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Street lights proposed on Peevine Trail

County commission considers bill to limit pain clinics

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee school bus driver appealed to the Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners for assistance in a matter of child safety when the BOCC met for their regular meeting on Thursday.

Erma Murrish said motorists mostly ignore traffic laws and make it a dangerous situation for pedestrians who live along the Peevine Trail in Viking. She requested street lights at the school bus stops at the 1 mile, 2 mile and

other intersections.

"You see a lot of brake lights in the morning," she said.

Motorists don't see the kids until the last minute," she noted.

Ms. Murrish said she has made complaints to the sheriff's department and they have done an excellent job with cracking down on speeders in the neighborhood. As a long straight stretch of road, Ms. Murrish observed, few motorists obey the 40 mph speed limit.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper pointed out another sheriff's investigation where a man was arrested for stalking a teenage girl at a school bus stop in Viking. He said he supported additional street lights on the Peevine Trail. Commissioners directed staff to look into

street lights in the community.

In other business, commissioners approved an ordinance that regulates Pain Management Clinics. County Attorney John Cassels said Okeechobee does not want to become the transient drug stop between West Palm Beach and Tampa.

The new regulation would not eliminate pre-existing lawful establishments. Mr. Cassels said there are no current applications for a clinic in Okeechobee. He suggested that once clinics close along the southeast coast of Florida there may be more of a demand in rural areas. Clinics would be allowed in light and heavy commercial zoning districts. The clinics can't

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Just Horsin' Around ...

Bailey Harden (left) tries to rope a metal "calf" pulled by Stephen Wojcieszak during rodeo week at the Okeechobee County Extension Office's "Just Horsin' Around" camp at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. For more on the camp, see page 12.

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Rotary presents prestigious award

Rotary Club President Tabitha Trent presented VFW South Post 10539 Commander Russ Papy with the prestigious Carl T. Durrance award at a recent Rotary Club meeting. The Carl T. Durrance award was created in memory of one of the founding members of the Okeechobee club, Carl T. Durrance, who demonstrated such dedication and passion for Rotary that he had perfect attendance for over 50 years.

Mr. Papy's mission is to assist current and former veterans in need. He and Post 10539 Officers entertain veterans from the VA Hospital in West Palm Beach which includes PTSD patients, visually impaired vets and ambulatory veterans. The veterans come to Okeechobee VFW by bus; they are treated to musical entertainment, a picnic lunch, fishing and camaraderie. Papy takes great pride in his commitment to providing services to our national heroes and their families.

The post has assisted military families and active military personnel with donated vehicles, furnished apartments, as well as paid rent and utilities. The Post has built handicap ramps for veterans with special needs due



Special to the Okeechobee News/Tabitha Trent
Presenting the very prestigious Carl T. Durrance award at a recent Rotary Club meeting was club president Tabitha Trent and award recipient Russ Papy.

to injuries suffered from the Vietnam War, issues from Agent Orange, Desert Storm and the list goes on. Papy and his team make it

a priority to continue the tradition of providing Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner to all veterans—in fact, everyone—free of charge.

Cattlegirls host fundraiser for scholarships



Special to the Okeechobee News/OCCWA

The Okeechobee County Cattlegirls' Association will sponsor a booth at the National Day of the American Cowboy. There, you can enter a donation drawing for the wooded branded picnic table pictured above with local ranch and family brands.

The Okeechobee County Cattlegirls' Association is going to be at The National Day of the American Cowboy on Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23, at the Okeechobee-Agri Civic Center.

The Cattlegirls would like to invite the public to join in the festivities and to stop by their booth. They are going to pass out free Beef Stickers, pencils, recipe cards and selling a cookbook, beef tags, and hats.

They are also in need of any recipes that community members would like to share with the OCCWA. They would like to have a new and upcoming cookbook out this December. If you have recipes please mail them to P.O. Box 46 Okeechobee, FL 34973.

In support of Okeechobee High School graduates and their local scholarships for next year, the Cattlegirls will host a do-

nation drawing for a wooden branded picnic table. It contains local ranch and family brands. It is an awesome keepsake and a way for you and your family to enjoy some good food, times and laughs together. If you are interested in tickets, they are available at Eli's Western Wear. All proceeds will benefit local scholarships. They will have tickets available during the National Day of

the American Cowboy on Friday, July 22 and Saturday July 23. The drawing will be held Saturday July 23.

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School board honors Dr. Cooper and others



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Retired School Superintendent Dr. Patricia Cooper was honored for her seven years of service to the Okeechobee School System Tuesday night by the School Board and Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

Dr. Patricia Cooper was honored upon her retirement and was praised for her leadership, her skill, and her accomplishments at the monthly meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board on Tuesday night.

Dr. Cooper said her seven years as School Superintendent was a blessing. As a product of Okeechobee High School, who began her education career here, she noted a return home was an outstanding experience. "I feel I've been given a precious gift to return here. I have no doubt that this district will continue to achieve excellence and get to the next level."

New Superintendent Ken Kenworthy said the district flourished under the leadership of Dr. Cooper. He said she was a great leader who served as a great role model for other administrators.

Dr. Cooper coined the phrase 'Achieving Excellence' and was known in the district for her positive attitude and energy and her motto, 'take the high road.' She excelled with her business-like manner, her positive personality and devotion to the district, supporters said.

She said her biggest achievement was the improvement of academics. She said the A grade the district received in 2009 was one of her best memories. She also praised the school board and said she marvels at



Operations and Maintenance Staff at the Okeechobee School District were honored Tuesday for their work on the annual safety inspections, (left to right) Donna Thomas, Jody Raulerson, Fran Hall, Director of Operations Dale Barrett, and Maintenance Foreman John Boak.

the support the school system gets from this community.

Dr. Cooper said she still will remain an educator. While she has no long-term concrete plans, she said she plans to run her family business for the time being.

Mr. Kenworthy informed the board on the A plus grades for the schools. Four schools received A grades. He praised Central and South for multiple years of A grades. He also saluted Seminole Elementary for the improvement of their grade from C to A.

While the Freshman Campus didn't receive a grade, the high school will receive their grade sometime this fall. "The high school has done very well in the scores so far, so we hope to see good things from the high school grades."

Emily Campbell received a champion for children award from the Florida Educators Association. She is the 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year for Okeechobee Schools.

Mr. Kenworthy proposed an elimination of the first time offender program. The board approved the advertisement of adjustments to the code of student conduct.

Board member India Riedel said the public can review full copies of the code changes and can comment to the board at a future meeting.

The board also approved the start and dismissal times for local schools for 2011-2012. There are no changes from this year.

The board appointed Joseph Stanley as the Coordinator of Instructional Technology

and Donna Garcia as Assistant Principal at Osceola Middle School.

The board also scheduled an executive session for Thursday, July 21, at 8 a.m. to discuss negotiations with the Okeechobee County Education Association #1604. Negotiations on issues like Race to the Top and a new teacher performance pay plan approved by the state will be discussed in negotiations scheduled for July 21, at 9 a.m.

There are 15 positions still open in Okeechobee County Schools. The School Board is also involved in a request for proposals for a consultant to review the impact fees for new development in Okeechobee County.

Ricardo Perez of Yearling Middle School was honored as the winner of the Waste Management "Think Green" Art Contest this year.

Brandon McKee was recognized for a second place finish in the FFA Creed Speaking Contest.

James Sharpe, a student at Okeechobee High School, was honored as he was recently elected an officer to the State FFA.

Members of the Operations and Maintenance Staff were honored for 100 percent completion of the safety inspection items listed on the 2010 report along with Director of Operations Dale Barrett. Employees honored included Faye Maguire, John Boak, Mark Moore, Tony Carter, Joe Gaucin, Sherman Goodman, Fran Hall, Joseph Hubbard, Robert Lay, Jody Raulerson, Mike Raulerson,



James Sharpe was honored after his election as an officer for the State Future Farmers of America by School Superintendent Ken Kenworthy.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brandon McKee was honored for finishing second at the State FFA Creed Speaking Competition at the Okeechobee School Board meeting Tuesday night by Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy.

Mike Ryan, David Stokes, Donna Thomas and Robert Tijerina.

Mary Hurley was honored for her service as interim Superintendent for two months earlier this year.

The board also learned that Russ Brown had been selected as the new Provost of Indian River Community College.

The school board holds meetings on July 21 and July 28, at 6 p.m. to begin discussions on the proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Aug. 9 is the date of the regular monthly meeting in August.

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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!

School grades

- Did you know that countries like China are moving away from high-stakes testing to create curricula that are modeled after the ones here in the U.S. that we are abandoning? These countries realize that they are good at test-taking but not good at innovating which is what our American education system used to be all about. The U.S. has more patents than any other country and produces dozens of Nobel prize winners - not Japan or China. Modern China has become good at making things but they haven't yet mastered the ability to invent or design those same products. This is one of the reasons why the Chinese are looking to enact educational reforms to make their system more like ours.

- FCAT is being phased out only to be replaced by MORE tests. For those with children entering high school over the next few years I strongly suggest you get familiar with the new end of course exams. Don't pass these exams, you will receive no credit for the course and no high school diploma.

- I think the changes in graduation requirements are a very good idea and coming not too soon. With regards to vocational schools, there are few vocations today that would not require the skills in algebra, geometry, chemistry, etc. Our world has changed. In the late 50s and early 60s, it was possible to get a job in manufacturing running a stamping machine and being paid piece work, often with only a weeks worth of training. Automation and environmental awareness have taken far more jobs away than the "overseas countries" ever will. Also, I feel that too much of school spending goes to things other than education. Food programs, language interpreters, special needs, even a POLICE FORCE! Oh well, life is good in America, it really is.

False advertising

- I found out from a former employee that one local restaurant that offers a grouper sandwich does not actually use grouper. They keep some grouper on hand to show the inspectors. I tried the sandwich, and he was right. It was not grouper. It was too fishy tasting to be grouper.

- The grouper switch is not new to the restaurant world. Some of your big restaurants do the same thing. Grouper is a very mild tasting fish and is easily distinguished from all other fish. It should be thick and never taste fishy.

Fire code

- Does anyone know if we actually have a fire inspector that does yearly inspections and if we do, how come some of these places have major fire hazards in them like too many drop cords plugged into one socket ... five or six strands of xmas lights plugged into a drop tiny drop cord, open boxes in the ceiling fans with wires exposed. *Editor's note: Electrical issues should come under the office of code enforcement. If you would like to make a complaint about code violations, call the county planning office at 863-763-5548.*

Wind mills

- FPL is going to check the winds in the county to see if it can use windmills here. Before you let one move in next door do some research on them. They make a lot of noise, they act like a slow strobe light, and out west endangered birds (eagles) are being killed by the blades.

- People, windmills and solar only work if they are government subsidized. There has to be a powerplant running somewhere to back up the windmills and solar in case the wind stops or it's a cloudy day. So the powerplant burns fuel and makes electricity and the windmills and solar are making the same electricity. Where is the savings? Your taxes pay for the windmills and solar and FPL charges you for electricity from them, so where are the savings?

- I wish we could come up with a way to have an energy supply that does not harm animals or the earth. Solar was our last, best hope! I wonder if this problem will ever be solved?

Letters to the editor

Special exception sought to allow veteran's retreat

I want to validate my sincerity, my passion, in my objective to continue sharing and educating my fellow veterans and their families on the little known culture and wonderful way of life that still exists in Okeechobee County, along with educating families on the history and importance of the Florida Crackers.

I'm a combat veteran myself. I served as a 21 Gulf overseas for 32 months. I was in charge of a top secret tactical nuclear missile Firing Platoon (Pershing missiles).

I swore if I made it home again I would teach people "that there is more to life than the deformation of mankind."

I have the ultimate respect for "The Florida Cracker," and the small town way of life that still exists in Okeechobee county. It gives me a new faith in humanity. It is so important in today's society to find ways to regain and maintain Honor, Integrity, Family Values and a great stewardship, understanding and respect for our Mother Nature.

My passion and new mission is to continue sharing and educating Veterans and their families to invigorate their own soul with a new profound understanding and respect like I have for the wonderful heart land of America, right here in magnificent Okeechobee County.

Home of the American's Agricultural belt and Florida's Cracker Cowboys, bountiful nature, wildlife and unlimited outdoor activities. I understand the true history of Okeechobee County, which I feel is the foundation of Our Country and I cherish this way of life.

Okeechobee County is a special place where you can truly escape the fast pace of the rat race/city life.

Soothe Post Traumatic Stress from the horrors of a war that our Veteran's endured fighting for our freedom and way of life.

I thank God there is places like Okeechobee County, I have personally been enjoying this area for over 23 years. It has kept me balanced along with a refreshed profound pride for my time served overseas in the USA Army. My tour of duty was a small price to pay if I helped preserve this great American heart land .

Remember, veterans have endured a significant amount of pain, sacrifice and suffering, some much worse than others. Veterans

have given a piece of our soul that will never be replaced. Veterans are willing to die for those we love, to protect our country, fellow Americans, our freedom and your way of life.

When you come back to America, after serving in the military overseas, you need to have a reason for putting your life on the line each day, a reason for getting injured, maimed, dismembered, etc.

I want to offer my private land as a small private veterans retreat, as a token of my appreciation.

I have hundreds of fellow vets who would like to come and visit Okeechobee and my private land. Some are handicapped. These folks are unfortunately neglected, however, they all love the great outdoors also, but no one seems to invite them! well I do, and I hope others will do the same! All veterans whether handicapped or not deserve a private place to enjoy the tranquility of a Great Oak Hammock. Kissimmee prairie preserve and all the local activities.

Visiting the locals here regenerates a new faith in humanity, by realizing there is still folks that live by integrity, honor, and family values.

Living in the hustle and bustle of the inner city life becomes overwhelmingly stressful and we all know stress kills! Each Friday I anxiously anticipate the 5 o'clock bell. I jump in my truck and head to my private sanctuary in the far north west corner of Okeechobee County. My special place where I can sooth the soul and recapture a sense of peace and balance, reconnecting to the awesome healing power of mother nature.

David A. Swart

July Blood drives planned

The "Big Red Bus" bloodmobile will be in Okeechobee for blood drives on the following dates:

Friday, July 15 - Walgreen's, 1-5 p.m.

Sunday, July 17 - Golden Corral, 11-4

Friday, July 22 - Health Dept. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, July 23 - Day of the American Cowboy, Ag Center 10a.m.-3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 26 - IRSC Campus, 4-8 p.m.

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2011 Okeechobee High School Scholarship Night



Special to the Okeechobee News

Recipients of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Scholarship were Yanet Huerta and Jesus Nunez. Scholarship awards were presented by Andrew Bowers, Jr. in the amount of \$2,500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Recipients of the American Legion Post 64 Scholarship were Amanda Lamberti, Kayla Runyon, Preston Wiggins, Jr. and Cindy Wine. Scholarship awards were presented by Daniel Fennell, Jr. in the amount of \$1,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News

The recipient of the American Business Women's Association/Women of Tomorrow Chapter Scholarship was Yanet Huerta. The award was presented by Cecilia Elliott and Marilyn Buxton in the amount of \$500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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Recipients of the Bacon Bunch 4-H Scholarship were Amanda Harrison (\$500), Cody Johns (\$1,500), Jessica Stratton (\$2,000), Meaghan Thomas (\$2,000) and Kaysie Vick (\$500). Scholarship awards were presented by Dean Prescott in the amounts from \$500 to \$2,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News

The recipient of the Sims & Younger, CPA Scholarship was Victoria Bostic. The award was presented by Paula Younger in the amount of \$500. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Recipients of the Okeechobee County Farm Bureau/Young Farmer and Rancher Scholarship were Jacob Anuez, Kelsey Burnham, Heather Collier, Raybon Durance, Melissa Floyd, Megan Moore (not pictured), Alexis Peaden, Garrett Rucks, Brittany Scott, Andrew Selvey, James Sharpe III, Jayce Turgeon and Wayne (Trey) Watson III. Scholarship awards were presented by Trey Whitehurst in the amounts ranging from \$250-\$750. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Recipients of the Quinn Tindall Memorial Scholarship were Hayley Belding and Brittany Scott. Scholarship awards were presented by Joe Arnold in the amount of \$250. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Heat index values as high as 102. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Tonight: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. East southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Saturday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. East southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Obituaries

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Belva Hoffman Barrus, 62

CLEAR SPRING, Md. — Belva Hoffman Barrus, 62, of Clear Spring, Md., passed away Thursday, July 7, 2011, at her home.

Born Sept. 25, 1949, in Ft. Pierce, Fla., and raised in Okeechobee, she was the daughter of the late Carl Cobern Hoffman and Ruth Helen (McCarty) Hoffman. She was employed by the Washington Co. Board of Education for 26 years. She served in the U.S. Air Force for 4 years.

She is survived by her son, Grant Jeffrey Barrus; twin granddaughters, Rachel L. Barrus and Anya K. Barrus; sisters, Betty (Leroy) Rucks, Donna Schultheiss, and Carla (Sonny) Crawford; and brother, Craig (Donna) Hoffman.

A memorial service will be 7 p.m., today, July 15, 2011, at J.L. Davis Funeral Home, Smithsburg, Md.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Okeechobee Co. Public Library.

Danny Ray Carter, 47

SEBRING — Danny Ray Carter, 47, of Sebring, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2011, in Sebring.

He was born Feb. 29, 1964, to Joel Ray and Shirley Ann (Boney) Carter in Bartow, and had been a lifelong resident of the area. He was a heavy equipment operator in the construction business and a member of Corkscrew Baptist Church in Naples. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing and deep sea fishing and especially enjoyed his family.

He is survived by his mother, Shirley Boney Carter of Sebring; son, Jonathan Ray Carter; sisters, Bonny Lee Carter, Labelle; Laura "Missy" Kline (Robert) of Naples and Betty "BJ" Faircloth (Joseph) of Naples; step-brothers, Edwin Cooper and Randall Ennis of Avon Park; eight uncles; seven aunts; eight nieces; three nephews and one great-niece. He was preceded in death by his father, Ray Carter; and grandparents, J.W. and Agnes Carter and Marvin and Emma Jane Boney.

Funeral services will take place at 12 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, with the Rev. Bob Kline officiating. The family will receive friends the hour preceding the service, beginning at 11 a.m. Interment at Bassinger Cemetery will be immediately following the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring. 863-385-0125; www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

Willis 'Buck' Elkins, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Willis "Buck" Elkins, 80, of Okeechobee, formerly of Pikeville, Ky., passed away Friday, July 8, 2011, at Raulerson Hospital.

He was born Jan. 17, 1931, at Heenon, Ky., to Adron and Nancy Ann Maynard Elkins.

He was part owner of E & E Auto Clinic for over 30 years. He belonged to Trinity Freewill Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia Elizabeth Lowe Elkins. He is survived by his sister, Zettie Lowe and numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be sadly missed by the guys at E & E. Auto Clinic, Trinity Freewill Baptist Church and his many friends.

Visitation and services were held at Phelps and Sons Funeral Home in Inez, Kentucky. Burial was at Lowe Cemetery in Kentucky.

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

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

Eddie 'Transman' Keith, 46

OKEECHOBEE — Eddie "Transman" Keith, age 46, of Okeechobee, passed away on July 10, 2011.

Mr. Keith was born in Mobile, Ala., on Nov. 25, 1964, to Edward Keith, Sr., and Betty Miller.

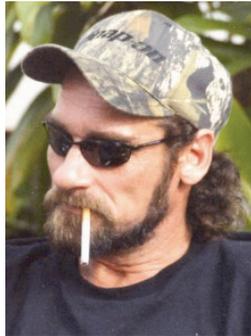
Eddie Keith was the owner and operator of Trans Pro Transmissions. He loved racing, fishing and most of all hanging out with friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Keith, Sr. He is survived by his mother, Betty McClelland of Clewiston; his loving wife, Melody Keith of Okeechobee; brothers, Jamie McClelland (Joan) of Moore Haven, Benny McClelland (Meghan) of Ft. Meyers, William Williams (Lisa) of Sebring, and Phillip Bray of Ft. Lauderdale; sisters, Deanna Bray (Ron) of Ft. Myers; children, Tony Keith (Crystal) of Marianna, Crystalle Keith of Marianna, Devon Keith of Punta Gorda, Shannon Earhart Nunez of Marianna, Christopher Zeh, Okeechobee, Justin (Traci) Tallahassee, and Meagan Green of Okeechobee; seven grandchildren, many nieces and nephews.

Cremation entrusted to Buxton Seawind Funeral Home, Okeechobee.

Memorial Service will be held at 904 SW 6th Avenue, on Saturday, July 16 at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for the family.



Community Events

Business Women's group will meet July 15

The monthly meeting site of The Okeechobee Business Women's Referral Network has been changed. We will meet at 11:30 a.m., Friday, **July 15**, at a 'new' location--Beef O'Brady's, 608 S. Parrott Ave. This group, open to all women, meets to share business knowledge, opportunities and friendships. You are invited and you will be welcomed.

Babysitter training offered

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will be holding their annual Babysitter Training class on Saturday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Deadline to register is **Friday, July 15**, since space is limited! Youth, ages 11-15 years are invited to attend and the cost is \$50. The class will be held at the Red Cross office located at 323 N. Parrott Ave. To register or for more information, please call 863-763-2488.

VFW Post announces weekend plans

VFW Post #4423 is the place to be. This Friday, **July 15**, there will be karaoke by Lisa from 7 until 10 p.m. The kitchen will be open from 5-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Spaghetti dinners will be available for just \$5 each on Saturday. On Sunday, meatloaf dinners will be available from 2-4 p.m. for \$6.50 donation. Karaoke by XXL Karaoke (Capt. Dennis) from 6-9 p.m. Come join us for the fun!

Moose holding steak dinner

On Friday, **July 15**, the Loyal Order of Moose, #1753, at 159 N.W. 36th Street, will serve a country fried steak dinner for only \$5 per person from 5 to 7 p.m. Dinner is being prepared by the Moose Legion. Music will be played by Carl Cable, from 7 to 10 p.m. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

Legion hosts Friday Night dinner/Karaoke

American Legion Post 64 will have Friday night dinner starting at 5 until 8 p.m. We will have Fish, Chicken strips or a combo of

both, we will also offer Country Fried steak sandwich all meals come with French fries, coleslaw and hushpuppies. We will have karaoke hosted by BK productions Penny and Bobby, from 5 to 8 p.m. Happy hour is from 4 until 7 p.m. Everyone is Welcome.

Jam Session open to local musicians

Huge Jam Session—Open Mike at Buckhead Ridge VFW, State Road 78 West, Saturday, **July 16**, starting time 7 p.m. All Musicians and Singers welcome. For more information call Buck at 863-763-8111 or 863-623-8566.

VFW holds fish fry

The Buckhead Ridge VFW, Post 9528, Rt. 78 W. is holding "the best fish fry in town." The date is Saturday, **July 16**, starting at 1 p.m. until Cost just \$6. The menu is fish, fries, cole slaw and hush puppies. So come on in and have a great time! Call 863-467-2882 with any questions.

Amvets hold chicken BBQ and bike show

Amvets, Post 200, and Amvets Riders will hold a Chicken BBQ & Bike Show on Saturday, **July 16**, at 1 p.m. at the Iron Eagle Bar on S.R. 78W. Menu serving is half a BBQ chicken, beans, and slaw for just \$6 (delivery available). A bike show with first, second and third mention for best bike will be held.

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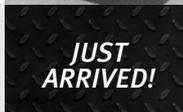
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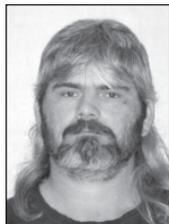
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Man accused of having sex with teenage girl

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Dock Melvin Jr.

An Okeechobee man was arrested July 13, and charged with having sexual relations with a teenage girl over a period of almost four years.

Dock Melvin Jr., 33, S.E. 68th Ave., was arrested on one count of sexual battery. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bond.

According to Detective Susan Morrison, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the teen sought medical help because she thinks she may be pregnant by Melvin.

However, Detective Morrison said Thursday morning that it's too early to tell if she is actually pregnant.

The detective's arrest report states that OCSO Deputy Arlene Durbin handled the initial complaint then took the teen to speak with Detective Morrison. The teen reportedly

told the detective that Melvin has had sexual relations with her over 100 times in the last four years.

"This (abuse) happened in multiple jurisdictions in Florida," said Detective Morrison. "I will now be contacting law enforcement agencies in these other counties."

Melvin did not threaten the teen with physical injury, stated the arrest report. He did tell her, however, that because he suffers from serious medical issues if she told anyone it could cause him to die.

The victim reportedly told Detective Morrison that she tried to fight him the first time but he pinned her down.

"He placed his hand on her mouth and told her to shut up," stated the arrest report.

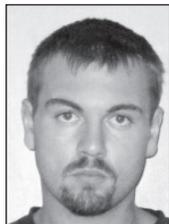
When asked, Detective Morrison said Melvin has some prior misdemeanor arrests in his history but nothing like the current charge against him.

Detective Morrison went on to state that Melvin declined to speak to her about the case.

The detective said the case is still under investigation.

Two charged in burglary

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Matthew Hewitt

Two Okeechobee men have been arrested for their alleged connection in a burglary in which a coin collection and gun was stolen.

Matthew Clyde Hewitt, 21, N.E. Fifth St., was arrested Wednesday, July 13, on felony charges of armed burglary and grand theft. Johnathan Joseph Brooker, 20, S.E. 34th Ave., was arrested Monday, July 11, on felony charges of dealing in stolen property and defrauding a pawnbroker.

Both men are being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of bond. Bond for each man has been set at \$12,500.

Detective Mark Shireman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated in his arrest report that Hewitt was arrested for entering the home while Brooker was ar-



Jonathan Brooker

rested for selling the coins at a local pawn shop.

According to the detective, Brooker traded the stolen handgun for seven \$20 cocaine rocks.

The detective's report goes on to state that the .38 caliber handgun has been recovered. The gun was found in a garbage can by

OCSO Deputy Fred Bradley, added the report.

Detective Shireman said the burglary occurred on June 10, while the homeowner was away, and the coins were pawned the next day for \$200. The homeowner will now have to buy his coins back from the pawnbroker for \$200.

It's not yet known exactly how much the coin collection is actually worth, said the detective.

The case is still open and under investigation.

Fire damages mobile home

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Approximately \$51,000 in property damage was reported on July 7, after a trailer fire at 7405 N.E. 5th Street, Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue reported.

Lt. Ron Suit said seven units and 14 firemen responded around 9 p.m. and located a single wide mobile home nearly completely engulfed in flames. Firemen quickly battled the blaze and were on the scene for

over three hours. There was no report of injury.

The origin of the blaze was unknown and was under investigation by the Florida State Fire Marshall. The Okeechobee office of the American Red Cross assisted the Wendy Levine family and firemen at the scene according to the incident report.

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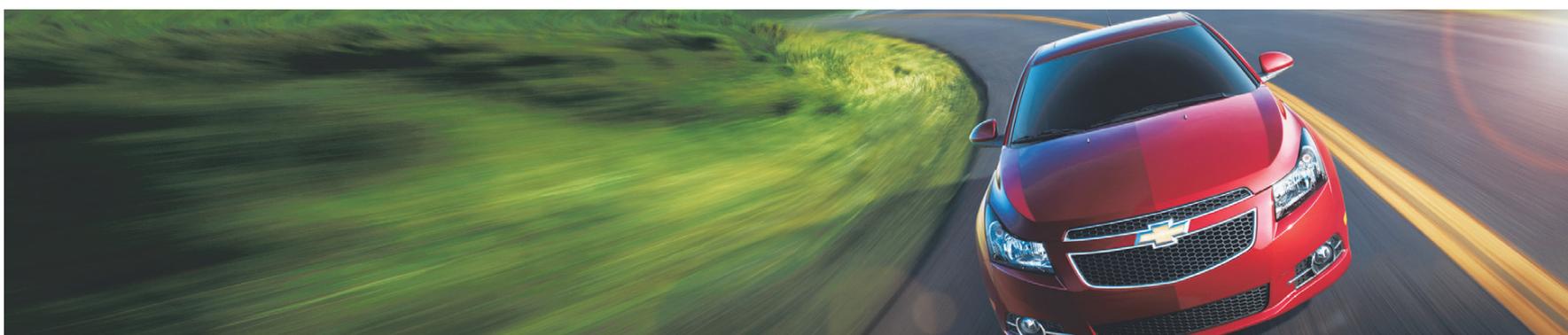
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Okeechobee Motor Company honored for support of schools

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Dowling Watford and Okeechobee Motor Company were honored in Tampa in June for their support of the Florida public education system.

A ceremony was held for the 2011 Commissioner of Education Business Recognition Awards.

Dr. Eric J. Smith presented awards to Mr. Watford and 80 other businesses in the state.

Tuesday night, Mr. Watford received an award from the Okeechobee County School Board.

Mr. Watford said he was truly humbled and honored to receive this award on behalf

of Okeechobee Motor Company.

"As a second generation graduate of Okeechobee High School it is a privilege to give back to the system that has given our family such a great education and continues to be an excellent educational resource for our children," he said.

"It was quite impressive to meet the Commissioner of Education. My dad and I are very humbled to receive this award," he said.

Mr. Watford said this is one of the most prestigious awards the company has ever received. He called it a great honor.

"My dad taught me how great it was to serve people in the community. I've never been one to just sit on the sidelines and

watch. I want to participate and help all I can and help students in the school system," he said.

Mr. Watford said Okeechobee has a great school system from the administration on down and the community is fortunate to have the staff and the people that we have in the schools. He added he was proud to support them.

Mr. Watford has represented the company on many boards and advisory committees over the years. He is also an avid supporter of Brahman sports as he volunteers on the Booster Club. Okeechobee Motor Company provides vehicles at no cost to the driver education classes. Mr. Watford is also a member

of the Okeechobee Battlefield Friends and a long-term member of the Okeechobee City Council.

Dr. Smith said he applauded the commitment Okeechobee Motor Company has given to the school system, "Excellent schools and effective learning environments do not occur by chance; they are built piece by piece through great teaching, visionary leadership and ongoing community and stakeholder involvement and investment."

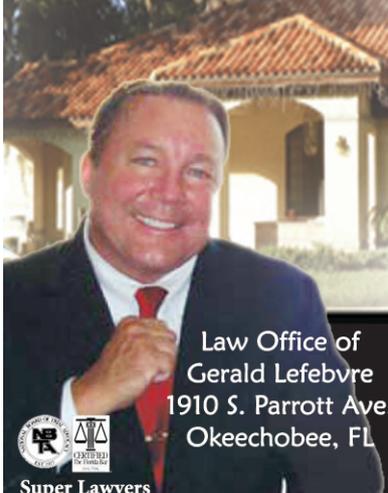
Mr. Smith said the many businesses honored by the state embody the type of commitment we need to make every one of Florida's schools a success.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Dowling Watford (right) accepts award from Okeechobee School Superintendent Ken Kenworthy on Tuesday night.

Summer Reading Program open at the Okeechobee Library

Join us at the Library for a Read S'more Books! program every Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. during July. This program is for children Kindergarten through fifth grade, ages 5 to 12, siblings welcome. Parents or Caregivers must remain with their children during the program. This program consists of Camping Stories, Readers Theater, Craft Projects, and of course, Reading S'more Books! Rewards and Prizes will be given to Celebrate Reading Achievement. This program is provided free to the Public and No Registration is required. The Friends of the Okeechobee Library have generously provided the program materials.



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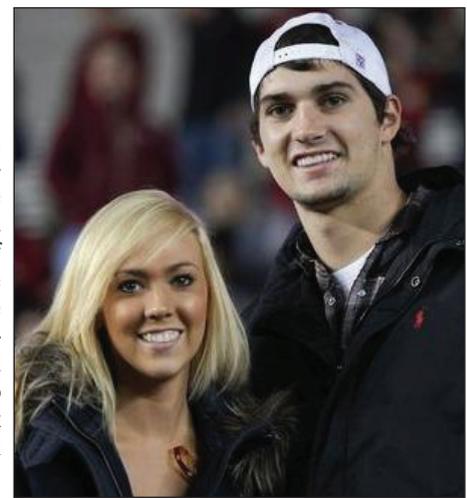
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Campers enjoy rodeo week at annual horse camp



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

It's "rodeo week" at the Just Horsin' Around Camp at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The annual camp included three different weeks of activities, providing young riders from beginners to experienced to learn new skills and more about horses. The camp participants must bring their own horses to camp. The horses can stay in the stalls at the facility, but the campers go home in the evenings. On Wednesday, local cowboys were on hand to teach calf roping skills. Taylor Doolittle (photo above, left to right) tried to rope a metal calf under the watchful eye of Shelby Carden and Stephen Wojcieszak. (Photo below left) Morgan Brandel eagerly waited her turn to try to rope the "calf." (Photo below right) Aubrey Homes and Jenna Brown relaxed with their horses while watching other campers work on their calf roping skills. Many of the campers are members of the local 4-H horse clubs, and earned scholarships to help offset the cost of the camp by participating in 4-H fundraisers during the school year. The camp was open to all children ages 8-18.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Left to right, Bri Hancock, Jessie Burkhalter, Aubrey Wojcieszak and Laranda Southerland take a break on horseback to chat in the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. The girls are among the campers who have been enjoying the third week of the Just Horsin' Around Camp, sponsored by the Okeechobee County Extension Office.

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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).

- Ralph A. Wolfenbarger, 54, N.W. 151st Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 7 by Deputy Keith Murrish on a Glades County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance. He is being held without bond.

- Michael Howard Mitchum Jr., 32, N.E. 11th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested July 8 by Deputy John Hazy on a charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Miguel Alan Rodrigues, 25, S.E. 36th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 8 by Deputy John Ashby on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

- Moses Ramirez-Martinez, 24, S.R. 70, Lake Placid, was arrested July 9 by Officer Lawrence Parzygnat on a Highlands County warrant charging him with grand theft-motor vehicle. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Robert Arthur Sallette, 49, S.E. 47th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a warrant charging him with violation of parole - robbery - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

- Chad Frederick Edwards, 33, Military Trail, Jupiter, was arrested July 11 by FWC's Officer Jeff Goggin on a felony charge of trespass by projectile. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of illegal taking of a deer, road hunting and driving while license suspended/revoked. His bond was set at \$2,500.

- Daniel T. Arcuri, 40, S.E. 24th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Keith Murrish on an Okeechobee County amended felony warrant charging him with

violation of probation - driving while license suspended and violation of probation - petit theft. He is being held without bond.

- Roberto Discua, 22, St. Johns Circle, Fern Park, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Heath Hughes on a Seminole County warrant charging him with grand theft-motor vehicle. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Larry Alan Claycomb, 35, S.E. 24th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with burglary of a dwelling with assault or battery and attempted robbery with a firearm or deadly weapon. He is being held without bond.

- Krystal Yvonne Smith, 27, N.E. 15th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - grand theft. She is being held without bond.

- Anthony David Bormuth, 23, N.E. 106th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by FWC's Officer Jeff Goggin on a felony charge of trespass by projectile. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of taking deer during closed season and attempting to take wildlife from right of way. He was re-

leased on his own recognizance.

- Eric Andrew Pena, 22, N.W. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 11 by Deputy Howard Pickering on a felony charge of dealing in stolen property and a misdemeanor charge of petit theft. His bond was set at \$20,250.

- Regina Marie Hines, 32, N.E. 67th Parkway, Okeechobee, was arrested July 12 by Deputy Heath Hughes on a St. Lucie County warrant charging her with obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud. Her bond was set at \$25,000.

- Frederick Gordineer III, 24, N.E. 103rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 12 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft (two counts). 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.

Man gets 10 months for violating probation

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Pardell Rembert

An Okeechobee man was remanded to the Okeechobee County Jail after he admitted in open court to violating the terms of his probation.

Judge Robert Belanger accepted the admission of Pardell Keyon Rembert, 19, and ordered him to spend the next 10 months in the county jail. He also revoked Rem-

bert's probation.

Rembert will receive credit for the 98 days he has already served.

Rembert was initially arrested in October of 2009 on charges of sale of cocaine (two counts) and possession of cocaine with intent to sell (two counts).

By violating the terms of his probation, Rembert was facing a maximum of 15 years in prison on each count, \$10,000 fine on each count or both.

Judge Belanger sentenced Rembert to 10 months on each count, with each count to run concurrently.

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PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 197.3632, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider continuing the imposition of annual solid waste collection special assessments for the provision of residential solid waste collection and disposal services within the incorporated area of the City of Okeechobee, Florida.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.

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The assessments are a non-ad valorem assessment and will be collected by the Tax Collector in the same manner as your ad valorem tax bill, to be mailed in November 2011, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in a loss of title.

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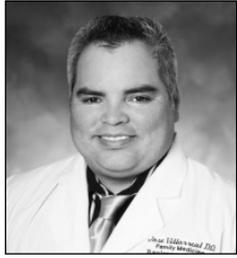
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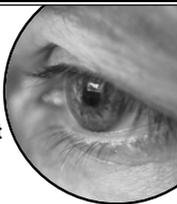
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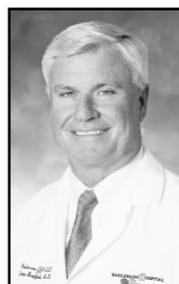
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Okeechobee County School Board Meetings July 21 and July 28, 2011
The Okeechobee County School Board will meet on July 21, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., to consider advertisement of proposed millage rates and the proposed budget for 2011-12. The School Board will meet on July 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., for a public hearing to consider adoption of tentative millage rates and the tentative budget for 2011-12. Both meetings will be in Room 303 of the School Board Administration Office at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, and both meetings are open to the public.
Ken Kenworthy Superintendent of Schools 390839 ON 7/13,15/2011

PUBLIC NOTICE
Awesome Self Storage, 6489 US 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974 will dispose of stored items on July 28, 2011.
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Ballard, Wayne 76
Blake, Keith 651
Huggins, Laura 427
392499 ON 7/15,22/2011

School Board Executive Session and Negotiations
The Okeechobee County School Board will meet in closed Executive Session on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the Superintendent, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. The meeting is for School Board members, their attorney, and chief negotiator to prepare to continue negotiations with Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 regarding Race To The Top and Senate Bill 736.
The School Board and Education Association will resume negotiations at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 21, 2011, and will continue as needed on Friday, July 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Collective bargaining sessions are open to the public and will be held in Room 303 of the School Board Administration Building at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee.
Ken Kenworthy Superintendent of Schools 392426 ON 7/15,17/2011

NOTICE OF CITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING
The City of Okeechobee Planning Board will meet as the Local Planning Agency on **Thursday, July 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider any proposed amendments, submitted by City Staff or citizens, to the adopted City Comprehensive Plan, which may include amendments to the adopted Land Development Regulations (LDR's). All amendments are forwarded, with a recommendation, to the City Council for final consideration. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 55 Southeast 3rd Avenue, in the Council Chambers, Room 200, Okeechobee, Florida.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact General Services at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the General Services Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.
BY: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator 391828 ON 7/15/2011

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Public Notice

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GIVES NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRICT DECISION
The District gives notice of its intent to approve of the Compliance Report(s) of the following permittee(s) and to modify the terms and/or conditions of the existing Consumptive Water Use Permit(s) described below at the District's Governing Board meeting on August 9, 2011.
Mr. Walter D. Randall, PO Box 12663, Fort Pierce, FL 34979, application #10868. The District proposes to authorize the continued use of 0.62 million gallons per day (mgd) on a 5-year rolling average, with up to 0.87 mgd in any given year to irrigate pasture; 0.01 mgd to water livestock; and 0.14 mgd to irrigate citrus. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from FAS Upper Floridan Aquifer via 21 active wells in Okeechobee County, located in Sections: 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, Township: 34 South, Range: 36 East, known as Sunny Grove Ranch.
If you wish to receive a copy of a Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the District staff's analysis on the above-listed compliance report(s) and associated permit(s), please submit your request to: Director of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also review it by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at floridawater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, visit https://permitting.floridawater.com/permitting/html/EP_FAQs.html, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."
A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the St. Johns River Water Management District (District). Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (received) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka Florida 32178-1429

(4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing the notice of intended District decision in the mail (for those persons to whom the District mails actual notice), within twenty-one (21) days of the District emailing notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District emails actual notice), or within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4. and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation pursuant to Section 120.573, F.S., is not available.

A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular District business day. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, Florida Administrative Code), which is available for viewing at floridawater.com. These conditions include, but are not limited to, the petition being in the form of a PDF or TIFF file and being capable of being stored and printed by the District. Further, pursuant to the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation, attempting to file a petition by facsimile (fax) is prohibited and shall not constitute filing.
The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-106, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 40C.1007, Florida Administrative Code. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28-106.111, F.A.C.)

If you wish to do so, please visit <http://floridawater.com/noticofrights/> to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's intended decision(s) on the compliance report(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director of Regulatory Support (RS), 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177-2529, tele. no. (386)329-4268.
Victor Castro, Division Director, Regulatory Support St. Johns River Water Management District 392410 ON 7/15/2011

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Technical Review Committee of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on **Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
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by: Brian Whitehall, City Administrator 391829 ON 7/15/2011

CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on **Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.**, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact City Administration at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.
by: James E. Kirk, Mayor Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk 391826 ON 7/15/2011

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allow customers to congregate on public sidewalks and can't accept cash only as payment. There was no public comment on the proposed ordinance. The final public hearing is July 28, at 6 p.m.

The commissioners also heard a presentation from Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brian Cartland. He reported that Chamber membership has grown from 30 to over 70 businesses. He said three companies, one in manufacturing, one in wholesale manufacturing, and one in hospitality that would invest a total of just over \$3 million are in the works this year for Okeechobee County. The chamber also has worked with three agriculture distributor and three renewable energy firms for possible projects in Okeechobee County. The proposed capitol investment would be \$66.8 million, he continued. The county failed in one grant effort for the Outdoor Village Project and the project has been delayed, but is not dead, he told Commissioners.

"We are starting to see some more projects come along. The future direction is to do more marketing outside of the area," he said.
Mr. Cartland explained the initial phase focused on retail. Entertainment venues are now the focus for the first phase of the project. "Having the entertainment in place might make a case that there will be foot traffic to support the retail. It is still a long-term project," he said.
In other business, the board learned candidates will be interviewed for the position of Okeechobee County Health Department Director in August. The goal is to have a director in mid September. The commission will have an appointment on the interview committee.

The annual State Legislative Delegation meeting will be held on Oct. 12. Legislative priorities for the county include repeal of a law that requires certain septic tank inspections and upgrades, and the shift of the driver's license function from the state to local level. Commissioners said it is likely the county will have to subsidize the costs of this service. The Tax Collector would take over the operation in Okeechobee by 2015 perhaps sooner. Celeste Smith Watford said she would agree to take on the responsibility. She noted the County would need to find a facility.
The commissioners discussed future redistricting of state legislation districts. Okeechobee County has two state representatives and two state senators and would like to keep that number of legislators to work on Okeechobee issues in Tallahassee.

National Day of the Cowboy Celebration

The public is invited to the National Day of the American Cowboy Celebration to be held on Friday and Saturday, **July 22 and 23**, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center! Gates will open Friday night at 6 p.m. with a ranch rodeo and festivities ending at midnight. Saturday the gates open at 3 p.m. with the cattle drive beginning at 4 p.m. at Eli's Western Wear and ending at the Agri-Civic Center where all the festivities will go on until midnight. Vendor forms can be picked up at the Main Street Office located at 111 Northeast Second Street.

OCRA sign ups set for July 23

Sign ups for football will be held at the sports complex score tower on **July 23** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to 14. The OCRA website is ocrasports.com.

VBS at Okeechobee Christian Church

We at Okeechobee Christian Church are going inside out & upside down on main street this year for VBS and would love for you to join us! The fun begins July 25-29, at 6:30 p.m., to 8:30 p.m. Visit the website at: www.okeechobeechristianchurch.com to register online or call 863-467-7858 for information on the registration event.

VFW Post to celebrate Christmas in July

VFW Post 10539 will celebrate Christmas in July on Saturday, July 23, at 5 p.m. with a traditional turkey dinner for a donation of \$6. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit "Unmet Needs." Entertainment will be provided by Cheyenne at 7 p.m.

Okeechobee AA All-stars fall in state tournament

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Bartow scored eight unanswered runs to defeat Okeechobee for the second time and eliminate the local all-stars from the AA pitching machine Dixie Youth baseball state tournament Tuesday night.

Okeechobee still had a wonderful tournament with three victories in five games.

Okeechobee had things going early on in the game as they tried to avenge a 10-9 loss on Saturday to the Bartow squad.

After Noah Jones gave Bartow a 1-0 lead in the first, Okeechobee responded with a three-run third highlighted by a two-run double by Landon Craig and an RBI single by Tucker Kesner.

Bartow cut the lead to 3-2 in the third but

Okeechobee responded again with a three run rally in the fourth inning. The onslaught was highlighted by an RBI triple by Braison Crews, and an RBI single by Kase Myers. Justin Comfort added an RBI single to make it 6-2.

Bartow rescued their hopes with four run rallies in both the third and fourth innings. Austin Breeden and Matthew Deltone had RBI singles in the third and Jonathan Bastine added a two run single in the fourth.

Okeechobee was unable to respond as they failed to score in the fifth and sixth innings.

Okeechobee defeated Holmes County, West Volusia, and East Lakeland during the tournament in Brooksville.

On Monday, Okeechobee defeated East

Lakeland 9-7 in a thriller, and then held off West Volusia, 10-7.

Okeechobee played games for close to four hours as their supporters cheered them on against two quality opponents.

Justin Comfort opened the game against Lakeland with a first inning RBI single. After Okeechobee fell behind 2-1 in the first, Okeechobee responded with four runs in the third. Key hits included an RBI single by Gavin Driggers, a two-run single by Comfort, and an RBI single by Jacob Hardy.

Comfort also made a nice catch in the outfield as East Lakeland rallied to cut the deficit to 5-3 in the third.

Okeechobee put four more runs on the board in the fourth thanks to an RBI single by Case Myers, a two-run double by com-

fort, and an RBI single by Hardy.

East Lakeland scored twice in the fifth and two more in the seventh on a throwing error to make it interesting. Landon Craig gloved the final out to save the game for Okeechobee.

In the night cap Myers had a two-run triple and Driggers an RBI single as Okeechobee rallied from a 7-5 deficit to defeat West Volusia.

Bryce Avant had an RBI ground out for Okeechobee in the fifth inning while Driggers added an RBI double in the sixth inning.

Driggers made the final defensive play of the game when he corralled a deep fly ball in the sixth for Okeechobee.

Jr. Dixie Boys defeat Wildwood, fall to Spring Hill

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee 13 year old all stars advanced to the final five in the state Monday night with an impressive 12-2 victory over Wildwood.

Elijah Finney pitched a complete game to lead Okeechobee to their second win in as many days at the tournament in Sebring.

At the plate, Layton Thomas had a pair of RBI doubles, Cody Mostetter had two hits and two runs batted in and Jarred Morgan had a two-run double.

Okeechobee jumped out to a 5-0 lead after two innings and were never threatened by Wildwood who was eliminated from the tournament.

While Okeechobee took advantage of their opportunities to score, Wildwood was

kept at bay by Finney. He left two runners on base in the first and third and fourth innings. He only allowed an RBI double to Nick Gulina in the fourth and a harmless run in the seventh when the game had basically been decided.

Spring Hill continued an unbeaten run at the Jr. Dixie boys State Tournament Wednesday night with an impressive 10-0 victory over Okeechobee.

The loss eliminated Okeechobee and moved Spring Hill onto the championship game to decide the best team of 13 year old players in Florida.

Jarred Morgan was hit hard in the first two innings as Spring Hill jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning and never trailed in the game.

Jacob Murray pitched a strong game

for Spring Hill. He led off the bottom of the first inning and scored on a sacrifice fly by Thomas Solantino. Matt Clark added a fielder's choice and an RBI, and a third run scored on a throwing error by Okeechobee.

Spring Hill made it 8-0 in the second inning thanks to five consecutive singles against Morgan as ten batters came to the plate. Armando Rodriguez relieved with one out and the bases loaded. He retired two batters but not before the game got out of hand. Five of the Spring Hill players were on the Ozone team Florida State Champions last year that advanced to the World Series in Louisiana. Spring Hill also boasted the only female in the tournament, Mary Anne Sparacea, who had an RBI single during a five run second inning rally.

'Big fish' photo contest open to all

"It was THIS big." That's a line every angler has used at some point to describe the size of their catch. Now, thanks to the BoatUS Angler "Catch of the Month" photo contest, honest anglers can submit a photo of their fish for all to see online at www.BoatUSAngler.com/contest and finally put to rest any speculation about the size of the "big one." Submitting a photo could also win you

a bunch of prizes from BoatUS Angler, a program from the nation's largest boat owners group that helps anglers spend more time on the water and less time worrying about breakdowns on the water or road. Open to all, the contest runs through October. Anglers can also check out all of the photos submitted at www.BoatUSAngler.com/contest.

American Legion hosts NASCAR Sunday

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Woman's 'implausible' story sends her to prison

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Stephanie Starcher

When a local woman tried to mitigate her situation in front of Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger she actually did more damage than good.

Stephanie Michelle Starcher, 27, N.W. 47th Terrace, was in circuit court Wednesday, July 13, for sentencing following her arrest for violation of community control.

After hearing testimony and statements from Starcher that he called "implausible," Judge Belanger sentenced the woman to 36 months in prison. She will receive credit for the 178 days already served in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Starcher was initially arrested in January of 2009 during an undercover drug operation in which a total of five people were arrested and a large amount of powder cocaine was seized. Taking part in the operation was the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force, the Glades County Sheriff's Office and agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

She was later placed on community control and house arrest, but allegedly violated terms of her community control when she failed a drug test.

She told Judge Belanger on Wednesday

that she failed the drug test because she took a prescription pill for back pain. She said the pill was given to her by her cousin and she didn't ask what it was.

"I'm sorry, I made a mistake," she said. "I didn't know what it was."

However, her Department of Corrections probation officer told the judge that statement wasn't correct.

Officer Joseph Cracchiola testified in open court that Starcher told him prior to taking the urinalysis that she had taken a roxicodone pill.

The urinalysis indicated that she had, indeed, taken the painkiller.

After Judge Belanger had heard testimony, it was his turn to talk. He said sometimes people make statements trying to help themselves but, in Starcher's case, her statements did anything but help.

"What you just told me under oath is utterly implausible. It's insulting to my intelligence," he said. "I didn't just fall off the turnip truck—I've been doing this for a quarter of a century."

He then pronounced sentence and sent Starcher off to prison.

A task force arrest report stated that an undercover officer went to a home on S.W. 15th St. in Okeechobee and purchased 2 ounces of suspected powder cocaine with marked money. The powder was later field tested and indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

In that home were Starcher; Clemente Baltazar, 29; and Iva Jean Maya, 34. Baltazar was charged with trafficking in cocaine and child endangerment, while Maya was charged with trafficking in cocaine and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

There were three children—ages 5, 4 and a baby under the age of 1—in the home.

Detectives later searched the home and found suspected marijuana, suspected cocaine and a large sum of U.S. currency—including the marked money used to make the buy, stated the report.

The report went on to add that some of the marked money was in the possession of Baltazar's 5-year-old son.

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Deputy: local man caught leaving club with stolen booze

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



James Hill

An alleged alcoholic was arrested after he reportedly broke into a now-defunct nightclub and took \$455 in liquor.

James Marshall Hill, 47, Okeechobee, was arrested Saturday, July 9, on felony charges of burglary, possession of burglary tools and grand theft. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief.

Hill is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$8,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Marcus Collier, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that after seeing a glass door broken out at the club he began to walk toward the door. As he neared the open door,

a man approached the door from the inside of the building.

The deputy's report stated that the man was carrying a bucket and a backpack and was wearing gloves.

According to Deputy Collier, the man said he was riding his bicycle and noticed the open door and, because he's an alcoholic, he went into the club to get some liquor.

The deputy's report went on to state that he found a small sledge hammer, a broom, a flashlight and eight bottles of liquor in the backpack the man was carrying. Four more bottles of booze were found in a 5-gallon bucket also being carried by the suspect, added the report.

Deputy Collier took the bottles of liquor and returned them to an associate of the club owner, who then took the bottles back inside the bar.

News in Brief

Democratic Executive Council meeting planned
The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Council will be meeting on Thursday, **July 21**, at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's.

Garbage clean up tournament planned
A Lake Okeechobee and Kissimmee River garbage clean up tournament is planned for Saturday, **July 23**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Prizes for heaviest weight total and more. Sign up at Crappy Jack's in Buckhead Ridge. For more details, call 863-763-7753.

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