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Schools face funding cuts

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Schools will receive less in local, state and federal dollars this year.

The school board approved for advertisement the tentative millage rates and budget for 2011-2012 during a special meeting on Thursday night at the School Board offices.

Superintendent Ken Kenworthy presented a \$67.1 million budget that reduces spending by 15.57 percent. The amount of local taxes

"They said they would cut us to the bone and they kept their word."

— India Riedel, Okeechobee County School Board member

collected will decrease by just over \$1 million, or 7.8 percent.

The millage rate of 7.926 mills dropped .247 mills this year.

Mr. Kenworthy said property values dropped by 5.53 percent, student enrollment fell, and

the state's base student allocation plunged by 3.9 percent.

The operating fund of \$52.7 million dropped more than \$3.4 million or 6.2 percent, and capital projects were cut by 57 percent to

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Documentary highlights Kissimmee River Basin

Throughout the centuries, the Everglades have inspired strong emotion and debate among soldiers and poets, politicians and citizens. Its history is as broad and sprawling as the "River of Grass" itself. Although many stories have been told about the Everglades from drainage to restoration, few have been told about where it all begins: the Kissimmee River Basin. Restoration and protection of the natural values of this vast, watery landscape may well hold the key to restoration of the Greater Everglades ecosystem.

A documentary which recently completed filming in the Kissimmee River basin explores the area and its history. "Three dots have to be connected: the Northern Everglades, Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades," explained producer and cinematographer Elam Stolfus, who also made the documentaries "Big Cypress Swamp, The Western Everglades," and "Apalachicola River, An American Treasure."

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Nicholas Stolfus

In a segment filmed at the Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park, biologist Paul Miller (left) looks for the endangered Grasshopper Sparrow with filmmaker Elam Stolfus.

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City approves site plan for church renovation

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Plans for renovation and enlargement of Sacred Heart Catholic Church came one step closer to reality on Thursday, July 21. With a few minor changes, the City of Okeechobee Technical Review Committee approved the site plan for the renovation and expansion of the present church building. Seating will be increased from 250 to 349 and the number of square feet will be increased by 4,000. An addition to the north part of the building, which faces S.W. Sixth Avenue, will contain bathrooms, the confessional, the sacristy, entry and covered driveway. Additions to the southern part of the building will contain a new altar area, choir room, janitor's room and a small daily chapel.

The city's public works director was instructed to meet with a representative from the engineering firm submitting the plans

at the church to determine the location of a sidewalk. The applicant was instructed to provide a revised site plan showing a loading zone. While parking requirements were approved in 2010 for a larger building, the applicant was advised that the city council may want to review the new parking accommodations. A few more trees will be necessary to meet the city's landscaping requirements.

Economic conditions forced the church to reconsider plans approved in 2010 for constructing a new building of 11,183 square feet with a seating capacity of 500. The earlier plan was given a special exception of height requirements for a 44 foot domed bell tower toward the eastern property line. Current plans call for a cross at the northern end of the expanded building that is 41 feet above finished grade.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

National Day of the Cowboy

Employees of the Bank of America got into the spirit of the National Day of the Cowboy by decorating their lobby in a western theme and dressing appropriately on Friday, July 22. The cowboys and cowgirls are, left to right, first row, Willa Ellis, Stephanie Robertson and Liesenia Martinez, second row, Nancy Raddatz, Janet Bishop, Paulette Wise, Yogi Desai, Jessica Holecek, Annette Dean, Donald Mohr and Erick Santana.

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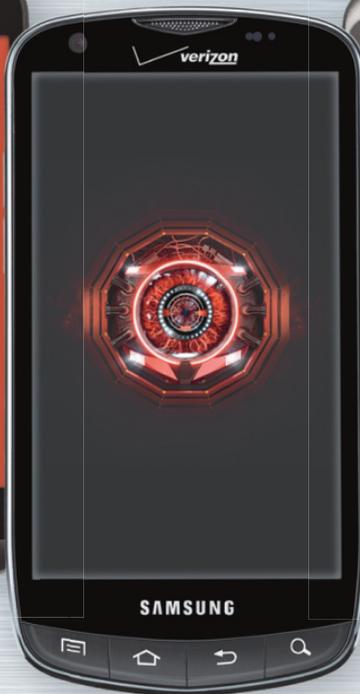


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Good thought for the day

• The only right that we have, is the right to be useful.

Teen murders parents

• What kind of world are we living in that a teenager murders his parents and then throws a party? I know it was in Port St. Lucie, but can you really guarantee that couldn't happen here? What kind of amoral monsters is this society raising?

County commission

• Most of our commissioners do not care what we as taxpayers think. There is a lot of money wasted that could have been put to better use in other places.

• Now that the county commission meetings are online, people who have to work during the day can still at least watch the meetings when they have time. It would still be better if they had the meetings at night, so folks who work could actually participate in the meetings and ask questions. But it's better than it was.

• With so many people out of work, the county commission should make it easier for new businesses to come here. It seems like they are putting up so much red tape to keep anything new out of the county.

Hurricane shutters

• Did you know that you have to get a special permit to install the hardware for hurricane shutters so they are ready to use if a storm threatens? But you don't need a permit to nail some plywood to your house and then pull it down after the hurricane, leaving big holes. What's wrong with this picture? Shouldn't the county be encouraging people to install nice hurricane shutters instead of charging them a fee to protect their homes? Shouldn't the county encourage people to improve their homes, since taxes are based on property value?

Phone hacking

• The scandal about the telephone hacking illustrates just how vulnerable people are when they use a cell phone. It is bad enough that someone can hack in and listen to your voicemail. If you bank online from your phone, they can get all of your financial information and take your money. They can upload a virus and steal all of your personal information and all of the names and phone numbers of your friends and family. Then they can hack into those people's phones too.

Vacation Bible School

• I see all the churches advertising their Vacation Bible School events in the paper. It is a shame that these are mostly at night. I remember as a child going to VBS during the day one week every summer, bringing our own sack lunches. VBS was something we looked forward to. I guess they can't find enough volunteers to help with these programs during the day, but that is a shame. It's just not the same having it a couple hours at night.

Teens stealing cars

• What is going on with these teenagers stealing cars? Where are their parents? Do they just let these punks run wild and do whatever they please? I think the judges need to hold the parents accountable for the damage their kids under the age of 18 cause. These rotten kids are causing a lot of hardships on the people whose cars are stolen and damaged or wrecked.

Celebrations

• It is a shame that this community celebrates the day of the cowboy when they don't celebrate the more important day of the birth of our country. The Fourth of July is more important. Without the Fourth of July there would not even be cowboys.

Street lights on the prairie

• Street lights cost \$12 to \$34 per month for the electricity from FPL depending on the type. Who is going to pay? Should the county or the school board pick up the tab?

• For Viking it would be Glades Electric not FPL. If it is a safety issue, the county should pay. The people out here pay county taxes.

Reflections from the Pulpit

A Culture in Disarray

By Rev. James Dawson

Assistant Pastor, First United Methodist Church

Josh McDowell is a Christian writer who has written many books. After reading one of his books, I want to share with you the message from one in particular, "Right From Wrong." I believe it will cause you to pause and think about the importance of teaching young people that there are "absolutes" in this world that we are to embrace. Enjoy!

What is causing young people in today's society to be so hateful and violent? What has happened in our society that young people can be so violent, so callous, and so unmindful of right and wrong?

There have always been rebellious people who would go off track and do something wrong, but they knew where the track was a what was wrong. "Many in today's society don't seem to know right from wrong. More than ever young people are robbing, maiming and killing on whims, and with no pity and no remorse." -Rowland Nethway

You probably worry that your family will become less like your Christian belief system and more like the world where promiscuity, dishonesty, irresponsibility and violence are a way of life. You are not alone in your fears. The fears of not being able to pass on to the next generation your biblical values and belief system, because you fear the influence of the public school system, the potency of peer pressure and the effects of the media. You wonder if the influences of the home and church will be sufficient to counter these forces. As it turns out, there is ample cause for concern.

We all shared the burden of young people involved in such things as drugs, alcohol, premarital sex, homosexuality, disrespect and violent crimes. But no matter how serious these concerns are and they are very serious, the most dominant problem facing young people today is the loss of a biblically-based value system.

So, how badly can today's culture be affecting our young people? Our young

people, who would say they come from a loving family, are living on the moral edge, closer to disaster than ever before. Many are the inappropriate, immoral and even illegal behaviors.

Sixty-six percent of these Christian young people have admitted to lying to their parents, teachers, and other adults. Most have lied to their peers, three-quarters say their media devices are very important to them. Over 50 percent have admitted to cheating in school, 40 percent have admitted to drinking alcohol, 20 percent have been approached by the gay community and over half have been involved in some kind of sexual relations.

This data shows that young people from good Christian homes are succumbing to the pressure of our society. It is painfully apparent that many of our young people have lost the ability to distinguish right from wrong. Many no longer pursue their parents' values, but instead absorb the warped values of a sick society. I believe it is a problem that will never be solved until we identify its source and deal with the root causes.

Our young people are being raised in a society that has largely rejected the notions of truth and morality, a society that has somewhere lost the ability to decide what is true and what is right. Truth has become a matter of taste; morality has been replaced by individual preference.

Many of our young people simply do not understand or accept absolute truth, that is defined as, "that which is true for all people, for all times and for all places." Absolute truth is a truth that is objective, universal and constant. If our young people are going to determine right from wrong then they must know what truths are absolute and why. They need to know what standards of behavior are right for all people, for all times and for all places. They need to know that the Bible determines what truth is and why. They need dad, mom, and the Church to live out their faith by accepting the scriptures as the standards to live by which teach that we don't talk, walk and act like the world does. We are different.

Summer Reading Program at the Library

The Okeechobee Public Library is hosting a free 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.

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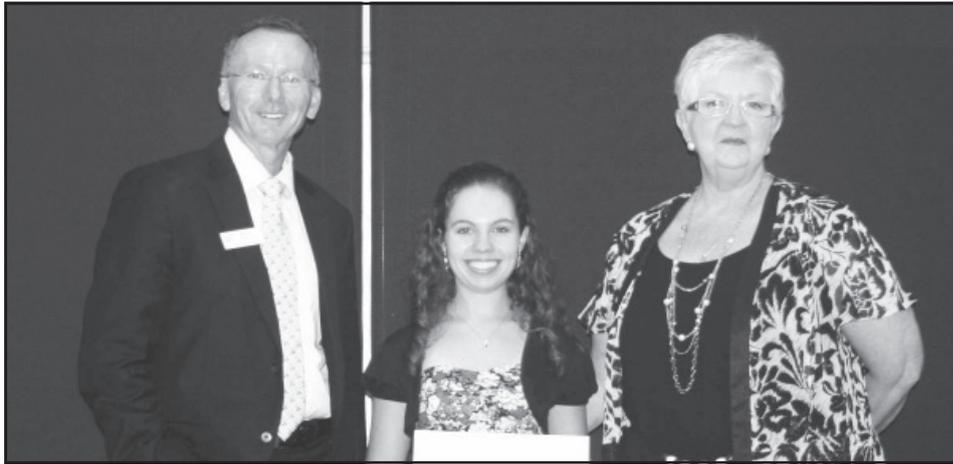
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2011 OHS Scholarship Night



Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS

IRSC American Legion Auxilliary

2011 Okeechobee High School grad, Sarah Brewer received the IRSC American Legion Auxilliary - Unit 355 Scholarship award for \$500 presented to her by Sam Smith and Pat Alfrey at the Scholarship Night Awards program held on May 26.



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IRSC - Hefflebower Endowed

Okeechobee High School grad, Jomar Hernandez accepts his IRSC - Hefflebower Endowed Scholarship award for \$1,250 presented to him by Sam Smith and Pat Alfrey. The 2011 Scholarship Awards Night was held on May 26



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IRSC - FCAT Day drawing

Erika Kelly walked away with a \$500 scholarship from the IRSC - FCAT Day drawing. The award was presented to her on May 26, by Sam Smith and Pat Alfrey at the 2011 Scholarship Awards Night Program.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS
Okeechobee High School grad, Jaiden Barnhart was presented with the Los Cocos Mexican Restaurant scholarship award in the amount of \$700 by Bill Black during the 2011 Scholarship Night Awards program held May 26.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS
Elizabeth Turner was presented with the Treasure Coast Chapter Florida Engineering Society/John Donahue Scholarship for \$1,000 presented to her by Wendy Padgett on May 26.

Pre K accepting applications

The Economic Opportunities Council of Indian River County, Inc., is accepting applications for Okeechobee Northside Head Start and VPK (Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten). Children must have been born before Sept. 2, 2008. Please call the Northside Head Start office at 863-357-8677 for an appointment orl information.

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Community Events

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Vacation Bible School

Grab your bandana, dust off your boots and get ready to mine for True Gold as Everglades Baptist Church and Treasure Island Baptist Church partner together for Vacation Bible School. They are heading to the Old West in Gold Rush: Discovering the Rock of Ages! You'll have loads of fun in 24-Karat Crafts, Rip-Roarin' Recreation, Discovery Mine Bible Time, and Lip-Smackin' Snacks! They will be meetin' together for a Gold Rush Rally each night, July 25 through 29, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Treasure Island Baptist Church, 4209 Highway 441 SE. Registration will be open on the 25th at 5:15 p.m. So y'all who are 3 years old through 6th grade completed come on over. You can also register online at <http://www.answersvbs.com/vbs/EvergladesandTreasureIslandBaptistChurch> If you need more info contact Lori Williams, VBS Director at 863-801-1414.

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. You can visit our website at: www.okeechobeechristianchurch.com to register online or call 863-467-7858 for information on the registration event.

Vacation Bible School

Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church, 4212 U.S. 441 N, is having Vacation Bible School **July 25** through **29** from 7 to 9 p.m. each evening with classes for all ages. For more information, please call 863-763-7743.

Okeechobee Orchid Club to meet

The Okeechobee Orchid Club will meet Monday, July 25, at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Center, 451 Highway 98N. Bring an orchid to show or a problem orchid to discuss. For more information call Jan at 863-357-9980.

CCC July meeting set

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **July 26**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office.

Main Street sets July meeting date

The next quarterly general membership meeting for Okeechobee Main Street will be held on July 27, at noon at the Golden Corral. All members are encouraged to attend and receive an update on recent events and activities, as well as meet our new Executive Director, Cindy Birdashaw.

Hospice to host Yard Sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next Yard Sale will be on Wednesday, **July 27** and Thursday, **July 28**, from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of S.E. Fourth Street and SE 3rd Ave. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page: www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on Events tab.

Early Learning Coalition to meet Thursday, July 28

The Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin & Okeechobee Counties, Inc. will meet for board orientation on Thursday, July 28, at 1:30 p.m., at ELC Office, 10 SE Central Parkway, Suite 400, Stuart.

Church announces VBS

Attention all cowboys and cowgirls. Victory Baptist Church is having VBS Aug. 1-5, from 6-8 p.m. Come help us round up the ten commandments.

Martha's House holds Celebrity Server fundraiser

Golden Corral will be host to a Celebrity Server fundraiser on July 28, from 5-8 p.m., to benefit Martha's House with the Chobee Steelers serving it up for a great cause! For tickets please call Martha's House at 863-763-2893.

Freedom Outreach holds fishing tournaments

The Freedom Outreach fishing tournaments will be held on Sundays, **July 31**, Aug. 28 and Sept. 25. The \$80 (cash only) entry fee includes the big fish pot and Classic fund. All tournaments will be held at Okee-Tantie Marina Boat Ramp from safe light until 2 p.m. Scott Driver will be used as a backup if low water occurs.

The Classic, on Sunday, Oct. 30, will be a one-day event with a \$120 entry fee, cash only. You must fish three tournaments to be in the Classic. Register early. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or with questions.

Grab-a-Bag clothing sale

The Salvation Army is holding a Grab-a-Bag sale on Saturday, **Aug. 6**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 1600 S.W. 2nd Ave. (rear of New Horizons Bldg.). Clothing will be \$5 per bag, shoes \$.50 to \$1 per bag, hats \$.50 and purses \$.50 to \$1. Cash only, no credit cards or checks will be accepted. There will be no refunds, no exchanges, no returns and no credit. All sales are final. Call 863-763-6020 for information.

Foster parents needed

Hibiscus Children's Center Foster Care Program recruits, trains and licenses all the traditional Foster Parents in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. The required 30 hour (MAPP) classes are held one evening a week or on Saturdays and are free.

There is a tremendous need for loving and nurturing Foster Parents in all four counties on the Treasure Coast. For additional information about becoming a Foster Parent or to register for a class please call: 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415.

Coffee with the commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Margaret Garrard Helton on Tuesday, **Aug. 9**, from 10 a.m.-noon, and will be held in Commissioner Helton's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 261, Okeechobee, Florida. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Okeechobee golf team to hold fundraiser

Sponsors and four man teams are welcome to take part in the annual OHS Golf team fundraiser tournament scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. OHS Golf Coach Kenny Buckner said the event is a best ball four man scramble with a shotgun start at approximately 8 a.m. The cost is \$50 per person and \$200 per team. Hole sponsors cost \$100 and a two hole sponsorships and one entry fee can be purchased for \$200. For more information call Coach Buckner at 863-634-0324 or all Okeechobee High school at 863-462-5025.

Shingles vaccine offered in Okeechobee by VNA

The Visiting Nurse Association of Florida announces that the Shingles Vaccine (Zostavax) will be available on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Grand Oaks Assisted Living Community in Okeechobee.

The Okeechobee Grand Oaks Community, located at 203 S.E. 2nd Street will have the vaccine available. The fee must be paid prior to immunization. The vaccine is available to adults only. Appointments are necessary. To schedule an appointment, please call the VNA of Florida at: 800-318-0399.

Shingles is caused by the varicella zoster virus, the same virus that causes chickenpox. Those who have contracted chickenpox are at risk of contracting shingles. Up to half of the nearly 1 million shingles cases in the U.S. each year occur in people 50 years and older.

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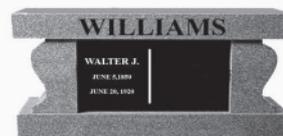
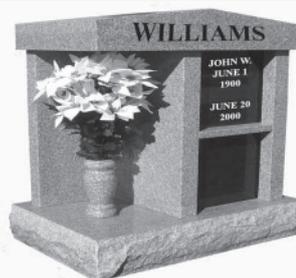
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Areas affected by extreme weather offered resources

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds farmers and ranchers in states across the country that USDA offers a variety of resources for those affected by recent extreme weather, including floods, drought, fires and tornadoes. USDA also urges producers in need or those with questions to contact their local county or state USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office for assistance. In a recent tour of flooding in Iowa and Nebraska, as well as droughts and wildfires in Arizona and New Mexico, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack promised farmers, ranchers and others that USDA would continue to work hard to deliver assistance to those in need.

"America's farmers and rural communities are vitally important to our nation's

economy and our values, and my heart goes out to all who are facing hardships because of severe weather and natural disasters," said Vilsack. "In the past two months alone, I have visited with hundreds of Americans who have had to put their lives and livelihoods on hold to deal with floods, tornadoes, drought and wildfires. Since the beginning, I have instructed USDA staff in the affected states that our main priority must be to work with farmers, ranchers and others to explain the type of aid that is available. We will continue to listen to your concerns and, whenever possible, offer assistance to help you through these difficult times."

USDA's Risk Management Agency reminds producers faced with questions on prevented planting, replant, or crop losses

to contact their crop insurance company for more information. Other types of USDA assistance available to those affected by flooding include the Emergency Loan Program and the Emergency Watershed Protection program.

USDA reminds producers affected by drought and fires that resources are available to cover losses, including losses to livestock, crops, orchard trees, and private forests. Types of USDA assistance to farmers and ranchers may include the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), federal crop insurance, and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program.

To find the USDA Service Center nearest you, please visit: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=fsa>.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

July 18 and 19
Monday Sales at noon Tuesday sales at 11 a.m.

	Monday	Tuesday	Med #2	Steers	Hfrs
Cows					
Breaking	\$64.00	\$74.00	150-200	150-175	120-138
Cutter	\$60.00	\$67.00	200-250	145-165	115-135
Bulls			250-300	132-152	112-127
1000-1500	\$80.00	\$86.00	300-350	125-135	110-121
1500-2000	\$73.00	\$79.00	350-400	115-129	106-114
			400-450	115-124	105-112

	Monday	Tuesday
Calves	396	1115
Cows	130	466
Str	12	17
Hfrs	17	15
Bulls	23	28
Yrlngs	9	68
Mix	0	34
Total	587	1743

Med #1	Steers	Hfrs
200-250		
145-160		
250-300	157-177	140-125
300-350	142-155	130-140
350-400	130-147	123-140
400-450	125-135	115-124

Slaughter cows \$2-\$3 lower, bulls \$2 lower. Feeder steers and heifers were pretty steady with a good demand. Slaughter cows and bulls are under pressure due to the drought out west. Rain out west would do us all some good. Prescott family topped the calf market with a high of \$2, bought by D&S. Estate of Tom Chastain topped the cow market with a high of \$74, bought by Dairymen's Marketing. We have 14 head of 1 1/2-2 year old Charolais bulls for sale.

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Tax Collector visits Rotary

At the July 12, Okeechobee Rotary meeting, Rotarian Sharon Robertson extended a warm Rotary welcome to guest speaker Celeste Watford, Okeechobee Tax Collector who shared information with club members about their office becoming the driver's license issuer by 2012. Celeste explained how the transition will add revenue to their office and give the citizens of Okeechobee a place to get their driver's license rather than having to go to another county to do so. She gave the website www.gathergoget.com as the place to get information on what is needed in order to get a valid Florida driver's license. They are in the beginning stages of discussion on how the office will operate and answered several questions from fellow Rotarians.



Rotakids help with Haiti relief

Rotarian's Art and Jane Mills from the Rotary in Stuart brought the Rotakids to the July 12, meeting to present the Okeechobee Rotary Club with a check for \$200 to sponsor a well in Haiti. These great kids all fourth and fifth graders earned the money by doing a car wash. Jane showed pictures to the group of the kids doing the car wash and other pictures of the kids and their projects. Last year they earned enough money with their car wash to buy teddy bears for Martin Memorial kids and presented us with one of the teddy bears. They also did their Rotakid Pledge which is a condensed version of the Rotary Pledge.



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Russ Brown named Provost of IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus

Russ Brown has been appointed Provost for Indian River State College (IRSC) in Okeechobee County. Mr. Brown will be responsible for directing the programs and services of the Dixon-Hendry Campus and providing leadership of all IRSC initiatives in Okeechobee.

Mr. Brown brings over 16 years' experience in education to his new position, most recently as the CEO/President of Pemaquid Emahakv Charter School on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation. He has also served Okeechobee County schools as a guidance counselor, elementary school assistant principal, middle school principal, and Director of Student Services.

"Russ's leadership qualities are evident through his effective service in increasingly responsible positions with Okeechobee County School District, as well as the successful establishment and operation of the community-based charter school he has guided for four years," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC president. "He is passionate about student success and eager to assist our IRSC students in Okeechobee."

Mr. Brown, 46, holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Central Florida, a Master's Degree from the University of North Florida and certification in educational leadership from Florida Atlantic University. He lives in Okeechobee with his wife, Steph-



Courtesy photo/IRSC
Russ Brown will take over as new Provost of IRSC at Dixon-Hendry Campus in Okeechobee.

nie, two daughters and son.

Mr. Brown will replace Sam Smith, who is retiring on July 28. A lifelong educator, Mr. Smith served IRSC as Okeechobee Provost for 11 years and held previous positions with the Okeechobee School District for 27 years. He was recently honored by the IRSC Board of Trustees with the designation as Provost Emeritus for his outstanding record of service to IRSC and Okeechobee County.



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County health rankings show areas of risk

By Pat Dobbins

Special to the Okeechobee News

Recently, a report was released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute which ranks the health of the people in Florida's 67 counties. The report provides the same breakdown for all 50 states. The study provides a snapshot of how healthy people are considered in one county by comparing their overall health to people in other counties within their state.

The 2010 County Health Rankings report looks at a number of factors that can influence a person's overall health, which can include health behaviors, quality of neighborhoods, access to physical and recreational activities, education, income, employment, teen births, crime-rates, smoking, drinking, premature death, air quality, access to healthy foods, community safety and many

others. This report shows that a lot of factors can be correlated with one another.

The rankings can be used by public-health, healthcare providers and community leaders to measure the health of their county to see how well they are doing and where improvements may be needed. The data used in the report includes survey data calculated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, data from the U.S. Census, birth and death records, rates of sexually transmitted diseases, Medicare-claims data and several other resources which are all listed on their Web site. <http://www.county-healthrankings.org/ranking-methods>

Counties within the region include: Hendry, Glades, Lee, Collier, Okeechobee, Desoto, Highlands, Charlotte Sarasota and Manatee. The results are listed below ("Best to Lowest" rankings in each category). Since there are 67 counties in the state, the worst

ranking a county can receive is 67.

Health Factors Rankings:

- Health behaviors (smoking, obesity, binge drinking, traffic deaths, teen births, Chlamydia infections): Sarasota-2nd, Collier-6th, Manatee-13th, Highlands-16th, Charlotte-19th, Lee-27th, Desoto-36th, Hendry-45th, Glades-53rd and Okeechobee-56th.

- Social and economic (education, unemployment, childhood poverty, single-parent families, violent crime): Sarasota-12th, Collier-21st, Charlotte-22nd, Lee-29th, Manatee-41st, Highlands-47th, Glades-55th, Okeechobee-58th, Desoto-62th, and Hendry-67th.

- Clinical care (uninsured adults, number of doctors, diabetic screening, and preventable hospitalizations): Sarasota-2nd, Manatee-18th, Charlotte-20th, Collier-30th, Lee-32nd, Highlands-44th, Glades-62nd,

Desoto-63rd, Hendry-65th and Okeechobee-67th.

- Physical environment (air quality, access to healthy food): Collier-5th, Okeechobee-13th, Sarasota-18th, Lee-19th, Charlotte-20th, Hendry-24th, Manatee-31st, Desoto-53rd, and Highlands-55th.

- Morbidity (low birth-weight babies, self-reported health status): Sarasota-1st, Collier-3rd, Desoto-13th, Hendry-14th, Lee-16th, Manatee-20th, Charlotte-28th, Highlands-33rd, Glades-39th, and Okeechobee-47th.

- Mortality (premature deaths): Collier-4th, Sarasota-13th, Charlotte-26th, Manatee-28th, Lee-31st, Desoto-41st, Highlands-42nd, Hendry-56th, Okeechobee-58th, and Glades-61st.

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The staff of Raulerson Hospital believes that whomever a patient identifies as family, is family. If a patient requests their health information be shared with family members or friends, Raulerson Hospital has several ways of providing such communication. When a patient is admitted to the hospital and shares their passcode with loved ones, authorized family members may call the hospital, or speak to the nursing staff in person, to track the patient's progress and recovery. Private health information is only provided to individuals authorized to receive it by the patient.

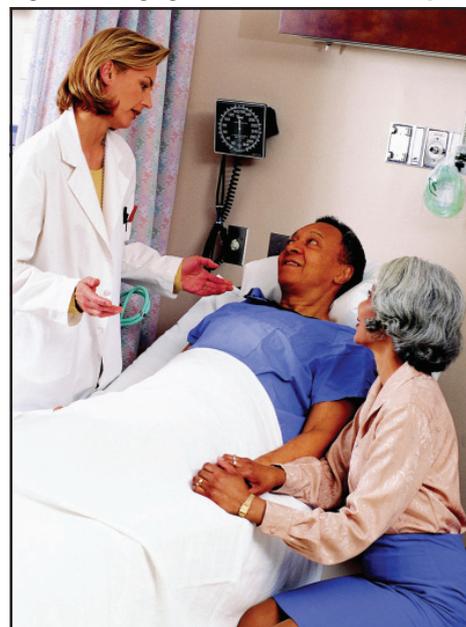
Other communication tools patients and their families can benefit from are 'white boards' and patient diaries. In each room at Raulerson Hospital, patients have the option of utilizing a 'white board' to facilitate communication with their care team of physicians, nurses and family members. The 'white boards' are a collection of information, including: the latest scheduled tests or procedures, patient preferences, and even notes from family members. This resource, as well as the patient diary, are examples of how Raulerson Hospital values the participation, feedback and experience of not only patients, but also their family members.

The 'Patient Tracker' is another com-

munication tool for the loved ones of surgical patients. This system could be compared to checking the status of a flight on a monitor at the airport. From the comfort of the waiting rooms, family members who have the patient's passcode may view the Patient Tracker monitors to check on their loved one's progress in pre operative care, surgery and their recovery.

Raulerson Hospital has flexible visiting hours to help accommodate the needs and wishes of its patients and their families. Other advancements for the comfort and convenience of guests include hospital wide WIFI access.

Often times it is the friendly, helpful personal care and communication family members receive from staff during the challenging time when a loved one is hospital-



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Raulerson Hospital has flexible visiting hours and treats patients' families as guests.

ized that is more meaningful than any technological advancements. Beyond nurses and physicians, all of Raulerson Hospital's staff care about the patients and their families. After all, they are their friends and neighbors. From the gift shop and the house-keeping staff, to the cafeteria staff and vol-

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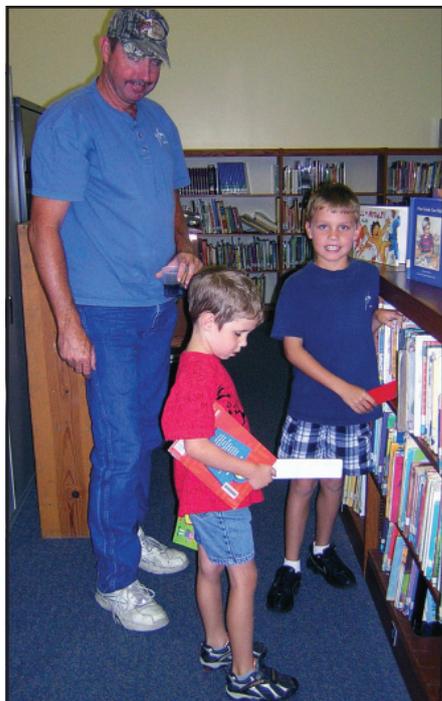
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North Elementary has Summer Library Program

(Photo at left) Brady and Tanner Seabolt choose the perfect books with the help of Dad as part of the North Elementary School Summer Library Program.

Below, Priscila Morales, Rossa Morales, and Angie Morales from North Elementary make sure to keep their reading skills polished! Students have been taking AR tests, earning free books, and enjoying delicious meals. Summer hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. and Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. The program will continue through August 11. All North Elementary students including upcoming kindergarteners may attend! Come anytime, no sign up necessary.

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Schools need foster grandparents

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News



Emily Sawyer

If you are 55 years of age or older, not in the general work force, can pass a background check and like children, the Foster Grandparent Program wants you.

Each Foster Grandparent mentors two to four students in Okeechobee elementary schools. The grade level is from pre-K through the third grade. These students have special needs such as a learning disability, speech problems or difficulty reading. The

Foster Grandparent stays with these children through the school day and does everything the children do.

Foster Grandparents put in 15 to 20 hours a week, receive a small stipend, free school lunch, mileage and training. Anyone interested in volunteering for this program should contact Emily Sawyer by calling 561-684-5885 or emailing sawyere@elderaffairs.org. Ms. Sawyer is the volunteer coordinator for the Foster Grandparents Program, a service of the Area Agency on Aging.

There are currently nine Foster Grandparents in the Okeechobee schools with two more expected in the fall. Ms. Sawyer would like to see 20 Foster Grandparents in the school system.

Christian School announces open registration

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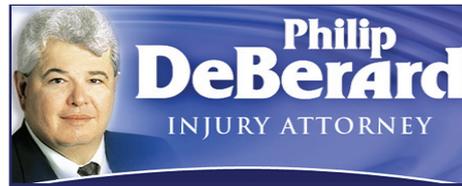
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During a recent visit by Girl Scout Brownie Troop #60377 to Okeechobee Historical Society's Museum, the girls met with members of the museum's board including, from left to right: Candace Nicoll, Amber Hull, Betty Williamson, president of the Okeechobee Historical Society, Sonny Williamson, Sebastian Woody, Cassidy Johnson and Zelda Mixon, Historical Society member.

Local Brownie Troop visits Historical Museum

On July 16, Brownie Troop #60377 visited the Okeechobee Historical Society Museum to learn about the history of Okeechobee County in order to earn their History Badge. Betty Williamson, Zelda Mixon and Sonny Williamson all made presentations to the girls concerning the history and way of life in early Okeechobee. The girls had spent

the day learning about the history and upon conclusion of the presentation, they were awarded their badges by Betty Williamson and Zelda Mixon. The girls also made a most generous donation to the historical society to help them in their work of preserving the history of Okeechobee."



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Crawford joins college summer baseball team

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News



Jonathan Crawford

Jonathan Crawford has joined the Madison Mallards of the Northwood's League in Wisconsin, A collegiate summer baseball team.

The Mallards are one of 16 teams in the league and each team plays 70 games from June through mid-August.

Crawford has appeared in seven games so far this year with four starts. He has pitched 22 innings, allowed 22 hits, and pitched to a 5.73 earned run average.

He said the goal is to get as much experience as possible.

"When I got here I was in a relief role for about two weeks and then I became a starter," he said. "That is where I'll be for the rest of the summer in order to get in as many innings as possible."

The goal of the league is to provide an opportunity for college players to spend their summer and display their talent to professional scouts. Players must be enrolled in college and have at least one year of athletic eligibility to participate.

Crawford is used to having pro scouts around. He was selected in the 42nd round of the MLB draft in June, 2010. He was the 19th ranked prospect in the state of Florida last year and was ranked number 137 in national prospect rankings.

Crawford had a stellar career as a pitcher and hitter for Okeechobee High School. As a senior, Crawford was named Pitcher of the Year with a 1.06 earned run average in 52.2 innings. He also had over 200 strikeouts for his career, which included 89 during his senior year.

Crawford pitched sparingly for the Florida Gators during his freshman year. The Gators had an outstanding year and made the College World Series.

"It was very exciting to be apart of what the Gators did this year. Although I didn't get to go to the College World Series it was still very exciting to watch my team compete for the championship," he said.

Crawford pitched in five games for the Gators this year and had a 4.91 earned run average.

Mallards Manager Greg Labbe said Crawford has been a solid addition to his teams pitching staff. Gator Coach Craig Bell recommended Jonathan to the team. Labbe said Crawford should get a lot of valuable experience in the league. "He adds a true power arm to our pitching staff," Labbe said. "He can run it up into the mid-90's. He is working on a change-up. The coaches at Florida feel that he is going to contribute next year."

Okeechobee fans can watch the Mallard games on the internet at the website, northwoodleague.tv.

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Two local pot grow house operators are sentenced

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two men arrested last year for operating a marijuana grow house on N.E. 304th St. in Okeechobee were both sentenced Thursday, July 21, to three years in prison.

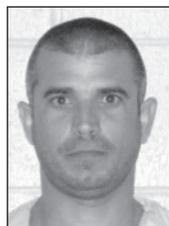
William Diaz, 35, and Elman Montero Rodriguez, 36, entered into a plea agreement with the state on June 16 and, as part of that agreement, were only sentenced to the minimum/mandatory term. Each man was adjudicated guilty by Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger on one count of trafficking in cannabis. Diaz will receive credit for the 65 days he has already served, and Rodriguez

will be given credit for the 75 days he has served.

As provided by state statute, each man will have to provide a sample of his DNA for the state database.

A second charge of possession of drug paraphernalia was dropped, as part of the negotiated plea agreement.

The men were arrested May 21, 2010, when their residence was raided by detectives from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force.



William Diaz



Elman Rodriguez

An arrest report by a task force detective stated that 82 plants with active root systems that weighed a total of 95.5 pounds were found in the garage. The investigators also found approximately 127.7 grams of marijuana in the kitchen cabinets that was already bagged.

Also found were plastic sandwich bags, digital scales, rolling papers and a marijuana grinder. The arrest report described the pot found in the kitchen as "finished product." A task force detective described the pot as being of "fairly good

quality" and estimated its street value at \$380,000. The plants found in the garage were all 3- to 4- feet tall.

According to the Okeechobee County Property Appraiser's Office web site the doublewide mobile home where the two men were living was owned by Francisco and Amelia Yanez, who list a mailing address of S.E. Horizon Ave. in Stuart.

Detectives also seized equipment associated with pot growing operations. That equipment consisted of timers, grow lights, ballasts, AC units, wooden stakes, capacitors, water pumps, thermometers, AC duct work and fans. A 'starter house' was also found in one bedroom of the mobile home.

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY:

OPERATING FUND:

REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT	5.678
DISCRETIONARY OPERATING	0.748
DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS	0.000
DEBT SERVICE FUND:	0.000
LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:	1.500
TOTAL	7.926

BUDGET SUMMARY

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA ARE 15% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES Fiscal Year 2011-2012

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
FEDERAL SOURCES	25,000.00			23.86	25,023.86
FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	225,000.00			9,212,583.17	9,437,583.17
STATE SOURCES	32,040,306.00	214,400.00	51,000.00	60,000.00	32,365,706.00
LOCAL SOURCES	10,567,491.00		2,273,257.00	850,780.00	13,691,528.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	16,000.00				16,000.00
TOTAL SOURCES	42,873,797.00	214,400.00	2,324,257.00	10,123,387.03	55,535,841.03
TRANSFERS IN	300,000.00				300,000.00
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2011	9,497,187.14	39,118.58	1,458,890.25	243,948.53	11,239,144.50
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	52,670,984.14	253,518.58	3,783,147.25	10,367,335.56	67,074,985.53
EXPENDITURES:					
INSTRUCTION	29,793,492.16			2,962,675.99	32,756,168.15
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,957,104.98			810,835.56	2,767,940.54
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	659,414.04				659,414.04
INSTRUCTIONAL/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SERV	628,951.36			859,948.83	1,488,900.19
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING SERVICES	137,408.90			1,106,774.39	1,244,183.29
INSTRUCTION RELATED TECHNOLOGY	736,121.33			116,212.78	852,334.11
SCHOOL BOARD	540,151.00				540,151.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,528,406.03			208,737.72	1,737,143.75
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	3,458,711.57			9,889.76	3,468,601.33
FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION	171,162.00		3,483,147.25		3,654,309.25
FISCAL SERVICES	424,102.00				424,102.00
FOOD SERVICE				3,879,564.02	3,879,564.02
CENTRAL SERVICES	815,942.96			3,000.00	818,942.96
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	3,242,183.40			294,762.00	3,536,945.40
OPERATION OF PLANT	4,193,537.77			12,514.00	4,206,051.77
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	1,319,000.30				1,319,000.30
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	530,327.00			44,000.00	574,327.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES	352,500.00				352,500.00
DEBT SERVICE		217,400.00			217,400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,488,516.80	217,400.00	3,483,147.25	10,308,915.05	64,497,979.10
TRANSFERS OUT			300,000.00		300,000.00
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2012	2,182,467.34	36,118.58		58,420.51	2,277,006.43
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES	52,670,984.14	253,518.58	3,783,147.25	10,367,335.56	67,074,985.53

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Okeechobee County School Board will soon consider a measure to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 6.4260 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately \$2,268,257. to be used for the following projects:

CONSTRUCTION AND REMODELING

School Classroom Construction

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

Reimbursement (as permitted by Florida Statutes) of maintenance, renovation and repair expenses incurred by the General Fund

District-Wide HVAC projects

Communications cabling projects

District-Wide flooring

Lighting replacements and upgrades

District-Wide electrical projects

District-Wide roof repair

District-Wide security enhancements

District-Wide painting projects

District-Wide playground improvements

District-Wide ADA compliance projects

District-Wide maintenance, renovation, and repair of existing facilities

State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) compliance

Telephone systems

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase of (6) school buses

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE

District-Wide furniture and equipment

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Playground equipment & Band instruments

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 28, 2011 at 6:00 P.M., at the Okeechobee County School Board office building, Room 303, 700 SW Second Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

A DECISION on the proposed CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES will be made at this hearing.

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Okeechobee County School Board will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

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\$3.78 million.

Mr. Kenworthy said local property owners will pay \$19.50 less in taxes for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 after all exemptions. He said taxpayers will see additional relief due to the drop in value of their homes.

"I'm happy for them that they are getting a decrease. The savings comes as a result of the .25 mills that weren't levied this year," he added.

Voters rejected the Super Majority Millage last summer.

School Board Chairperson Kelly Owens said the district can survive this year without any cuts in programs but she had a dim view of next year.

"I don't know where the money will come from," she said.

Board member India Riedel said the State Legislature kept their promise made to public education: "They said they would cut us to the bone and they kept their word."

Mr. Kenworthy said while there were cuts across the board he doesn't think any programs will be cut or that layoffs will be necessary.

"We were worried about that but we'll be fine this budget year. We will use our fund balance and we've been conservative in our spending in the past and controlled

our costs. It will be a more difficult year for us next year," he predicted.

Union negotiations also began Thursday on issues like the Race to the Top requirements, and new teacher evaluations. Mr. Kenworthy said salary issues won't be discussed until August or even September.

"We always look for the opportunity to enhance salaries but we haven't talked about that yet," he said.

The budget includes a five percent fund balance of just under \$2.2 million per board policy. The fund balance declined by \$480,000. The budgets of nine schools were reduced between \$39,000 and \$310,000. Central Elementary received a budget increase of just under \$52,000.

"We are fortunate enough to keep the status quo with all programs. We were able to retain good teachers by placing them in at large spots in the district until we found a slot for them. I don't think the students will see any cuts in the classroom when they return on Aug. 22," he added.

Capital Projects funded included the purchase of six new school buses for \$602,000, \$110,000 for new computer hardware and software, an additional \$1.3 million to complete the Okeechobee Achievement Academy project, \$131,360 to pave the driver's education lot at OHS, and \$176,177 to remodel some classrooms at Yearling Middle School.

The next meeting on the budget is Thursday, July 28, at 6 p.m. at the school board offices.

Powell avoids prison with plea

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man caught a break Thursday when he agreed to plea offer and will likely avoid another stint in prison.

Walter Roy 'Peanut' Powell, 43, entered a plea of no contest July 21 to a felony charge of possession of oxycodone and misdemeanor charges of driving while license suspended-prior conviction and possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

He was arrested April 6.

With the deal, he will likely get 140 days in the Okeechobee County Jail instead of five years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine, or both.

Powell will be sentenced Friday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. He will receive credit for the two days he has already spent in the county jail. As part of the plea agreement, Powell's driver's license will be revoked for two years.

"Quite frankly, with your record this is a pretty good deal," Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger told Powell.

A check of Powell's arrest history showed



Walter Roy Powell

that in December 2007 he was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine, a felony, as well as the misdemeanors of driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Then-Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer sentenced him to six months in the county jail on each count, with the sentences to run concurrently.

County Judge Jerald Bryant sentenced Powell to four months in the county jail in April of '09 after he was found guilty on a misdemeanor marijuana charge.

Powell next went before Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Mirman and on March 26, 2009, he was sentenced to nine months in the county jail for being found guilty of possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanor charges.

On March 15, 2010, Judge Belanger sent Powell to prison for 15 months after he was found guilty on a felony charge of possession of oxycodone. Department of Corrections (DOC) records show that Powell was sent to the Taylor Correctional Institution in Perry on March 31, 2010. He was released from the minimum security facility on July 1, 2010.

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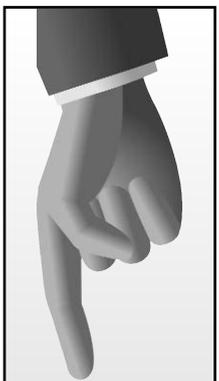
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The Board of County Commissioners will nominate at least three (3) applicants each for four (4) appointments to be made by the Governor.
A qualified applicant must have resided in Okeechobee County for at least twenty-four (24) months prior to making application and must complete a Questionnaire for gubernatorial appointments form, which may be obtained in the County Administration Office, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123, Okeechobee, Florida or from the County website www.co.okeechobee.fl.us. These must be submitted no later than Noon on August 29, 2011.
Margaret Garrard Helton, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
393021 ON 7/24/2011

Public Notice

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID
Sidewalk Rehabilitation
Bid No. PW 05-00-07-11
Sealed BIDS will be received by the City of Okeechobee **GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT in Room 101**, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974 no later than **1:00 p.m.**, on **August 8, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted.
The bids are for one unit price per Linear Foot for new construction sidewalks, curb cuts and handicap accessibility within the City. Description and specifications are available in the bid packets from the City General Services Department for the non-refundable purchase price of \$50.00. Questions may be directed to Betty Clement, General Services Coordinator 863-763-3372 ext. 218.
A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held **Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** at City Hall in the Council Chambers, Room 201.
The City has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope **MUST** be marked: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE SIDEWALK REHABILITATION BID NO. PW 05-00-07-11.**
By: Brian Whitehall, City Administrator
392558 ON 7/17/24/2011

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Absorbed
 - 5 Snake with a puff variety
 - 10 Shakespeare's Avon calling?
 - 14 Become equitable in the long run
 - 16 One with regrets
 - 17 Remote measuring devices
 - 18 Cheese coated in red paraffin
 - 19 China's Zhou
 - 20 That, in Madrid
 - 21 Museum in Madrid
 - 22 "Tea for Two" for two, e.g.
 - 23 Country singer Yearwood
 - 25 Geometric fig.
 - 26 Show featuring agents 86 and 99
 - 28 Web search tool
 - 30 Lumberjack, at times
 - 31 1980s-'90s Buick sports car
 - 32 "See?!"
 - 37 1993-2001 White House maiden name
 - 38 Symbol on a staff
 - 39 Like most piano technician services
 - 40 Football setting
 - 45 Peg under a dimpled ball
 - 46 Legal term that's French for "on a bench"
 - 48 Sushi wrapper
 - 49 Chelmsford's county
 - 51 Blood typing letters
 - 52 Photons' family, in physics
 - 53 Elec. supplier
 - 54 2002 film for which Adrien Brody won a Best Actor Oscar
 - 56 Ruse
 - 57 Used car dealer's spiel, say
 - 58 Dict. offerings
 - 59 Clay bakers
- DOWN**
- 1 OK for kids, filmwise
 - 2 Michigan in Chicago, e.g.
 - 3 Bit of buckshot
 - 4 Dog training aids
 - 5 Time of your life
 - 6 Checked
 - 7 "Sound familiar?"
 - 8 Continental currency
 - 9 ACLU concerns
 - 10 Rabbit or Bear's title
 - 11 Gall
 - 12 Interpret by inference
 - 13 H.G. Wells's island researcher
 - 15 "___ losing it?"
 - 21 Like some den walls
 - 23 Cabbies in Canterbury
 - 24 One seriously straying from the flock?
 - 27 Sargent portrait of a mysterious Frenchwoman

- 29 Guy's partner
- 32 Newspaper accounts
- 33 With no deception
- 34 Bonding
- 35 Even if, informally
- 36 Like gift wrap on Christmas morning
- 41 Like con artists' shills, e.g.
- 42 Bilingual Muppet
- 43 Pitcher Jesse, who had the most career appearances
- 44 Final innings
- 47 Mideast religion that preaches equality
- 50 Bridge expert Culbertson et al.
- 52 "Southern" relig.
- 54 "For shame!"
- 55 Unit of Time: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Men found guilty of 2010 burglary

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Two Okeechobee men arrested last year on armed burglary charges entered into a plea deal with the state and were given 36 months probation instead of prison.

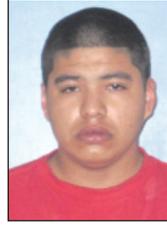
Taylor Ross Osceola, 20, and Tallbird Richard Scott Pewo, 20, were adjudicated guilty Thursday, July 21, on a single count of burglary of a dwelling. Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger sentenced both to probation and ordered them to pay \$500 each in restitution to the victim.

Both men were arrested Aug. 16, 2010, and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling while armed which is a life felony. Osceola and Pewo agreed to plea to the lesser included felony.

Judge Belanger also ruled that both men had to submit a DNA sample and they can have no direct or indirect contact with the



Taylor Ross
Osceola



Tallbird
Richard Scott

victim.

An additional charge of criminal mischief was dropped by the state.

A third defendant in the case -- Daylon Sam Youngblood, 19 -- did not go before Judge Belanger with the other two defendants. According to the Okeechobee County Clerk of Courts web site his case is slated for an Aug. 18 docket call.

The three men were arrested after they reportedly went to the victim's home and broke out some windows in a sunroom so they could enter the home. However, Pewo apparently cut his hand on some broken glass so the men left.

They were later stopped by detectives with the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force after running a stop sign. During a search of the truck in which they were traveling the detectives found a .40 caliber Glock semi-automatic handgun, stated an arrest report.

The arrest report by Deputy Tammy Serafini of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) stated that both Osceola and Pewo were armed with handguns. The report went on to state that witnesses at a party overheard the men state that they planned to get the male victim "... wasted and beat him up and kill him."

The report went on to state that Pewo thought the victim had stolen his electronic gaming system and he wanted to kill him for taking it. At a party hosted by Pewo, the men reportedly tried to get the victim to drink alcohol and take xanax.

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).

• Rodney McClure, 25, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested July 20 by Deputy Keith Murrish on a charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Jimmie Lee Howling, 65, N.E. Center St., was arrested July 20 by the OCSO Crimes Unit on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - obtaining a controlled substance by fraud (five counts). He was also arrested on a mis-

demeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. He is being held without bond.

• Tommy Malone, 78, S.W. 35th Circle, Okeechobee, was arrested July 21 by Deputy Sergeant Charles Hood on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

• Timothy A. Lefebvre, 26, S.W. 87th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested July 21 by Deputy Bryan Holden on charges of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam). 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.

Bloodmobile to visit Okeechobee

The "Big Red Bus" bloodmobile will be in Okeechobee for blood drives on Tuesday, July 26, at the IRSC Campus, from 4-8 p.m.

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“The Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades” invites the viewer to take a trip up the Kissimmee Valley back through time to discover the well reasoned, yet unforeseen consequences of a flood control project that turned the 103 mile-long meandering river full of life, into a 52-mile long, multi-million dollar over-engineered channel that over drained the surrounding wetlands, caused the disappearance of large flocks of wading birds and caused a significant decline of an abundant freshwater fishery.

The film features the cattle ranchers whose families have cared for the Kissimmee River Basin for generations.

It lets the viewer discover the high stakes surrounding Kissimmee’s future and how changes made to it’s waterway are directly affecting the well-being of millions of people and many species of fish and wildlife, and witness innovative and collaborative solutions actively at work among interests traditionally in competition with one another.

Lush and ethereal cinematography and rare historic photos bring the Kissimmee’s story into sharp focus. In-depth interviews bring you face-to-face with the engineers, activists, ranchers, military personnel and politicians who populate the pages of this river’s history.

“The Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades” takes an in-depth and fascinating look at how changing the Kissimmee River’s shape has, in turn, changed lives – and ul-

timately the history of this beautiful landscape.

PBS will show the documentary sometime in early 2012, Mr. Stolfus said, although the date has not been set. This fall, there were will three public showings in Florida, including one in Okeechobee County.

Local viewers will see familiar landscapes and familiar faces. Those interviewed for the documentary include Sonny, Betty and Wes Williamson of Williamson Cattle Company; Bud, Mike and LeeAnn Adams of Adams Ranch; Irene Loftin, former manager, the Flying B Ranch and owner, Lofton Ranch; Patrick Smith, author of “A Land Remembered,” and many other Florida tales; Charles Bronson, former Florida Agriculture Commissioner and Florida rancher; Rock Salt, principal deputy, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works); Adam Putnam, Former U.S. Congressman and current Florida Commissioner of Agriculture; U.S. Senator Bill Nelson; Paul Ebersbach, Chief, Environmental Flight Officer, Avon Park Air Force Range; Lt. Col. MacLaughlin, Avon Park Air Force Range Commander; photographer and conservationist Carlton Ward - photographer; Jeff Danter, former executive director of the Florida Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Paul Gray of the Florida Audubon; Dr. Hilary Swain, executive director of Archbold Biological Station, Buck Island Ranch; Nathaniel P. Reed, former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior; Lawrence Glenn, director, Kissimmee Division at SFWMD; Brent Anderson, environmental scientist, Kissimmee Division, SFWMD; Loisa Kerwin, director, FAU’s Riverwoods Biological Station; Jennifer Mi-

likowsky, TNC researcher; Estus Whitfield, policy coordinator/chief environmental advisor to four governors; Stan Bronson, executive director, Florida Earth Foundation; Howard Searcy, engineer for the Kissimmee River channelization and restoration; Cary and Layne Lightsey, owners, Lightsey Cattle Company; Keith Fountain, TNC; Jim Black, operations Manager of Creek Ranch; Charlie Pelizza of the Pelican Island Wildlife Refuge; Willie Johns, history specialist for the Seminole Tribe; Alex Johns - Seminole Cattle Operations Manager; and, Paul Miller, biologist at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park.

Clyde Butcher, world renowned black and white photographer, is the host for “The

Kissimmee Basin: the Northern Everglades.” Jim Fowler, host of “Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom,” is the narrator.

Mr. Stolfus said he gathered a weath of information from the interviews. “One exciting thing about this project -- the people interviews are very knowledgeable and very passionate. The knew a lot of details. We came away with great information to work from.”

The documentary was sponsored by Creek Ranch, Lightsey Cattle Company and the South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Stolfus said SFWMD will provide copies of the film to school districts in the 16 county area served by SFWMD.



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