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Landfill in running for soil from turnpike

State must dispose of 147 tons of contaminated soil

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Waste Management Landfill and the Omni landfill in Holopaw are in competition for 147 tons of contaminated soil that will be generated by the Florida Turnpike Enterprise in the next few years.

The Turnpike is renovating and rebuilding eight service plazas and in the process will be digging up dirt contaminated with petroleum and other fuels.

Turnpike Spokesperson Christa Deason said there is no date set to make a decision on which landfill will receive the soil. "We are waiting to here from them."

Deason said the tipping fee and the price of delivery of the soil will be key factors for the Turnpike when they make the decision.

Okeechobee County Solid Waste Director Russell Rowland

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At the fair ...

The Okeechobee County Fair continues through Sunday at the Agri-Civic Center. For more on the fair and livestock show

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Man drowns when car goes in canal

25-year-old was former OHS basketall player

By Charles M. Murphy
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A former Brahman basketball player who still holds some school records, tragically died in a single vehicle crash Wednesday night, the Florida Highway Patrol reported.

Andre Wigfall, 25, remembered as a tall 6'6" young man with a broad smile, was a talented athlete according to his former Coach Jon Enrico. Wigfall had the school records for blocked shots in a game, 10 against Lincoln Park during a game in 2003, and in a season, 150 during the 2003 season.

Okeechobee reached the regional tournament for the first time in several seasons during

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Buckets of hope: Local churches helping Haiti

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Local churches are taking part in an economical, practical relief effort to help the people of Haiti. For about $30 they can feed a Haitian family for a week and the container that the food comes in is almost as valuable to the Haitians as the food.

Local Baptist Churches are joining other Baptist Churches across the state and across the country in filling "Buckets of Hope," five gallon plastic buckets that are filled with staple grocery items.

Each bucket contains two five-pound bags of rice, one 48-ounce plastic bottle of cooking oil, two two-pound bags of dry black

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said the soil is perfectly safe and will be no threat to the environment. He said the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has stringent rules for the proper disposal of materials.

Highlands County recently voted against accepting the material. Some residents there questioned whether the soil was safe. Rowland said he believed that landfill wanted to use the soil for daily cover. If delivered to Okeechobee, it would be deposited under ground and not exposed.

"We hope to get the material because it would be added revenue," he added.

Waste Management Landfill Spokesman Tony Bishop said last month that the landfill was interested but that there was no deadline to put in a bid. He agreed the material would be a great revenue generator for the landfill. Okeechobee County receives a percentage of the tipping fees collected at the landfill.

Deason said she didn't understand the uproar in Highlands County. She said every gas station in Florida has to replace their underground storage tanks and a lot of soil being sent to landfills has petroleum and other fuels mixed with it.

"Basically, it's the same thing that goes on at all the gas stations around the state. They must replace their below-ground tanks and make sure they're taken care of. It's actually pretty common. This kind of thing goes on at landfills all over the state. It's really not that unusual."

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Wigfall's senior year.

"He had a lot of potential. He was a heck of an athlete," Coach Enrico remembered, "I'm shocked by this. He was a really good player and he really turned around his career during his senior year."

Enrico instituted a zero tolerance policy that players who got in trouble were off the team for the 2002-2003 season and the policy apparently helped Wigfall turn around his career. Wigfall had missed 75 days of school during his junior year but did a much better job in school and on the court as a senior.

"This is a crying shame," Enrico added.

The FHP press release said Wigfall was driving west bound on State Road 78 West near SW 16th Way when his vehicle, a 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, somehow went out of control. The vehicle left the road, entered a canal, and overturned in about four feet of water.

Wigfall, who was not wearing a seat belt, apparently was not able to exit the vehicle, Trooper Derrick Rahming said.

A passenger in the vehicle, Codeine Wigfall, 21, of Okeechobee, suffered minor injuries and was taken to Raulerson Hospital for treatment.

Fair continues

The Okeechobee County Fair opened last weekend at the Agri-Civic Center with the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday. Fair activities continue this week with the 4-H and FFA Youth Livestock Show and Sale.

Throughout the fair, entertainment will include the Kandu Magic Show, Pig Races and the Motor World Display. Local arts and crafts will also be on display and local businesses and organizations will have booths in the exhibition area.

Weekdays, the fair opens at 5 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, the fair opens at noon. Gate admission to the fair is $5, but there are many discounts available.

On Friday, March 19, the steer show is at 3 p.m. The beef breeding show will follow. A concert by Timmy Bast starts at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, March 20, the Beef Grooming Show is at 9 a.m. The mounted equestrian drill team competition is at noon. The youth livestock show starts at 2 p.m. with beef breeding, swine, dairy and steer events. Timmy Bast will be in concert.

Sunday, March 21 is family day at the races. Tickets to the Demolition Derby include gate admission. Derby tickets are $10; children under the age of 6 are admitted free. The Demolition Derby starts at 4 p.m. Midway ride all-day armbands are $20 on weekdays and Sundays; $25 on Saturdays.

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We are pleased that it will be staffed by Okeechobians for the care of fellow citizens of our community.

We need your help in this historic event.

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The Assisted Living Facility needs a suitable name which reflects our heritage.

Please submit your choice of names in our suggestion box located at the Chamber of Commerce building at 55 South Parrott Ave, between the hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm starting March 19, 2010 - March 31, 2010

Ms. Mabel Williamson, one of our oldest, most beloved and admired residents will announce the winning name of the new facility. The winners name will be accounced on April 7, 2010 and will receive $300.00 for their winning entry.

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).

• Jesse Lyng, Okeechobee, was arrested March 9 in Broward County on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with two counts of failure to appear in drug court. He is being held without bond.

• Julio Pino, 40, N.W. 13th St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 9,on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of community control for sale of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

• Diane Pino, 41, N.W. Second St. was arrested March 10 by Deputy Sergeant Robert Coleman on a felony charge of burglary to a conveyance and a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. His bond was set at $3,000.

• Kevin Whipple, 32, N.W. 39th Terrace, was arrested March 10 by Deputy Marcus Collier on charges of burglary of a dwelling, theft and trespass after warning. His bond was set at $3,500.

• John Varricchio, 44, N.W. Center St., was arrested March 10 by Deputy Marcus Collier on a Highlands County warrant charging him with aggravated stalking and criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

• Troy Steven Harmon, 43, S.E. 18th Court, was arrested March 11 by Deputy Greg Popovich at the Levy County Jail on a charge of aggravated battery. His bond was set at $50,000.

• Chancy Leola Vines, 30, N.W. 80th Ave., was arrested March 10 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of cocaine and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Her bond was set at $6,000.

• Curtis Smith, 21, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested March 10 by Deputy Paul Jackson on charges of burglary of a conveyance and grand theft. His bond was set at $3,500.

• James David Gruber, 20, N.W. 36th St., was arrested March 11 by Detective William Suggs on charges of criminal use of personal identification information (five counts) and petit theft (three counts). His bond was set at $26,500.

• Hinacio Bernal Guerrero, 37, S.E. 63rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 12 by Deputy Tami Serafini on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with aggravated stalking. His bond was set at $25,000.

• James Gruber, 20, S.E. 49th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested March 12 by Deputy Tami Serafini on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Adan Lara Estrella, 36, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 12 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on charges of driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a traffic crash with damage and no valid driver's license. His bond was set at $1,100.

• Randy G. Whaley, 32, N.W. 98th St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Cari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft (three counts), violation of probation - forgery and violation of probation - fraudulent use of a credit card. He is being held without bond.

• Nancy Ann Smith, 61, S.W. 22nd Circle North, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy John Ashby on a charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at $500.

• Enrique Olivares, 28, N.W. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Lieutenant K.J. Ammons on charges of driving under the influence and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at $1,000.

• Michael P. Brantley, 45, N.E. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Corporal Chris Hans on a charge of grand theft. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Hernando Gonzalo Caal, 22, S.E. 74th Way, Okeechobee, was arrested March 13 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a charge of aggravated assault. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Juilo Rodriguez, 18, N.E. 24th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested March 14 by Deputy Steven McKinley on felony charges of burglary, theft and criminal mischief. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. His bond was set at $5,500.

• Carlos Velasquez, 29, N.W. Third St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 14 by Deputy Tami Serafini on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• William Joseph Daley, 47, S.E. 56th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested March 16 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear - possession of oxycodone and the misdemeanors of failure to appear - giving a false name or false identification while arrested, failure to appear - possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear - possession of marijuana under 20 grams. He is being held without bond.

• Timothy Lewis McLaughlin, 42, U.S. 441 N., Okeechobee, was arrested March 16 by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish on a warrant charging him with capital sexual battery (two counts). He is being held without bond.

• Zachary Scott Voss, 16, Okeechobee, was arrested March 17 by Special Investigator Dale LaFlam on felony charges of armed burglary of a conveyance and grand theft - firearm. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

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

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WHO IS GOING TO KISS THE PIG?

Saturday, March 20

Kiss the Pig participants this year:

• **Mr. Mac** (Animal Science Teacher OHS)
• **Mr. Downing** Dean OHS
• **Matt Pearce** Local rancher/ Pres. Livestock Show Committee
• **Gary Ridder** SFWMD Service Director

Donations Jars available at Okeechobee Livestock Market, Walpole Feed, Okeechobee Feed & Country Feed

Booth Set Up at Okeechobee County Fair

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Public Forum/Speak Out

Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Parrott Avenue closing

• I see where the railroad crossing on North Parrott is to be closed March 25-31. The sign says to use alternative routes. I hope they have detour signs to show where these routes are as people not familiar with Okeechobee will not know where to go. Also this is going to pose a problem for the school buses that go that way every day to the high school. Also emergency vehicles have to cross the tracks. I think it would better to close one side off and have traffic funneled into two lanes—one North and one South.

23 pounds of meth

• 23 pounds, that must be some county record isn't it?

• Lets see—pulled over for, let's say speeding: fine $50. Letting Widget sniff your car with 23 pounds of meth in it ... PRICELESS. Way to go Widget, my man, keep up the good work.

• I am so THRILLED by this. It's a HUGE bust for the county, but more important it's off the street and out of the hands of our kids.

• When you think about how many lives that nearly 23 pounds of meth could have ruined, it is alarming. The sheriff's office deserves our thanks and our support in helping them get these drugs out of our community.

Business signs

• Every business in the city has been closely monitored. No signs are allowed anywhere except directly in front of your business, not in flower beds, not in any other parking lots, nowhere.

• In truth, the only thing I ever seen wrong with a sign was that it would block my view and I would not be able to see to pull out into traffic, or it would hide a person about to step out into traffic. The only law needed was not to restrict sight law, nothing else.

• I think there are far more important things to worry about than a sign. How about all the junk cars in the front yard with no tag? How about chickens running all over the neighborhood and goats in the back yard?

Do you know where your dollar is?

• I see they are cutting money for the library. Many cuts have been made, but the ones I want to see. I really want to see all government checks cut. If people on Social Security can live on $700 a month I see no reason that a government employee should be paid any more.

• Are you proposing that someone working for a living as a government employee should not be paid any more than someone sitting at home and collecting a monthly check?

Teen accused of shooting at vehicle

• Personally I wasn't at the scene of the fight but if those kids in the truck came out there looking for a fight, I believe they have every single right to be shot at. Or at least need a good whooping. You can't jump one person with five other people. That's ridiculous. I think the other kids need to get in trouble, not the one with the gun. He was just making sure nobody tried anything.

• Unfortunately we cannot take the law into our own hands. The other kids should be in some kind of trouble. When is deadly force authorized? At what point is it self defense? We as a society cannot just pull out a gun and start shooting at people whenever we feel fit. In the same breath we can't just go around beating people up either for the fun of it. It's a tough call. If the boy hadn't fired that gun at the aggressors, would we be reading about the boys that drove to Ft. Drum and beat a kid up that is now fighting for his life in a hospital somewhere? We will never know because the situation went the other way. I feel ALL involved should pay some sort of consequence.

Laws governing pets

• I don't understand why we can't have a low cost spay/neuter program. Why is it not important to our county commissioners. I don't sleep well at night with visions of so many unwanted animals being put down. It's awful to think about..

Letters to the editor

Women of Tomorrow say Thank you Okeechobee!

On March 6, the Women of Tomorrow Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) hosted their Annual Oldies Dinner Dance and it was an exceptional event! For the third year in a row, the organization held the affair at the Okeechobee KOA as a fundraiser to provide scholarships for high school seniors pursuing a career in the field of business and to mature women who are trying to further their education or enhance their business skills. This well-attended evening of good food provided by Beef O'Bradys & music of the Nightlife band was a huge success thanks to several individuals and businesses that supported the organization's efforts.

We are especially grateful for the In-Kind donations from Little Debbie's Snacks/Hyde Distributing, J & J Snacks Drinks & Vending, The Pennysaver, Okeechobee The Magazine, Tree Locators, Okeechobee News, WOKC 1570 AM/100.9 FM and Bridgette Waldau Studio of Graphic Design.

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A sincere "Thank You" to all who participated and we look forward to another great party next year!

Kathleen Shatto
Event Coordinator

Special to the Okeechobee News

Lunch time concerts

The March 12, "Let's Do Lunch" concert at Church for our Saviour Episcopal Church. 20 N.W. Third St., included Aerik Nagle on guitar and Kevin Kinnaird on piano. The concert featured members of the teaching staff of Okeechobee Music performing classical works. The concert series continues on Fridays through March 26, from 12:10 and features a wide variety of music from Broadway to Sacred Music and contemporary works. A brown bag lunch will be available after the concert to enjoy in the hall or take with you. Admission is free with a suggested donation of $5 with brown bag lunch.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Calm wind becoming north northwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 5-4-6; **Play 4:** 9-6-7-4; **Fantasy 5:** 4-13-20-27-36; **Mega Money:** 3-5-22-39 MB 17; **Florida Lotto**: 8-10-18-21-31-40 X 4; **Powerball:** 24-26-45-48-55 PB8 x2. Numbers drawn Thursday, **Cash 3:** 8-9-9; **Play 4:** 6-4-4-1.

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Community Events

FFA Chapter has 'Kiss the Pig' competition

The Okeechobee Brahman FFA Chapter is holding their annual, "Kiss the Pig" competition. The participants will be Mr. Mac, Animal Science teacher at OHS; Matt Pearce, local rancher and President of the Livestock Show committee; Mr. Downing, Dean at OHS and Gary Ridder, South Florida Water Management District Service Center Director. If you want to see any of the contestants "Kiss the Pig," donation jars will be located at the following businesses: Okeechobee Livestock Market, Walpole Feed, Okeechobee Feed and Country Feed. The person with the most donations will Kiss the Pig at the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show and Sale on Saturday, March 20. There will be a booth at the sale for last minute donation from 2 until 9 p.m.

Arnold's hosts 'Starry Night' fundraiser event

Explore the dark night sky on Saturday, **March 20**, at Arnold Wildlife Rehab Center, 14895 N.W. 30th Terrace, with Christopher Stephan. Mr. Stephan has been an amateur astronomer for over 30 years. He will teach you fun facts about the Milky Way galaxy including constellations, planets and the moon. An added treat - watch the rehabilitated panthers, bobcats and owls on the prowl in their cages! For information and reservations: contact Sue Arnold at suearnold@hughes.net or 863-634-6804. The program will be canceled if it is a rainy night. Tickets are $10 per person or $20 for a family. RV campers welcome (call for rates). It is a primitive camping site with no electric or water hook up. Please bring your own flashlights. There will be telescopes set up for observing the night sky. For more information check online @ http://www.arnoldswildlife.org/stargazing.htm Arnold's Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is at 14895 N.W. 30th Terrace, Okeechobee.

Church sponsors smoked chicken dinner

United Methodist Men of **First United Methodist Church**, 200 N.W. Second St., will be selling smoked chicken dinners on Friday, **March 19,** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be take out only with delivery available for 10 or more dinners. From 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. it will be dine in or take out. The menu consists of one quarter chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert for a $6 donation. Tickets are available at the church office or you may fax your order to 863-763-2481 by 10:30 a.m. Thursday. Please include contact name, phone number and address to deliver dinners.

Eagles to hold steak night

The Fraternal Order of Eagles at 9985 Hwy. 441 North, will hold a Steak Night on Friday, **March 19**, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Steak dinners include steak, salad, baked potato or sweet potato, garlic bread and dessert for $12. Live entertainment by Michael from 7–11 p.m.

Amateur radio operators at the fair

Interested in amateur radio? The Okeechobee amateur radio operators club has a booth at the Okeechobee County Fair. Stop by to find out more.

Yard sale to benefit KidCare Camp

It's time for the annual KOA Kid Care Camp yard sale to benefit local kids with Cancer. The event will take place on Saturday, **March 20**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Good Spirits Lounge, 245 Hwy. 441 S.E. - Rain or Shine! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off prior to yard sale at Good Spirits. KOA Care Camp is for children with Cancer. Be there and show you care!

Lip Sync Show planned

The Okeechobee Moose Lodge will host the Okeechobee Lip Sync Group music and comedy show on Saturday, **March 20** from 1 until 3 p.m. at the Okeechobee Moose Lodge on N.W. 36th Street, Okeechobee. Parking is free and membership is not required. Kitchen will be open. For more information, please call 863-447-5520.

Church to host bake sale

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave., will have a bake sale on Saturday, **March 20** from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be cakes, pies, cookies, fresh baked bread, brownies and cupcakes.

Farm Bureau to host scholarship BBQ

Okeechobee County Farm Bureau will host the 28th Annual Young Farmers and Ranchers Scholarship Barbecue on Saturday, **March 20**, at the Agri-Civic Center. Join us for our barbecue starting at 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tickets for the barbecue are just $10 each with all proceeds to benefit the Young Farmers and Ranchers Scholarship Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the Farm Bureau Office and also at the 4-H concession stand March 15th–19th and on the day of the BBQ. For more information call 863-763-3101.

BHR Moose Lodge hosts Spring Craft Fair

Join the festivities on **March 20**, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge, Hwy. 78. Many new crafters and artists are invited for this year's event. Reservations are being taken now for both indoor and outdoor tent space. Food will be available in the Crafters Cafe. For more information call Bonnie at 863-357-1556.

Embroidery group to meet

If you have an embroidery machine, plan to buy one or are just interested in the concept, please join us at our next meeting. It will be held on Saturday, **March 20**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Red Cross classroom, 323 N. Parrott Avenue. This month we will be doing an "in-the-hoop" coin purse project. For further information, please call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.

SAL to hold steak dinner

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor their monthly ribeye steak dinner on Sunday, **March 21**, from 3–6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64 at 501 S.E. 2nd Street. Dinner includes steak cooked to order by Dan Hood, baked 'tater, salad, roll and butter, dessert, iced tea and coffee. Live entertainment by Jim Elder. The public is welcome. Donation—$12.

Eagles' Ladies Auxiliary to host breakfast

On **March 21**, the Ladies Auxiliary for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, #4137 will host Sunday morning breakfast, from 9–11 a.m. and a $5 donation. Location: 9985 Hwy. 441 North.

OKMS Mixer date set

Okeechobee Main Street March Mixer will be held on Tuesday, **March 23**, from 5–7 p.m. This month's mixer will be co-hosted by the American Red Cross and the Pier II Resort and will be held at the Pier II Resort on Hwy 441 S.E. Our mixers are a great networking opportunity for the businesses and residents of our area. Whether you have a new or old business, new to Okeechobee or would like to know more about Okeechobee Main Street please join us for networking, refreshments, door prizes and a chance at the Mega 50-50. For more information call 863-357-MAIN (6246).

CCC meeting planned

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **March 23**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office. We will hold an Expo debriefing meeting prior to the CCC at 9 a.m. Agenda: survey results, what worked, what didn't work and plans for next year.

OMS to participate in Tobacco Free project

On March 24, thousands of youth in every state and around the world will stand out, speak up and seize control against big tobacco. On Tuesday, **March 23**, Osceola Middle School SWAT Club and Okeechobee High School SWAT Club will both hold events at their school to promote being Tobacco Free!

Library plans book sale

Friends of the Okeechobee Library are holding their semi-annual book sale and fund-raiser on Thursday, **March 25**, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, March 26, from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Books, videos, and DVDs will be sold for a dollar a pound except on Saturday when a bag of books is $2 and a box is $5. For more information please call the library at 863-763-3536.

Foster and adoption classes held locally

Hibiscus Children's Centers Foster Care Program provides recruitment, licensing, and re-licensing of foster and adoptive parents for Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Indian River Counties. For information please call 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415. Classes will now be offered in Okeechobee at the First Baptist Church on Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. beginning **March 27**-May 1. For information or to register, please call 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415.

Guest speaker joins tobacco-free campaign

Victor J. DeNoble, Ph.D. was recruited to develop a safer cigarette for Philip Morris in the 1980s. In his secret research laboratory, he studied nicotine's effects on the central nervous system and was successful in developing a nicotine substitute that did not elevate the heart rate; however, attempts to publish his work were suppressed by Philip Morris. Dr. DeNoble was eventually fired and his laboratory was seized. After a decade of being silenced) by a secrecy agreement, he became the first whistle blower to testify before Congress and was a key witness in the federal government's investigation into the tobacco industry's research practices. Dr. DeNoble will speak on Tuesday, **April 20**, at 6 p.m., at the Freshman Campus Auditorium, 610 S.W. Second Avenue.

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Obituaries

Agnes Irene Jumper, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Agnes Irene Jumper, age 71, of Okeechobee, died Monday, March 15, 2010, at Palms West Hospital, Loxahatchee.

Mrs. Jumper was born Aug. 23, 1938, in Brighton, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Osceola) Huff, Sr.

She was employed as a Head Cook working for the Seminole Tribe of Florida for 20 years.

She is survived by two daughters, Claudia Olivarez, and Joyce Piz; one son, Roy Jumper; sister, Josephina Villa; two brothers, John Huff, Frank Huff Jr.; grandchildren, Thomasine Jumper, Pamela J. Snell, Codene Shine Jumper, Cordey Jumper, Christopher Olivarez, Caitlyn Olivarez; great-grandchildren, Rachel Jumper, Myrick Puente, Deliah Carrillo, Tavis Jumper, Delance Carrillo, Davin Carrillo, Corey Jumper, Luzana Venzor, Keira Snell, and Cordelia Snell; step-great-grandchildren, Bruce Snell, Jr., Demitruis Snell, Tamarian Snell, and Brianna Snell.

Preceded by her husband, Billie Hank Jumper; sons, Cordell Jumper, and James Jumper; brothers, Stanley Huff, and Roy Huff; and grandchildren, Corey Jumper, Cordell Jumper, Jr., and B.J. Olivarez.

Funeral services celebrating Agnes' life will be held Thursday, March 18, 2010 in First Indian Baptist Church on the Brighton Reservation, where visitation will be on hour before services. Interment will be in Ortona Cemetery in Moore Haven. Arrangements were handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston.

Anthony James and Timothy Howard Little

OKEECHOBEE — Anthony James and Timothy Howard Little, identical twin infant boys, peacefully passed away March 14, 2010 in Sebring at Highlands Regional.

Anthony and Timothy are survived by their parents, Justin H. Little and Tiffany Grossman. The maternal survivors include grandparents, Nana Patricia Hayes and Poppop David Grossman; great grandmas, Jane Stephens, Joyce Hayes and Sheri Hayes; great grandpa, Robert Hayes and uncles, Joshua, Jeremy and Teddy Grossman.

Paternal survivors include Grammie, Cheryl Little, paternal Papa, Kenneth Little; great grandparents, Jack and Vicki Lawrence and Howard and Elaine Little; great great grandparents, Robert and Sunny; great great grandparents, Tex and Arlys Little; aunts, Brittni and Bonnie Little.

Many great aunts and uncles, cousins and many friends also survived Anthony and Timothy.

Graveside funeral services will be held 10 a.m. today, March 19, 2010, at Evergreen Cemetery with Pastor Sam Vuleta officiating.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd ST, Okeechobee, Fl 34972.

Owen Ellis Cossaboon, 88

OKEECHOBEE — Owen Ellis Cossaboon, age 88, of Okeechobee, passed away March 4, 2010, at Okeechobee Health Care Facility. Born July 1, 1921, in Hammonton, N.J., he came to Okeechobee in 1980.

Before he retired he was a garage door installer. Mr. Cossaboon proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during WWII in the 12th Corps Artillery. He loved to read his bible. He was an avid painter, loved to play Bingo, enjoyed gardening, woodworking and he loved his dog, Goliath. He was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Cossaboon was preceded in death by his wife, Hildagarde. He is survived by his daughter, Sharon (Michael) Casteel of Okeechobee; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial gathering will be 2 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.Friendsmaysigntheguestbookatwww.bassokeechobeefh.com.

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Gladys M. Vaughn, 87

PALMDALE — Gladys M. Vaughn, age 87, of Palmdale, passed away March 13, 2010, at Lake Placid Health Care Center.

Born April 26, 1922, in Okeechobee to John and Ada Lowe, she moved to Palmdale in June 2009. She attended the Church of God and she loved sewing and quilting.

Mrs. Vaughn is survived by her son, James D. Vaughn of Okeechobee; daughter, Tonya Sellers of Palmdale; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2010 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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Bill Shawfield, 70

OKEECHOBEE — Bill Shawfield, age 70, of Okeechobee, passed away March 17, 2010, at his home.

Born April 19, 1939, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Joseph William and Aileen Shawfield he came to Okeechobee from Stuart in 1986. He was the former owner of the Canvas Shop. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. He loved his motorcycle and English Bulldogs.

Mr. Shawfield is survived by his wife, Karla Shawfield of Okeechobee; two sons, Andy Shawfield of Ft. Lauderdale and Joe Shawfield of Oviedo; daughter, Jennifer Shawfield of Palm City; eight grandchildren and sister, Linda Taylor of Palm City.

Gathering will be 3 p.m. until memorial services at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010, at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee with Pastor Randy Huckabee officiating. Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

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Juana Arocho, 76

OKEECHOBEE — Juana Arocho, 76, died March 13, 2010, in Okeechobee.

Juana was born in Puerto Rico and was a resident of Avon Park for 33 years, coming from Puerto Rico. She was a seamstress, enjoyed dancing and was an active Catholic Church member in Avon Park.

Survivors include her sons, Junior Arocho of Okeechobee, and Tyrone Arocho of Avon Park; daughters, Evie Cabrera of Okeechobee, and Ellie Hicks of Lakeland; companion, Rafael Cortez of Avon Park; four brothers, five sisters; six grandchildren, Tony Santiago, Chimo Santiago, Jessica Hicks, Eleana Arocho, Joshua Arocho and Karina Arocho; and six great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be 3 p.m., Sunday, March 21, at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 18387 Hwy 441 North, Okeechobee.

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

Online condolences may be expressed at www.haisleyfuneralhome.com.

Deborah K. Carrato, 48

HIALEAH — Deborah K. Carrato, age 48, of Hialeah, passed away March 16, 2010, in North Miami. She was born March 20, 1961. She was a born-again Christian.

Ms. Carrato is survived by her mother and stepfather, Sandra and Angelo Pirre of Okeechobee; father, Lee Carrato; and stepmother, Ann Wall; daughters, Mandy, Jamie and Shane`e; grandson, Jordan; sister, Jo Ann Hensley of Nocomis; brother, Michael Carrato of Miami, Robert Carrato of Hollywood; nephew, Lee, nieces, Brandy, Heather and Sabrina.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Lavon Whitaker.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobeefh.com.

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Vickie Guyton, 43

OKEECHOBEE — Mrs. Vickie Guyton 43, of Okeechobee, passed away on Sunday, March 14, 2010.

Mrs. Guyton is survived by her loving husband; Jimmie Guyton; three children, Sherrena Guyton, Tikeem Guyton, and Viveca Guyton; and a nephew she rised as her own, Zahn Cunnigham; father, Moses Parker; one sister, Tia Walker; three brothers, Scharder Jackson, Xavier Parker, and Alexis Parker.

The Celebration of life lived for Mrs. Guyton will be 11 a.m., Saturday, March 20, at Glades County Auditorium "Moore Haven High School," 600 Ave., Moore Haven. The Interment will be held Sunday, March 21, 2010 in the Chiefland Community Cemetery, Chiefland. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, March 19, at Richie Building, 401 Terrier Pride, Moore Haven.

Services are under the direction of Carnegie Funeral Home, 217 SE 4th Ave., Chiefland.

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.

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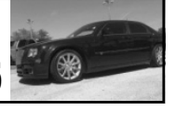

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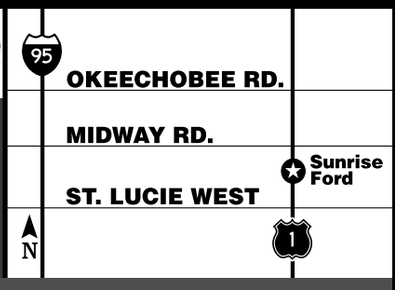

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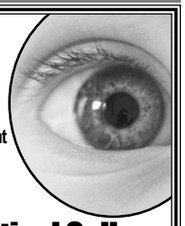

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Kiwanis Club welcomes special guest speaker

The Okeechobee Kiwanis Club welcomed a special guest speaker to their regular Thursday meeting. Club member, Judge Jerry Bryant asked Kiwanis members to join him in welcoming Dr. Ed Petuch, a Paleontologist as well as an expert in a number of other scientific fields of study.

During the introduction of his guest, Judge Bryant detailed the lengthy background of Dr. Petuch including having a bachelor of science and Master of Science in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He also obtained his training as a limnologist (study of freshwater lakes and bodies of water) from the same institution.

Judge Bryant continued by telling the group the Dr. Petuch's education included a PhD in Oceanography from the University of Miami (Roseenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

Finally, after completing this PhD, Dr. Petuch received two National Science Foundation Postdoctoral fellowships and spent three years in advanced research in the Dept. of Paleobiology at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. and also at the University of Maryland. His teaching credentials include a position at Florida International University in Miami and his current position at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, as a professor for the past 23 years.

Judge Bryant explained that for the past 30 years, Dr. Petuch's research has been concentrated on the origin of the Everglades and the unique fossils associated with it. He continued telling the group that his research has taken him to 47 countries on 6 continents. In Dr. Petuch's visit, he told Kiwanis Club members about the more than 1,000 new specials of fossil and living mollusks discovered in the region. Club members viewed and enjoyed a very informative video program on the many, many types of fossils and living organisms found by him in his studies.

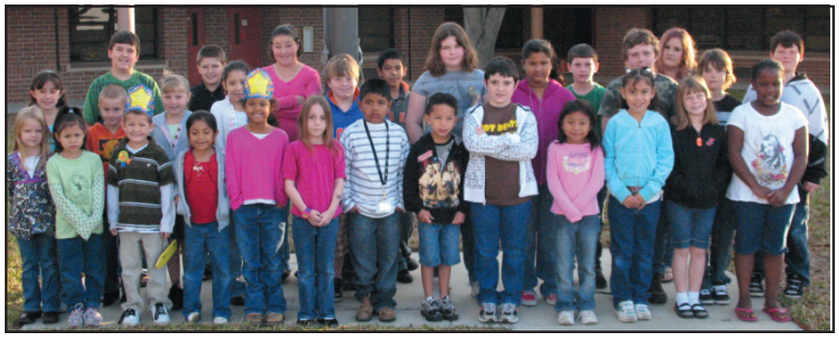
Kiwanis Club members learned that Dr. Petuch's long list of accomplishments include his 12 books written and 150 scientific papers. The books number many regarding subjects including Geology of the Florida Keys and Everglades; Oceanographic topics and those discussing living organisms in the Chesapeake area and also of those found in Okeechobee County at the Ft. Drum Crystal Mine. Another book entitled, "A Field Guide to Florida's Hidden Beauty" was also listed to his credit.

Kiwanis members discovered that Dr. Petuch is well known by many fossil collectors and well-respected in the Paleobiology and Geology communities.

Judge Bryant uncovered yet another of Dr. Petuch's talents during his background research - he discovered that his guest is also an accomplished musician entertaining local members of the Okeechobee community as recently as this past Thanksgiving at the Church of Our Saviour in Okeechobee.

Okeechobee News/**Diana Whitehall**

The Thursday, March 11, Kiwanis meeting in Okeechobee included special guest speaker, Dr. Edward J. Petuch, Professor at Florida Atlantic University (center). The guest speaker was presented by club member, Judge Jerry Bryant (right). Club President, Jim Vensel, at left.



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Students of the Week

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of March 15-19, include: kindergarten students, Payton Pritchard, Julianna Sontai-Perez, Cameron Howling, Jacklin Hernandez; first graders Jalyn Garcia, Kayla Dickhart, Abraham Torres, Darrien Bronson; second grade students, Kolby Yingling, Diana Rivera, Yuri Hernandez, Shelby Haaka, Janiyah Epps, Emily Barnes; third graders, Jacob Palm, Macy Collier, Maira Crespin, Kevin Townsend, Reece Agnew, Carolina Trejo; fourth grade students, Travis Hayes, Carter Kassella, Zachery Arcuri, Mitchell Johnson, Jason Moore; fifth graders, Makayla Dickey, Joel Contreras, Dominic Campbell, Alise Geary. Congratulations! to our many outstanding students.

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March of Dimes collections

Mr. Stuart's high school class was celebrated for being the top earners in the March of Dimes collection for New Endeavor High School.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**NEHS**

Students of the Month

New Endeavor School Students of the Month selected for the month of February included: (from left to right) Michael Hawthorne, Juan Valdez, Andrew Jackson III, Aaron Hill. In the back row are: Ms. Mullins, Nellie Ruiz, Eric Kelly, Cynthia Leon, Dali Cortez, Mr. Weigum/Principal (Not pictured: Charles Lomneck).

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Jobless rate at 13.9 percent

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The State unemployment rate increased at the same rate as Okeechobee County's rate in January, 6-tenths of a point. The state level was 12.2 percent in January while Okeechobee's stood at 13.9 percent.

The monthly report from the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program, showed 2,583 residents were out of work in Okeechobee County. That compared to 13.3 percent and 2,427 who were out of work in December 2009.

The rate in January 2009 stood at 10.7 percent with 1,924 people out of work in Okeechobee.

Glades County had a rate of 11.9 percent in January, with 534 people out of work. That compared to a rate of 10.7 percent in December, 2009, when 477 people were out of work. The rate in January, 2009 was 8.2 percent when 383 people were out of work.

Around the Big Lake Region, Hendry County had 14.9 percent unemployment, Martin 13.6 percent, Palm Beach County 12.5 percent, St. Lucie 14.9 percent, and Highlands County, 12.3 percent. The highest unemployment rate was found in Hernando County in Brooksville with 15.7 percent.

Liberty County had the lowest rate at 7.5 percent. The national rate rose nearly 1 percent in January to 10.6 percent.

IRSC to host 'Cash for College' event

Get financial aid assistance information

Need money for college? Cash for College at Indian River State College is a one-day event to help new and returning students get money for college. Held onv Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. at IRSC campuses across the Treasure Coast, the event is designed to help college-bound individuals of any age to apply for financial aid to continue their education. Those attending the event will get no-cost professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Attendees should bring their 2009 tax return if possible, along with W2 forms. Parents should accompany dependent students and bring their tax return.

Cash for College will be held at the IRSC Main Campus, Crews Hall/Building W, corner of 35th Street and Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce; St. Lucie West Campus, Schreiber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd, Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, Johnson Auditorium/C Building, 2400 SE Salerno Road, Stuart; Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach and Dixon Hendry Campus, Room B-111, 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue, Okeechobee.

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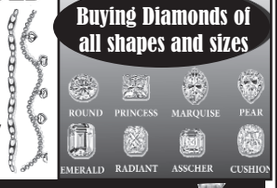

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Paintings stolen from the art show

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Church helps provide Hope for Haiti

Three members of Brighton Baptist Church are part of a 15-member Hope for Haiti Team that departed Miami Monday morning, March 15 on a 16-day mission to Bayonnais, Haiti. Brighton's Verna Smith is coordinating the team, led by Rev. Yvan Pierre of Kissimmee, director of International Christian Development Mission. Other team members from Brighton are Phil Smith and Marlene K. Whitlatch. The rest of the team members come from Orlando, Jacksonville, Georgia, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Indiana.

Brighton Baptist Church has raised over $6,000 in donations to provide food for the people of Bayonnais and are supporting the team with a 24-hour prayer vigil.

All fifteen team members will eat and sleep in the House of Hope, a building with two indoor and one outdoor bathroom with cold running water and a kitchen with one cold-water faucet. Still, they will have better accommodations than most people in Bayonnais. The impoverished rural area, a day's journey north of Port-au-Prince, has seen a large influx of people returning from the capital to find shelter following the earthquake. People who could barely find enough food for their own families now have to feed and shelter twice as many.

Rick Thomas, MD, and nurses Bev Garside and Shannon Bottiger will team with Haitian medical and nursing students to conduct an 11-day free medical clinic. They expect to see and treat all 530 students of ICDM's school in Bayonnais, plus teachers, staff, parents, babies, pregnant women, and other patients needing urgent attention.

Dr. Dale Garside will conduct a five-day training program, spiritual retreat and recovery seminar for students and leaders of the Port-au-Prince School of Evangelism. The school was destroyed in the earthquake, but classes are continuing in a tent and in the open-air behind the collapsed building. A family conference, vacation Bible school, teacher workshop, youth choir rehearsals, and construction and maintenance tasks round out the Hope for Haiti Team's first week of activities. The second week's schedule will culminate with a mass wedding celebration on Saturday, and worship and communion on Sunday. Several team members will return home after the first week. The rest, including those from Brighton, will fly to Miami on Wednesday, March 31.

Code magistrate refuses to reduce fine

During hearings held on Tuesday, March 16 Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Lois Nichols refused a request for a fine reduction. She also imposed a fine in another case.

Attorney Wesley Harvin was unsuccessful in arguing for a reduction of his client's code violation fine to zero. Two separate fines were imposed in 2005 and 2006 against Lakeshore Restaurant, Inc., 50 U.S. 441 S.E., that totaled $84,400. At the time those fines were imposed Helen Boree was listed with the Florida Department of State as the registered agent for Lakeshore Restaurant.

The special magistrate ruled in favor of the county and denied the reduction request. Mr. Harvin later stated that his client would appeal the decision in circuit court.

Turning to another case, code enforcement officer Beth Albert stated that the N.W. 98th Street property of Rodeldan C. Acosta was still in violation, needing mowing and trimming of overgrowth. Based on that testimony, the special magistrate fined him $25 a day for every day of noncompliance beginning March 17.

Earl G. and Kristal Hoover had been cited for construction of a pole barn without a permit. Mrs. Albert stated that a permit had been issued for the pole barn. The case was continued until June for a status review.

Arnetta Givens, Johnnie May, Phillip C. McCallister, Jr. and Gloria Jean Vonerau were given until May 13 to come into compliance.

The properties of Vidal and Tiela Torres, John D. and Laura S. Holt and Arhtur J. and Linda J. Steinberg were found to be compliance, therefore those cases were dismissed.

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City endorses broadband proposal

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

There were two items of good news to come out of the Tuesday evening, March 16 meeting of the Okeechobee City Council. High speed broadband internet service may soon be available in the area. Plus, the seemingly never ending debate on a sign ordinance may be coming to an end.

The council gave its endorsement to a grant application by Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI) for high speed internet service that would serve the six southern Florida counties comprising FHREDI.

Lyn Topal of FHREDI explained to the councilmen how FHREDI has joined with an alliance of eight rural counties in northwest Florida to form the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance, LLC, a corporation that would govern the two proposed internet networks serving FHREDI and northwest Florida. To emphasize the importance of her proposal she said that last week Glades County lost a project because of lack of high speed internet service. She added that Raulerson Hospital does not currently have the ability to send medical records via internet.

The proposed network would have redundancy to prevent it from going down due to storms. Ms. Topal noted that area internet users are now paying three times what urban areas pay. The proposed network would bring down those costs. The proposed system consists of a microwave, fixed-wireless network utilizing about 60 towers at full capacity.

The debate that has been going on for many months concerning the sign ordinance may be over on April 6. With surprisingly little discussion, the council approved the first reading of the proposed ordinance and set April 6 as the date of the final reading.

Turning to other matters, the council followed the recommendation of the planning board when it approved a small scale amendment to the future land use map. Zoning on property in the 200 block of S.E. Third Street was changed from single family to commercial. The change was requested by property owner Shirley Baker to allow for operation of a home health care nursing office.

Because the rates of Public Risk Management, the city's insurer, have not gone up, the council rescinded its previous action to withdraw from Public Risk Management coverage.

In three separate proclamations, Mayor James E. Kirk proclaimed the month of April to be Water Conservation Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in the city.

Boy Scout Troop 964 attended the council meeting to learn about city government.

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beans or red beans, one five-pound bag of all purpose flour, one 20-ounce cylinder of granulated sugar, two one-pound boxes of spaghetti, one 40-ounce plastic jar of smooth peanut butter and one two-gallon plastic ziplock storage bag to wrap the bottle of cooking oil. Each bucket has an envelope on the lid containing $10 for shipping costs.

However, the bucket will last much longer than the food. With the tight fitting lid it can be used as a food storage container. It can also be used to carry water and to bathe in.

Locally the buckets came from W & W Lumber Company, some were donated by the store and some were purchased by a local church.

Churches of Big Lake Baptist Association, which circles the lake, generously contributed buckets. First Baptist of Okeechobee contributed 38 buckets, Oakview Baptist Church, 140 buckets, Cornerstone Baptist Church, 5 buckets, Treasure Island Baptist Church, 17 buckets, Buckhead Ridge Baptist Church, 15 buckets, First Baptist of Clewiston, 27, First Baptist of Moore Haven, 9, First Baptist of Belle Glade, 100. Canal Point and Maple Grove Baptist Churches did not pack buckets but contributed money to the program. Even Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton contributed 17 buckets to the program.

The deadline for individual churches to fill their buckets was March 15. However, all churches in the association may not have turned in all their buckets yet.

The buckets collected from Big Lake Baptist Association will be shipped to a warehouse in Hialeah, which is just north of Miami. From the warehouse the buckets will be transported by ship from Miami to St. Marc which is north of Port-au-Prince in Haiti. Before being loaded into cargo containers, each of the buckets will be labeled in Creole French stating that the Bucket of Hope is a gift of Christian love from Southern Baptists. Once in St. Marc they will be trucked across the country to the almost 900 Baptist churches in Haiti for distribution. It is too early to get an exact number, but based on e-mails and phone calls, Florida Baptist Convention officials are expecting hundreds of thousands of buckets from across the country.

In spite of problems at other food distribution sites in Haiti, Florida Baptist Convention officials report no problems with food distribution at churches.

Buckets of Hope is a cooperative effort of the Florida Baptist Convention, the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Global Response and Southern Baptist Disaster Relief.

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Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

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Rodeo action heats up

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Two Okeechobee men are among the leaders in the PRCA South Eastern Circuit in 2010.

Bobby Peadon of Okeechobee is ranked 17th in bull riding earnings and Naudy Exposito is among the leaders in the bareback riding series.

The PRCA rodeo held in Brighton last month also included Cory Moesching, a former Okeechobee resident, who finished strong in the saddle bronc riding event.

Jared Smith won the bareback riding, Ryan Lewis took the steer wrestling, and Chad Saunders and Michael Harris teamed up to win the team roping event.

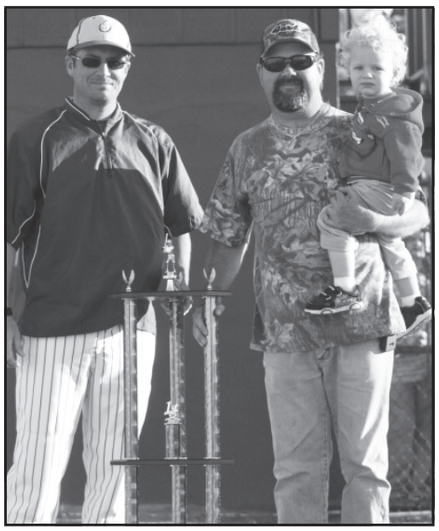
Townsend Prince earned 82 points on Dippin Wacky of the Five Star Rodeo Company to claim the saddle bronc riding competition.

Clint Cooper and Seth Rodriguez won the tie down roping contest.

Cole Echols earned 85 points aboard Free Bird to win the bull riding competition in Brighton.

$62,696 in prize money was given out at the rodeo.

The Okeechobee High School Rodeo team will also host a rodeo at the arena on U.S. 441 on March 27 and March 28. Admission is free. The event starts at 10 a.m.



Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Annual BBQ fund raiser contest held

(above) Sharon and Willard Suits won the chicken contest at the Brahman baseball annual barbecue fund raiser Saturday. Also in picture is Brahman baseball Coach Dylan Tedders (right).

(at left) Marshall Davis won the Grand Champion and the rib contest at the annual barbecue contest at Brahman field. Also in picture is Brahman Coach Dylan Tedders (left).

Humane Society pet rescue needs help

The Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee needs help to keep our shelter a great place for adoptable pets to stay. We are also in need of donations to help with food, vet and other operating expenses. Anyone interested in helping is asked to contact Belinda at the shelter at 863-357-1104.

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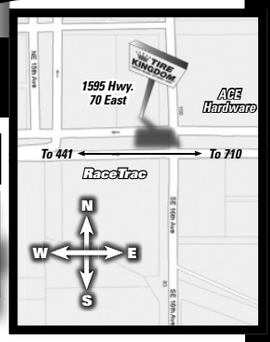

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Okeechobee Spring Cattlemen's Rodeo is PRCA event

The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Spring Rodeo, held March 13 and 14 at the Agri-Civic Center in conjunction with the Okeechobee County Fair, was one of the events on the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) circuit. Winners at the Okeechobee rodeo not only won cash and prizes, but also earned points towards national PRCA titles. Rodeo cowboys from all over the country came to Okeechobee to compete in the two-day rodeo.

Results from the Spring Rodeo, according to the PRCA website, are as follows.

Bareback riding: 1. Joe Gunderson, 85 points on Silver Spurs Club's Sweet Dreams, $950; 2. Matt Bright, 84, $713; 3. Josh Shackleford, 82, $475; 4. (tie) Nathan Graves, Jared Smith and Kaycee Feild, 81, $79 each.

Steer wrestling: 1. Jason Bagwell, 4.0 seconds, $950; 2. (tie) Darby Hunt and Zeb Chapman, 4.4, $705 each; 4. Ryan Lewis, 4.6, $459; 5. Wade Cooper, 4.7, $295; 6. Patton Norsworthy, 5.0, $164.

Team roping: 1. Chad Saunders/Michael Harris, 5.9 seconds, $950 each; 2. Michael Sanders/Jay Holmes, 6.0, $787; 3. Spunk Sasser/Shane Hester, 6.3, $623; 4. Charles Stevens/Billy Adams, 6.7, $459; 5. Travis Dorman/Pete Hays, 6.8, $295; 6. Greg Clair/Paul Bryant, 7.5, $164.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. Tyler Corrington, 86 points on Silver Spurs Club's Best Hope, $874; 2. Isaac Diaz, 85, $656; 3. (tie) Andrew Counts and Curtis Garton, 81, $328 each.

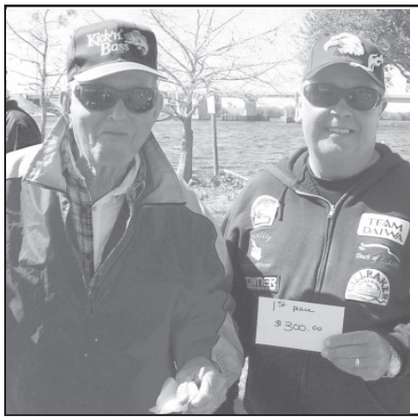
Tie-down roping: 1. Kolt Henderson, 8.6 seconds, $1,006; 2. Brad Hartt, 9.0, $832; 3. Larry Bailey, 9.6, $659; 4. Doug Pharr, 10.4, $485; 5. Michael Wetzel, 10.5, $312; 6. Wade Strayer, 10.7, $173.

Barrel racing: 1. Lacy Wilson, 17.28 seconds, $925; 2. Jewels DeNapoli, 17.69, $793; 3. Brittany Pozzi, 17.71, $660; 4. Angel Miller, 17.77, $572; 5. Nicole Brown, 17.78, $440; 6. Linda Stewart, 17.79, $352; 7. Codi Baucom, 17.81, $264; 8. Terry Tamburino, 17.88, $176; 9. Jennifer Lynd, 17.94, $132; 10. Shellie Reinbott, 18.02, $88.

Bull riding: 1. Gary Brown, 84 points on Silver Spurs Club's Will the Pill, $965; 2. Ty Hamaker, 79, $724; 3. (tie) Patrick Geipel and Steven Campbell, 78, $362 each.

Total payoff: $25,696. Stock contractor: Silver Spurs Club. Rodeo secretary: Mary Montsdeoca. Officials: Fritz Brewer and Kirt Hancock.

Timers: Jody Cox and Kathy Baker. Announcer: Jerry Todd. Specialty act: John Payne and Rudy Burns. Clowns/bullfighters: Ben Lee and Kevin Ellis. Barrelman: Rudy Burns. Flankman: Steve Whaley. Pickup men: Shoat Montsdeoca and Seth Louthan.



Special to the Okeechobee News/**Wendy Walker**

Freedom Outreach—first tourney of season

Freedom Outreach Ministry was pleased with the turn out of its first tournament, held on Sunday, February 28, that kicked off the third year of the series. We are grateful for all who came out to support us. Even though it was a chilly start, the day warmed up and made for an great weigh in. The following teams placed in the event: (left to right) first place, 19.02 lbs., Glen Hunter/Gene Kehl; second place, 14.02 lbs., Bob Owens/Fred George; third place, 13.02 lbs., Lonnie Byassee/Mark Corwin; Big Fish, 5.12 lbs., Glen Hunter/Gene Kehl. The next fishing tournament will be held on Sunday, March 28 at Scott Driver.

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SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Okeechobee County:

Fra-Mar Enterprises (Cabbage Patch) 200 S Graves Rd, Ft Pierce, FL 34943, has submitted Application 100216-9 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 40 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Surficial Aquifer and the project is located in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 34 East.

Florida Gas Transmission Company (Florida Gas - Greenfield 3 - Segment 2, Section 6) 5444 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77056, has submitted 100225-11 for a Water Use Permit for an industrial use. The water will be withdrawn from the Kissimmee River and the project is located in Section 25, Township 37 South, Range 33 East.

Sam T Ferrell, 875 Hwy 78 West, Okeechobee, FL 34974, has submitted Application 100226-14 for a Water Use Permit to irrigate 60 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from existing ponds and ditches and the project is located in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 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.
348727 On 3/19/10

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2010TD003

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: **1261** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2007**

Description of Property: **NEW OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS SECTION A LOTS 14 15 38 39 BLOCK 36**
1-06-36-34-0010-00360-0140
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed:
JET'S TRIO 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 **22nd day of April, 2010**.

SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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348530 On 3/12,19,26;4/2/10

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2010TD001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **DONALD MOONEY** 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: **2631** Year of Issuance: **May-23-2003**

Description of Property: **LOTS 1-2 BLOCK 4 RAILROAD ADDITION**
1-15-37-35-0040-00040-0010
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name(s) in which assessed:
ROSENA ROUSE BIVINS

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 **22nd day of April, 2010.**

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-000042

FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACQUISITION LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
JOSEPHINE PAUGH, DECEASED; GERALD PAUGH, DECEASED; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSEPHINE PAUGH; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; BASSWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., AN ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED CORPORATION; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; THEN STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; GERALD LEE PAUGH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERALD LEE PAUGH, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: BASSWOOD HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., AN ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED CORPORATION
3144 N.W. 37TH AVE.
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
OR
3783 NW 19 AVE.
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
OR
2692 N.W. 36TH AVE.
OKEEHOCHOBEE, FL 34972
OR
3101 nw 37th ave
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS STATED, CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

Public Notice

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 18 Block 23, of BASSWOOD UNIT 2, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page(s) 28, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Shannon Marie Charles, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 26th day of Feb. 2010.

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven (7) days prior to proceeding. 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1-772-807-4370 within two working days of you receipt of this NOTICE: IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8771. IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1-800-955-8770.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk
348635 On 03/12,19/10

Public Notice

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL MEET TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010 IN ROOM D-119 IN THE SCHUMANN CENTER ON THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE MUELLER CAMPUS AT 6155 COLLEGE LANE, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA 32966.

PHYSICAL PLANT COMMITTEE - 2:30 P.M.
JOINT FINANCE & AUDIT AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - 2:40 P.M.

ANY PERSONS SEEKING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING IS MADE.
349146 ON 3/19/10

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AIR PERMIT

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Regulation

Draft Permit No. 0930104-014-AC / PSD-FL-382

Okeechobee Landfill, Inc.
Okeechobee County, Florida

Applicant: The applicant for this project is Okeechobee Landfill, Inc. The applicant's authorized representative and mailing address is: John Van Gessel, Vice President, Waste Management Inc. of Florida, 2859 West Paces Ferry Road, Suite 1600, Atlanta, Georgia 30339.

Facility Location: The Okeechobee Landfill (OL) is located in Okeechobee County at 10800 Northeast 128th Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Project: The near-term project involves the construction and installation of the following equipment for a Landfill Gas-to-Energy (LFGTE) plant to process and combust 13,500 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) of LFG at the OL: a landfill gas (LFG) desulfurization plant (GDP) to remove hydrogen sulfide (H2S) in the LFG; one LFG-fueled 15 megawatt (MW) Solar Titan 130 combustion turbine-electrical generator (CTG); and three LFG-fueled 3.5 MW Solar Centaur 40 CTG ; and five backup open flares.

LFG generated at the OL is collected and flared to control non-methane organic compounds (NMOC) and odors. The flares primarily emit sulfur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOX), carbon monoxide (CO), particulate matter (PM/PM10), hydrogen chloride (HCl) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The existing flares and the proposed LFGTE project are subject to review pursuant to rule Rule 62-212.400, F.A.C for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD). A determination of best available control technology (BACT) was required.

Emission estimates (excluding fugitive emissions) based on the 2007 and 2008 annual operating reports submitted by the applicant are summarized in the table below. The potential emissions after the near-term project are included.

Pollutant	2007-08 TPY	Near Term TPY	PSD Significant Emission Rate, TPY	PSD Review Required?
CO	246	913	100	Yes
NOX	50	343	40	Yes
PM/PM_{10}	14	40	25/15	Yes
SO_2	1,236	239	40	Yes
VOC	~2	4	40	No

Although emissions of SO2 will be reduced, the Department requires installation of a GDP whether or not a LFGTE project is constructed. The reason is that past projects at the OL triggered PSD and a BACT determination is required for those projects. The Department's BACT determination for SO2 will reduce near term SO2 emissions to approximately half the levels estimated by the applicant.

The applicant submitted an air quality analysis representing an interim period prior to operation of the GDP during which emissions will be less (e.g. 959 TPY of SO2) than during 2007-2008 because of lower projected solid waste disposal rates and gas flow. The applicant also submitted an air quality analysis reflecting the long-term build out of the OL. The analysis indicated compliance with the National Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and allowable increments thus providing reasonable assurance of compliance by the near-term project.

The following table shows the maximum predicted Class II PSD increments in micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m3) and the percent (%) of the allowable increment consumed by sources in the area including interim and future emissions from the OL.

Summary of PSD Class II Increment Analysis

Pollutant	Averaging Time	Allowable Increment (µg/m3)	Increment Consumed (µg/m3)	Percent
NO_2	Annual	25	11	45
PM_{10}	24-hour	30	6	20
	Annual	17	1	6
SO_2	3-hour	512	139	27
	24-hour	91	83	91
	Annual	20	14	70

The Class II increments represent the increment consumed in the vicinity of the project. Based on the modeled results, emissions from the OL after the near-term project will not significantly contribute to, or cause a violation of, any state or federal ambient air quality standards.

The applicant also provided a Class I increment analysis for the Everglades National Park (ENP). The maximum predicted Class I increments due to the project alone are less than significant.

Permitting Authority: Applications for air construction permits are subject to review in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.) and Chapters 62-4, 62-210 and 62-212, F.A.C. The proposed project is not exempt from air permitting requirements and an air permit is required to perform the proposed work. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Air Regulation is the Permitting Authority responsible for making a permit determination for this project. The Bureau of Air Regulation's physical address is 111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite 4, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and the mailing address is 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS #5505, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The Bureau of Air Regulation's phone number is 850/488-0114.

Project File: A complete project file is available for public inspection during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday (except legal holidays), at address indicated above for the Permitting Authority. The complete project file includes the Draft Permit, the Technical Evaluation and Preliminary Determination, the application, and the information submitted by the applicant, exclusive of confidential records under Section 403.111, F.S. Interested persons may contact the Permitting Authority's project review engineer for additional information at the address and phone number listed above. In addition, electronic copies of these documents are available on the following web site:

www.dep.state.fl.us/Air/emission/construction/okeechobee.htm

Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit: The Permitting Authority gives notice of its intent to issue an air permit to the applicant for the project described above. The applicant has provided reasonable assurance that operation of the proposed equipment will not adversely impact air quality and that the project will comply with all applicable provisions of Chapters 62-4, 62-204, 62-210, 62-212, 62-296 and 62-297, F.A.C. The Permitting Authority will issue a Final Permit in accordance with the conditions of the proposed Draft Permit unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or unless public comment received in accordance with this notice results in a different decision or a significant change of terms or conditions.

Comments: The Permitting Authority will accept written comments concerning the proposed Draft Permit and requests for a public meeting for a period of 30 days from the date of publication of the Public Notice. Written comments must be received by the Permitting Authority by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on or before the end of this 30-day period. In addition, if a public meeting is requested within the 30-day comment period and conducted by the Permitting Authority, any oral and written comments received during the public meeting will also be considered by the Permitting Authority. If timely received comments result in a significant change to the Draft Permit, the Permitting Authority shall revise the Draft Permit and require, if applicable, another Public Notice. All comments filed will be made available for public inspection.

Petitions: A person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must contain the information set forth below and must be filed with (received by) the Department's Agency Clerk in the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station #35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000 (Telephone: 850/245-2241; Fax: 850/245-2303). Petitions filed by any persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 14 days of publication of this Public Notice or receipt of a written notice, whichever occurs first. Under Section 120.60(3), F.S., however, any person who asked the Permitting Authority for notice of agency action may file a petition within 14 days of receipt of that notice, regardless of the date of publication. A petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above, at the time of filing. The failure of any person to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the approval of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205, F.A.C.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Permitting Authority's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known; (b) The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner; the name, address and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination; (c) A statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the agency action or proposed decision; (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact; (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action; (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and, (g) A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action. A petition that does not dispute the material facts upon which the Permitting Authority's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise shall contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28-106.301, F.A.C.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Permitting Authority's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this Public Notice of Intent to Issue Air Permit. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Permitting Authority on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation: Mediation is not available in this proceeding.
349200 On 3/19/10

OSN sponsors help teams

Heading into the 2010 spring sports season, interest in the Okeechobee Sports Network (OSN) is growing quickly. With the local youth baseball and softball seasons about to kick off, OSN is excited to announce a Community Share Program in which leagues can earn money simply by submitting their results to our Web site.

"We really want to give back to the leagues and teams that are contributing content to OSN," said Tom Byrd, Publisher of the Okeechobee News.

Launched OSN is the Okeechobee News' free Web site devoted to youth, recreation and leisure sports. The site provides local coaches with the opportunity to display information regarding their teams – results, photographs, rosters, statistics, game reports – on the organization's OSN league and team page for public viewing. The information is also delivered to the Okeechobee's Sports Department for possible future inclusion in our pages.

Now, OSN wants to reward the coaches, leagues and organizations that use the site. Under the Community Share Program, 20 cents from every dollar coming from local OSN Web site advertising will be shared with the participating organizations of OSN.

Points will be earned each time an organization submits results to OSN. At month's end, the points earned will be tallied and each participating organization or league will receive its share of the revenue, to be distributed on a quarterly basis.

This is not a "winner take all" system. Each participating organization will receive some share. In addition, if you refer a local business that becomes a sponsor, 10 percent of that advertiser's monthly fee goes directly to your organization. And, your group will continue to earn points toward that advertiser's remaining 10 percent of the Community Share monthly pool.

The response to OSN is growing. Leagues and organizations that are contributing "news" to the site include the Chobee Firestix, OHS Competitive Cheerleaders, Okeechobee Parks and Recreation, and Okeechobee X-Plosion All Stars. There's always room for more at OSN. Organizations interested in joining OSN should contact Renee Hawley at: rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or call 1-888-853-7904, ext. 323. OSN can be accessed by visiting www.newszap.com, clicking on your community tab, then clicking on "Sports" on the upper right part of the page.

Current sponsors include: Davis Communications; Jim Jones, Coldwell Banker; Preferred Properties of Okeechobee; Pristine Properties; Quality AC; Riverside Bank; and, Ultimate Gamer.

Okeechobee Sports Network

Featured team: Big Lake Juniors Volleyball Club promotes sport

Big Lake Juniors is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of volleyball and has been in existence since 1998. We are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 tax-exempt entity as an affiliated organization under the Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S. Inc.'s group determination ruling.

Our mission is to introduce and promote the sport of volleyball to young female athletes. To provide a healthy and enjoyable recreational opportunity and to help our members develop discipline, learn about commitment, gain self-confidence and discover the value of teamwork. We encourage them to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat and, above all, to understand that the quality of their effort is the true measure of their success. We provide more than an environment in which to develop and display volleyball skills. We provide an opportunity to develop and display life skills as well.

This developmental program is designed for high school, middle school and elementary age athletes. Its purpose is to improve our members' volleyball skills through participation in structured practices and tournaments. Big Lake Juniors will field teams in various age classifications sanctioned by the AAU and USAV with respect to the availability of qualified coaches and the level of interest expressed.

Most recently in Orlando at the OVA Spring Fling Tournament the BLJ 10's Pink team edged out Cape Coast 10 Nike team 19-25, 25-14, and 15-10 to take first place gold. Congratulations 10's Pink!

For more information about Big Lake Juniors Volleyball Club, please contact Club Director Todd Jones at biglakejuniors@gmail.com or 863-447-1425.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Big Lake Juniors**

The Big Lake Juniors Volleyball Club promotes their sport and has fun.

Taekwondo event at KOA Saturday

Thirty-four competitors from Okeechobee will compete Saturday in the Taekwondo America Spring Regional tournament at the KOA Convention Center.

Instructor and organizer Russ Adams said over 200 competitors from Orlando, Clewiston, Okeechobee and Fort Pierce will compete in the event. The black belt competition will be held in the morning. In the afternoon there will be a special Little Dragons competition with kids as young as 3 years old in competition. There will also be adult competitions.

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