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## Abuse victims display anger, fear



**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

Although she says her 11-year-old grandson "is doing pretty

good," the manner in which she said it was not convincing.

Her grandson is one of five Okeechobee boys who were allegedly sexually molested by one of their playmates. Their alleged attacker who was 12 at the time of his arrest in December of 2009, is charged with seven counts of sexual battery and six counts of lewd and lascivious molestation.

The woman said her grandson, who lives with her, was molested

as many as six times and as soon as she found out, she contacted law enforcement. She said the only thing he's told her about the alleged molestation is how many times it apparently happened.

And even though her grandson is going through counseling sessions with Amy Peyssard from the Hibiscus Children's Center, he has yet to verbalize what he went through.

"He's not opened up about it.

He's holding it all in," the boy's grandmother said. She added the counselor is trying to get him to talk about it.

As she talked about her grandson, it became evident he is exhibiting some classic signs of abuse such as anger issues and a drop in his school grades.

Although she describes her grandson as "a very good child"

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Okeechobee News/D. Hamilton

Getting the last sip before darkness falls is the female Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Once nightfall is complete, the hummingbird will not feed and must conserve energy until daylight.

## Want to watch a jewel fly? Invite hummingbirds

**By D. Hamilton**  
Okeechobee News

Summertime brings hot weather blooms, afternoon rains and hummingbirds.

If you've ever had the pleasure of watching these little ones, you were probably amazed and mesmerized by their quickness, ability to hover in mid air and even to fly backwards.

Hummingbirds do not actually, "Hum." It is the sheer speed of their wings beating at 50-200 beats per second that produces the "Hummm-m-ming" sound.

Strangely enough, according to the University of Florida Extension Service, Hummingbirds only live in the Americas. There are over 300 species with 16 of those found in the U.S. Florida has just three main species with the ruby-throated hummingbird as the most common.

Hummingbirds nest in Florida beginning in April. They only produce two tiny half-inch eggs that hatch in less than 3 weeks.

In about a month after that, the young ones leave the nest.

Hummingbirds will remain late in the year in some parts of the South Florida region, however, most will migrate farther south to Mexico and South America until at least March before returning for spring's warmer weather. Male hummingbirds return about a week before females.

To attract hummingbirds to a particular area, offer them what they like. Fresh nectar kept in feeders will keep them coming back. Once the

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# HUMMINGBIRDS

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"feeding path" has been established, the feeder must be kept filled or they will move on to another steady feeding area.

The hummingbird draws the nectar from either feeder or flower through long needle-like bills and tongues specially adapted to reach into feeders and also into deep flowers. For such tiny birds at just 3 inches in many cases, they have huge appetites, feeding every 10 to 15 minutes. Hummingbirds do not feed during the night time hours so they consume almost half their weight in food and about eight times their weight in water.

The heart rate and temperature of the hummingbird drops during darkness helping them to store and conserve energy until morning comes.

Using a feeder purchased at a local store is one way to keep the hummingbirds coming back. Premixed or a packaged nectar solution mixed with water is best because it contains more than just sugar and water. It is much like they would find in a meal of wildflower nectars. Also, hummingbirds are drawn to the red color in premixed or instant nectars. Never, never use sugar substitutes or honey sweeteners in hummingbird feeders. The hummingbird will be attracted but the content could be deadly using either of these.

Feeders used with instant or premixed nectars should not be hung in direct sunlight. The heat can cause bacteria to grow and the birds could die from the contaminat-



The hummingbird's ability to hover in mid air and even fly backwards is amazing to watch.

ed water. Change the nectar solution every 3-5 days washing the feeder only with hot water and white vinegar.

What about a natural place for hummingbirds to dine? Planting brightly colored flowers are one way to draw them. They will try different kinds until they find one that suits them. Flowers that are tubular and large or those hanging in clusters hold a large amount of nectar, enough for a quick sip.

Hummingbirds are territorial and can be aggressive in and around their feeding area. To avoid this, having several different groupings of flowers will keep the conflict between feeding hummingbirds down to a minimum.

For more information on hummingbirds, check out the University of Florida Extension Service web site at <http://solutionsforyour-life.ufl.edu>.

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# Man sought for questioning in shooting

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Sheriff deputies are on the lookout for Lavoski Jackson, 31, wanted for questioning in a shooting Thursday in Douglas Park.

Detective Marty Faulkner said Jackson is considered armed and dangerous. He has a Belle Glade address.

The shooting reportedly took place in an area formerly known as the Gilcrest Apartments at 701 N.E. 13th Avenue at approximately 10 a.m. The victim was reportedly shot in the shoulder and was transported by medical helicopter to a regional medical facility. Faulkner, who declined to identify the victim, stated the Okeechobee man was in stable condition on Friday.



**Lavoski Jackson**

The shooting took place in a known drug area and detectives with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force were at the scene of the shooting in less than a minute. They made one arrest when a small amount of marijuana was located on one of the witnesses to the shooting.

Detective Faulkner declined to speculate on a possible motive for the shooting.

Jackson has an extensive arrest history in Okeechobee dating back to when he was 16 years old. Among the previous charges against him were uttering a forged instrument, failure to redeliver leased property, and several counts of sale of cocaine, and possession with the intent to sell cocaine. He had convictions for uttering a forged instrument and possession with the intent to sell or deliver cocaine in Okeechobee.

Anyone with information on Jackson or this case can call the Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office at 863-763-3117.

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# Two missing boys found, teen arrested

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

A frantic mother was reunited with her two sons Thursday after the boys had left home for two days, Okeechobee County Sheriff Deputies.

Ryan Mellette, 18, of Berman Road, was charged July 8, with felony interference with child custody in the incident and was held on \$2,500 bond at the Okeechobee County Jail.

The arrest report from Sgt. Clif Gill stated the boys were reported missing on Tuesday. The mother could not get in contact with the boys and alerted law enforcement.

The Okeechobee County Sheriffs Office, the Okeechobee Sheriff's posse, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, and a helicopter with the St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office organized a search Thursday morning on Berman Road. Shortly before the search authorities received information that the boys were at North Shore Plaza. City police sent a unit to the location and found the boys safe and sound.

Melette claimed he had taken the boys swimming at Platts Bluff and had run out of gas. He refused to answer further questions from the lawmen.

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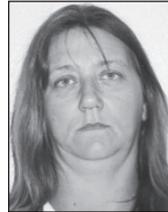
The following people are among Okeechobee's Most Wanted persons. There are active warrants for each of them.

The criteria for making Okeechobee's Most Wanted top five is based on the severity of the crime in conjunction with the age of the warrant.

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



**Patsy Torres**



**Rebecca Ann Blair**

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### Fundraising efforts

On behalf of the entire Seminole Tribe Warriors 12U travel baseball team, I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to the Brighton and Okeechobee communities. Our Baseball team has been fund raising, over the last few weeks, to have the opportunity to play baseball at the USSSA world series in Pace, Fla. and the Global World series in Disney's Wide World of Sports. With your support, we will be able to give most of these kids a once-in-a-life-time opportunity to show case their talent and represent our community on a national stage. Thank you!

### Heartfelt thanks

• Thank you to whoever left flowers at my wife's memorial at the corner of State Road 70 and Highway 98. Thank you very much. Your thoughtful and unselfish act gives hope to mankind.

### Please slow down

• What is it with people who think that it is okay to drive in a residential area without abiding by the posted speed limit? I for one am angry! And don't tell me that a patrol car parked in the neighborhood will put a damper on these speed demons. One parks in his driveway across the street and it does not hinder these anti-law abiding people.

### Road damaged

• Does anybody know when the road department or OUA plan on fixing that mess the OUA created on Southwest 28th street off of Eagle Bay Drive? It has been like that for 3 months now and the more it rains, the worse it gets. I drive over that garbage every day on my way to work. Why hasn't it been fixed? And please don't tell me OUA had nothing to do with it. I SAW them tearing up the street.

### Zombies

• I saw in the news that near Seattle they set a world record for a zombie gathering with more than 4,000 folks dressed as zombies. I think we should get the whole town to dress up for Halloween the way they used to.

### \$4 million deficit

• The sheriff has returned money back to the county for three years now and has cut his budget again this year. More cuts would be a safety issue for the citizens of Okeechobee County. The sheriff has been responsible with the budget since he has been in office. The deputies have not had a raise in three years yet they do not complain because they know these are hard times. The deputies know a lot of people and have friends who are out of work in Okeechobee. The deputies appreciate their jobs and continue to make sacrifices. If you "hot seat" patrol cars, the cost is higher because of the wear and tear on the patrol vehicles. This is an old issue brought up by many counties over the years. Take home cars are more cost efficient and the positive effects of take home cars have been established over and over again. One thing that would save money is the sheriff's office should have their own garage for maintenance and repairs. They still send cars out to different people for repairs.

• Regarding car repairs and maintenance, I should hope the county would do the math—see which way is most efficient. On the flip side, would it be less expensive for maintenance and repairs on all county vehicles to be done on a contract, rather than paying mechanics wages, plus benefits?

• How can all these people come down so hard on the on the local government and not see where the problem is. It's not just Okeechobee county it's all local governments struggling. The federal government has cut a lot of funding but it still cost the same to run a county. Maybe if we had someone in Washington DC that would do something besides campaign for the next term we could move foreword instead of pointing fingers.

• In these tough economic times, we need to question every expense and every person on the payroll. Do we really need this expense or this position? Is the work this person produces worth what he or she is being paid? Should we go out for bids? Should we use a contract for services instead of hiring a full time employee and paying benefits? The duty of the county commissioners is to get the most they can for the taxpayers' hard earned money. It is not the county's money they are spending, it is the taxpayers' money. In the past there has been a lot of waste and abuse, with some officials hiring friends and relatives or doing political favors. We can't afford that now. We can't afford the "we've always done it that way mentality."

## Reflections from the pulpit

### 'Now faith is'

By Wendy Schaffer

Pastoral Counselor, The Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee

Recently a woman facing a difficult situation decided to stand on her faith and speak the truth. She asked for supportive Bible verses and wrote, "need more! I'm staying in the Bible - have to - want to." I was so moved by her faith, I'm using part of my letter to her to write this article with her permission.

In the Bible dictionary by Tenney and Douglas, they state faith has a two-fold sense. The first sense is trust and reliance. The second sense is fidelity (God's accurate and loyal servance of duty with faithful devotion) and trustworthiness. The lady is in a re-

### Okeechobee Forecast

**Today:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southwest wind around 5 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming south around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Monday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming south-east around 5 mph.

## Lotteries

**Florida Lottery** — Here are the numbers selected Thursday PM in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 7-1-0; **Play 4:** 1-3-6-2; **Fantasy 5:** 1-9-13-30-32; **Mega Money:** 4-13-17-41 MB 13; **Florida Lotto:** 2-5-9-20-26-38 X 3; **Powerball:** 10-41-44-48-56 PB 4 x2. Numbers drawn Thursday AM, **Cash 3:** 4-5-2; **Play 4:** 1-8-8-8.

lationship with God. Her faith is counting on God's faithfulness (Romans 3:3) counting on Him to justly see her through. Young's Bible Concordance includes "steadfastness," which is to be firm, fixed and constant, as part of the meaning of faith. This woman needs to be strong and unwavering as she stands on truth and faith.

David shows faith in Psalm 9:1-4. "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works... When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. For thou hast maintained my cause." Jesus tells his disciples they should have faith in the midst of a storm; especially since He was with them. "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:36-41) Jesus expounds on faith in Luke 17:6 "If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea, and it should obey you."

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is often referred to as "The Faith Chapter." The first verse defines faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Substance, in the concordance, has the root meaning of "strength sufficiency, force, power, standing and acquisition (to gain or get as one's own). Evidence means "a recorded record and manifestation." As I reread the verse inputting the word descriptions, I gain a fuller meaning of "faith." "Now faith (to steadfastly have trust and reliance in God because of His fidelity and trustworthiness) is the substance (the strength, sufficiency, force, power, standing and acquisition) of things hoped for, the evidence (the recorded letter and manifestation) of things not seen."

I pray we learn from this verse, accounts in the Bible, and from the woman standing on faith, to more confidently go through life without all the worry and anxiety. If we are in God's Will (pleasing God by righteously following His Word/counsel), we can face each trial, situation or loss knowing He is with us. God is our provider and protector. Do not compromise or waiver. Stand on FAITH!

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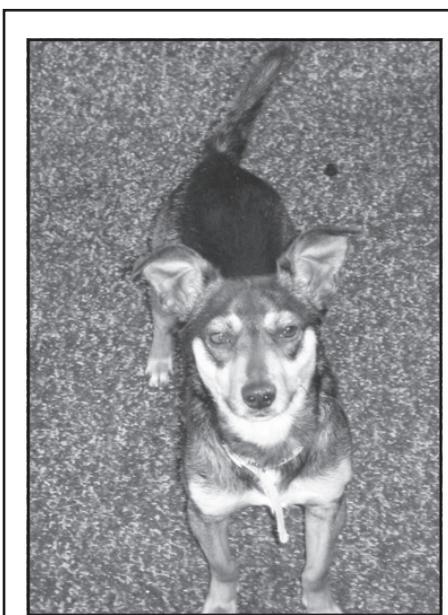
On May 20, 205 seniors received scholarships at Okeechobee High School. Local scholarships received totalled \$748,013.

(above) Deb Trotter and Marnie Lauter presented Samantha Gonzalez, Guadalupe Martinez, Abby Castillo, Maria Garcia, Casey Lawrence, Jennifer Pinnon, Christina Shank, Shanice Fowler, Michelle Spears, Chelesa McNabb, Ana Baza-Urbina, Kayla Davis, Carla Garcia, Jessica Julian, Monica Anuez, Hailey Venables and Cesar Serrano with the Raulerson Hospital Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 at the OHS Lecture Hall.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Terra Morris and Wendy Coker presented Lionel Jones, Christopher Martin, Janezka Koger, Jonathon Crawford, Monica Koger and Ricardo Nieto with the Chaka's STARS Foundation Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 held May 20 at the OHS Lecture Hall.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Humane Society Pet Rescue

## Pet of the Week

Adult male Rat Terrier. Poncho does well with other pets and children. He is a submissive little guy, neutered, vaccinations up to date. The fee for Poncho is \$135. Visit the Okeechobee Pet Rescue at 1203 Hwy. 98 N. Okeechobee. Please call 863-357-1104. Hours of operation: Tues, Thurs, Fri, and Saturday 10 am till 3 p.m. Wednesday 1 till 3 p.m. Sunday & Monday closed. Closed every holiday! Visit the web site at: [www.animalrescueokeechobee.org](http://www.animalrescueokeechobee.org). Contact us by email at: [reunitepets@aol.com](mailto:reunitepets@aol.com).



Special to the Okeechobee News

Michelle Spears was awarded the Glenn J. Sneider Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 held May 20 in the OHS Lecture Hall.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Denise Kelchner presented Ana Baza-Urbina, Tiffany Foley, Maria Garcia and Shanice Fowler with the Health Occupations Students of America Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 held May 20 at the OHS Lecture Hall.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Cristal Nunez presented Cesar Serrano with the Nunez Lawn Care Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 held May 20 at the OHS Lecture Hall.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Virginia Bryant presented Brice Buckner with the R.O.A.R Scholarship on OHS Scholarship Night 2010 held May 20 at the OHS Lecture Hall.

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### Nutrition class to be held

A CRA nutritional analysis class will be held Monday, **July 12**, at 5:30 p.m. at Douglas Chiropractic and Fitness Center. The class will be taught by Dr. Edward Douglas. This is free to the community. For more information, call 863-763-4320.

### Red Cross plans July Health and Safety classes

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will hold the following Health & Safety classes in July:

- Monday, **July 12** - Adult CPR/AED at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, July 22 - Infant/Child CPR/AED at 6 p.m.

All classes are held at their Service Center, located at 323 N. Parrott Ave. To register, or for more information call 863-763-2488.

### Cypress Hut Eagles invites members to meetings

Attention all members of Cypress Hut Eagles Auxiliary 4509. They would like to invite all members to attend meetings which are held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. There will be door prizes for those members in attendance. They will have readings of the by-laws on **July 14** and the final reading on July 28.

### Hospice to host Special Yard Sale July 15 & 16

Hospice of Okeechobee (411 SE Fourth Street) will hold a Gigantic Yard Sale on Thursday, **July 15** and Friday, **July 16**, from 8 a.m. until noon. Specialty Items This Sale: children's play clothes. 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.

### Karaoke at Moose Lodge

Okeechobee Moose Lodge 1753, 159 N.W. 36th St. will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Thursday **July 15**, at 6 p.m. Karaoke starts at 7 p.m. Members and guests are welcome. The event is sponsored by the sports committee.

### Airboaters open house

Florida Airboat Association's Airboaters Appreciation Open House is set for **July 16-18** in Okeechobee. On July 16, there will be a manufacturer's summit and cracker style gathering at Pier II Resort. Saturday, July 17, the FAA Airboater Appreciation Awards, FFA's Curry Island Unity Rally will take place at Harney Pond Canal in Glades County at 11 a.m. After the ceremony, ride Lake Okeechobee and enjoy the weekend. Sunday morning FAA will host a President's Breakfast Meeting for Airboater Unity and Fellowship for all involved in the airboating business.

### Benefit for Alice Sippert

Join us **July 17**, at 11 a.m. at the American Legion for a pork dinner, live music and auction to help Alice Sippert, school crossing guard. Alice has suffered an illness that left her unable to work. Hospital stays, doctors and no medical insurance finds her with bills that keep piling up. The pork dinner is \$8. Auctioneer, Jeff Osborne at 1 p.m. Accepting cash or donations for auction. Call Jeff at 863-634-7389; Danny at 863-697-0127; or Bruce at 863-634-4652.

### Gordie Peer display at library

Gordie Peer, former western film stuntman, Wild West entertainer, and local rancher, will display his extensive collection of cowboy and western film memorabilia the month of July at the Okeechobee County Library, 206 S.W. 16th Street. The display runs from now through **July 31**. Call 863-763-3536 for more information.

### Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournament on July 25

The Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournaments will be held on **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 since spring. 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.

### Collaborative Council meeting set for July 27

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **July 27**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office. It is open to the public. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues regarding services for children and their families. Guest speakers: Lynn Vidulich, Foster Grandparent Program and Candace Pope, Okeechobee County Health Dept. - S.W.A.T. Please remember to support our back-to-school supply drive with your donations (financial and/or supplies) through the month of July. Call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, Ex. 257 with any questions.



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# Your pet has an upset stomach: What to do?

By **Dr. Jane Bicks, DVM**  
Humane Society Pet Rescue

Sometimes cats and dogs vomit. The question is always: What to do? Do you call the veterinarian? Will it get better on its own? Is there anything you can give? Fortunately, there are answers to this all too frequent dilemma.

Let's start with the easy stuff. If your cat vomits up something that looks like a cigar, with or without visible fur, chances are it's a hair ball. It's better that the fur come out rather than stay in the GI tract and cause a possible blockage. The remedy for hairballs is to brush more frequently so there is less hair and give some type of hair ball medicine or food.

If your dog or cat vomits up undigested food then chances are they are eating too fast. Don't let several pets eat from one plate as they may gulp their food. For cats and dogs that insist on eating fast, get three big stones that are not sharp. Clean and disinfect them. Place them into a large dish and pour

the food into the dish. Eating around stones will slow them down. You can also buy dog or cat dishes with columns built into them.

If your pet is vomiting up liquid or digested food, then you have to pay more attention. If he does not have an appetite, is moping around, has loose stool or diarrhea, it is time to go to the veterinarian.

Vomiting will cause loss of fluid and electrolytes in the body. Dehydration can be a killer. Vomiting can be caused from many things and your veterinarian will figure it out. On the other hand, if the pet vomits but still has an appetite, wants to play and seems normal, then you can make him more comfortable.

A vomiting pet should have access to water unless your veterinarian tells you otherwise. Don't let him drink a lot at one time. Stop all treats including rawhide bones and people food. He needs a bland diet.

You can buy a bland diet from your veterinarian or you can cook one. Cook one part of skinless chicken or fish with four parts of rice. Add salt. How much to cook will depend on the size of your pet. This meal is not balanced and not recommended for more than 2-3 days.



**Dr. Jane Bicks, DVM**

## Ranchers invited to fourth annual Grazing Management School

The University of Florida IFAS Extension Service will host their fourth annual Grazing Management School on Sept. 16-17 at the Bert Harris Agri-Civic Center in Sebring. The event is sponsored by the South Florida Beef-Forage Program of the University of Florida IFAS Extension Service. The school is part of a continuing multi-county education effort to help South-Central Florida producers raise and market high quality beef cattle, per cow, per acre, profitably.

Participants wishing to register for the school are encouraged to do so by Aug. 27, with a registration fee of just \$30. After this date, the registration fee is \$50 per registrant. Registration forms can be obtained at one of the Extension offices in the South-

Florida Beef Forage Program area, or by contacting the Okeechobee Extension Office at 863-763-6469.

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The agenda for the school begins on both days at 8 a.m. with moderator, Randy Gerato. Sonja Crawford will begin introductions at 8:15-8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16. The agenda for Friday, will include a ranch field tour that leaves at 8:30 a.m. For more information on the agenda, please contact the Extension Office.

## Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

July 6 and 7, 2010			Med #1	Steers	Hfrs	
<b>Cows</b>			170-190	175-180	-	Well, we ended up with a fairly decent run of cattle this week in spite of the holiday and torrential rain. Prices sure held up good with good demand. Look for runs to start picking up from here on out. Steve Handly of Avon Park and Malcolm Barker topped the calf market with a high of \$1.75. Triple C Ranch topped the cow market with a high of 68.50. For Sale: 100 HD of bred Brangus heifers. Call Okeechobee Livestock Market for information at 863-763-3127 and ask for Jeff.
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Cutter	53.00	61.00	250-300	137-150	-	
Canner	43.00	46.00	300-350	128-140	113-120	
<b>Bulls</b>			350-400	124-135	110-116	
1000-1500	62.00	73.00	400-450	114-128	105-112	
1500-2000	71.00	75.00	450-500	110-114	103-113	
			550-600	100-109	98-108	
			600-650	100-105	97-105	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Med #2</b>	<b>Steers</b>	<b>Hfrs</b>	
Calves	266	986	150-200	125-165	110-130	
Cows	34	319	200-250	125-145	95-125	
Str	1	75	250-300	155-137	100-123	
Hfrs	1	66	300-350	110-133	100-115	
Bulls	3	35	350-400	109-126	99-113	
Yrlngs	23	65	400-450	99-101	95-108	
Mix	0	0				
Total	328	1546				See ya next week, Pete

Call your veterinarian and ask what you can give to settle his stomach. A small dose of kapectate, a small piece of ginger, or some cammomile tea is often helpful. When the vomiting stops, slowly go back to your dog or cat food, mixing it for 1-2 days.

The most important thing to remember about vomiting is that it could be a signal that something is very wrong. A pet can have a blockage which is life threatening. Older animals can develop liver, kidney or intestinal disease, all of which can cause vomiting. Worms can cause vomiting as well. Since pets can't talk, you have to play detective.



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# FCAT Scores to be mailed this week

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Schools and all Florida schools had to deal with major delays with FCAT scores this year.

The State Department of Education released FCAT scores on June 29, weeks after they were expected to be ready.

School grades, normally released in early to mid June, probably won't be in school district hands until the end of July.

Assistant Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy says the district will send out FCAT results to each student in the district this coming week.

The firm that graded the tests, NCS Pearson, reached agreement with the state for liquidated damages associated with the delay in the delivery of the results. Okeechobee Schools expects to be compensated for all their additional costs such as postage.

## "Elevate America" through training programs

TALLAHASSEE—Continuing his commitment to strengthening Florida's workforce, Governor Charlie Crist has announced a new, major public-private partnership between Microsoft and the State of Florida to provide free technology training to individuals across the state. Through the Microsoft Elevate America initiative, Microsoft has partnered with Workforce Florida Inc. to donate to the state 40,000 vouchers for no-cost, online technology training and certification through all of the state's 24 Regional Workforce Boards. The Elevate America program complements Workforce Florida's ongoing efforts to bolster digital access and literacy and to provide resources to individuals and employers seeking talent development resources.

"On behalf of all Floridians, I want to thank Microsoft for helping us in our ongoing efforts to prepare Floridians to work and prosper in our increasingly high-tech, global economy," said Governor Crist. "These vouchers will go a long way toward making Florida job seekers competitive in today's marketplace while preparing them for the opportunities of the future."

Each training voucher is redeemable for one e-learning course or certification exam. E-learning courses, available online, are self-paced and offer beginning and intermediate training on Microsoft Windows or on one of the programs in the Microsoft Office Suite. Also offered are IT Professional vouchers for courses tailored to the needs of individuals in technical professional career tracks in areas such as web development or database management. Certification exams must be taken at Certipoint Testing Centers.

Governor Crist made the announcement at the WORKFORCE plus One-Stop Center, the Regional Workforce Board of Gadsden, Leon and Wakulla counties, along with representatives from Microsoft, Workforce Florida, the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the WORKFORCE plus Board of Directors.

"We created the Elevate America program to help equip people with the critical technology skills they need in today's competitive workplace," said Terrance Herron, Director of State Government Affairs for Microsoft Corporation. "We believe this type of public-private partnership will play an

important role in rebuilding Florida's and the nation's economy by offering immediate access to basic technology literacy and skills training to ultimately improve recipients' employment prospects."

In its role as Microsoft's "designated partner" for administration of Elevate America in Florida, Workforce Florida will work with the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the Regional Workforce Boards to distribute and track the use of the Microsoft vouchers.

"Microsoft's timing could not be better," said Chris Hart IV, Workforce Florida President and CEO. "Our top priority is getting Floridians back to work, and this initiative is one more tool to help us do that across the state. In particular, we are committed to increasing digital access and literacy in Florida. Elevate America is not only helping us advance that goal, but it also is shoring up our efforts to raise awareness of the importance of digital literacy and access to every Floridian."

Vouchers will be available through all 24 Regional Workforce Boards through Aug. 21, or while supplies last. All vouchers must be activated by Aug. 21. E-learning vouchers are good for 12 months after the date of activation. Certification exam vouchers must be activated and used by Aug. 21. There is no cost for the e-learning and certification exam vouchers. However, in some instances a small proctoring fee may be charged by a Certipoint Testing Center, where exams must be administered. Florida is the 24th state to participate in Elevate America, a groundbreaking initiative to prepare workers for the demands of a 21st century economy.

Microsoft announced the Elevate America program at the National Governors Association Winter Conference in February 2009. The initiative is expected to provide up to one million vouchers nationwide for Microsoft e-learning courses and select Microsoft certification exams at no or low cost to recipients. The program is part of Microsoft's overall Unlimited Potential efforts to improve social and economic opportunities for people. At <http://elevateamerica.floridajobs.org/> the online portal for Florida's program, Floridians can find an electronic voucher application, a list of Regional Workforce Boards as well as participation guidelines for their community.

Mr. Smith said he is doing everything possible within the confines of the law to ensure these funds, \$3.02 million, are used to reimburse our schools districts for whatever additional costs they might have to incur as a result of these delays.

"I fully realize that assessing these damages does not completely make up for the significant inconveniences being felt by students and their families, teachers and school administrators, but it does show very clearly that we are holding Pearson accountable for their failure to uphold the terms of their contract," he added.

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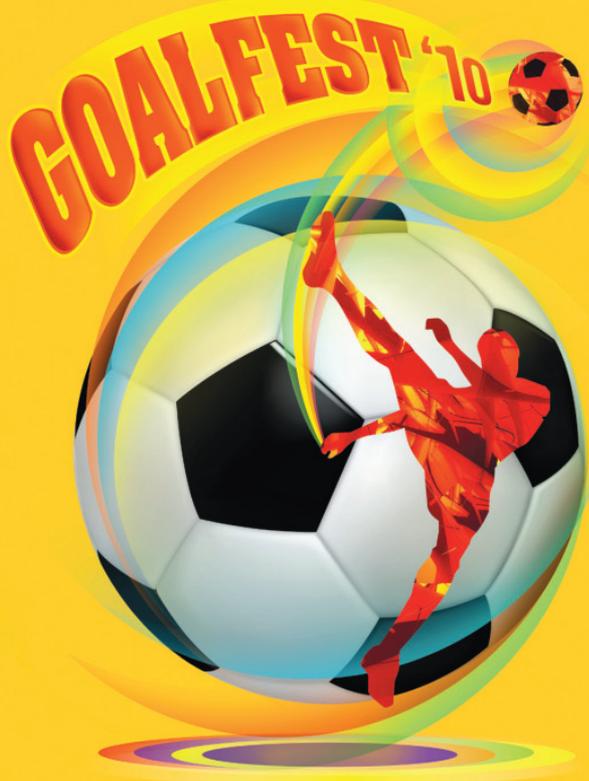
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# Officer takes medals at Police & Fire Games

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Lt. Lou Gomez and his shotgun continue to excel as he recently won a bronze medal in tactical shooting at the Florida Police and Fire Games in St. Lucie County.

Gomez, a 25-year veteran of law enforcement, is currently an Auxiliary Lt. for the Okeechobee City Police Department. He is also the Training Coordinator for the Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex at Indian River State College.

Gomez won the silver medal in competitive shooting in 2009 and added the bronze this year.

"I enjoy the camaraderie and the competition in these events. I enjoy it very much."

Gomez has plenty of practice in his job as he teaches young recruits the ins and outs of shooting their service weapons. He uses a Remington Police 870 shotgun in the competition.

The native of New York City has been a firearms instructor for some time. A friend of his invited him to participate in the Florida games back in 2004 and he has taken to the competition very well.

Tactical shooting is based on speed, coordination and accuracy. The actual competition takes place in mere seconds. He must load and reload the shotgun and can't afford to miss a target, which is color coated. They have three targets to knock down.

"I could have done a little better this year but I competed and I feel good about winning the medal. I intend to keep doing it and I want a gold medal and represent the

Okeechobee Police Department in the best way possible," he added.

Lt. Gomez said Police Chief Denny Davis encourages his employees to get as much training as possible. He thanked the Police Department for their support. He also thanked organizers of the Police and Fire Games for the way they coordinate each event.

"I have competed against some of the finest in law enforcement. You need to be on your game. My advice is to set a practice regimen for yourself and stick to it," he said.

Lt. Gomez also earned a medal in softball at the games in 2004.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Lt. Lou Gomez proudly shows off medals he has won at recent Florida and Police Fire Games competition.

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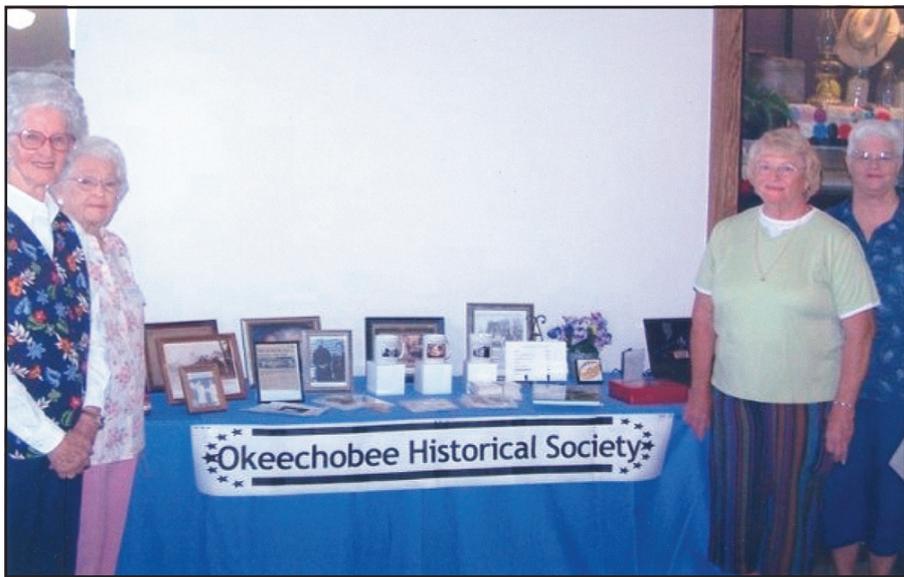
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## Historical Society displays early pictures

Members of the Okeechobee Historical Society set up a display of historical pictures of the early Okeechobee area, and items for sale such as books, mugs, DVD discs, calendars, etc., at the dedication of the restored courthouse ceremonies on June 26. A pistol with the initials JA carved on it and supposedly belonging to John Ashley, notorious bank robber, was also on display with deputies on guard. The gun was donated to the Historical Society by Mr. Sapp. Members Sonny and Betty Williamson were asked to speak on behalf of Judge Bill Hendry, a long-time friend of theirs at the dedication of the old courtroom which has been named after Judge Hendry for his years of service as a judge and historian. Members in charge of sales were Betty Williamson, Zelda Mixon, Wilma Williams and Kay McCool.

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

For the annual National Day of the Cowboy Celebration in 2009, a cattle drive down State Road 70 recalled the early cattle drives which went through the City of Okeechobee. For information on this year's National Day of the Cowboy Celebration, see page 13.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Seminole Tribe of Florida representatives will bring a stage coach and other historic wagons to the National Day of the Cowboy celebration, as they did last year. For more on the plans for this year's celebration, see page 13.

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# National Day of the American Cowboy celebration plans set

Okeechobee Main Street and the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association invite the public to a National Day of the American Cowboy Celebration on Saturday, July 24. This free event is part of the fourth annual National Day of the American Cowboy, proclaimed by former President George W. Bush for the fourth Saturday in July.

Contributions made by Florida cowboys and cowgirls to the cattle industry nationwide will be saluted on this day. Our National Day of the American Cowboy Celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a cattle drive headed up by Trail Boss Gene Fulford and members of the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Posse. The herd of cattle along with numerous old time horse drawn wagons sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida will start out from Eli's Western Wear on Hwy. 70 West to the Agri-Civic Center on Hwy. 70 East.

Arrival of the cattle will begin a full day of events including a mounted shooting jackpot presented by the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association in the Arena at 11:30 a.m. Participants will be limited to the first 10 men and 10 women who have paid the \$75 entry fee. A Ranch Rodeo will begin at 2 p.m. with local ranch teams competing in "real life" cowboy events, including Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Sorting and a Stampede Race. All the teams will be competing for a chance to participate in the State Ranch Rodeo Competition. All teams must be ranch sponsored. An entry form is available on the internet at [www.okeechobeerodeo.org](http://www.okeechobeerodeo.org).

The Ranch Rodeo will be open to the public without charge, sponsored by the Cattlemen's Association and local merchants who have made donations to help defray expenses. The Ranch Rodeo events are scheduled to begin inside the Agri-Civic Center at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

Okeechobee's Main Street will coordinate the many festivities outside of the arena to celebrate the proud heritage of Okeechobee's cattlemen. A "Stick BBQ" Competition has been added this year with a cash prize and a Chilly Bin Cooler donated by Eli's Western Wear awarded to the Grand Prize winner. Cooks must use wood or wood pellets to cook their Pork Ribs and Beef Brisket. Entry fee is \$50 and includes cook site, electric, water and vending. Applications can be obtained by calling Okeechobee Main Street at 863-357-MAIN (6246) or email [okms@mainstreetokeechobee.com](mailto:okms@mainstreetokeechobee.com).

The Day of the Cowboy will also include historical and cultural displays. The Florida Public Archaeology Network will display Native American artifacts. The Cowboy Congress will exhibit a living cowboy camp that will include some cowboy singers and poets. The Florida Cracker Trail Association will perform whip popping demonstrations. The Seminole Tribe of Florida will have several displays and booths of hand made jewelry and clothing. There will be several cowboy artist displaying their works as well as western authors, ferriers and rope makers. There will be a wide variety of food vendors as well as numerous vendors with western attire, jewelry and decor.

Each year the Board of Directors of the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association choose for a Trail Boss a person or family with deep roots in the cattle ranching tradition of Okeechobee, who demonstrates a commitment to the way of life. Gene Fulford's family has ranched in the Okeechobee area for many generations. A graduate of Okeechobee High School, Gene has lived in the area all his life and served as President of the Okeechobee County Cattlemen's Association for several years. He is active in the management of the Fulford Ranch located in the Basinger area of Okeechobee County and has also served the beef industry as a cattle order buyer. In 1939, his father, Columbus Fulford, spearheaded an effort to build the first livestock market in the county. The market was built by the cattlemen in the same location where the market sits today. Gene and his wife Peggy have one daughter, Peggy Ann Goolsby and two sons, Gene Fulford, Jr. and Bobby Fulford. Both of his sons are cattlemen as well.

The official banner this year will be in honor of and portray Pete Keogh, the former director of the Agri-Civic Center who lost his battle with cancer last year. Mr. Keogh brought National Day of the American Cowboy to Okeechobee and was instrumental in our production of the event. Proceeds from the sponsorship of this year's event will go towards the purchase of a bronze plaque honoring Pete, which will be installed at the Agri-Civic Center.

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# Fewer local races for this election year

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

This election year doesn't look to be as hectic as some previous election years. There are no constitutional offices up for election. There are two county commission seats up for grabs and one contested school board seat. City voters will be electing three councilmen and a city clerk.

For the non-partisan school board district 1 seat, two veteran educators are competing: incumbent Joe Arnold, director of the Williams Conference Center at IRSC, and science teacher Magi Cable. Long time board members Gay Carlton and David Williams are both unopposed.

For county commission district 2 there are two Democrats and two Republicans. Former commissioner Democrat Gene Woods is running against incumbent Democrat Noel Chandler. The winner of the Democratic Primary will take on the winner of the Republican Primary where Bryan Culpepper and Jared Figley are squared off against each other. Republican Terry Burroughs is running against Joey Hoover, the Republican incumbent, in county commission district 4.

While the deadline to qualify to run for county and school board offices has passed,

the week of Aug. 15-20, is qualifying week for city candidates. The nonpartisan at large city council seats held by Dowling Watford, Clayton Williams and Lowery Markham are up for election in addition to city clerk.

The deadline for registering to vote in the primary elections is July 26. Early voting will be held Aug. 9 through Aug. 21, with the primary election being held on Aug. 24.

The deadline to register to vote in the general elections is Oct. 4. Early voting will be Oct. 18 through 30 with the general election being held on Nov. 2.

It is not too early to register if you have not done so. All legal residents of Florida and Okeechobee County who are U.S. citizens and 18 years old are eligible to vote, unless they have been declared legally incompetent or lost voting rights due to conviction of a felony. If you a person is 16 years old, they may preregister and receive their registration in the mail after their 18th birthday. The registration process is started by either going online to [www.voteokeechobee.com](http://www.voteokeechobee.com) or applying in person or by telephone, 863-763-4014 at the supervisor of elections office, 304 N.W. Second Street, Room 144.

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# ABUSE

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he becomes angry easily then goes into his bedroom and shuts himself off from the rest of the household.

"It doesn't matter what it is. He stomps and slams the door. He goes into his bedroom and that's it—he won't say anything," she said. "He's never done that before. This just started since the incident."

Such displays of anger are consistent with emotions normally displayed by young boys who have been molested by another boy, said Gary Pettit, vice president and chief operating officer for the Hibiscus Children's Center.

"With boys, the anger is greater," he said. "With sex abuse, it's about power and control. I would think the anger the boy might feel would cause him to look to power control issues with other children."

Connie Delgiudice, a licensed mental health counselor and the clinical director of the family safety and awareness program at the Hibiscus Children's Center, said along with anger boys also question their sexuality.

"Studies show that boys act out more than girls after being sexually abused," she said. "Boys feel more guilty and ask themselves if they are heterosexual. They take it differently."

The boy also doesn't like to go to sleep by himself. The grandmother said there are bunk beds in her grandson's room and when he's ready for bed she goes in and lays

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**Connie Delgiudice of Hibiscus Children's Center**

down on the bottom bunk. Her grandson will then get into the upper bunk and go to sleep, she said.

Another indicator of her grandson's emotional turmoil surfaced late in the school year when his grades took a nose dive, she said. And while it may be connected to what happened in 2009, the change in the boy's grades was likely precipitated by another incident.

"Twice in a row he received the honor roll. But when he (his alleged attacker) was released from detention, his grades dropped. His As turned into Cs," she said.

The grandmother, without any hint of anger or malice, said she wants her grandson's attacker to "get help."

"A boy who does this to another child needs help," she said.

The boy accused of abusing her grandson has yet to stand trial on the charges so he is presumed innocent in the eyes of the law.

Ms. Delgiudice agreed that both the victim and alleged abuser should seek treatment.

"We are now taking this more seriously (child-on-child sexual abuse) because of the devastating effects on the victims. But the abusers are not getting the right help at a young age. It's very important that young abusers get that help right away," she explained.

soon as her grandson told her, which was imperative.

"The real key is family support," said Mr. Pettit. "It has to be real support, not lip support. The child's already feeling guilt because they think they let it happen to themselves. They must get services early on. If they get treatment early on, they usually have a good prognosis."

Because she quickly sought help for her grandson, maybe it won't be long before "he's doing pretty good" changes to "he's doing great."

## Lake releases adjusted

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — In accordance with the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (2008 LORS), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District will adjust water releases from Lake Okeechobee beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 11. The 12-day release has a target flow to the St. Lucie Estuary, measured at St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80), of 1,800 cubic feet per second (cfs). The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary is 4,000 cfs. Flows to the west will be measured at the Moore Haven Lock and Dam (S-77), which is located east of the previous measuring point, the W.P. Franklin Lock and Dam (S-79). The releases will be made in pulses that resemble the pattern of runoff result-

ing from a natural rainfall event.

"Over the past 10 days, we delivered reduced releases to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries - 200 cfs and 450 cfs, respectively, and according to the 2008 LORS," said Lt. Col. Michael Kinard, Jacksonville District Deputy for South Florida. "The reduced flows were due to improved evaporation/transpiration during the month of June, dryer tributary conditions, and predictions of less rainfall, even though water levels in Lake Okeechobee remained approximately a foot and a half above the preferred level. Recent rainfall over the lake and surrounding basins, however, has raised the lake level almost six inches in one week."

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## Public Notice

## IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF SEVIER COUNTY, TENNESSEE

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES,  
Petitioner,  
vs. No. 10-000197  
**MARTIN BORNHEIMER**, putative father  
Respondent.

**IN THE MATTER OF:**  
**DUSTIN "TREVOR" HICKMAN, d.o.b: 1-22-2001**  
**A CHILD UNDER EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE**

## ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court from the allegations of the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, the returned summons, showing no service, and the Affidavit of Diligent Search that the whereabouts of the Respondent **MARTIN BORNHEIMER** are unknown and cannot be ascertained by diligent search, therefore, the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon **MARTIN BORNHEIMER**. It is therefore, ORDERED that said Respondent be served by publication of the following Notice for four (4) consecutive weeks in the OKEECHOBEE NEWS, a newspaper published in Okeechobee, Florida.

It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent **MARTIN BORNHEIMER** does not enter an appearance or otherwise Answer the Petition, further personal service or service by further publication shall be dispensed with and service of any future notices, motions, orders or other legal documents in this matter may be made upon the Respondent **MARTIN BORNHEIMER**, by filing same with the Juvenile Court Clerk for Sevier County, Tennessee.

## NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT: MARTIN BORNHEIMER

The State of Tennessee, Department of Children's Services, has filed a Petition against you seeking to terminate forever your parental rights to **DUSTIN HICKMAN**. It appearing that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon you because your whereabouts are unknown. You are hereby ORDERED to serve upon Daniel Smithwick, Attorney for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, 115 Allensville Rd., Suite 105, Sevierville, TN 37876, Phone No: (865) 429-7012, an Answer to the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Tennessee Department of Children's Service, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, which will be July 7, 2010, or appear personally in the Juvenile Court of Sevier County, Tennessee, at 125 Court Avenue, Sevierville, Tennessee, 37862, on the 8th Day of September, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., to personally answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. Failing to appear for the hearing on this date and time, without good cause, pursuant to Rule 39(c) of the Tenn. R. Juv. P., will result in the loss of your right to contest the petition to terminate your parental rights to the child listed above. You may view and obtain a copy of the Petition and any other subsequently filed legal documents at the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office, 125 Court Avenue, Sevierville, Tennessee 37862.

ENTERED this 11th day of June, 2010.

HON. DWIGHT STOKES  
SEVIER COUNTY JUVENILE JUDGE

PREPARED FOR ENTRY:  
Daniel Smithwick, BPR #, 023900  
Assistant General Counsel  
Department of Children's Services  
115 Allensville Rd., Suite 105,  
Sevierville, TN 37876  
(865) 429-7012

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

accordance with Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, I have served a true copy of this Order by placing the same in the U.S. Mail, with sufficient postage to reach its destination, this the 11th day of June, 2010, to the last known address of:

Jeff Stern, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 5797  
Sevierville, TN 37864  
Guardian Ad Litem

Greg Bennett, Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 1516  
Seymour, TN 37865  
(865) 310-5655  
Appointed Counsel for Martin Bornheimer

Martin Bornheimer  
1010 S.W. 3d St.  
Okeechobee, FL 34974

Martin Bornheimer  
2266 N.W. 42nd Ave.  
Okeechobee, FL 34974  
Last known address and alternate address

Daniel Smithwick, BPR #023900  
Assistant General Counsel  
Department of Children's Services

357999 ON 6/20,27;7/4,11/10

## Public Notice

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## SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Okeechobee is applying to the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for a grant under the Housing Rehabilitation category in an amount up to \$700,000 under the FFY 2009 Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate income persons. The activities, dollar amounts and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate income persons for which is applying are:

Activities Proposed	Dollar Amounts	Percentage Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons
14a Rehab/Demo/Replacement	\$560,000	100%
008 Temporary Relocation	\$ 35,000	100%
21A Administration	\$105,000	N/A
	\$700,000	

At the time of this notice, it is unknown if the grant application will have any leverage.

The CDBG project will undertake rehabilitation, demolition and/or replacement of 10 low and moderate income housing units. Temporary relocation benefits will also be provided to program beneficiaries.

The City of Okeechobee plans to minimize displacement of persons as a result of planned CDBG funded activities in the following manner: No permanent displacement is anticipated. Only temporary relocation is anticipated.

If any persons are displaced as a result of these planned activities, the City will assist such persons in the following manner: The City will follow the guidelines outlined in their Antidiscrimination and Relocation Policy and their Local Housing Assistance Plan.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Okeechobee City Hall, 55 S.E. Third Avenue. A draft copy of parts of the application will be available for review at that time. A final copy of the application will be made available at the City Administrator's Office on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. no more than five days after July 20, 2010. The application will be submitted to DCA on or before July 22, 2010. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing contact Mr. Brian Whitehall, City Administrator, City of Okeechobee, 55 S.E. Third Avenue, Okeechobee, or telephone 863-763-3372.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Any handicapped person requiring an interpreter for the hearing impaired or the visually impaired shall contact Mr. Whitehall at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and an interpreter will be provided. Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact Mr. Whitehall at least five calendar days prior to the meeting and a language interpreter will be provided. To access a Telecommunication Device for Deaf Persons (TDD), please call the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771. Any handicapped person requiring special accommodation at this meeting should contact Mr. Whitehall at least five calendar days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to Section 102 of the HUD Reform Act of 1989, the following disclosures will be submitted to DCA with the application. The disclosures will be made available by the City of Okeechobee and DCA for public inspection upon request. These disclosures will be available on and after the date of submission of the application and shall continue to be available for a minimum period of six years.

- Other government (federal, state and local) assistance to the project in the form of a gift, grant, loan, guarantee, insurance payment, rebate, subsidy, credit, tax benefit, or any other form of direct or indirect benefit by source and amount;
- The identities and pecuniary interests of all developers, contractors, or consultants involved in the application for assistance or in the planning or development of the project or activity;
- The identities and pecuniary interests of any other persons with a pecuniary interest in the project that can reasonably be expected to exceed \$50,000 or 10% of the grant request (whichever is lower);
- For those developers, contractors, consultants, property owners, or others listed in two (2) or three (3) above which are corporations, or other entities, the identification and pecuniary interests by corporations or entity of each officer, director, principal stockholder, or other official of the entity;
- The expected sources of all funds to be provided to the project by each of the providers of those funds and the amount provided; and
- The expected uses of all funds by activity and amount.

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Lane Gamioitea, CMC, City Clerk  
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# Okeechobee softball star named to all state team

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Lady Brahman Samantha Harrell was recently named to the All-State Team in Class 4A in a vote of Florida Sports-writers.

Harrell was voted onto the third team in the ballots by Florida sportswriters.

Harrell is believed to be the first sophomore to be named to an all state team in OHS softball history.

Coach Kim Hargraves said she was thrilled to see Samantha earn this recognition, "I don't know if there has ever been a sophomore in Okeechobee that made an all state team. This is a huge accomplishment."

Harrell is not resting on her laurels. She was the team most valuable player this year for good reason as she won the vast majority of the teams games and had a microscopic earned run average of 0.68. She also set a new school record with 204 strikeouts which bested the previous mark set by Chrissy Morgan.

"This is a huge award for her, we haven't gotten anything official but her dad called me and told me about it. Sam has a busy summer, she recently returned from Denver, Colo. where she had played softball. She had a great summer playing ball," Hargraves added.

Harrell and Courtney Wilson both visited Colorado and played softball. The Firestix have had three summer teams playing softball and hope to have six teams play in the fall. Hargraves said there is a huge freshmen class set to join the program in the fall and she wanted to provide as many opportunities for these girls as she could.



## "Community Sports Mid-Year Report"



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

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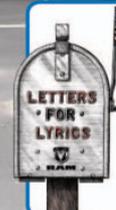
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