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Magistrate rules dog must be confined

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Chaos, a pit bull owned by Norma Colon, may have to spend the rest of his life confined to a pen with warning signs posted on the property.

After hearing about an hour of testimony Tuesday afternoon June 15, Special Code Enforcement Magistrate Lois Nichols upheld the opinion of Okeechobee County Animal Control that Chaos is a dangerous dog.

In his opening remarks, attorney Jeffrey Fadley, who represented Chaos, claimed the dog "gave up more kisses than Hershey's."

According to Robert Azzaro, on April 4 of this year, he pulled up on his motorcycle to the intersection of S.R. 70 and U.S. 441. He claimed Chaos jumped out of his owner's adjacent car window and attached him.

"It lunged for my neck," he said. He threw up his arm and turned his head. The dog struck his shoulder, knocking him and his motorcycle over. His passenger landed on the hood of another car. His foot was

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ProSkills: Life and football



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Gladstone Coke shows off running skills to Ericks McQueen (left) at the John Grace ProSkills Football Camp Saturday at the Okeechobee Civic Center. For more on the story ... see Page 12.

Woman avoids trial with 'guilty' plea

Lamb pleads guilty to felony child abuse, delivering a controlled substance to a minor

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A woman set to go on trial this week in connection with a teenage girl's death has entered a plea of guilty and now faces up to 35 years in prison.

Lucinda Billie Lamb, 38, N.E. 11th St., Okeechobee, entered a plea of guilty Monday, June 14, to felony charges of child abuse and delivering a controlled substance to a minor. She also entered the same plea to a misdemeanor charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright said Lamb could receive a prison sentence of anything between zero to 35 years. That decision belongs to Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger. The prosecutor said Lamb's sentencing has been set for Aug. 6.

Lamb had turned down a plea deal last year and elected to go to trial instead. Mr. Albright said

Lamb's plea was an open plea to the court and not a negotiated plea deal.

So when she decided to enter her plea Monday as Mr. Albright prepared to select a jury, it caught the veteran prosecutor by surprise.

"I wasn't expecting it," he said. "I was ready for trial."

Lamb was arrested after 18-year-old Amber Nicole Martin was found dead in room 105 of the Budget Inn Motel, 201 S. Parrott Ave., on March 28, 2008. Lamb had taken her then-16-year-old stepdaughter and Ms. Martin to the motel.

Ms. Martin and Lamb's stepdaughter were good friends.

"Lucinda got into an argument with her husband and went to the motel to let things cool off," said Detective Bill Saum of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD).



Lucinda Lamb

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Facility supervisor attacked by teen

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A client at the Okeechobee Girls Academy was arrested late last week after she reportedly attacked a supervisor in a bathroom.

Jyonna Annieamelia Waiters-Moss, 14, Country Club Drive, Tallahassee, was arrested Friday, June 11, on a felony charge of battery on detention staff. She was booked into the



Jyonna Annieamelia Waiters-Moss

Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

An arrest report by Deputy Max Waldron of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) states that Waiters-Moss attacked the supervisor after the teen was told to leave the bathroom.

The girl allegedly grabbed the supervisor by both arms and started to shake her and slam her into a wall. The girl then tried to pull the female supervisor's shirt off and punched her in the stomach several times, stated the report.

Waiters-Moss then reportedly walked out of the bathroom and started for the front gate of the facility. As the supervisor grabbed the client and wrestled her to the ground, the teen allegedly started biting the supervisor's left hand.

Other staff members came to the aid of the battered supervisor, stated Deputy Waldron. One of those staff members had to grab the head of Waiters-Moss and pull it back to keep her from biting the victim, added the deputy.

The deputy's report said the victim's left arm was swollen and there were bite marks on the back of her hand.

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).

• Eric Justin Foley, 51, Crumpacker St., Port St. Lucie, was arrested June 10 by Deputy Patricia Massung on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with leaving the scene of an accident with injuries. His bond was set at \$10,000.

• James Bradley Winters, 29, Burkett Drive, Panama City, was arrested June 11 by Deputy Lieutenant Keith Murrish on a warrant charging him with the felonies of grand theft, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment. The warrant also charged him with the misdemeanor of battery (two counts). His bond was set at \$85,000.

• Amanda Herbison, 30, N.E. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 11 by Deputy Lt. Keith Murrish on warrants charging her with amended violation of probation - obtaining a controlled substance by fraud (three counts). She is being held without bond.

• Gabriel Alsides Gomez, 22, S.E. 10th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 11 by Officer Belen Reyna on a felony charge of burglary with assault or battery and a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$6,000.

• Justin Michael Hamilton, 22, N.E. 14th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 11 by Officer Chad Troutman on a charge of felony battery. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Stephanie Ann Yates, 20, S.E. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 11 by Deputy Bryan Holden on a warrant charging her with felony battery. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

• Sandra Nelly Villatoro, 21, N.W. 37th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Officer Belen Reyna on a charge of aggravated battery. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

• Jorge Morales, 21, N.E. 32nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Joseph Hall on a felony charge of burglary of a structure and misdemeanor charges of battery, petit theft and criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$6,500.

• Ramiro Hernandez, 44, N.W. 11th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy John Fisher on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Carla Rush, 44, N.E. 14th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Joseph Hall on felony charges of battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and introduction of contraband into a detention facility. She was also charged with the misdemeanor of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. Her bond was set at \$13,000. Rush was later arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with uttering a forged/counterfeit bill and grand theft. Her bond on those charges was set at \$27,500.

• Juan Murillo-Gomez, 23, Messick Ave., Plant City, was arrested June 12 by Deputy Thomas Kitchen on a charge of leaving the scene of an accident with injury. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Sabrina Diane Watson, 27, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested June 13 by Deputy Matthew Hurst on a warrant charging her with failure to appear - possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Her bond was set at \$2,500.

• Brian Matthew Arnold, 23, N.E. Seventh St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 13 by Officer Charles Green on a charge of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Francisco Motiel Garcia, 43, N.E. 62nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 13 by Deputy Paul Jackson on a charge of aggravated assault. His bond was set at \$10,000.

• Patsy Elaina Torres, 20, S.R. 70 W., Okeechobee, was arrested June 14 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

• Juanita Rodriguez, 22, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 14 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with felony battery. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

• Justin Douse, 26, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 14 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

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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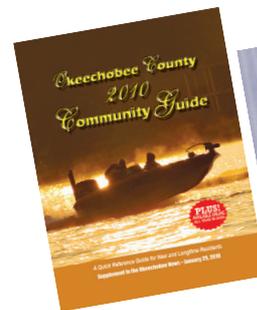
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Public Forum/Speak Out

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!

Magistrate to decide if dog is dangerous

- If a dog had been in my yard going after my child or grandchild, there would be no need for a hearing. Dead dogs don't bite.
- I'm a dog lover, but mean nasty animals need to be well secured, and the owners should be held responsible for any of their bad behavior.
- In my opinion these dogs should have been put down. They are a danger and there is no guarantee that they won't somehow get loose and attack someone again.
- I don't think any dogs are "bad" due to their breed. It all depends on how they are raised. I don't have pit bulls, but I know people who do have them and they are sweet and gentle. I think it depends on how the dog is socialized when it is a puppy. I blame the owners, not the dog.
- People get dogs to protect themselves and their property, then when the dogs do their job, you're in big trouble. I believe when a service person or guest is expected, the dogs should be put in a fenced area.
- If a dog is chasing neighbor kids and trying to jump out car windows to get to people, that is not just being a good watch dog. That kind of aggression is dangerous. You can have a good guard dog that does not try to jump out the car window to attack people. Of course anyone who has a dog that is allowed outside should have a fenced yard to keep the dog on the property. That is already a county ordinance that you have to either have the dog in a fence or on a leash.

County faces deficit

- Every household operates off a budget. When the budget gets tight, we learn to "smell the candles at Walmart, then set them back on the shelf instead of buying them" .. there will always be those that will "buy the candles" and worry about running out of money later.

• Worrying about it later seems to be the preferred method anymore; especially when spending others' money.

• Is Obama running the county too?
 • When Okeechobee opened the landfill the county felt flush with tippage fees from all the garbage. Since then, Glades and Osceola have put landfills in almost on our county border, Glades county now gets the Miami trash and Osceola gets Orlando trash. The commissioners with strong prompting from the agriculture crowd pushed through the Agri Center for the county cow show and sale. We now have to pay for this monstrosity with our taxes. The tippage fees have been reduced from the earlier levels. When they made the 5-year budget the money was coming in, not now. We have to address the deficit or the county will be bankrupt in a few years. Most county jobs are given to friends and relatives of the current people in county jobs. When was the last time you heard of a county job being posted for the public to apply for?

• I wonder if our county administrator will address the issue of him having two assistants and they in turn having assistants? We need to cut the fat out of the top end instead of raising assessments on property, while the real value of property is dropping. I think we need to look at the constitutional officers to do more than just give lip service to the budget deficit, they all want to keep all their employees while all the counties around us are cutting employees. St. Lucie county has laid off a lot of people and Martin county the same. There are people in Okeechobee losing their homes and living day to day while the county employees are crying about no raises. We can't continue to let our county be run as it is. I ask the county commissioners to step up to the plate and do something for their constituents, the taxpayers who are paying their salaries.

• You do not spend money you do not have, PERIOD! One thing the county needs to do is figure out what to do with the "Pink Elephant" that is the ag center. What a total waste of our taxpayers money. It's going to get worse. Property values are going to decline even more. Homes just aren't worth what we were led to believe they were. In fact, more and more people are filing assessment easements to get a reduction on their property value. The property appraisers office here is trying their hardest to keep you where you are. That's not going to happen.

Letters to the Editor

Teach your children

The unruliness of a child begins at home. Parents do not enforce discipline. They do not teach their children respect for others. They do not teach them God's word. The law protects children from abusive parents and guardians, but where do you draw the line between discipline and abuse?

If you know God you know the difference. God says to raise a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it, Proverbs 22:6. Granted there are some children who need special attention. It seems no matter what the parents do, they are still unruly, disrespectful, and we would like nothing more than to lock them in a room till they are eighteen. Unfortunately, we can't do that.

But what we can do is get them involved with extra-curricular activities. There are baseball, football, basketball, boys scouts, girl scouts, and if you check with the sheriff's department, I'm sure they have something. There are library activities and most important there are many church activities.

First Baptist Church has one of the largest youth ministries in Okeechobee. They have several age levels with two youth pastors and several youth leaders all experienced in child care and guidance for all age groups. And you don't have to be a member of the church for your child to be involved, (although it would be nice if you did) so you can watch your child grow into a better person both physically and spiritually.

They are taught to respect themselves and to love themselves so they can learn to love and respect others and above all to come to know that they are created special by God. They are all individuals and sacred in God's eyes.

We have counseling classes for both parents and children. We have women's bible study on Saturday mornings that are very effective in spiritual growth for weary Moms. There are men's ministries for tired Dad's. This world is not perfect, but with God everything can be dealt with...He is our strength and comfort in trying times, Psalm 28:7...

He is our refuge in times of trouble, Psalm 46:1....I can do all things through God who strengthens me, Phill.4:13.

So, before you decide it is up to the teachers and school systems to discipline your child, please bring him/her to the Lord. Take time to get to know more about your child and yourself in a spiritual way. And for God's sake, don't be afraid to discipline your child.

Jesus loves you and so do I.

Cheryl Gawda

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96. Heat index values as high as 107. Calm wind. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. South wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Lotteries

Florida Lottery — Here are the numbers selected Monday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 5-8-7; **Play 4:** 5-2-6-3; **Fantasy 5:** 2-14-19-31-35; **Mega Money:** 15-19-27-42-MB 16; **Florida Lotto:** 2-6-17-39-44-45 X 2; **Powerball:** 9-12-13-35-38 PB 30 x10. Numbers drawn Tuesday, **Cash 3:** 0-3-3; **Play 4:** 6-7-5-6..

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MEMBER



Clerks charged in illegal alcohol sales to minors

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Acting on complaints from the public, local law enforcement members put together a sting operation and arrested four local store clerks who are accused of selling alcohol to minors.

Arrested on the misdemeanor charge of sale of alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 were: Maria S. Jaimés, 25, N.W. 46th Ave., Okeechobee; Maria Reyes Patron, 36, N.W. 46th Ave., Okeechobee; Pedro Estrada-Figueroa, 25, Fort Pierce; Martha Sanchez,

37, N.W. Eighth St., Okeechobee; and a 17-year-old juvenile.

All of the adults were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a \$100 bond each. The juvenile was also booked into the county jail then turned over to their father.

According to arrest reports, members of the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force, the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) took part in the Friday, June 11, operation.

The report states that an underage con-

fidential informant was used to make the purchases.

The informant, stated the report, would go into a store and try to purchase some beer. If a purchase was made, the informant would turn the beer over to detectives. A detective would then go into the store to confirm the description of the clerk who made the illegal sale, the report added.

Illegal purchases were made at: Selina's Liquor, 2671 S.R. 70 W.; El Rancho Market, 3901 U.S. 441 N.; La Mexicana, 3235 S.R. 70 W.; La Fiesta, 1002 N.W. Park St.; and

the Bravo Store, located in the North Shore Plaza.

Once the operation had ended, OCPD and OCSO detectives went to the stores where the alleged illegal sales were made and talked to the clerks, who all agreed to go to the sheriff's office where they were placed under arrest.

The arrest report indicates that none of the clerks charged in the investigation asked the confidential informant for identification.

Okeechobee Walmart renovates, unveils new design

The Okeechobee Walmart, located at 2101 S. Parrott Ave., will celebrate a grand re-opening this week, giving local shoppers a glimpse of the company's next generation of store design and customer experience. The results of a three-month remodeling project will be unveiled at the Okeechobee Walmart at 8 a.m., Friday, June 18. Among the many changes are a new layout, wider aisles, low-profile shelving, a bright interior paint scheme, enhanced lighting and easy-to-read signage to make the shopping experience more convenient for customers than

ever before.

"We listened to our customers and redesigned the store to make shopping at Walmart even easier," said store manager Derek Denman.

The remodeled store features a more open shopping environment with wider aisles that contain no product displays. Walmart also aligned the departments that customers shop most frequently, making it quicker to purchase everyday items.

"The new layout is easier to navigate, which will save our customers time as they

shop for necessities," Denman said.

A bright interior paint scheme and enhanced lighting create a more inviting shopping experience and help define the store's merchandise areas. Low-profile shelving creates an improved sightline, and directional signage helps customers find the products they need.

The remodel also brings Walmart customers an expanded electronics department, featuring a wide selection of the latest consumer electronics and home entertainment. The new design includes a more hands-on

experience for customers with interactive displays for hi-definition Blu-ray, video gaming and portable electronics. The interactive experience enables shoppers to test new technology.

A new department called Celebration Station features party supplies, greeting cards, balloons and helium tanks, cake supplies and gift wrap.

The grand re-opening celebration is scheduled for Friday, June 18 and will begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8 a.m. During the ceremony, store associates will present approximately \$5,000 in grants from the Walmart Foundation to local organizations.

DOG

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injured and he was burned from the hot exhaust. Mr. Azzaro claimed Ms. Colon gave him \$100 to cover damage to his motorcycle and asked him to sign a statement that he would not sue her.

"He doesn't bite," he claimed Ms. Colon told him.

A neighbor, Sharri Crisino claimed that on Nov. 22, 2009, Chaos tried to attack her son while he was playing in his own yard.

"The dog came at my son in an aggressive manner," she asserted. She said that a few days before that incident her dog was tied in the yard while the family was gone. When they came back they found that their dog had been chewed up by another dog. They did not know how it happened.

"Was Chaos acting aggressively toward your son?" asked County Attorney Laura McCall.

"Yes, growling and teeth exposed," Mrs. Crisino replied.

Estaban Moreno stated that on Sept. 19, 2009, Chaos attacked his hunting dog. He said that before the attack, he had seen Chaos acting aggressively to people and dogs. He said that one time Chaos came into his yard growling and he backed up to his front door.

Ms. Colon claimed that Chaos has never bit anyone in the four years she raised him from a puppy. She said she had never seen him be aggressive. She said she brought him up around her grandchildren and considered him a part of the family.

He's a teddy bear to me," she said.

In his closing remarks Mr. Fadley claimed that the charges against Chaos were generated because of prejudice against pit bulls and the bad reputation that breed dog has.

Chaos' owner has the right to appeal the special magistrate's decision to county court.

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

Local pet rescue needs help

The Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee needs help to keep its shelter a great place for adoptable pets to stay. They are also in need of donations to help with food, vet and other operating expenses. Consult the web site at www.animalrescueokeechobee.org for the wish list. For information, contact Belinda at the shelter at 863-357-1104.

Habitat needs resale items

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While at the motel, Lamb and her daughter snorted cocaine. The three had been in the room for about a day-and-a-half, said the detective.

According to Dr. Roger Mittleman, of the 19th Judicial District Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Pierce, Ms. Martin died of poly-drug toxicity. In his September 2008 report, Dr. Mittleman said he found cocaine and

oxycodone in the young woman's system.

Detective Saum said Lamb told him that she and her stepdaughter had snorted powder cocaine together as many as three times.

"She said 'it was a mother and daughter thing, but we only did a little bit,'" said Detective Saum. "Lucinda then threw every bit of the blame onto Ms. Martin and her daughter. She's one heck of a mother."

When asked, the detective said he doesn't know if Ms. Martin took her own drugs into that motel room or if she got her drugs from Lamb. He went on to say that a

small amount of powder cocaine was found at the scene.

The OCPD detective said he wasn't surprised when Lamb elected to enter a plea instead of putting her fate into the hands of a jury.

"I wasn't surprised," he said, "we had a good case against her. Even with the stuff that was thrown out, we had an excellent case against her." Of her possible stint in prison, the OCPD detective indicated that Lamb should get the maximum allowed by law. "If she'll do this with a kid now, she'll do this with a kid later," he said.



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John Jeffery Ard, 37

OKEECHOBEE — John Jeffery Ard, age 37, of Okeechobee died Friday, June 11, 2010, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born Nov. 12, 1972, in Fort Pierce, he had been a lifetime resident. He was an avid skateboarder.

He is survived by his parents, John Roy and Vickie Ard of Okeechobee; brother, David Ard of San Francisco, Calif.; and girlfriend, Darla Whirls of Okeechobee.

The family received friends on Tuesday, June 15,

from 1 p.m. until service time of 2 p.m. in the Buxton Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Cary McKee officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

All arrangements are entrusted to the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee. On-line condolences may be made to www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

Donald C. Pittman, 98

OKEECHOBEE — Donald C. Pittman, age 98, of Okeechobee passed away June 11, 2010, at Raulerson Hospital in Okeechobee.

He was born Dec. 25, 1911, in Lakeland, Ga., to Charles and Rittie Pittman. Mr. Pittman proudly served our country in the US Army. He was a retired commercial fisherman and he attended Treasure Island Baptist Church.

Mr. Pittman is survived by his wife, Nella Pittman of Okeechobee; two stepdaughters, Joyce Stigall of Okeechobee and Teresa Blumer of Jupiter; sister, Vera Kent of Lantana; three granddaughters, Sue, Crystal and Angela; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 16, 2010, at Treasure Island Baptist Church with Pastor Brad Spencer officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobeeffh.com.

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

Julie C. Moore, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Julie C. Moore, age 73, of Okeechobee, passed away June 10, 2010, at Raulerson Hospital.

She was born Sept. 1, 1936, in Medina, Tenn., to Tom and Ida Coble. She married Harrison Moore Feb. 8, 1957, in Belle Glade. Mrs. Moore came to Okeechobee from Ft. Lauderdale in 1975. She was a retired homemaker. She was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church. She enjoyed attending church activities, gardening, reading and watching Bonanza.

Mrs. Moore is survived by her two sisters, Mary Roe and Lilly May McKee, and their families and her two daughters, Jeannie Moore Anderson and Jackie Anuez. She leaves behind two sons-in-law, Michael Anderson and Jorge Anuez and seven grandchildren, Andrew Anuez, Marie Howard, Jason Anderson, Shannon Johnson, Gabriel Johnson, Kenneth Anderson and Charles Anderson. She will be greatly missed by her 12 great-grandchildren, as well as her extended family, such as Marilyn, Howard, Jennifer Acheson, Richard Coble, Charles Smith III, Bryan Smith, Kevin Smith, Silas Cook, Jr. and Hunter Coble and a host friends and family.

Memorial services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 18387 North HWY 441, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Pastor Tom Pasquarella will be officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice in Mrs. Julie C. Moore's name.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bas-sokeechobeeffh.com.

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Susanne W. Starnes, 79

OKEECHOBEE — Susanne W. Starnes, age 79, passed away at the Hospice By The Sea in Boca Raton on May 28, 2010, at 4:10 p.m. She died from end stage COPD, lung and lymph node cancer, and renal failure.

She will be cremated at Bass Funeral Home, Okeechobee, at a later date.

Her sons, John A., Jr., and Kevin L., and her husband, John A. Starnes Sr., were by her bedside just prior to her passing. They are certain she knew they

were with her. John Jr. came here from Tampa, his home town, and Kevin flew in from Denver, Colo., which is his home town.

Susanne was born in Charlevoix, Mich., in 1930 and came to Florida in 1950. She and John were married for 57 years from 1952 to 2010. They were in the military for 24 years and she was a very good service wife. She, John, Sr., and Kevin moved to Okeechobee in 1975 after they retired from the USAF.



Community Events

Hospice to host special yard sale Thursday, June 17

Hospice of Okeechobee (411 SE Fourth Street) will hold a Gigantic Yard Sale on **Thursday, June 17**, and **Friday, June 18**, from 8 a.m. until noon. Specialty items for this sale include: lots of furniture and home fixtures at extra discounted prices. We have new items galore offered at extremely reasonable prices. Funds raised will benefit patient care, including services at The Hamrick Home. If you wish to donate items to the Yard Sale, drop off times are weekdays between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. For information call 863-467-2321.

Legion to hold Flag Day observance on Thursday

The public is invited to the American Legion Post 64 annual flag day observance at 501 S.E. Second St., at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, June 17**. It is customary for us to destroy tattered and torn flags during this celebration. Flags can be brought to be burned on this date. The local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts are involved with members of American Legion. Everyone is welcome. Call Dan Fennell for details at 863-763-2950.

Healthy Start Coalition meeting slated for Friday

The annual meeting for the Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on **Friday, June 18**, from 2-4 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women, infants, and children under the age of 3. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy birth outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For more information, please contact Executive Director, Kay Begin, at 863-462-5877.

Fancy ME! group to meet

If you have an embroidery machine, plan to buy one or are just interested in the concept, you are invited to join a meeting on **Saturday, June 19**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Red Cross classroom, 323 N. Parrott Avenue. This month we will be working with free-standing lace designs. Bring your machine, designs, thread and heavy-duty stabilizer to class. For further information, please call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.

United Way Okeechobee to meet at Raulerson Hospital

The United Way of Okeechobee will meet on Tuesday, June 22 at 8 a.m. in the North Dining Room at Raulerson Hospital. For information call, 863-462-5000, Ext. 255.

Town Hall Meeting is set for June 23

A Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m., at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 Highway 98 North Okeechobee. The topic to be discussed is the 2010/2011 Public Safety Budget's involving Okeechobee County law enforcement and fire/rescue agencies. Okeechobee County Commissioners and County Administrator are requesting citizen input regarding cutting some services in order to allow these budgets to be reduced. Cuts have already been made to Law Enforcement Personal Services, Operating Expenses and Capital Equipment budget. The sheriff may be forced to start laying off staff in order to meet the Commissioners fiscal requirements. The sheriff has submitted a 2010/2011 fiscally conservative budget that includes a reduction for the third consecutive year but will allow him to provide the level of law enforcement he feels the county needs and deserves. This level will allow the department to stay up with the criminal element and maintain our safe Communities to raise our children in.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 23, at 7 p.m., at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, located at 1750 Highway 98 North Okeechobee, and let your opinion be heard.

Historic courthouse to reopen

Join the celebration! The Historic Okeechobee County Court House is set to re-open with a dedication ceremony on Saturday, **June 26**, starting at 9 a.m. The courthouse dedication will include the ribbon cutting and key to building presentation on the South lawn of the Historic Okeechobee County Courthouse and a dedication of the William L. Hendry Courtroom at 10 a.m. immediately following the Courthouse dedication in Courtroom A, Second floor of the Courthouse. The dedication is sponsored by the Okeechobee County Bar Association, Main Street of Okeechobee, Inc. Okeechobee County.

Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournament dates are set

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

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Angel Food Ministries: Church provides food bargains

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Many frugal shoppers take advantage of the Angel Food Ministry of First Baptist Church.

Bunny Lightsey was involved in bringing the program to the church. She was on the Missions Council of the church and was concerned that the church was not meeting people's food needs. In the fall of 2008 she first heard about Angel Food Ministries.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization that provides food throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 with 34 families in Monroe, La. and now serves hundreds of thousands of families in 44 states. Nationwide, the program uses 45,000 volunteers and about 210 employees to distribute food to over 5,200 volunteer host sites.

"I couldn't find anything bad about it," Mrs.

Lightsey said. So First Baptist Church became a distribution point for Angel Food with Mrs. Lightsey in charge.

Each month 100 to 125 people order food. For \$30 a wise shopper can feed a family of four for a week. While the price is the same each month, the menu varies. The June menu contains New York strip steaks, a mac and beef dinner, chicken breasts, ground beef, fish bits, chicken sausage, eggs, green beans, onions, peppers, rice, pasta sauce, pasta, potatoes, dessert and milk.

In addition to the basic box, each month there are several specials. At first a customer had to buy the basic box in order to get a special but that is no longer true. The specials vary in price and menu each month. For June the specials include a 5.5 pound assorted meat grill box for \$23, a six pound box of chicken and ribs for \$17, a flavored hamburger grill box for \$19 and \$22 for a fruit and veggie box. The \$21



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Food items are added to boxes assembly-line style.

Bit O'Blessing Box contains hamburger steaks, mac and beef dinner entree, chicken breasts, fajita strips, smoked sausage, green beans, rice, broccoli, onions, peppers and fruit.

Each month there is also a \$35 seafood pack. For seniors, \$28 will buy 10 complete fully cooked meals. All that is necessary is to pop them into the microwave and serve them. There is also an after school box of snacks and an after school fruit box. For those suffering from allergies there is the Allergen-Free Food Box for \$23.

Mrs. Lightsey said that some people think Angel Food is a welfare program. That is not true. There are no income or other requirements. Anyone can order an Angel Food box. She also said that some people feel that if they order a box, it will prevent someone more needy from getting a box. That is not true either.

Usually the delivery date is the fourth Satur-

day of the month. About 40 volunteers unload the truck and pack the boxes. These volunteers have the technique perfected. Customers are asked to bring a box or grocery bags. As a customer walks down a long row of tables placed end to end, volunteers add individual items to their box, assembly line style. At the end of the row, the specials are available.

With each order the menu for the next month is distributed. Correct cash orders for the next month can then be taken at the church office each week day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. up until about a week before the next delivery. Food stamps orders are taken at the church office two days each month just before the deadline. For more information on orders call the church office at 863-763-2171.

Churches plan summer activities

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave., is changing the time of Sunday Morning Worship from 10:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for the months of June, July and August.

Oakview Baptist Church, 677 S.W. 32nd Ave, is currently accepting registration for Upwards Soccer for boys and girls ages K-4 through sixth grade. You may pick up a registration form at the church office anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Cowboys for Christ will meet Thursday, **June 17** at the Basinger Community Center. There will be a potluck supper beginning at 6 p.m. Services will start at 7 p.m. Buddy Hancock will be the featured speaker. For more information call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

NASA comes to Okeechobee. Well almost. Everyone is invited to participate in the Galactic Blast! **First United Methodist Church**, 200 N.W. Second St., is having Vacation Bible School this week through **June 18**. Evenings will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m. and classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Adults will be in the Sanctuary and doing a Louie Giglio (North Point Community Church, Atlanta) video series based on his "Incredible" and "Passion"

tours which he did with Chris Tomlin. RSVP, please, to Nancy Vaughan, 863-763-4021.

Peace Lutheran School, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, is having its second year of summer camp with a theme of "Superheroes for God." A full day program beginning at 7:30 and ending at 5:30 is being offered. Sessions will continue for 8 weeks. Please call 863-763-7566 for more information.

Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, will be having Vacation Bible School **June 21-25**. The theme is "A High Sea of Adventure" and the hours will be 6 to 8:30 p.m. For more information or to register, check our webpage <http://www.groupvbspro.com/ez/PeaceOkee>.

Oakview Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, June 21 - June 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. each evening. The theme is "Saddle Ridge Ranch."

First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., is having "Saddle Ridge Ranch" Vacation Bible School **July 12-16** in the mornings from 8:30 to noon for children from kindergarten through fifth grade.



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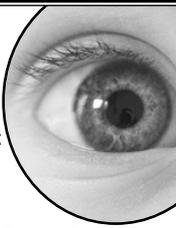


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State traffic fatality rates drop again

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

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According to the report, the state's traffic fatality rate fell to 1.7 fatalities per 100 million miles traveled. Still, there were 2,563 deaths on Florida's roads last year.

This is the fourth consecutive year in

which both the number of fatalities and fatality rate have declined.

The rates -- per 100 million miles of travel -- for the past five years were: 2005 - 1.77 (3,533); 2006 - 1.65 (3,365); 2007 - 1.57 (3,221); 2008 - 1.50 (2,983); and 2009 - 1.30 (2,563).

State safety officials said the safety belt law, education and enforcement efforts all helped to lower fatality rates.

The report was released by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor

Vehicles (DHSMV) and the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT).

The DHSMV will publish its complete 2009 Traffic Crash Statistics Report in the coming weeks. The report will contain detailed information on traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities, driver demographics and trend analyses.

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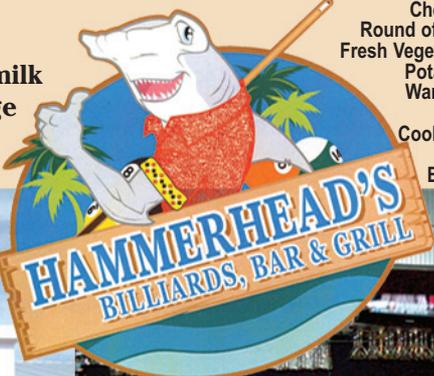
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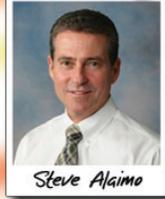
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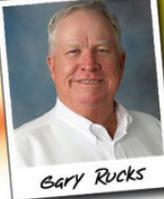
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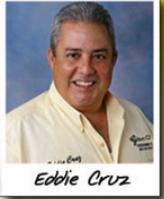
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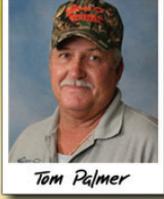
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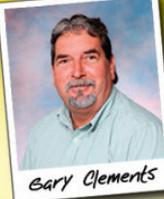
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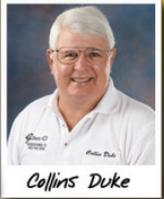
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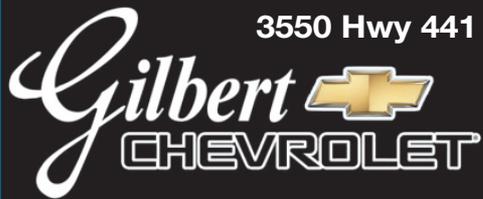
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ProSkills Football Camp held in Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Approximately 100 kids took part in the John Grace ProSkills Football camp Saturday at the Okeechobee Civic Center.

Chaka's Stars, 'Communities Holding All Kids Accountable Successfully,' its volunteers, several former Okeechobee football players, and Miami Dolphin quarterback Chad Pennington were among those who made the event a huge success. It was free for all participants.

The Chaka's Stars Foundation mission is to empower and enrich the youth in this community, providing them with programs, services, and skills to ensure an unparalleled opportunity to achieve and maintain lifelong success.

The football players on hand are excellent role models for these kids as each of them earned a college education thanks to athletic scholarships.

Chaka Smith said he was thrilled to see the turnout and said the program continues to grow and prosper. "I see a lot of positive impacts from this program. You have some great role models here like Chad Pennington. This program is here to help the youth of this community and give them every advantage we can."

Smith said he hopes to hold an annual event. He also wants to see more Okeechobee kids come out and enjoy the free program next year.

Pennington played football with Grace at Marshall. He helped Chaka's Stars last year with a cash donation so they could purchase equipment for the camp. He said he really enjoys helping grass roots organizations like Chaka's Stars.

"It is always great to help a former teammate out. I think it's important when you can take some time to let kids know you care about them and are thinking about them," he said.

Pennington said grass roots organizations really know the community and do the hard work necessary to help kids. "All these kids want is a chance and an opportunity and a little bit of help. I'm always willing to help them."

Pennington, who suffered an injury last year and lost his starting job to Chad Henne, said he is very excited about the 2010 season and predicted good things for the Dolphins. He also left the kids with the message of always doing their best in whatever they do. "All you can ask yourself is to give it everything you have and give it your best shot and let the chips fall where they may. There's a lot to be said about using your brain and using your smarts."

Other instructors included Brahman coach and FSU alumnus Myron Jackson, Tyrone Smith who graduated and played football at West Virginia State, Nate Pollard a student and cornerback at Concord University, Curtis Jones a graduate of Marshall University, Gladstone Coke another graduate of Marshall University,

Rogers Beckett who played for the San Diego Chargers and Cincinnati Bengals, and Smith who graduated from Wayne State University in Nebraska.

Pennington was the headliner as he gave a quarterback camp to the kids. He showed them proper fundamentals, how to throw a spiral, how to drop back in the pocket quickly, and other passing tips.

Jones spoke to the kids about proper fundamentals for wide receivers. He taught them some eye to hand coordination techniques and emphasized the importance of catching

the ball.

Tyrone Smith spoke to the kids about the fundamentals of running backs. There were also clinics for linebackers, defensive linemen and offensive linemen with various coaches.

After the camp the kids played some two hand touch football scrimmages to show off what they had learned. All of the campers also received autographed posters from Grace, Beckett, and Pennington. The players also graciously posed for photographs with the kids. The campers also received free shirts.

Grace said he was excited that so many kids took part. He said he is dedicated to helping the youth in this community, "Me and Chaka are lifelong friends. We have been through

what these kids have been through. We had a lot of good people help us and keep us on the straight and narrow so I'm all for doing anything I can do to help him instill in these kids what was instilled in us."

Grace said he thinks meeting some of these famous players will inspire these kids. He noted this might be the only chance some of these kids have to meet famous people. "It is not very often that a town like Okeechobee can bring somebody that has been on TV."

Chaka's Stars starts their summer youth experience camp on Monday, June 21. The program is open to kids ages 6-14.

For program information call 863 634-7424 or reach them online at chakastars.com.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brahman coach Myron Jackson (left) gives tips to Cody Walker during Saturday's football camp. Chad Pennington (right) gives tips to quarterback hopefuls at Saturday's pro skills camp.

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Tournament, camp and trainer listings added to Okeechobee Sports Network Directory

The Okeechobee Sports Network (OSN) Directory is not only getting deeper, it's growing wider.

The Sports Directory was developed as a convenient online platform for schools, parks and recreational facilities, sports clubs and academies, leagues, and traveling organizations to share activity and program details. In recent weeks, the number of sports organizations in the Directory has grown.

Recently, three more reasons were added for teams, players and fans to check out the Directory: Tournaments, Camps and Trainers listing opportunities.

The Tournament resource has been developed for tournament organizers to share details regarding their upcoming tournaments with the community, as well as for sports organizations, clubs and leagues to learn about tournaments they may wish to enter.

The Camp resource has been developed for sports camp organizers to share details regarding their upcoming camps with the community, as well as for teams and individuals to learn about camps they may wish to attend.

The Trainer resource has been developed for personal trainers and athletic trainers to

share details regarding the services they offer to area athletes, as well as for teams and individuals to learn about local trainers.

If you are a tournament organizer, sports camp organizer, or personal trainer or athletic trainer, please register now and begin inputting all of the who-what-when-where information about your tournaments, camps and services. You will be reaching a very targeted and enthusiastic audience with these postings.

The Sports Directory can be accessed simply by visiting www.newszap.com. From there, select "Okeechobee," highlight "Sports" and click on "Okeechobee Sports Network." After selecting the "Directory" tab, click on "Tournaments," "Camps" or "Trainers," which will provide you with all of the current information you need.

If you would like to add a Tournament, Camp or Trainer listing, select "Add details" at the bottom and input the required information, then click "Submit" when finished. Registration is required, and all listings must be approved before they appear online.

OSN is fun, interactive and free to participants of all ages. From baseball to basketball, football to soccer, fishing to swimming, cheerleading to yoga – if you represent a local sports organization that offers youth or recreational sports or activities, feel free to contact Renee Hawley, OSN Sports Marketing Manager, at rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or 1-888-853-7904, ext. 323.

Aukeemian Mills stars at football camp

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee Brahman wide receiver was named Most Valuable Player for sophomore wide receivers at a recent National Underclassmen combine held in Miami.

Aukeemian Mills was one of 2,000 athletes nationwide that have attended combines across the country in the past year. He was able to compete in the 40 yard dash, the broad jump, the long jump, and in various football competitions.

Mills said he was thrilled to learn from a great group of college players, college coaches, and former NFL players. "It was a lot of fun. We did a lot of things and I learned a lot."

Results from all of these combines are sent directly to every college in America at ev-

ery level. The combine is considered the best way to get exposure for high school athletes.

Mills could be named to play in the first ever National Underclassmen All America game to be played in Atlanta later this year. One hundred kids from across the country will be allowed to play in this game.

"It is a good way to get noticed by colleges. I felt pretty good about the way I played in the event," Mills added.

Mills also is now profiled on Rivals.com a major supplier of information for college recruiters.

Mills said he is now focused on getting ready for football season in the fall at OHS. "All I'm worried about is having a good season this year. I want to do my assignments, block, train hard, and try to get as many catches and yards as I can."

Rookie All Stars fall short at District Tournament

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An overall team batting slump ruined Okeechobee chances for a state tournament bid at this past weekend's District 8 AA Dixie Youth baseball tournament in Lantana.

The Rookie team comprised mostly of kids 8 and under lost a key game Friday night to Avon Park by one run and that loss cost them a chance to compete in the State Tournament in July in Hardee County.

"It was a real close game all the way. We actually led for the first two or three innings," Coach Rick Durfee said, "Just one play meant the difference. We weren't hitting the ball that well and basically scored runs on their errors."

Okeechobee fell to Avon Park 8-7 and Avon Park stayed in the winner's bracket which was a key development in the tournament.

Okeechobee went on to sweep a pair of games as they faced elimination on Saturday.

The team defeated Lantana 23-1 and Sebring National 13-3.

Okeechobee had to take on eventual District Champion Sebring American on Sunday and were eliminated 9-3. Sebring went on to shut out Avon Park twice for the championship, 15-0 and 9-0.

Durfee said all of his players did very well on defense but noted his team didn't swing the bat well. They managed just three hits in the loss to Sebring on Sunday.

"The defense was great. I felt we did well to hold Sebring to only nine runs. That was their lowest output of the tournament. They averaged 15 runs per game," he added.

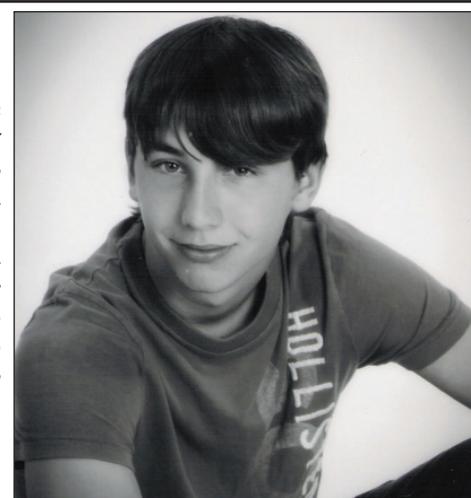
Players on the team included Deven Tedders, Jay Krall, Mikey Bobrowski, Ozzy Osceola, Cole Younger, Braxton Berryman, James Ward, Chase Storey, Darian Deck, Tanner Shore, Nick Hayford and Bradley Kirk. Coaches included Durfee, Bobby Bennett, Mike Bobrowski, and Jeff Krall.

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Local Forty & Eight Club disbands

The Okeechobee Forty & Eight club was recently disbanded due to dwindling ranks and poor health of some of the former members.

Former members will be part of the American Legion. Marcus L. Briney and Michael G. O'Connor of the Forty & Eight club gave a donation of \$300 to Matt Buxton for Grad Night. A donation of \$100 was given to Boy Scout Troop 964 as well as a donation of \$900 to American Legion Post 64.

The remaining members of the Forty & Eight club were Marcus L. Briney, Michael G. O'Connor, Herb Nix, Charles C. Perkins, John W. Rashley, Jr., Charles E. Lowe, and Douglas C. Savacool.

La Societe des Quarante Hommes at Huit Chevaux is an independent, by invitation, honor organization of male and female U.S. veterans, more commonly known as the Forty & Eight.

The Forty & Eight is committed to charitable and patriotic aims, according to the organization's national web site, www.fortyandeight.org. Their purpose is to uphold and defend the United States Constitution, to promote the well being of veterans and their widows and orphans, and to actively participate in selected charitable endeavors, which include programs that promote child welfare and nurse's training.

The titles and symbols of the Forty & Eight reflect its First World War origins. Americans were transported to the battle front on French trains within boxcars stenciled with a "40/8", denoting its capacity to hold either forty men or eight horses. This uncomfortable mode of transportation was familiar to all who fought in the trenches; a common small misery among American soldiers who thereafter found "40/8" a lighthearted



Special to the Okeechobee News

Club donates to special causes

Marcus L. Briney and Michael G. O'Connor presented Matt Buxton (left photo) with a check for \$300 for Grad Night. (right photo) Marcus L. Briney and Michael G. O'Connor presented Dan Fennell with a check for \$100 for Boy Scout Troop 964 as well as a check for \$900 for the American Legion Post 64.

symbol of the deeper service, sacrifice and unspoken horrors of war that bind all who have borne the battle.

The Forty & Eight was founded in 1920 by American veterans returning from France. Originally an arm of The American Legion,

the Forty & Eight became an independent and separately incorporated veteran's organization in 1960. Membership is by invitation of honorably discharged veterans and honorably serving members of the United States Armed Forces.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Roy Reno/OUA

A quarter of a century service

At the Tuesday, June 8, meeting of the Okeechobee Utility Authority board of directors chairman Frank Irby, left, recognizes Dave Sorensen, right, water plant operator, for 25 years' service to the utility.

VFW to host dinner

VFW Post 9528 in Buckhead Ridge, 29012 Hwy. 78 W. Okeechobee will host Wednesday Night Dinner, June 30, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with breaded pork tenderloin, real mashed potatoes, green peas and desert for a donation of only \$6.

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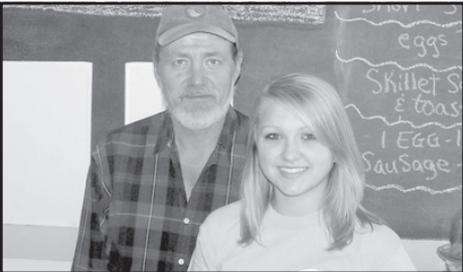
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Uncle Larry brings back an Okeechobee tradition



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
Larry McKane and his daughter, Margaret, run Uncle Larry's Rim Ditch Cafe.

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The famous Okeeburger is back. The giant hamburger, invented by the Mohr family in 1982 is now being served at Uncle Larry's Rim Ditch Cafe, 2117 U.S. 441 S.E. across from Pier II Motel. Owner Larry McKane says that the giant burger is now bigger than it was. It is 100 percent ground beef served on pita bread with lettuce, pickles and tomato. What makes the Okeeburger, according to Mr. McKane is the topping of Okee sauce

which is composed of secret ingredients. "We just sort of fell into this," Mr. McKane said of the Rim Ditch Cafe, which is his second restaurant operation and opened about a month ago. For many years he has been operating Barracuda's north of town on U.S. 441 N. Another specialty is the Skunk Ape Burg-

er which has chilli, cheese, bacon and skunk ape sauce comprised of secret ingredients. Uncle Larry's also has breakfast and lunch specials. In addition, they serve 'gator tail, frog legs, grilled fish, sliced pork sandwiches and they also have a salad bar. The hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m, seven days a week.

Mr. and Miss Firecracker planned

By Charles Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Fire Rescue Volunteers will host their annual Firecracker Fund-raiser Beauty Pageant on Saturday, June 19, at 6 p.m., at the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall.

Money raised is used to purchase firefighting equipment and fire prevention materials for the children of Okeechobee County.

Various age groups are eligible to compete in the pageant each year. The girls division includes the Baby Miss which is 11 months and younger, Toddler Miss 12-23 months, Tiny Miss 2-3 years, Little Miss 4-6 years old, Petite Miss 7-9, Junior Miss 10-13, and Miss 14-20 years.

The boys division includes Baby Master 0-11 months, Tiny Master 12-23 months, Little Master 2-3 years, and Junior Master 4-6 years. There is a beauty competition, most photogenic, most beautiful or handsome, and a best dressed award. Organizer Donnie Arnold said he expects

a good number of kids again this year despite the economic woes in the community. He said they usually have 50 kids in the competition. "It's pretty fun and it's entertaining. The kids have a lot of energy and really enjoy it." Arnold noted they bring in out of town judges so all of the judges have an open mind. He said the money raised is used well as volunteers in the past have purchased papers that can be used to call them in for service calls. They have also used money to purchase bunker gear for volunteers. Some of the money also goes to other charitable causes.

"We are looking forward to a good event this year. The kids get some great prizes and love to ride in the parades during the year. The show will go on regardless of how many contestants we have," he added. Prizes awarded include star crowns, trophies, banner, flowers, and savings bonds. For more information call Donnie Arnold 863-634-6464, or Margie at the Fire Rescue offices at 863-763-5544 during regular business hours.

Finance Academy honors student

The OHS Finance Academy wishes to proudly congratulate the 2009-2010 student of the year, Alayda Velasquez. Ms. Velasquez was recognized Tuesday, May 25, at awards night for her outstanding service



Alayda Velasquez

to the Academy over the last three years. "Alayda has been a wonderful asset to the Academy of Finance," Academy Director Daryl Roehm said. "She graduated with nearly all As in Academy courses, attended and helped coordinate

all Academy trips and fundraising events, worked tirelessly to help make Little Lake Bank a success, and has been a phenomenal mentor to other members." Alayda will be attending IRSC in the fall.

The Finance Academy is for those students wishing to pursue a career in the business world, with an emphasis on the finance industry. Students must pass a list of prescribed courses during their high school years, along with a paid internship. "Alayda along with the rest of the graduating members of the Academy, have worked extremely hard over the last three years to complete the program," Roehm continued. "I believe they all have successful careers awaiting them in the future."



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Emergency responders prepare for hurricane response

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

In preparation for the coming hurricane season, emergency responders on the local, state and tribal level as well as Red Cross, civil air patrol, Florida Power and Light and Glades Electric representatives met with Okeechobee County Emergency Management Director Mike Faulkner Friday afternoon, June 11 at the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Okeechobee Service Center. The group also included representatives from the property appraiser's office. Mr. Faulkner said their input would be necessary for mapping services after a hurricane since many street signs might be blown away. They could also verify the pre-storm value of destroyed properties.

Gary Ritter, director of the SFWMD Service Center said this group was one of the best emergency management groups in the 16 counties served by SFWMD.

Mr. Faulkner stated that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is predicting 14 to 23 named storms this season. The average is 11. Of those named storms they are predicting 8-14 hurricanes with the normal number being 6.

"The potential for disaster is very large." Mr. Faulkner said.

He explained that in August of 2009 Okeechobee County Commissioners had approved the national incident management system (NIMS) for disaster response. This is a system mandated by Homeland Security that provides a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, local and tribal

governments and private sector organizations to work together to prepare for, respond to and recover from disaster. The day before Mr. Faulkner had made a presentation to the commissioners as to how the system works. Mr. Faulkner said that one of the benefits of such a uniform system is that after several days local emergency responders would be ready for a break and emergency responders from other areas or from state agencies could be brought in to give local officials a break.

The first step when facing a disaster is for the commissioners to issue a Local State of Emergency. Authority is delegated to an agency administrator and an incident commander. The agency administrator is the representative of the local government. The incident commander is directly concerned with response activities. There is also a policy advisory group made up of elected and appointed officials who set policy.

Mr. Faulkner recommended to the commissioners that they, the city council, the mayor, the sheriff, the clerk of the courts and at least one representative from the school board make up the policy advisory committee.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
Okeechobee County Emergency Manager Director Mike Faulkner, standing, addresses a group of emergency responders on hurricane preparedness on Friday afternoon, June 11.

The NIMS also calls for an operations section chief, a planning section chief, a logistics section chief, a finance section chief and a public information officer.

Mr. Faulkner noted that if a storm is coming people can refill prescriptions up to seven days early.

The health department has been designated as a special needs shelter. However, the only facilities they can provide are electricity and oxygen. Each person at the special needs shelter must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Currently there are no local pet friendly shelters. However, some local veterinarians will house animals during a hurricane.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 7th day of July, 2010, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

UNIT NO. 25 AND 28, BLUE CYPRESS GOLF & RV RESORT, AN RV CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 320, PAGES 741 THRU 811, (CONDOMINIUM PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 45 THRU 51), PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH ALL APPURTENANCES OF SUCH UNIT ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM (PHASE 1)

ALSO, UNIT #25 WITH A 1988 FLEETWOOD DREAM PARK MODEL ID# 1 EH4L3420J7900903 AND UNIT 28 WITH A 2000 HOMES OF MERIT WITH ID#FLHMBPM70744977, INCLUDING ALL APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES ATTACHED FIXTURES ATTACHED THEREON.

pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is:

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK,
Plaintiff,

vs.
TIMOTHY P. FARLEY and CHERYL A. FARLEY, his wife and HERBERT GOSSETT,
Defendants.

and the docket number of which is: 2009-CA-721.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 4th day of June, 2010.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida

By: Linda F. Young
DEPUTY CLERK

Law Office of Cassels & McCall
John D. Cassels, Jr., Esquire
Post Office Box 968 Okeechobee, Florida 34973
356903 ON 6/16,23/10

Public Notice

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO.: 2009-CC-286

CARL S. MAXWELL,
Plaintiff,

vs.
MAYNOR R. ROSALES and MARY Y. ROSALES, husband and wife,
and any unknown tenants in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 14, 2010, and entered in Case No. 2009-CC-286, of the County Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein CARL S. MAXWELL, is the Plaintiff and MAYNOR R. ROSALES and MARY Y. ROSALES, husband and wife, and any unknown tenants in possession, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 NW 3rd Street, JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th day of July, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 9, BLOCK 33, BASSWOOD, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 28, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Parcel ID: 1-05-37-35-0020-00330-0090
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

Dated the 11th day of June, 2010.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Circuit Court

By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ADA, Disabled persons who because of their disabilities need special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 1.772.807.4370, 1.800.955.8771 (hearing impaired) or 1.800.955.8770 (voice impaired). 357474 ON 6/16,23/10

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.
472008CA000531XXXXX

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ELLINGTON TRUST SERIES 2007-1
Plaintiff

vs.
JULIO C. LANDIN-PINO; et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated 5/28/2010, and entered in Case No. 472008CA000531XXXXX of the Circuit Court in and for Okeechobee

Public Notice

County, Florida, wherein HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE ELLINGTON TRUST SERIES 2007-1 is Plaintiff and JULIO C. LANDIN-PINO; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; and ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 a.m. on the 30th day of June, 2010, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

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LOT 8, LAZY SEVEN RANCH ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 10, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNERS AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Court Administration no later than seven business days prior to the proceeding at Telephone 772-807-4370 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, on

Public Notice

6/2/2010.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk, Circuit Court
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2010-CC-061

PUBLIC RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.,
as Subrogee of CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, a Florida municipal corporation, and CITY OF OKEECHOBEE,
Plaintiffs,

vs.
SANTIAGO VEGA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED that a Complaint for damages has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses to:

DONOVAN A. ROPER, ESQUIRE, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 116 N. Park Ave., Apopka, FL 32703

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within 20 days after publication of this notice and file the original answer with the Clerk of Court either before service on plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter. If a defendant fails to do so, a default will be entered against that defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON March 16, 2010.
Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By /s/ Heather Thomas
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1- INVITATION TO BID

BID # 2010-02
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
EQUIPMENT SHED

1.1 Public Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the above referenced **Bid # 20 10-2 Central County Water Control District Equipment Shed** will be received by the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District (hereinafter referred to as "CCWCD", "OWNER," or "DISTRICT"), at the DISTRICT's office at the following address:

Central County Water Control District
 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street
 Clewiston, Florida 33440

until **2:00 p.m. local time on June 22, 2010**, for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Construction Contract, Detailed Specifications and Attachments which comprise the Bid Documents. Such work includes the construction of an equipment shed at the DISTRICT office site. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders may attend the bid opening. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid, and **bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.**

1.2 A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 14, 2010, at the DISTRICT office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida.

1.3 The work made the subject hereof is described in the bid documents titled **BID # 2010-02 CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT EQUIPMENT SHED**, copies of which may be obtained from Rock Enterprises, Inc., 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida, 33935, or from Central County Water Control District, 475 South Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida 33440, for the non-refundable sum of \$25.00. For additional information you may contact Carolyn Hester, District Manager, at 863-983-5797, or Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E., District Engineer, at 863-612-0011.

1.4 Each bid must be submitted in duplicate on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the Central County Water Control District, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All Subcontractors shall be declared on a separate form.

1.5 The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening, but no bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening without written consent of the DISTRICT.

1.6 In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

1.7 Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the DISTRICT will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the DISTRICT to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. The DISTRICT reserves the right to award the bid to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

1.8 The DISTRICT reserves the right to reject any or all bids with or without cause, and/or accept bids that in its judgment will be in the best interest of the DISTRICT, and the DISTRICT specifically reserves the right to reject all bids and proceed to accomplish its objectives without awarding any contract pursuant to this invitation. The DISTRICT also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time, which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond ninety (90) calendar days from the bid opening date during which time the DISTRICT at its sole discretion may release the bid security. DATED this 7th day of June, 2010.

CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

ATTENT: Carolyn Hester, Manager By Benito Alvarez, Chairman
 35677 CGS/CB 6/10,17 ON 6/9,16/10

Public Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the following described livestock, one 2 year old bay mare approximately 14hh white star, one aged chestnut gelding approximately 15hh white blaze; and one chestnut mare approximately 15hh both hind legs white socks, are now impounded at Okeechobee County Animal Control, 1480 NW 25th Drive, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The amount due by reason of such impounding is \$110.00. The above described livestock, will, unless redeemed within 3 days from the date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash.

Animal Control
 of Okeechobee County, Florida
 357428 ON 6/16/10

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 09-CA-347

CLAUDE A. BOWEN and JEWEL A. BOWEN
 Plaintiffs
 vs.
 OSCAR KIZAR, AFFORDABLE BUILDING CONCEPTS, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, and GREEN CYPRESS GROUP, LLC, a Florida limited liability company,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Oscar Kizar
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CASE NO. 2010-CA-168

CARLOS AYALA, VICTOR AYALA-RODRIGUEZ, and MARIA MENDOZA,
 Plaintiffs,
 VS.
 THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM B. ODOM, CATHY ODOM, and PATRICIA DUNNE HELTON,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: PATRICIA DUNNE HELTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title of the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

PARCEL:
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Block 21, SOUTHWEST ADDITION TO OKEECHOBEE, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, page 7, public records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
Parcel ID:
3-21-37-35-0170-00210-0030

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

School board honors students and teachers

During a recent meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board, outstanding students were honored. Cassidy Giles of Everglades (right) poses with Su George (center) and School Board member Gay Carlton. Giles won the A plus reading award for her school.



(Photo above left) Alex Campbell was Seminole Elementary Schools top reader of the year. He posed with School Board member Gay Carlton (left) and community member Su George (back). (Photo above right) Noah LaGrange of Central Elementary won the A plus reading award for his school. Community member Su George is also pictured.



(Above left) Anthony Metcalfe of North Elementary won the district award in the A plus reading program. Also in this photo are School Board member Gay Carlton (left) and Su George. (Above right) Maggie Cable (right) retired after 35 years of teaching. The award was presented by School Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cooper.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Stephanie Pierce

Folding the flag

Members of Cub Scout Pack 964 and Boy Scout Troop 964 folded more than 70 American flags in preparation for the upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony. Also pictured are Ray Worley, Chairman Big Lake District BSA and members of American Legion Post 64. When the United States flag (Old Glory) becomes worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it is time to replace it with a new flag, and the old flag should be "retired" with all the dignity and respect befitting our nation's flag. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 64. If you have an old flag to retire, please bring it to the American Legion before the ceremony. For more information, contact Dan Fennell 863-763-2950.

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