day and asking how we can be helpful statewide."

Some of that help will be aimed at finding ways to save lives. Lt. Gov. Kottkamp said six Floridians die every day from a prescription drug overdose. That number is five times as many deaths as from all illegal drugs combined.

He went on to say while some legislation dealing with the pill problem already has sponsors for the upcoming legislative session, the task force will also be making recommendations to lawmakers.

"We'll work with legislators (to control pill mills)," he said, "then the next step is to work with the Department of Health and medical professionals and place regulations so only legitimate businesses are opened."

And according to a detective with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force few, if any, of these pain management clinics are legitimate.

"I have a business card from one called Pain-B-Gone in Boca Raton," said the detective. "It has a bumble bee on it that's dressed in a tux with a cape."

"These places are a dime a dozen—they're popping up in strip malls," the detective added. "If I'm going to a doctor and he's in a strip mall between two other businesses—something just ain't right."

The local detective, who primarily works pill and doctor shopping cases, said the majority of people on whom he obtains warrants get their pills from clinics in Boca Raton, Fort Lauderdale, Palm Beach and farther south. And according to Lt. Gov. Kottkamp, South Florida pill mills are the top prescribers of illegal prescription drugs.

He said the illegal prescription drug of choice is oxycodone and that nearly all of the top 50 prescribers of oxycodone in the U.S. are located in Florida.

While the local task force detective is a seasoned investigator, he says many of these pill mills are something like he's never experienced.

"When I walk into one of these centers I make sure my badge is exposed and my gun is showing because I'm nervous. I normally don't go around armed, but these lobbies spook me," he said. "I see people 18 to 25 years of age that are ready to slit my throat

to get my wallet."

His investigations have also taught him that getting these pills is as easy as getting a hamburger from your favorite fast food drive through. He said "patients" show up at a pain clinic three to five in a car and they will have appointments at different clinics all day. "The doctors take them back one at a time and I've been told by some that some of these doctors just don't care, the detective continued. "They simply ask "what do you need today?"

And it's that cavalier attitude that is leading to increased deaths due to overdose, as well as millions of dollars of illegal pill sales in other states—primarily Kentucky and West Virginia.

Lt. Gov. Kottkamp said the number of drug overdose deaths in Florida went up 77 percent from 2003 to 2008.

Locally, the task force detective said at least seven people died of prescription drug overdose last year. While there may have been more, the detective knew of these deaths because an investigation into their use of pills was under way.

The detective also knows that the illegal sale of prescription pills has become a very big business—and it all starts in Florida.

The local detective said Florida pain management clinics are virtually "supplying" Kentucky and West Virginia with prescription pills to sell at the street level. People from these states spend several days visiting pill mills from the Keys to Palm Beach, said the task force detective.

"They can come out of here (Florida) with 10,000 pills. Around here they (oxycodone pills) are going for around \$15 each. The street price in Kentucky is \$40 a pill," the detective said.

Even though the street-level dealer has to pay for the doctor visits, the scripts and travel expenses, they are still "making a decent living," pointed out the detective.

As for what the state is doing to stop the flow of pills from Florida to other states, Lt. Gov. Kottkamp said he couldn't discuss "the nuts and bolts" of what's being done by law enforcement.

"Some of this we can't discuss," he said. "But we have undercover cops trying to bring down the operations of some of these pipelines from Kentucky."

The lieutenant governor went on to say that while he will oversee the new statewide task force the day-to-day operation will be under the guidance of Bruce Grant, who heads up the state's Office of Drug Control.

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- Feb. 25, 2010, 4 p.m. Request for Proposal meeting at the Freshman Campus Auditorium. Application forms available to be picked up at this meeting.
- April 13, 2010, 3 p.m. Submit proposals to Okeechobee County School Board, Room 304.
- May 4, 2010, Interview with RFP Selection Sub-Committee.
- June 10, 2010 Public Hearing regarding RFPs.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on **Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact City Administration at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.
 In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.
 by: James E. Kirk, Mayor
 Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk
 346278 ON 2/14/10

Public Notice
Notice of Hearing
Okeechobee County Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate
 The Okeechobee County Special Magistrate will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, located at 1728 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. For more information, contact Faye Huffman at the Planning and Development Department, 499 N.W. 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, (863) 824-3015.
 All interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at this public meeting. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Code Enforcement tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Department.
 Faye Huffman, Secretary to the
 Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
 346036 ON 2/12,14/10

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6	2	9	8	6	7	4	3	1
3	8	6	1	9	4	7	5	2
7	6	9	2	5	3	9	8	4
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2	6	1	4	3	8	5	7	9

ANSWER:

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OHS softball pitcher battles back from injury

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School Senior Katarina Suarez suffered through an injury plagued junior year but rehabbed her injury in the off season and is ready and raring to go for the 2010 Lady Brahms Softball squad.

Suarez said she has learned to appreciate her softball ability because last year she had to sit on the bench and think a lot. She realized that you shouldn't take anything for granted because it can be taken away from you at any time.

"The injury made me realize that I have a gift. I'm just glad it's done and over with and I can play now. It's like I never was injured," she said.

Suarez had to get a cortisone shot and had a lot of shoulder inflammation and was only able to pitch in two varsity games last year. She worked hard in the offseason and takes pride in the fact that she is a good role model for other players.

"I'm so excited because I know we have

a really good squad this year. We are going to go far," she added.

Suarez will share the load on the mound with younger pitchers Samantha Harrell and Courtney Wilson and some younger arms. She said she hopes to be a good role model and mentor for the younger girls.

"I just try to do the best that I can and hope that it works out. The girls look up to me and count on me to do the right thing whether it be fielding, pitching, or hitting. I don't want to let anybody down," she said.

Suarez said the entire team is ready for all of their district opponents, especially Sun-coast and Jensen Beach who beat Okeechobee last year.

She said the team has jelled off the field because the girls have played together for a long time and get along well. She added she feels her rehab and hard work has made her a better pitcher. "I feel like I've improved a lot since my injury. I'm just ready to show everybody that I'm back and that I can do it. I haven't played in Okeechobee so fans here haven't had the opportunity to see me in a long time," she added.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Emily McCullough will be penciled in in the lineup every day as a starting outfielder.



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Katarina Suarez worked all year to come back from a shoulder injury.

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