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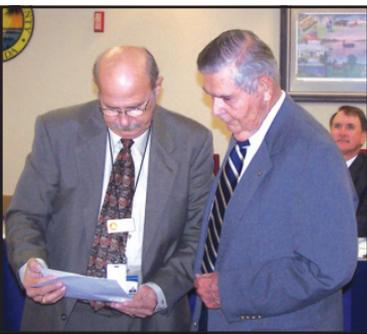
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County honors Judge Hendry

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At their meeting on Thursday, May 13 Okeechobee County Commissioners honored an outstanding citizen for his many years of service

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
Okeechobee County Commission Chairman Clif Betts, left, presents Judge William Hendry, right, with a proclamation.

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Memorial honors fallen officers

Okeechobee High School band members Mariela Gamez (left) and Layton Shumate (right) played taps while Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Lieutenant Gary Bell lowered the flag during the Friday, May 14, ceremony to honor fallen law enforcement officers. For more, see page 6.

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'Drugged' drivers a danger on the road

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) study shows that, on an average weekend night, 1-in-6 drivers tested for impaired driving tested positive for licit or illicit drugs.

Many years ago states adopted laws that helped law enforcement get drunk drivers off the roads. However, when drug use began to permeate society the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) law had to be changed to what we know today as Driving Under the Influence, or DUI.

The NHTSA study says the most commonly detected drugs in drivers are marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. But, a local detective with the Okeechobee County Narcotics Task Force says prescription

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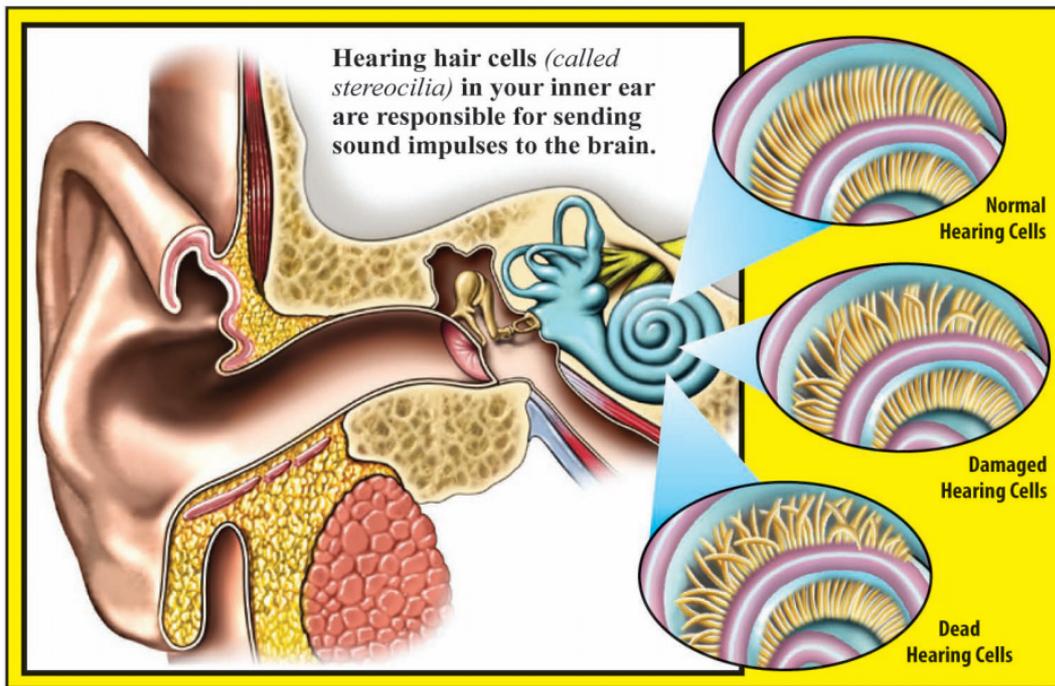
Study by Cambridge University in England Reveals Key Answer

Until recently, there was no practical way to identify dead regions of hearing cells in the ear.

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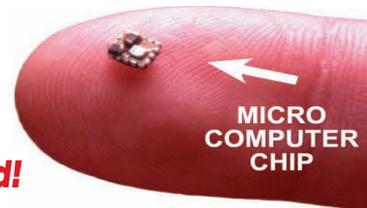


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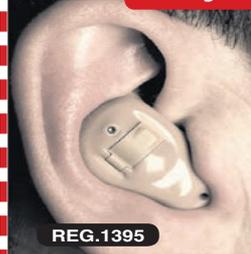


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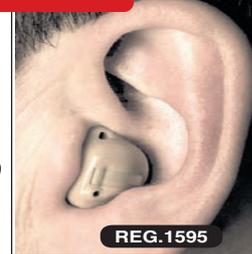
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Senior Services will host scam seminar

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A special training seminar will be held Tuesday, May 18, to help local business people keep senior citizens from falling victim to scams.

The Stop Senior Scams seminar will be held at Okeechobee Senior Services, 1019 S.W. Park St., from 1 until 2:30 p.m.

"It's for business people who deal with se-

niors," said Detective Susan Morrison of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

She said a task force from Tallahassee will be on hand to instruct business people on "how to talk to seniors and explain things to them" when it comes to scams.

Task force members will detail some of the newer schemes and cons that are being used to bilk Florida seniors every day.

Besides the task force, Detective Morrison said local detectives from the Okeechobee

City Police Department and the sheriff's office will attend the one-day training event.

If you are a local business person and would like to attend the seminar, contact OCSO Captain John Rhoden at 863-763-3117.

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).

- Robert Jeff Adams, 61, S. Eighth St., Fort Pierce, was arrested May 13, by Deputy John Hazy on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond had not been set as of newspaper deadline.

- Courtney Marie Coyer, 27, S.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested May 13, by Deputy Steven Pollock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - fraudulent use of a credit card, violation of probation - petit theft and violation of probation - burglary of a conveyance. She is being held without bond.

- Timothy Lee George Jr., 29, S.E. 57th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested May 13, by Deputy Justin Merriman on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

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.

Woman charged in theft from store

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee woman was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail following her felony arrest for reportedly taking over \$400 worth of items from a local department store.

Cassandra Dionne Lamb, 26, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Thursday, May 13, on a charge of grand theft. Her bond has been set at \$2,500.

According to an arrest report by Detective Ted Van Deman of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), he witnessed Lamb take items totaling \$424.63 from Walmart.

The detective stated that he was in the Walmart Asset Protection room on an unre-

lated case when the loss prevention officer and he both spotted Lamb taking various items. The detective said she would pick up an item then hide it under her 2-year-old baby's blanket.

Detective Van Deman went on to state that he watched Lamb place food items in her shopping cart and that she left these items in plain view.

When Lamb reached the check-out register, she paid a total of \$5.26 for the food items.

As the woman was leaving the store the loss prevention officer and the OCSO detective stopped her. Hidden under the toddler's blanket were items of clothing, rugs, compact discs along with health and beauty products, stated the arrest report.

Detective Van Deman said Lamb's mother was contacted and the child was given to her.



Cassandra D. Lamb

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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!

Lawn care

- Recently, my attention has been drawn to people who haul around lawn mowers on trailers, cutting grass to make a living. People who go through the correct process of getting a license are being undercut by those who are doing lawn care without a business license. This makes it harder for those who are paying for the license and paying business taxes. People over the age of 18 with a mower on a trailer should be able to show a license. Those who are working without a license are stealing work from those who do the right thing and pay taxes. Let's get it together. Your city could use the money. Impose a fine on those who are working without a license. If you can't cut your own lawn, hire someone licensed to do it.

Stadium press box

- At a time when the school budget is so tight, I think it is a little ridiculous for the school board to spend more than \$300,000 for a press box at the high school football stadium. Who needs this press box? The newspaper reporters are down on the sidelines taking photos. And I don't think the TV people bother to cover Okeechobee games. The coaches should be on the bench with their players.

What can be done to make the Sports Park safer?

- I actually agree with a police officer living on site in a trailer with his or her family in order to keep a community place safer for our children.

¶ If more parents actually went to the Sports Park with their children, then the teens would find somewhere else to go. Maybe more parents need to take up racquetball. If the courts are busy with players, it will discourage the "other" activities.

- I believe that when juveniles are found to be trespassing, loitering, causing trouble, etc., that the parents should be held accountable. Maybe if we started fining parents when their children are causing trouble due to the fact that the parents just turned them loose on society, we would see a little more parenting.

Lowering Lake Okeechobee

I was watching the news a little bit ago about Lake Okeechobee, it seems the Army Corps Of Engineers, and SFWMD are releasing water again from the east and west. They are worried about the upcoming "wet season" and the dike being able to hold back all the lake water. I look at it like this, the dike has held the water back all these years without a problem. I know that the dike has spots that are weak and they are repairing them. But don't mess with the lake levels. I don't want to see them get down to 8 or 9 feet like they were a couple of years ago.

- As of 12:01 a.m. on May 13, the lake level was 14.86 feet above sea level. SFWMD and the Army Corps of Engineers will no doubt lower it to a dangerous level for the fisheries and other wildlife, to cover themselves for the lack of proper maintenance on the dike.

- Ideal level is 13 ft. but it has to fluctuate and since it has been taken out of mother nature's hands somebody has to do it.

- Low lake levels during the dry season are GOOD for the fisheries. It allows the area on the edge of the lake to dry out and grow new vegetation, and when the water comes back up during the wet season, this makes a spawning area for the fish. Check with the FWC biologists. They will tell you the drought actually helped the lake's ecosystem and fisheries.

- The lake needs its natural highs and lows to be healthy. But due to the man-made dike, this cannot happen naturally anymore so they have to control it. I believe the best lake schedule environmentally is one that would let the lake get down to 11 feet in the dry season and up to 14 feet in the wet season. So if the lake is already above 14 feet, then letting some water out is appropriate. However, instead of letting that water go out to the ocean, it should be flowing south to the Everglades. The Everglades needs that water, and that is what the state is trying to accomplish with the plan to buy out much of the US Sugar land south of the lake.

Reflections from the Pulpit

By Elder John T. Garner

More 2 Life Ministries

I was wondering what to write about when it dawned on me that this article would be under the title "Reflections from the Pulpit." Well, that got me to thinking. Which, if you know me, you know can be dangerous. I seem to do it so little. Anyway, what thought came to mind that arrested my conscious deliberation was this question: What did I "reflect" from the pulpit? I'm not referring to that which is spoken but to the message I send out that so many times speaks louder than the things that I preach.

Let me see if I can give some more clarity to the idea I am trying to convey. When it comes to reflections, the reflection that I am seeing in the mirror these days is far from encouraging. Somehow the 25 year old guy that I used to remember looking back at me has been replaced with this bald, chubby (OK, I'll say it, fat), out of shape 50 year old man. That's not the worst of it. No, the more serious side of this hard truth is that I now find myself going down that road where my health has started to deteriorate due to not taking care of myself the way that I should have while I was changing from that 25 year old I was referring to into the 50 year old that now stares out at me from the looking glass.

How is it that I allowed this body the Lord gave me to fall victim not so much to time, because that happens to all of us - there's no stopping that, but to a lack of discipline on my part? It seems that I was so busy living life that I forgot that God had given me a life that needed to be taken care of and watched over not only for me but for those who are looking to me to set the example of living a life totally sold out to Christ.

I have preached the virtues and responsibilities of living a life of spiritual excellence before the Lord for many years now. I truly believe that our first and greatest need is to be spiritually pure in Christ as we strive to live holy lives before the Lord and before the world around us, for the benefits of a holy life in Christ are immeasurable. I will continue to stress this truth until the Lord takes me home to be with Him. However, I have been far from consistent in the preaching, much less from modeling, the truth of living a life of physical excellence in Christ. The Scriptures are very clear about the need of guarding our bodies, "temples" the Scriptures call them, as we seek to live in and for Christ.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

Now that could not be any clearer, could it? Yet, this is a truth that I have allowed to have little or no effect in my life.

So, this brings me to my grand announcement. I, yes me, the great scoffer of all things pertaining to exercise, have joined a gym and have started working out. I know what you are thinking: "How long will that last, big boy?" I can honestly say that I don't know. I hope long enough to set aside some of the effects of high blood pressure and diabetes. Pray for me that I will continue because I've got to tell you that as I write this I am so sore that I just want to lay down somewhere and cry, while I eat a whopper from Burger King. I mean, if I am going to be honest, I might as well tell the whole truth.

Adoption Support Group to meet on May 19

Children's Home Society of Florida will hold its next Adoption Support Group meeting at 6 p.m. May 19 at their administration office, located at 590 NW Peacock Blvd., Suite 9, Port St. Lucie. This group is for families who have a finalized adoption of a special needs/foster care child. The support group is open to relative, non-relative and foster parents. The support group provides education and social interaction among individuals who have adopted, while being able to share resources with, and support for, one another. For information, contact CHS Adoption Therapist, Lauren Phelps, MS at 772.429.2001.

Hospice plans giant yard sale Thursday and Friday

Hospice of Okeechobee, 411 S.E. Fourth Street, will hold a giant yard sale on Thursday May 20 and Friday May 21, from 8 a.m. until noon. Specialty items for this sale include some nice children's clothing. Funds raised benefit patient care including services at the Hamrick Home. For more information, call 863-467-2321.

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DRIVERS

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pills should be added to that list.

"When we make our stops, we're seeing more and more people on pills versus alcohol, and we'll continue to see more stops with pills rather than alcohol," said the detective. "These pills are an epidemic. They are becoming the new crack cocaine or meth. They are incredibly powerful."

Although detectives assigned to the task force don't commonly work traffic violations, they do monitor drivers while they watch for drug use. And because of that, there will be times when they pull someone over because they have probable cause to believe the driver is impaired.

"Working traffic is not our thing. but

we do work traffic when we're looking for drugs," said the 10-year law enforcement veteran. "And, we're seeing an increase in drivers who are under the influence of pills."

And proving this type of DUI is not only difficult—for one thing, there is no alcohol odor—it's extremely time consuming.

The detective, who has been through schooling to be a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) but has not completed his certification, explained that testing the impaired driver on the street is the same whether they are being tested for alcohol, pills, marijuana or cocaine. Field sobriety tests are done to first determine if the driver is impaired.

If the officer feels the driver is impaired, the driver is then taken to a holding facility where the DRE training comes into play.

The detective said the subject has to be observed for a specified period of time. Dur-

Treasure Coast attorneys ranked the judge first in the Judicial Bar Poll that evaluated ten categories of judicial attributes.

Judge Hendry has also been active outside the courtroom. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and Master Gardener with the Extension Agency. Judge Hendry was appointed to the first Board of Trustees of Indian River Community College and sat on that board for 13 years. During that time the judge helped start a branch of the college in Okeechobee. For the past six years the judge has served on the Board of Directors of Raulerson Hospital. He served on the advisory panel for the present judicial complex. In 2006 Judge Hendry was honored by the Boy Scouts as a Distinguished Citizen. He has been a member of First United Methodist Church for over 60 years.

"It will be an honor to have your name on the building," Commission Chairman Cliff Betts said as he noted that he and the judge served together when the total county budget was \$250,000. "Okeechobee has certainly been blessed by having you as a participant in the community. We really do thank you."

"Over the past 81 years I've had a close attachment to our courthouse," the judge said. Until he was 21 he said he lived less than 500 feet from it. The judge also said he had the distinct honor and privilege of administering the oath of office to 15 administrations.

"This honor today is frosting on the cake," the judge added.

HENDRY

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to the community.

Commissioners passed a resolution naming Courtroom A in the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse as the William L. Hendry Courtroom. That action was only fitting since Judge Hendry has spent a significant number of hours in that courtroom both as an attorney and a judge and his grandfather was one of the contractors that built the building.

Judge Hendry, who grew up on Okeechobee, is an Eagle Scout, a graduate of the University of Florida and a military veteran. He is also known as a local historian. The judge had a private law practice in Okeechobee for 23 years. He also served as county attorney for 21 years, city attorney for 10 years and attorney for the board of public instruction for two years. On the other side of the bench Judge Hendry served as county judge from 1980-1983, during which he established a county probation work program. From 1984 through 1995 Judge Hendry was Circuit Judge. From 1990 through 1993 he served as Chief Circuit Judge. As Chief Circuit Judge, Judge Hendry established judicial policies and procedures, including implementation of the first annual report of circuit and county court activities. Since 1995 Judge Hendry has served as Senior Circuit Judge. In 1994

ing this period, the driver is not only watched but their blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature must be monitored. Also, the diameter of their pupils are measured.

"It's not just a 20-minute thing and you're done," stated the detective.

By observing the driver and monitoring their blood pressure and such, the trained officer is able to determine scientifically what category of drugs the driver may have taken.

"You can't say it's powder cocaine or crack cocaine, but you can determine if it's a central nervous system stimulant or a central nervous system depressant," the detective explained. "With stimulants, there will be an elevated heart rate, sweating and higher blood pressure. With depressants, there will be a lower heart rate and blood pressure and the subject's movements will be very lethargic."

If the officer has determined that the driver is a 'drugged driver' and not a 'drunk driver,' they will ask the driver to give a blood sample since a breath test won't indicate if the driver has been using drugs. And, just like with a breath test, the driver can refuse to give the blood sample.

However, if the driver is involved in an injury or fatal car crash, blood is automatically drawn.

"In my opinion, a DUI (with alcohol) is easier to prove," said the detective. "The subject can say they were prescribed the drug and that they took it yesterday, and it will still be in their system. With everything being the same, a DUI (with alcohol) is easier to prove."

Although there will be no odor if the im-

paired driver has been using pills, the detective said that won't hold true if the driver has been using marijuana.

"A lot of times the smell is overwhelming," he said. "But again, it will boil down to the blood test."

He went on to explain that, during a 'gaze' field sobriety test, someone high on marijuana will often have a response that is indicative of marijuana use.

According to the detective, during this test the officer will ask the subject to follow their finger. The officer will tell the subject that they are going to move their finger from side to side and then touch them lightly on the nose.

If the person is high on pot, they will successfully follow the officer's finger as it's moved from side to side then in a circular motion. Then, as the officer slowly moves his/her finger toward the subject's nose something strange happens. Instead of following the finger to the point they appear cross-eyed, the subject's eyes will together fade to the left or right.

"They have no control over it," said the detective. "It's one of the tell-tale signs, even though it's not 100 percent accurate."

While most states drafted their DUI laws with a focus on alcohol, they have yet to change the law to make it easier for officers to prove that the operator of a vehicle is a drugged driver. And because of this, many drivers who cannot drive safely because they have an illegal drug in their system can safely escape prosecution.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: A chance of rain and thunderstorms before 8pm, then a slight chance of rain between 8pm and 2am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Extended Forecast

Monday: A chance of showers between 8am and 1pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 5-1-5; **Play 4:** 1-6-2-9; **Fantasy 5:** 4-7-9-10-18; **Mega Money:** 16-23-25-27 MB 10; **Florida Lotto:** 4-11-22-31-34-37 X 4; **Powerball:** 37-51-52-53-58 PB38 x2. Numbers drawn Friday, **Cash 3:** 8-0-2; **Play 4:** 9-2-2-4.



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Rim Canal Cleanup planned for today

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Fundraiser held for Children's Health Center

A fundraiser will be held on Tuesday, May 18, at Golden Corral from 5-8 p.m. to benefit Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health center with 100 percent of tips going to the center. Tickets for adult meals are only \$10 and include full buffet and drink. Guest servers include Mayor Kirk, Sheriff May, Russ Brown, Undersheriff Stephen, Dr. Robshaw, Dr. Santelices, Dr. Espinosa and school board member Joe Arnold. To purchase tickets please call, 863-763-1951, 863-467-6120 or 863-763-7481. Or email mferguson@fchcinc.org.

Help stop senior scams

On Tuesday, May 18, presentations from specialists on senior scams will meet at the Lottie Raulerson Senior Center located at 1019 W. South Park St., from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. For information call Sheila at 863-462-5180.

Solemn ceremony honors fallen officers

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Members of local law enforcement, along with private citizens, gathered Friday morning to pay their respects to those members of law enforcement whose 'end of watch' came all too suddenly.

And even though the sun was bright, the mood was dark as everyone was reminded of the ever-present dangers to those men and women who wear a badge on their chest.

"Sadly, over the last decade, an average of 160 officers a year have been killed in the line of duty. And throughout our nation's history, nearly 19,000 law enforcement officers have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May at the May 14 memorial for fallen officers.

Each year the local program is held on the steps of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) and each year more private citizens attend to honor those officers who paid the ultimate price to protect them.

Sheriff May told the crowd that last year 126 officers lost their lives in the line of duty. Florida and New York led all states in the number of officers killed with eight each.

The sheriff reminded everyone of the four officers in Lakeview, Wash., who were gunned down in a coffee shop while they filed their reports. They were shot by "... a man who systematically shot and killed all four officers for no other reason than they were uniformed police officers," he added. Sheriff May described those brutal and

senseless killings as "domestic terrorism at its worst."

"Who can blame officers for being more suspicious—something some members of the public will misconstrue as being rude when the officer is only trying to stay alive," Sheriff May told the crowd.

He went on to say that these types of killings should be assigned to federal courts as a terrorist act, and that the death penalty should be applied and carried out in a reasonable amount of time.

The sheriff also paid his respects to OCSO Deputy Glover 'Skip' Emerson Bryant who died in an airplane crash on Lake Okeechobee during a search for missing boaters.

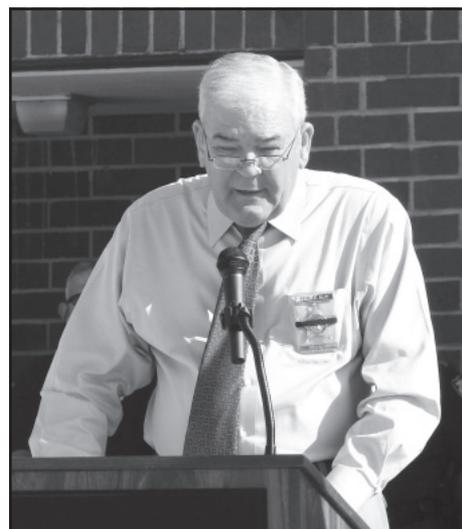
"His sacrifice will never be forgotten," Sheriff May said.

So far this year, 61 law enforcement officers have died across the U.S. Of those, two were in Florida: Captain Chad Reed, of the Dixie County Sheriff's Office, who was shot to death on January 14; and Deputy James Louis Anderson, of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office who died in an automobile accident that same day.

Of the officers who have died this year, 22 were shot to death, 16 were killed in automobile accidents and five others died of heart attacks.

The average age for those whose 'end of watch' came too soon in 2009 was 39. That average for 2010 is 41.

Pastor Joe Bishop, who spoke briefly to the audience, summed up what the memo-



Okeechobee News/Eric Kopp
Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May was the keynote speaker at Friday's Law Enforcement Memorial held on the front steps of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office. He reminded those in attendance that 900,000 law enforcement officers across the U.S. today "... put their lives on the line for the safety and protection of others."

rial stood for very succinctly when he described those officers who died as: "Those who were proud enough to wear a uniform, and brave enough to die for the privilege to do so."

Community Events

Congressman Rooney to speak at Lincoln Day Dinner

The Republican Party of Okeechobee will be hosting the annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Friday, May 21, at the Williamson Conference and Education Center at Indian River State College. Social time will be from 6-7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Congressman Tom Rooney. Dinner will be catered by Golden Corral and tickets are \$40 per person. If you or your business would like to sponsor a table for this event please call Melissa Arnold at 863-610-2280. Seating is limited.

Teen Dance Party coming!

Teens get ready for another Teen Dance Party! The party starts at the Shrine Club on Hwy. 78 on May 22, from 7 until 10 p.m. The cost is just \$7 for kids from ages 12-15 and includes pizza, chips and drink. A live D.J. will play the latest hip hop and dance music. For more information, please call Latasha Smith at 863-801-3781 or Teresa Chandler at 863-697-6819.

Benefit BBQ planned

More2Life Ministries will hold a barbecue on Friday, May 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will be barbecued pork, baked beans,

coleslaw and a roll for \$8. All of the proceeds go towards a mission trip to Haiti. The barbecue will be held at the open lot directly north of the Gilbert Snapper dealership on 441 north. Delivery available on orders of 5 or more. For information or tickets, call Brent at 863-610-3301.

Moose Lodge has dinner theater

The Okeechobee Moose Lodge on NW 36th St. will hold Okeechobee's first "Date Night Dinner Theater" with Music - Comedy - Dancing, on Saturday, May 22. Doors open at 5 p.m. Entree choice of Roast Beef or Pork. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information, call Penny at 863-447-5520.

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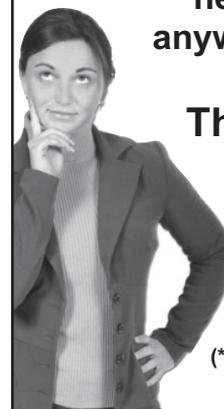
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Critical dike work continues

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awards contract for Herbert Hoover Dike rehabilitation

JACKSONVILLE -- The Herbert Hoover Dike Rehabilitation Project moved another step closer to reducing flood risk with the recent award of \$39,990,928.75 to complete another section of cutoff wall in the southeastern area of the dike.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District awarded the Seepage Cutoff Wall task order May 12 to Bauer Foundation Corporation of Odessa, Fla. This is the second task order awarded to Bauer, and the fifth order under a single contract for emplacement of the partial cutoff wall.

The 75-year-old Herbert Hoover Dike (HHD) is a Corps of Engineers dam safety top priority. Jacksonville District is currently rehabilitating the dike's most vulnerable section, the 22-mile section between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade.

"The Corps has committed, and will continue to commit, significant resources to rehabilitate HHD. Protecting the people who will be most affected by excessively high water levels in Lake Okeechobee is our top priority," said Col. Alfred Pantano, Jr., Jacksonville District commander.

Emplacement of the cutoff wall provides immediate risk reduction benefits. The Corps

began installing a partially penetrating cutoff wall in the dike in 2008. The wall serves as a barrier to water pathways or piping, which can lead to internal erosion. The two- to three-foot-thick wall extends from the top of the dike through the foundation to several feet beyond the limestone bedrock, averaging 50 to 70 feet – or about three stories – below the crest of the dike.

The Corps awarded multiple 'task order' contracts in 2008 for cutoff wall construction to Bauer, Hayward Baker Inc., based in Odenton, Md., and, Treviicos South, Inc., of Boston, Mass. To date, 15 miles of cutoff wall in the 22-mile "Reach 1" section are now under construction or have been completed, totaling over \$145 million in cutoff wall contracts. The Corps will award two more task orders for another seven miles of cutoff wall in 2010.

"We're keeping momentum moving to address known seepage and piping issues in this area of the dike," said Mike Rogalski, program manager for the HHD Rehabilitation Project. "Everything we're doing brings us closer to making the dike safer and, therefore, helping keep people and property safe, too."

For more information, please visit www.saj.usace.army.mil, and click the Herbert Hoover Dike link in the right column.

Okeechobee Main Street on city agenda

The quarterly report from Okeechobee Main Street to be given by Maureen Burroughs will be the highlight of the Tuesday meeting of the Okeechobee City Council.

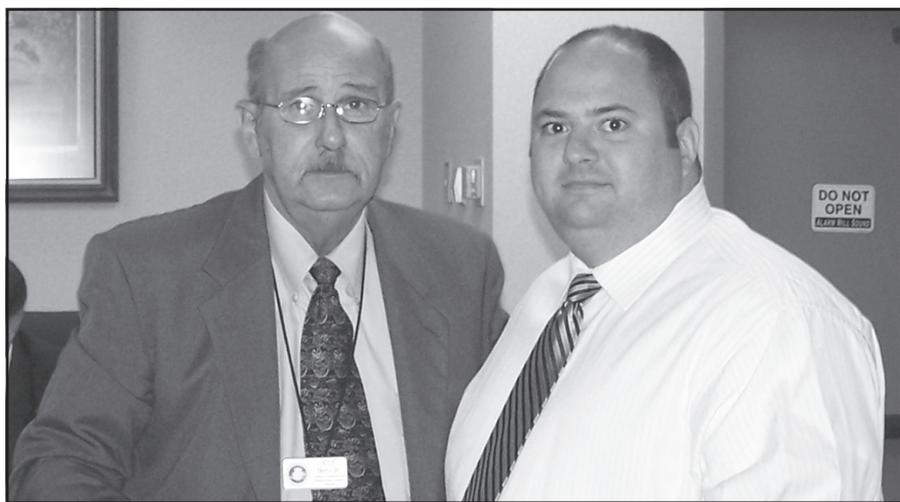
The council is also scheduled to take final action on a request to change the zoning classification from residential multiple family to commercial professional office for a lot of S.E. Third Street. In addition the council will award a contract for a side arm tractor mower and consider release of an easement necessary for construction of the county emergency management center.

In other action the council will consider

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meeting dates for the summer and the mayor will recognize Donnie Robertson for ten years' service to the city and proclaim the week of June 7-11 as Code Enforcement Officers Appreciation Week in the city.

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



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

At their meeting on Thursday, May 13, Okeechobee County commissioners proclaimed the month of May to be Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month in the county. Commission Chairman Cliff Betts, left, presented a copy of the proclamation to Frank Kruppa, director of the Okeechobee County Health Department. The rate of teen pregnancy in Okeechobee County is almost double the state average.

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Abused 2 year old released from hospital

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A small child severely, physically abused by her mother's boyfriend was released from St. Mary's Hospital Thursday, May 13.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Detective Bryan Lowe said Friday that the child is looking better and will soon begin physical therapy.

He said while the 2-year-old has partial vision in her left eye; she apparently cannot see out of her right eye. However, it is hoped that she will regain vision in that eye once the swelling on her brain subsides. Just when that will be, no one can say for sure, he added.

Detective Lowe, along with fellow OCSO Detective Rosemary Farless, arrested the girl's mother, Amanda Lynn Ashby-Harden, 28, and her live-in boyfriend John T. Coleman, 26, in connection with the abuse and neglect of the child.

"She's trying to speak, and she's moving her legs," Detective Lowe of the toddler.

The child has been released into the custody of her grandparents and will not be returned to Ashby-Harden, the detective added.

The couple were arrested April 29 after the child was found badly bruised and unre-

sponsive by OCSO Deputy Sarah Green and investigators from the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

Coleman is being held without bond in the Okeechobee County Jail on charges of aggravated child abuse and child neglect.

Ashby-Harden was charged with child neglect and failure to protect a child. Her bond was set at \$10,000 and she is currently free on bond.

According to Detective Farless, the child suffered numerous injuries including: bleeding in her brain; bruising to both the left and right sides of her brain; bilateral retinal bleeding; an impact fracture of the right elbow; ligament injury to her neck; and, a multitude of bruising to her face and body.

Detective Farless said signs of abuse began showing up over a six-week period, and that her mother "... had knowledge of the abuse."

She added that while the mother suspected Coleman was abusing her child, she did not report it.

Coleman allegedly beat the child so severely that her entire buttocks would be bruised, even though she was wearing diapers.

Detective Lowe's arrest report indicates that the child was made to "... stand in the

corner on one leg as punishment." Then, if she would put her foot on the floor, Coleman would reportedly yell at her and "smack or pop" her in the back of the head with his open hand, the report continued.

Also, if the toddler soiled her diaper, Coleman would remove it and rub her face in it, the detective stated. He would then make her wait before taking her to the shower. Once in the shower, Detective Lowe said Coleman would direct the shower head directly into the baby's face.

The detective's report went on to state that when Ashby-Harden found out that Coleman was rubbing her daughter's face

with the filthy diapers, she reportedly said: "At least he's not spanking her anymore."

Authorities were made aware of the alleged abuse after a concerned individual learned that Coleman had thrown the child into the air with such force that she hit her head on a wooden beam in the ceiling, the arrest report stated. When Coleman caught the child, "... she was limp in his arms," the report continued.

Detective Lowe said Coleman, who is unemployed, has a criminal history that includes an arrest in North Florida on charges of grand theft and conspiracy to commit grand theft.



Amanda L. Ashby-Harden



John T. Coleman

Yacht Club holds benefit for Ryan Holden

Butch's Redneck Yacht Club is holding a benefit for Ryan Holden at Butch's Backyard Bar on May 22 from 10 a.m. until. Ryan is the son of Tammy and Bill Daniels. Ryan was paralyzed with a spinal cord injury on March 16 and needs continuing rehab at Shepherd's Center in Georgia. Tammy is in serious need to financial assistance. There will be live music and BBQ dinners for a \$6.00 donation. A poker run and auction will also be held. For more information, please call 863-763-8262.

YMCA Summer Camp Programs planned

YMCA Summer Camp Expedition for ages 5-13 is a fun-filled day camp which includes arts and crafts, field trips, games, reading, sports, swimming and YMCA Character Development. Campers should wear comfortable clothing and closed toed shoes and bring a lunch, a snack, bathing suit, sunscreen and towel. The camp will be held at Grace Brethren Church, June 14-Aug. 13. Weekly fee is \$90. A \$30 supply fee is paid one time each summer. Financial assistance is available. Registration will be May 22 and June 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Grace Brethren Church, 701 S. Parrott Avenue. Space is limited.

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Foster Care Month

Okeechobee County Commission Chairman Clif Betts, right, presents Rossana Gonzales, left, of Hibiscus Children's Center with a proclamation making the month of May Foster Care Month in the county. The presentation took place at the Thursday, May 13, commission meeting.

Livestock Market Report

May 10 and 11, 2010

Cows

Breaking	58.00	64.00	250-300	135-143	-
Cutter	52.00	63.00	300-350	115-139	109-114
Canner	42.00	48.00	350-400	115-130	101-113

Bulls

1000-1500	51.00	58.00	400-450	106-125	90-109
1500-2000	71.00	78.50			

	Monday	Tuesday
Calves	417	1009
Cows	81	409
Str	31	20
Hfhrs	2	44
Bulls	19	42
Yrlngs	35	70
Mix	0	18
Total	585	1612

Med #1

Steers	Hfhrs
170-190	165-195
200-250	150-175
250-300	140-162
300-350	142-150
350-400	132-149
400-450	126-138
450-500	120-136
550-600	-
600-650	103-110

Med #2

Steers	Hfhrs
150-200	140-165
200-250	130-152

Small #1	Steers	Hfhrs
250-300	137-140	-
300-350	-	105-114

Everything is still selling good. Cows and bulls were quoted \$1-2 higher. Good demand for calves and light supply is keeping calf prices at near record levels. Should stay good for a while. Top calf price goes to HL Holding, LLC, Ft. Lauderdale for \$2 bought by Curt Wilson. Top cow price goes to Walpole Land and Cattle, Okeechobee for 70 cents! bought by Central Packing. Preg checking available on Mondays. Closed Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

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Students of the Week

Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of May 7, 2010 were: Sanan Pryor, Cayden Jones, Yesenia Leon, Haley Joles, Cristian Trejo, Brian Nieto Reyes, Dawson Patterson, Hailey Farley, Rebecca Rhoden, Kaden Baker, Robert Wright, Josh Allen, Haley Land, Victoria Hamby, Brianna Roundtree, Zachary Mullin, Julissa Hernandez, Julia Dupree, Lauren Coffey, and Damion Garcia.



Special to the Okeechobee News/RSCA

Students given special treat

These students from Rock Solid Christian Academy successfully completed the Book-it reading program. The students who completed the program were rewarded with a special trip to Dairy Queen for lunch and then to the wooden jungle. They are from kindergarten through third grade. Student names from left to right; Michal Jascot, GiaVonna Pasquarella, Elissa Casperson, Natalie Mitchell, Joshua Lawrence, Malika Morgan and Addison Sizemore.



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Florida motorists deal with pesky lovebugs

By Katrina Elskan
Okeechobee News

They're back. Twice a year, Florida drivers must deal with swarms of love bugs over Florida highways.

The insects mate in flight and are apparently drawn to the roadways by the heat of the pavement and the fumes of car exhaust. Some researchers theorize that lovebugs confuse the chemical odor of automobile exhaust with the smell of decaying vegetation. Female lovebugs are attracted to decaying vegetation, where they lay their eggs.

According to "Lovebugs in Florida," by University of Florida Professor of Entomology D. E. Short, lovebugs were first reported in Florida in 1947.

"Lovebugs are small black flies with red thoraxes. Males are 1/4 inch, and females are 1/3 inch in length. These flies are members of the family Bibionidae and are known as March flies. Several species of March flies are native to Florida, however, *Plecia nearctica* Hardy are recent invaders from the west," wrote Dr. Short.

Scientists have traced the path of the insects from Central America up through Texas and around the Gulf of Mexico. They move with the winds, and on occasion may accidentally be transported by cars or on vegetation that is transplanted from one area to another.

Once they reached Florida, over the years the insects made their way south. They thrive in the warmer temperatures.

By 1955, the lovebugs were reported in Leon County and in 1965 in Marion and Alachua Counties. In 1974, lovebugs were collected in Homestead.

The lovebug has a six-month life cycle. The female lays eggs under decaying vegetation. When the larvae hatch, they feed on the vegetation. Most of their life cycle is spent in the larvae stage. Adult love bugs only live two to three days—just long enough to mate, lay eggs and die.

"Two flights of lovebugs occur each year," Dr. Short wrote. "The spring flight occurs during late April and May. A second flight occurs during late August and September. Flights extend over periods of 4 to 5 weeks. Mating takes place almost immediately after emergence of the females. Adult females live only 2-3 days."

"Female lovebugs lay from 100 to 350 eggs which are deposited beneath decaying vegetation. Larvae (immature stage) feed on decaying plant material and live on the soil surface just beneath the decaying organic matter. Larvae perform a beneficial function by converting the plant material into organic components which can again be used by the growing plants. After larvae mature, they transform into pupae. The pupal stage requires about 7 to 10 days," he continued.

"Adult lovebugs are harmless and do not sting or bite. They feed on the nectar of various plants, especially sweet clover, goldenrod and brazilian pepper. Usually, lovebug flights are restricted to daylight hours and



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Adult lovebugs only live two to three days. The female love bug is larger than the male. They mate in flight and tend to swarm over Florida's highways, drawn there by the heat and the exhaust fumes.

temperatures above 68°F. At night lovebugs rest on low growing vegetation.

"Lovebugs are a considerable nuisance to motorists. They congregate in unbelievable numbers along highways and the insects spatter on the windshields and grills of moving trucks and automobiles. Windshields become covered with the fatty remains, and vision is obscured. During flights, the flies clog radiator fins causing cars to overheat. They also get into refrigeration equipment on trucks causing them to malfunction. The fatty tissue will cause pitting of the car's finish if it is not removed within a few days. Flies enter cars and sometimes drivers and passengers soil their clothing by sitting on lovebugs. They are also a considerable nuisance to fresh paint. The flies enter houses under construction in such numbers that carpenters refuse to work. Beekeepers complain because worker bees do not visit flowers that have been infested with the flies," Dr. Short wrote.

The number of lovebugs that hatch each year varies. If conditions are too wet or too dry, fewer lovebugs will hatch. Temperature can also affect the number of lovebugs that will hatch.

Lovebugs are most active from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., or at temperatures above 84 degrees. They do not fly at night.

To reduce the problems caused by lovebugs, motorists can:

- Travel at slower speeds—this will reduce the number of lovebugs that will be splattered on your vehicle.
- Travel early in the morning or after dusk.
- Put a screen in front of the grill of your car to keep the lovebugs from clogging the radiator.
- Wash splattered lovebugs off the car as soon as possible; soaking the bugs with water for several minutes will make them easier to remove.
- Wax your car—this will reduce the chance that the lovebug splatters will harm the paint.

BIRTHS

CHARLOTTE ABIGAIL BURKES

Charlotte Abigail Burkes was born Friday, March 5, 2010 at St. Lucie Medical Center in Port St. Lucie. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Charlotte is the daughter of Matthew and Kimberly Burkes of Okeechobee. Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Sherri Hardman of Okeechobee. Her paternal grandparents are W.R. and Sue Burkes of Dekalb, MS. Her great-grandmother is Ann Hardman of Ft. Pierce.



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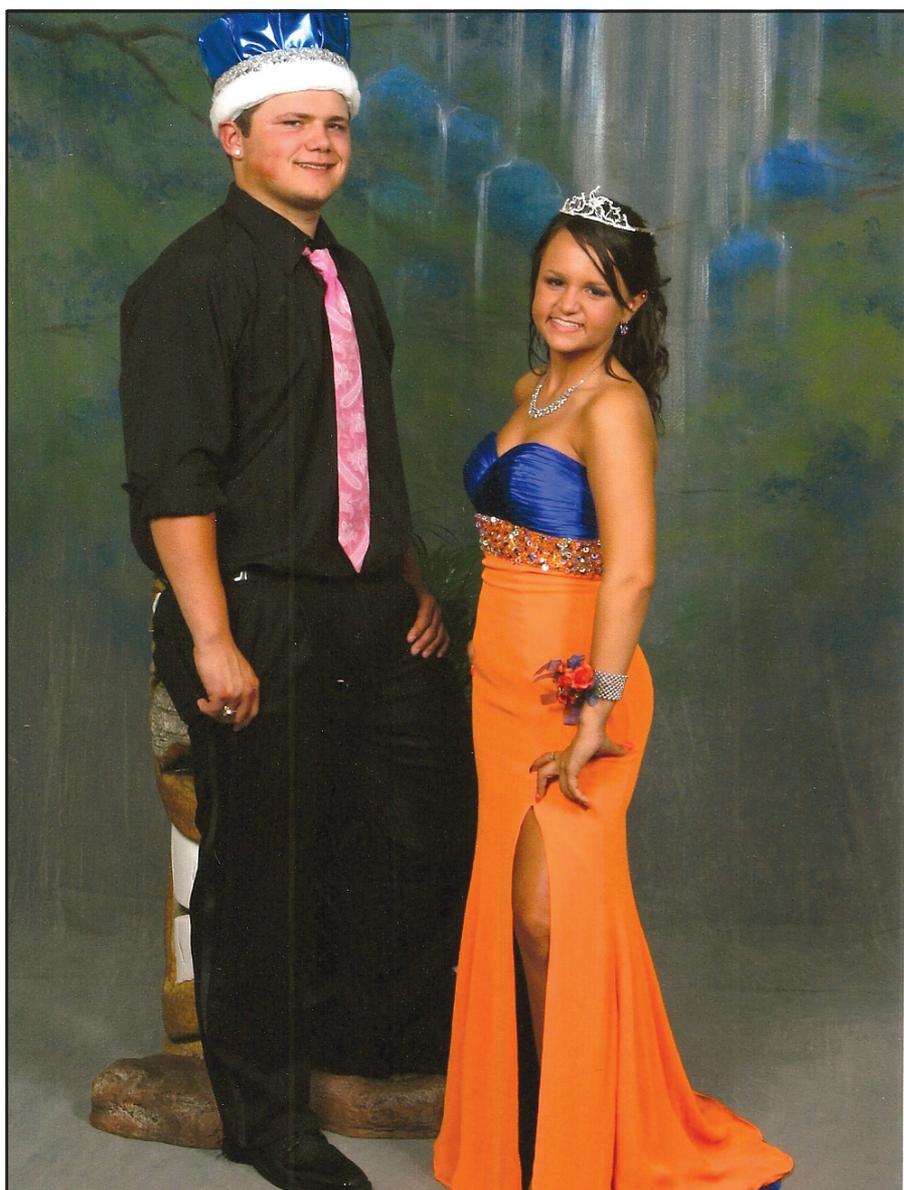
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Hurricane preparedness seminar planned for June 3

The American Red Cross of Okeechobee County will hold its annual Hurricane Preparedness Seminar on Thursday, June 3, at 5:30 p.m., to inform the public the importance of being prepared for this year's hurricane season.

The guest speakers will include: Eric Burris, Meteorologist, WPBF 25 News; Mike Faulkner, Emergency Management; Rob Shelt, American Red Cross; Billy Dean, WOKC AM 1570 & FM 100.9; Major Noel Stephens, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office; Jenny Pung, Waste Management; Paulette Wise, Bank of America; Marnie Lauter, Raulerson Hospital; Vicki Williams, Florida Dept of Financial Services; Gary, Ritter, South Florida Water Management District; Karl Holkamp, Okeechobee County Fire

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This informational seminar will cover disaster related topics to educate our community:

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The seminar will be held at Raulerson Hospital (Cafeteria), 1796 Highway 441 North, Okeechobee, FL. Refreshments will be served. A hurricane kit and other prizes will be given away to some lucky winners. Space is limited. Please register by calling the American Red Cross at 863-763-2488.

Magistrate to hear code violation cases

Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Lois Nichols is scheduled to hear nine code violation cases Tuesday afternoon. Marjorie Paige, trustee, will have to answer charges of having a derelict structure at 2358 S.R. 70 property.

According to code enforcement officer Beth Albert, James Myers and William Day have excessive overgrowth on their S.E. 36th Avenue property.

Jacob Nisson was charged with building a pole barn without a building permit on N.E. 138th Street.

David Morris has been charged with living in an RV and having outdoor storage and an unpermitted shed on his S.E. 21st Court property. Code enforcement officer Albert has stated that Melba Franklin was also living in an RV as well as having an accumulation of debris on a N.W. 36th Street lot.

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Chaisson could be facing fines if they have not obtained the proper permits and final inspections for their respective properties.

Phillip McAllister could also be fined if he has not removed or demolished with the proper permits the condemned mobile home on his S.E. 37th Way lot.

Gloria Jean Vonerau had been ordered to either demolish or repair the structure on her N.E. 103rd Avenue lot or face a possible fine.

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Hershey Track and Field local winners may compete in Miami

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

The annual Hershey's Track and Field competition was once again a success last Friday at Okeechobee High School with all five elementary schools, two middle schools and the Brighton Charter School represented.

Boys and girls from 9-14 are eligible for the contest each year. Each school holds their own track and field day to determine who will represent them at the county competition.

In the boys 9-10 division, Jarrett Emmick of North Elementary won the 50 meter dash with a time of 8.08 seconds. Lance Howard of the Brighton School finished second.

Ethyn Johnson of Central Elementary School won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.7 seconds. Jalen Pryor of South finished second with a time of 15.98 seconds.

Jarrett Mills of South Elementary School won the 200 meter run with a time of 33.63 seconds. Malcolm Chambers of Central finished second.

Mills also won the 400 meter run with a time of 1 minute 17 seconds. Devonte Luellman of North finished second.

Chandler Pearce of Brighton won the standing long jump with a time of 6' 5 3/4". Mills finished second in that competition.

Malcolm Chambers won the softball throw with a toss of 135' 8". Dustin Mansfield of South Elementary finished second.

The 4x100 meter relay race was won by Central Elementary with a time of 1.09.30. Team members include Ethyn Johnson, Dylan Walker, Jose Mojica and Malcolm Chambers. The second place team came from South Elementary and included Mario Pineda, Jarrett Faulkner, Matthew Garcia, and Elias Sowell.

In the girls 9-10 age division, Aubrie Hat-away of South won the 50 meter dash. Ariel Girardi of Everglades was second.

Ashley Boyd of Seminole won the 100 meter dash and Giselle Leal of Central was second.

The 200 meter run was captured by Sunni Bearden of Brighton with a time of 36.22. Macey Lamb of South finished second.

The 400 meter race was won by Alani Garcia of Central with a time of 1.30. Kayleigh Sparkman of Central finished second.

Christine Grosio won the standing long jump with a leap of 5'9 1/2". She is a student

at North Elementary School. Hannah Harper of Central took second place.

Raeley Matthews of Brighton won the softball throw with a toss of 108' 5". Cady Osceola of Brighton took second place.

The 4x100 meter relay championship was captured by the Brighton School. Team members include Raeley Matthews, Chloe Chalfant, Cady Osceola and Sunni Bearden. Everglades finished second. Members of that team include Emily Hernandez, Angela Salmeron, Cassy Weldon and Mariah Wooten.

In Boys ages 11-12, Antawyn Fludd of Seminole won the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.6 seconds. Ty'Asis Files of Seminole was second.

LaQuavius Williams won the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.53. The Seminole student beat out Demetrius Clark of Brighton.

Janavise Futch of Everglades won the 400 meter run. Logan Laskey of Yearling was second.

In the 800 meter run, Cole Owens of Yearling won with a time of 3.01.15. Danny Willet of Osceola took second place.

Files took the standing long jump with a leap of 7'10". Clark finished second.

Williams took the softball throw with a toss of 193' 11". Thomas Bearden of Brighton was the runner up.

The 4x100 meter relay was taken by the team from Seminole with a time of 58.21 seconds. Team members included Andravius Stallworth, Antawyn Fludd, Ty'Asia Files, and LaQuavius Williams. Everglades took

second place behind runners Roy Perez, Janavise Futch, Jorge Luviano and John Nelson.

The girls 11-12 age division also included a number of strong performances. Mercedes Washington of Osceola won the 100 meter dash with a time of 14.07 seconds. Latasia Neal of Seminole finished second.

Neal won the 200 meter dash with a time of 31.19 seconds. She narrowly defeated Odessa King of Brighton for the championship.

Lahna Sedatol of Brighton won the 400 meter run. Michaela Myers of Osceola finished second.

Kiara Hernandez of Central won the 800 meters with a time of 3.22.00. Bethany Billie of Brighton finished in second place.

Neal won the standing long jump with a time of 7'3". Kristen Bostwick of Osceola finished second.

Sedatol claimed the softball throw with a toss of 144'10". Megan Hargraves of Central finished in second place.

The 4x100 meter relay team from Brighton took the championship with a time of 1.04.20. Runners for the team included Deliah Carrillo, Lahna Sedatol, Odessa King and Shae Pierce. The Everglades team finished second just 3/10th of a second off the pace. Runners for Everglades included Jennifer Chavez, Julie Arnold, Perla Contreras and Alexis Garcia.

In the boys ages 13-14 division Alec Emmonds of Yearling claimed the 100 meter

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John Nelson raced to a victory in the boys 100 meters for ages 11-12.

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Cole Owens won his heat in the boys 100 meter dash in the 11-12 year old division.

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dash with a time of 12.9 seconds. Kain Sarros of Osceola finished second.

Wilson Barahona of Yearling won the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.15 seconds. Royce Osceola of Yearling finished second. Victor Nunez won the 800 meters with a time of 2:36.00. Kelton Smedley of Brighton was second.

Nunez also won the 1600 meters with a time of 6:08.00. Jiovani Hernandez of Yearling finished in second place. Robert Hayes of Osceola won the standing long jump with a leap of 8'10 1/2". Kain Sarros of Osceola was the runner up.

Layton Thomas of Yearling won the softball throw with a toss of 217'2". Jaquan Smith was second with a toss of 196'2".

The 4x100 meter relay race was claimed by Osceola Middle School. Team runners included Kain Sarros, Travon Pierre, Lance Crum, and Keith Chamberland. Osceola also took second place. Runners on that team included Chris Joles, Ben Levins, Jerry Davis and Jaquan Smith.

The girls ages 13-14 division saw Carissa Licata of Yearling take the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.64 seconds. Shad'dajia Williams of Yearling took the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.12 seconds. Sarah Burkhardt of Osceola finished second.

Kailin Brown of Brighton won the 800 meter run with a time of 3:13.16. Ruth Palacios of Osceola finished second.

The 1600 meter run was taken by Tiffany

Bowers of Osceola with a time of 6:56.00. Burkhardt took second place in that competition. Burkhardt also won the standing long jump with a distance of 6'10 1/2". Elida Ruiz of Seminole was the runner up.

Breanna Billie won the softball throw with a toss of 174'5". Lauren Hazellief of Osceola finished in second place.

The 4x100 meter relay race was claimed by Osceola Middle School. Runners on the team included Isabelle Sheldon, Julia Weldon, Brittany Milrot, and Gizel Alarcon. The second place team from Yearling Middle School included Toneka Roberts, Shad'dajia Williams, Ta'Coma Files and Marissa Fennell.

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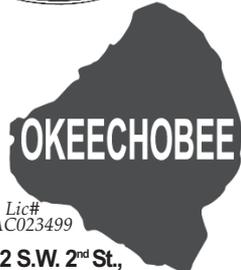
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Party honors Jane Ehrhart

After 37 years of dedication to her students, local Special Education teacher Jane Ehrhart will be honored with a festive Retirement Party on Wednesday, May 26 at 3:45 p.m., in the Yearling Middle School Media Center. All well-wishers are welcome to attend and join with us in reminiscing her many years of devotion to our community's youth. For more information please contact Shelly Sickles 863-697-6382.



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Eastern Star helps Hospice

Okeechobee Chapter 128 O.E.S. recently made a generous donation of \$1,000 to Hospice of Okeechobee. Pictured are Past Matron Jerry Ellsworth (left) and Hospice Nurse Robin Englehart. The Worthy Grand Matron of Grand Chapter Florida O.E.S. selected Hospice and palliative care as one of her charitable projects for 2009. Okeechobee Chapter 128 supported her statewide project but wanted to provide support to the local Hospice as this community has been supportive of its charitable fundraising events.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT—REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DIVISION OF RECREATION & PARKS
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - Parks/District 3 requests proposals for a grazing agreement for Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park
 SITE VISIT: 6/8/2010 @ 10:00 am Local Time
 LOCATION: Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park, 33104 NW 192nd Ave, Okeechobee FL 34972
 BID OPENING: 5/17/2010 @ 8:00 am Local Time
 BID CLOSING: 6/23/2010 @ 5:00 pm Local Time
 Copies of Specifications available by contacting Kathy Webb @ 407-884-2000, Charles Brown @ 863-462-5360 or by visiting Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park in Okeechobee, or Recreation and Parks/District 3 in Apopka 354685 ON 5/16,19,21,23,26,28/10

Public Notice

MARCOBAY CONSTRUCTION, INC., the Construction Manager for the new "Okeechobee Achievement Academy" in Okeechobee, Florida is currently accepting letters of interest and prequalifying subcontractors for the following scopes of work: sitework, site utilities, chain link fencing, landscaping, structural steel, carpentry, millwork, insulation, metal roofing, doors and windows, metal framing, drywall, acoustical ceilings, resilient flooring/base, specialties, equipment, furnishings, metal building systems, plumbing, HVAC, fire sprinklers and electrical.

All qualifications shall be submitted on the Construction Manager's form. Only those subcontractors that are pre-qualified will be allowed to bid this project. To request a pre-qualification form, please contact: Marcobay Construction, Inc., Attention: Jeanie Babcock; 4025 S. Pipkin Road, Lakeland, Florida 33811. Phone (863) 680-2293, extension 231; fax number (863) 687-8525. jbabcock@marcobay.com

MBE/WBE participation is strongly encouraged. 353996 ON 5/9,16,23/10

Notice of Hearing Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate

The Okeechobee County Special Magistrate will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 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 354367 ON 5/16/10

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an order issued by the County Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, on the 22nd day of January, 2010, in the cause wherein FIRST SELECT, INC being Plaintiff and WILLIAM S. BROWN being Defendant, being Case No. 2000-CC-192 in the said Court, I Paul C. May, as Sheriff of Okeechobee County, Florida shall offer the following property for sale in Okeechobee County Florida to wit:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
 2005 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER VIN # 3C4FY48B2T560499

I shall offer the above described property for sale subject to all prior liens and encumbrances if any, on the 3RD day of JUNE, 2010 at 11:00AM or as soon as possible thereafter at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 504 N.W. 4th STREET, Okeechobee, Florida and will take the highest and best bidder for cash, all right, title and interest, of defendant in said property.

Vehicle may be seen one hour prior to sale @ B&M Towing, 414 S. Parrott Ave., Okeechobee, Florida, 34974. Dated at Okeechobee, Florida this 29th day of April, 2010.

Paul C. May, Sheriff Okeechobee County
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 863-763-3117, ext. 2225.
 353258 ON 5/2,9,16,23/10

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: Pursuant to Florida Statute 715.109. The sale or disposition of abandoned property of Tabatha Freeman will be sold at a Public Sale held on the 22nd day of May, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The sale will be held at Lakeside RV Park, 4074 Hwy 441 SE, Lot 56, Okeechobee, FL 34974. The following abandoned property will be for sale:
 Description of Property
 1987 Jayco Recreational Vehicle
 VIN #1U1BJ02NOH1JN0050
 Tag #F618TE with attached porch/room

Terms of the sale are cash no checks accepted. Seller reserves the right to bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said recreational vehicle and attached porch/room will be sold "AS IS" with no guarantees. Said property must be removed or arrangements made with seller to rent lot. 353923 ON 5/9,16/10

School District Advisory Council Meeting
 The Okeechobee County School District Advisory Council will meet on Monday, May 24, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the School Board Meeting Room, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. This meeting is open to the public.

Patricia G. Cooper, Ed.D.
 Superintendent of Schools
 353370 ON 5/16/10



Special to the Okeechobee News/OMS
Students of the week
Osceola Middle School Students of the Week for the week of May 10 - 14, 2010, and enjoyed Domino's Pizza for lunch. Pictured, from left to right, are: Principal Theda Bass, Chris Armstrong, Anu Baby, Juliana Sanchez, Evan Faulk, Keirstin Bostwick, Sierra Harrigan, Stephanie Mendez, Nadir Aguirre, Hannah Collier, Dean Brian Barrett.

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The 19th Judicial Circuit is offering an Invitation to Negotiate for a Creole Language Interpreter. Information is available on our website www.circuit19.org or through Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, 772-807-4386. Deadline for submission is June 14, 2010 @ 2:00 PM.
 354381 ON 5/16/10

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
 The 19th Judicial Circuit is offering an Invitation to Negotiate for a Spanish Language Interpreter. Information is available on our website www.circuit19.org or through Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, 772-807-4386. Deadline for submission is June 14, 2010 @ 2:00 PM.
 354378 ON 5/16/10

Public Notice

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice that a Notice of Intent to Issue Permit (Permit No. 40824-71-UC) has been prepared for Mr. John F. Hayford, PE, Executive Director, for Okeechobee Utility Authority, 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, 34974-4221, to complete construction and operationally test a Class 1 injection well, IW-1, consisting of a 24-inch diameter water injection casing, and an associated dual zone monitoring well, MW-1. A separate operation permit will be required to operate the facility after operational testing, should that testing be successful. The effluent from the wastewater treatment plant shall be treated with high level disinfection as prescribed by Rules 62-600.440(5)(a) through (F), F.A.C., in accordance with federal regulation 40 CFR 146.15 and 146.16, governing Class 1 municipal injection well in Florida.

Under this permit, the maximum flow rate into injection well IW-1 shall not exceed the planned injection rate of the injection well system of 9 million gallons per day (MGD). Injection is into the Oldsmar Limestone in the open hole interval between 2765 feet and the total depth of the well at 3205 feet below land surface (bls). The confinement of the injection zone from the overlying underground source of drinking water (USDW) aquifers and fluid movement adjacent to the well bore are to be monitored by the associated dual zone monitoring well MW-1. The base of the underground source of drinking water (USDW) is at 1825 feet bls. Monitoring intervals in MW-1 are 1820 to 1847 feet and 1970 to 2005 feet bls.

The Department will issue the permit with the attached conditions unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes (F.S.).

A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's 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 (received) in the Department's Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-3000. Petitions filed by the applicant or any of the parties listed below must be filed within 14 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any other persons other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3) F.S., must be filed within fourteen days of publication of the public notice or receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The 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 only be at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.

A petition that disputes the material facts on which the Department's action is based must contain the following information: (a) The name, address, and telephone number of each petitioner; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any; each the Department case or identification number and the county in which the subject matter or activity is located; (b) a statement of when and how each petitioner received notice of the Department action; (c) a statement of how each petitioner's substantial interests are affected by the Department action; (d) a statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate; (e) a statement of facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the Department action; (f) a concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, as well as the rules and statutes which entitle the petitioner to relief; and (g) demand for relief (sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wants the Department to take).

A petition that does not dispute the material facts on which the Department's action is based shall state that no such facts are in dispute and otherwise contain the same information as set forth above, as required by Rule 28 106.301.

Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the Department final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the Department on the petitions have the right to petition to become a party to the proceeding, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

Mediation under Section 120.573, F.S., is not available for this proceeding.

A party to this order has the right to seek judicial review of it under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal under Rule 9.111 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399 3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice must be filed within thirty days after this order is filed with the clerk of the Department.

The draft permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast District office, 400 North Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida, 33401. Please contact Heidi Vander, PG at (561) 681-6687, or Joseph May, PG at (561)681-6691 of this office, for additional information or to obtain a copy of the draft permit. 354694 ON 5/16/10

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that I will offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described livestock: approximately 25 year old 16.2hh Palomino mare with a thin white stripe on face and scars on legs at 2:00 o'clock, pm on the 20th day of May 2010, at 1480 NW 25th Drive, Okeechobee, FL, 34972 (Animal Control) to satisfy a claim in the sum of \$510 for fees, expenses for feeding and care and costs hereof.

Animal Control of Okeechobee County, Florida 354576 ON 5/16/10

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Veterans lead Brahmans at spring practice

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Brant Harden and David Carter both are working hard this spring to make sure something like last year never happens again.

The veteran leaders on the Okeechobee High School football team are the first on the field at practice, and the last to leave. Both intend to prove to Okeechobee that last year's losing streak won't become the norm for Okeechobee football.

"We've been blessed with nice practice



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brant Harden (seated) and David Carter (above) hope to be team leaders for the Brahman football team.

weather and it's been real nice," Harden said, "We've all been working hard and learning and we've learned a lot."

Harden figures to be the starter at left guard and could see time at linebacker this year. After a foot injury wiped out his sophomore year, Harden was one of the most improved players on last year's squad.

He said everyone who has shown up for spring practice has been very motivated, and has worked hard, "We're going to have a lot of talent this year. We are not going to be bad. I'm just glad all of us are here and getting ready to go."

The team has had about 28 to 36 varsity players show up for the 21 days of spring practice this year. All of them are anxious to get on the field for the annual Purple White Scrimmage at the Brighton Reservation which is scheduled for Friday, May 21, at 6:30 pm.

Harden said he hopes the team gets closer during the scrimmage. He also wants the offensive linemen to work well together, learn each others assignments, and become more comfortable playing with each other.

Carter started eight games last year and said his goal is to make an impact this year. He also lost a year of football as he didn't play as a sophomore. He'll be a senior next year and said he regrets that he took the year off.

"I'm doing everything I can to catch back up," he said. "I'm trying to earn my teammates' trust back."

Carter hasn't missed a day of practice and was a regular during off season conditioning. He admits it takes a lot of energy and desire to play spring football due to the heat and humidity. "You have got to love football because love is the only thing that gets you through it. You also have to love the guys you're playing with," he said.

Carter said he is mostly motivated by last years winless season because he never wants to experience anything like that again.

"The guy next to you on that field knows what you went through last year. You can't cheat on him because it's not worth it," he added.

Carter also wants to see a big turnout for the annual spring game. He said it's important that Okeechobee sees what the team is all about and realizes that this isn't the same old Brahmans. "We want to build enthusiasm and have a fast hitting and hard scrimmage. We don't want last year to happen ever again. That is what drives us a lot. We will push to get better," he said.

Carter is expected to see time at defensive end and perhaps on the offensive line at guard and tackle

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