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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Big O Teen Anglers**

Luke Farmer (left), won the 11-14 age group at the 2011 Florida Bass Federation Nation Youth State Qualifier held in Kissimmee. His father, Kenny Farmer (right), was named the 2010 Boat Captain of the Year. For more, see page 10.

Jimenez convicted; faces life in prison

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson pointed to the man sitting a the defense table and said he raped a 17-year-old mentally retarded girl because he could—and because he could get away with it.

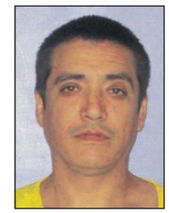
But, he was wrong.

"Can you imagine a more perfect victim? Can you imagine someone more vulnerable? More weak?" the prosecutor asked the jury Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 10, during his closing argument. "Because of her disability, he knew there was a slim chance of her taking any step to preserve physical evidence."

But again, he was wrong.

The girl remembered what she had been told by her mother and did not bathe or clean herself. And, because she remembered, Jose Jimenez-Rodriguez is probably going to prison.

The six-member jury took two hours Wednesday to find Jimenez guilty of burglary of a dwelling with a battery and of attempted sexual battery on a mentally defective victim 12 years of age or older.



Jose Jimenez Rodriguez

He was originally charged with sexual battery, but the jury convicted him on the lesser included crime.

Mr. Richardson said Jimenez now faces a maximum of life in prison on the burglary conviction, and up to 15 years on the attempted sexual battery. No sentencing

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OUA issues boil water notice for entire county

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

As the result of a water line break on Tuesday evening, Aug. 9, all Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) customers with the exception of those in Glades County were placed under a boil water notice.

John Hayford, OUA's executive director, stated that a 20-foot section of 24-inch water line on S.W. 16th Avenue split from end to end about 5:40 p.m. on Tuesday. He said this was an unusual occurrence. The utility has had instances of cracks in a water line but not a split from end to end. This split caused a drop in water pressure for all OUA customers except those in Glades county. Those customers in the immediate area of the break had no water pressure

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County leaders look at lowering tax rate

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

While it seems like everything else is going up, there is a possibility that some Okeechobee County taxpayers might see a reduction in their taxes. Okeechobee County commissioners spent most of their regular meeting on Thursday, Aug. 11, discussing the budget. Sheriff Paul May was present to defend his proposed budget.

Commissioner Joey Hoover expressed interest in setting the millage rate at 8.5470. That rate, considering the decrease in property values, is calculated to bring 1.15 percent less money into the county than last year's tax rate. That means that if this tax rate is approved, many taxpayers could possibly see a reduction in their taxes. One mil equals $1 in taxes

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Quick action prevents theft of $100,000 boat

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

In about 4 minutes time, the theft of a $100,000 boat was not only solved but the 28-foot blue and white Contender was recovered.

Then, about 4 hours later, an Okeechobee man was taken into custody and is now being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on $75,500 bond.

Ronnie Santana

Ronnie Santana, 29, N.W. 87th Place, is charged with grand theft and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

An arrest report by Officer Scott Morgan, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), said the owner of the boat was awakened by a noise outside his home around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. When he looked out he saw someone stealing his 2006 Contender so he yelled, but the thief drove away with his boat.

The report said a scant 4 minutes later Deputy Mark Margerum, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), saw the truck and boat on N.W. Ninth Ave. The driver of the 2004 Ford pickup reportedly tried to turn onto N.W. 11th St. but ran into the ditch. The driver, continued the officer's report, then fled on foot.

According to Officer Morgan the deputy found a wallet on the ground beside the truck that contained a driver's license in Santana's name. The officer said two cell phones, a grinder, hammer and a battery for a cordless tool were also found next to the pickup.

The officer said fresh blood was also found on the passenger seat.

Officer Morgan said there was a padlock on the boat, but it had apparently been cut with a grinder. That padlock was found on the ground at the boat owner's home.

OCSO Deputy Sergeant Shannon Peterson found Santana in the 1700 block of North Parrott Avenue. The officer said when he responded to Sgt. Peterson's location he noticed that Santana had a cut on one of his fingers, and had left blood on the hood of the sergeant's patrol unit.

"The cut on Mr. Santana's finger looked as though it was cut with a grinder," stated the officer in his report.

Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

• Jody Clinton Underhill, 49, N.W. 33rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 8 by Deputy Arlene Durbin on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of defrauding an innkeeper, and the misdemeanor of criminal mischief. His bond was set at $2,750.

• Christopher Lance English, 21, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 8 by Deputy Bryan Holden on a warrant charging him with battery on a pregnant person. He was released on his own recognizance. English was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Holden on charges of possession of oxycodone and introduction of contraband into a county detention facility. His bond on those charges was set at $2,000.

• Douglas Trimnal, 28, S.W. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Justin Allen Hoover, 27, N.E. Railroad St., Jensen Beach, was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - battery on a person 65 years of age or older. He is being held without bond.

• Tammy Carlton, 48, S.W. 28th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a Martin County warrant charging her with violation of probation - fraud. She is being held without bond.

• Alexis Nicole Webb, 26, W. Epsom Drive, Loxahatchee, was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a Palm Beach County warrant charging her with failure to appear - possession of ecstasy and failure to appear - petit theft. She is being held without bond.

• Lance Hawk Tommie, 26, N.W. 172nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 10 by the OCSO Street Crimes Unit on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Oscar Martinez, 22, 11th Street E., Winter Haven, was arrested Aug. 10 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with robbery. He was released on his own recognizance.

• Charles Henry Hullett, 38, N.W. 80th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 10 by Deputy Anthony Kibler on a Highlands County warrant charging him with violation of probation - domestic battery by strangulation. 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.

PRISON

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date has been set.

Despite the jury's decision to go with the lesser charge, Mr. Richardson said he's pleased with the panel's finding.

"Both the state and the victim are satisfied with the verdict and anxiously await the defendant's sentencing hearing," he said. "The state will request that the court show as much mercy to the defendant, as the defendant showed his victim."

Jimenez, 39, was arrested for entering the child's home around 5 a.m. on Jan. 24, 2010, and going into her bedroom where he sexually molested her.

"I was asleep in my room. I woke up and he was standing at my door. He smelled like very, very bad alcohol on him," the victim testified. "He told me to pull my pants down. I was scared because he was drunk. I wanted to scream for help."

Her mother took her to Raulerson Hospital where Joanne Neal, a registered nurse, performed a rape kit. As part of that procedure, she swabbed the girl's breast. That swab was then sent to the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce.

"Out of 6.7 billion people in the world, only one person has the DNA that matches the DNA found on the breast of a mentally retarded child," said Mr. Richardson.

That DNA, he continued, belonged to Jimenez.

Then, pointing to the dark-haired man sitting at the defense table, Mr. Richardson turned up the intensity of his closing statement.

"Look at what he did to her! This is someone who picked on the weak! This is someone who picked on someone who can't defend themselves," he said in a raised, angry voice. "Ask yourself—why this child? Because he knows if he tells her to do something she's going to do it."

He then reminded the jury that even though the victim wanted to scream as she laid on the bed looking at the ceiling and smelling the foul odor of stale alcohol, she didn't. Why? Because she was told not to by Jimenez.

During the trial's opening day on Tuesday, clinical psychologist Dr. Gregory Landrum told the jury that even though the girl would have trouble thinking outside the box, "she would follow directions to the letter."

Mr. Richardson also told the jury that because the girl remembered her mother's directions and resisted the urge to bathe, her attacker was brought to justice.

"The nice thing about DNA evidence is, it doesn't lie. It is what it is," he said. "His DNA was found in a place it should never have been."

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Economy

• Federal, state and local governments are all too big. The taxpayers simply cannot afford to support them all. They should all have a hiring freeze until they get the governments down to the minimum size needed to actually do the job. Some of these federal programs are just duplications of other federal programs and no one seems to know if any of the programs actually accomplish the mission. They just keep spending our money and the Congress keeps voting the pork barrel projects through. It has to stop. The government must be trimmed to a size that the taxpayers can sustain.

• I think if they put a balanced budget amendment on the ballot, the voters would approve it nationwide. Anyone who does their own household budget knows you cannot spend more money than you make. We have to get the federal budget down to the amount that we can generate in federal taxes. We do need tax reform. But we also need to reform Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. If we don't do something soon, Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security will fail, as will the U.S. government.

Using canvas

• My wife and I use canvas shopping bags when we go to the grocery or drug store. It saves on using plastic bags which end up in the land fill. We see very few people using the canvas bags. The bags are very cheap to purchase and can be purchased at many stores in town. Let's see if we can see more people using these bags and save the plastic ones.

Contractor insurance

• I agree with Mr. Batton that the enforcement agencies did a fine job arresting the delinquent contractor at the Okeechobee High School. However, if someone with the school system had been doing their job this would not have gone this far. Whoever the employee was that awarded the contract did not verify that the contractor had the necessary documents. I'm certain that there is someone accountable within the school system for this blatant error. Our tax dollars deserve more responsible management action than this. What procedure/process is in place in the Okeechobee school system to insure this situation will not occur again? (***Editor's Note**: The Okeechobee News ran a story about this arrest on July 20. In that story it was explained that the man arrested was acting as a sub-contractor for a Riviera Beach company, that was hired by the school board, and was working on that company's permit and insurance certificate. He was arrested because he owns a small painting company locally and had not had workman's compensation since 2003, according to a state investigator.*)

Quotes to consider

• "We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress." - Will Rogers

• "Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you." - Winston Churchill

• "Maybe it's true that life begins at 50 .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out." - Phyllis Diller

• "By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere." - Billy Crystal

11 and 12 year old arrested

• Too many people having kids that aren't ready to be parents. Either the kids are raising themselves or mom/dad is so protective that they are blind as to what is really going on. (Not my kid) I stated a while back that parents need to be "neck deep" in their teenagers' business and got a little reprimand from the other posters because we can't be all aware of what our kids are doing and they need their space. That is true to an extent but if they know that you are interested in what they are doing and watching they will toe the line. I have found that most teens like to have rules/guidelines as an escape valve for teen pressure, i.e. "My parents will kill me if do this," "My parents will ask me what I did tonight" "I can't, I've got to get home by 11." Help them, give them an out so that they can stay away from this pressure. On top of all this "BE A PARENT" not a buddy.

Letter to the editor

Pet Appreciation Week

For those of you who helped with our Tractor Supply event I want to say thank you so very much. We had a great group who put in many hours to make the five-day event a success.

Good news! We adopted out four dogs during the event. We said goodbye to Charlie, Meadow, Champ, and Boo and they said hello to new homes. The funds raised during Pet Appreciation Week will be of great help towards the remodeling of the kennel building and new office/quarantine.

If you were not able to help us this time and want to help or would like to help again, this is the next event and team leaders are desperately needed.

We need someone to help organize and implement the 2011 Annual Labor Day Festival, Sept. 3,4,5, at the park.

Please let me know if you can help—then I would like to plan a meeting to get organized. We only have three weeks to get it together so please tell me your best days and times for us to meet. I can set a convenient date and time for the majority of volunteers.

Thank you again to all who volunteered during the Pet Appreciation Week event including those Tractor Supply employees who were so helpful. We welcome all those who would like to volunteer for our next big event.

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August CCC meeting planned

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **Aug. 23**, at 10 a.m., in the board room of the School Board Office.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Heat index values as high as 102. Calm wind becoming north northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Calm wind becoming east northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

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

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Long time Okeechobee High School counselor retires

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Career Counselor Bill Black was honored for 24 years of service this week at the monthly meeting of the Okeechobee County School Board.

Black ends a teaching career that lasted four decades in Ohio, Indiana and Florida.

The self-admitted country boy studied business and physical education in college and worked as a business teacher at first, and then became a football coach both in high school and college.

Black coached in Madison, Ind. at the high school level in basketball, football, wrestling and tennis and became an assistant football coach at Hanover College in Madison.

He moved to Okeechobee some 25 years ago and accepted the job at Okeechobee High School. He said he has never regretted his decision to move to Florida.

"I can't think of any bad years that I've had with the school system. When I was first hired I was excited to be here because it was a fresh start and I had an opportunity to teach in Okeechobee," he added.

He had quite a job as he first lived at a ranch in Yeehaw Junction before moving to his home in Indian Hammock. He said he might be retiring but that he never became tired or frustrated with his job in education.

"It was very gratifying work. I told everybody I have the best job in the school because the kids came to me because they wanted to learn and gain more knowledge about how to get into college, how to find money for college, and help in choosing their career," he added.

Black said he enjoyed visiting with graduates of OHS to catch up with them on their college and career choices. He said he was proud of their accomplishments after high school.

"I felt like I could do something to help them. I felt every day has been satisfying," he said.

Black said he is also very proud that more OHS graduates have attended college in recent years. He said he expects that trend to continue and said he had a small part in that trend.

"Not only do they go to college many come back to Okeechobee and have started to contribute to our scholarship program. They are giving back to us and that is rewarding not only for me but for the students here and for the community," he added.

Black will be replaced by Heather Stillian Gillis as career counselor. He said Gillis was a wonderful choice.

"She is very enthusiastic and I expect her to do a great job. She knows the kids and will fit in perfectly at OHS," he concluded.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
A 24-year veteran of Okeechobee Schools Bill Black was honored by the School Board upon his retirement Tuesday. Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy appears with Mr. Black.

School News in Brief

Schools plan open house night

Open House for the start of the 2011-2012 school year will be held on Thursday, **Aug. 18**. In order to help parents who have children in more than one school within the district, times will be staggered. Elementary Schools will be open from 5 to 7 p.m. Middle Schools will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Okeechobee Achievement Academy will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Okeechobee High School and Okeechobee Freshman Campus will be open from 7 to 9 p.m.

Big Lake Missions to sponsor annual school drive

Big Lake Missions Outreach is currently sponsoring their annual school supplies drive for their needy families. They will accept donations up until school starts which is Aug. 22. For a complete list, check local stores or call the school. The organization will also gladly accept checks made out to the Mission or gift cards and staff can do the shopping. Call 863-763-5725 or 863-610-1815 for more information or drop off locations.

Third annual 'Tween Summit is planned

Come one - Come all 'Tweens and parents to the Third Annual Shared Services of Okeechobee County 'Tween Summit.' The event is for children ages 10-12. The Summit is set for Friday, **Aug. 19,** from 6-8 p.m., at the Freshman Campus Auditorium, 612 S.W. Second Ave. The event is free. Pizza, soda and cookies will be provided for all who attend. For more information please call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000 ext 257.

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). Please call the Northside Head Start office at 863-357-8677 for an appointment and additional information.

Children must have been born before Sept. 2, 2008. Birth Certificate and Social Security number for the child applying and proof of family income is required. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m., until 4:30 p.m.

Register now for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program

The FREE Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK) program is available. This program is not income based and the following are the only requirements: Child must be a Florida resident; Child must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2011; Child must NOT have participated in a VPK program during the school year or summer. Please call the Early Learning Coalition at, 863-357-1133, to schedule an appointment.

Special sophomore open house at Okeechobee High School

We are going to host a special Open House for our Sophomore students on Tuesday, Aug. 16. We will begin the evening with a special parent orientation in our Auditorium at 7 p.m. Most of the sophomore teachers will attend the evening. We are hosting this special time so that the transition to the high school can be as smooth as possible for our students. We will be presenting survival skills for both parents and students during the orientation session. This special Open House will allow our 10th graders to visit the campus at a time that is less crowded than the Open House on Thursday. At the end of the program, we will hand out schedules and provide an opportunity to visit classrooms. Students are welcome to come back on Thursday evening for the traditional Open House.

OCEA announces continuing negotiations at District Office

Negotiations continue tomorrow, Saturday, **Aug. 13**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Okeechobee District Office, 700 SW 2nd Ave., concerning the Instructional Evaluation for teachers. With this new legislation, Senate Bill 736, the process and the evaluation itself are subject to negotiations. This new evaluation will be for all teachers starting this school year, and it's imperative that teachers come and be ready to give input during caucusing. SB 736 ties student learning growth to evaluation results. OCEA has been negotiating with the district throughout the summer. Find out Saturday how you will be evaluated. It's not too late to add your thoughts to this process. Come any time from 9-4. OCEA negotiates for all teachers whether they are a member of OCEA or not.

Special to the Okeechobee News

W & W Lumber Scholarship

Recipients of the W & W Lumber Scholarship were Courtney Holmes and Victoria Woodruff. Scholarship awards were presented by Bill Black (not pictured) in the amount of $500 each. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing obits@newszap.com. Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com.

Hugh H. 'Chip' Branch Jr., 60

BASINGER — Hugh H. "Chip" Branch Jr., 60, died unexpectedly in his sleep of a heart attack at Branchwater Ranch in Basinger, on Aug. 6, 2011.

He was born on April 7, 1951, in Pahokee, and is the son of Hugh and Barbara Branch of Pahokee. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his daughter, Holly Branch of Okeechobee; his grandson, Shaun Penrod of Okeechobee; two sisters, Tammy Branch Shiver (Danny) of Wellington, and Kimberly Branch Reineke (Charlie) of Pahokee; as well as two nephews and numerous other family members. Lastly, but not least, he leaves behind his beloved Labrador, Junebug, whom he claimed had a college degree.

Chip was a produce executive and co-owner of Hugh H. Branch, Inc. Shortly after his birth, his father created a produce label called "Chip Off The Old Block" in his honor which is used still today.

Chip was a very colorful character who will be greatly missed by many in the Lake Okeechobee Region. His sense of humor was unsurpassed and one could often find him regaling his friends, family and even total strangers with funny stories and hilarious antics. His interests and pursuits of fun and adventure were wide and varied and include trick skiing at Cypress Gardens in the early 1970's, hunting, fishing, flying and trap shooting. His greatest pleasure was in the sharing and teaching of these activities to his grandson, Shaun.

Visitation will be today, Aug. 12, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Pahokee. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Pahokee followed by a graveside service at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tommy Greene, Paul Allen, Brett Bergmann, Danny Shiver, Charlie Reineke, Lewis Pope III, Walter Pope and Joe Barker. Honorary pallbearers are Gary Stafford, Larry Crawford, Donald Moss, Joe Miller, Robert Hodges, Dennis Milliron, Dan Herring, Michael Oliver and Dave Chasmar.

The family requests remembrances be made in the form of flowers or donations to Pahokee First United Methodist Church. Glades Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade is handling the arrangements.

View obituaries from the past month at http://www.legacy.com

Community Events

Cattlewomen to host fundraiser

Okeechobee Cattlewomen will hold a fundraiser at Eli's Western Wear on Friday, **Aug. 12**, with proceeds to benefit local scholarships. The fundraiser will feature a Barbecue brisket sandwich, chips, cookie and the sweetest tea ever, all for $7. A drawing will be held every 30 minutes for prizes from Eli's.

Blood drive is Aug. 12

The Big Red Bus will be at the Lottie Raulerson Senior Services Center, 1019 S.W. Park. St. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, **Aug, 12,** to help Harley Arnold with is health problems.

Okeechobee Moose to hold benefit

The Okeechobee Moose, #1753, at 159 N.W. 36th Street, will host a benefit for Laura, one of the bartenders. They ask all who can to make a donation for her medical expenses. On Saturday, **Aug. 13**, at 6 p.m. the Moose will serve a fundraiser dinner consisting of baked cube steak, potatoes, corn and a dessert for a $5 donation. There will be drawings and raffles. Music will be provided by Lisa at 7 p.m. with the Queen of Hearts drawing at 7 p.m.

Scrapbookers to meet

The Croppin' Crew now meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Okeechobee County Library. The next meeting will be **Aug. 13**, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All levels of scrapbookers are welcome. Check out what other local scrapbookers and cardmakers are doing and share your ideas too. Bring pictures, scrapbook pages and/or projects that you are working on. Don't forget to bring your Cricut machine as there will be 70 Cricut cartridges available for your use. For more information call Joan at 863-467-0290.

Church to have special speaker

Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St., will have a special speaker at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, **Aug. 14,** Dr. Charles Gauldin. Dr Gauldin is an Associate Professor of Religion at Southeastern University, Lakeland. For more information call Pastor Dave Robertson at 863-801-1297.

Church has children's clothes closet

The **Church of God of Prophesy, 102 N.W.** 10th St., has a clothing ministry called God's Closet that is open each Tuesday evening from 5:15 to 7 p.m., for any families in need of clothing. They have a large variety of children's and teen's clothing. For more information call Lisa Mullins at 863-261-0841.

New 4-H Club

A new 4-H Club, the Lamb and Goat Club, will have its first meeting on Tuesday, **Aug. 16**, at 6:30 p.m. at the extension office in the county annex on U.S. 98 N. For more information, call Debbie Deloney at 863-634-6181 or Jay Zeller at 863-634-7964.

Poker tourney to benefit ARC

Aug. 17 is the date set for a poker tournament benefitting The ARC (for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities). The tournament will take place at the VFW, 3912 U.S. 441 S.E. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the entry fee is a donation of $50. The tournament will go until 7 p.m. with "cards in the air." Prizes will be awarded in Wal-Mart gift cards. Barbecue dinners will be available for $10 each at 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinners can be purchased at Mid-Florida Credit Union, 3261 U.S. 441 S. and also The ARC Thrift Store, 403 N.W. Second Ave. For tournament information and sign ups contact: Rhonda Altman at 863-634-6586 or sign up at Pogey Restaurant, 1759 S. Parrott Avenue. The event is sponsored by Bubba's Redneck Yacht Club.

Local retired educators group will meet Thursday, Aug. 18

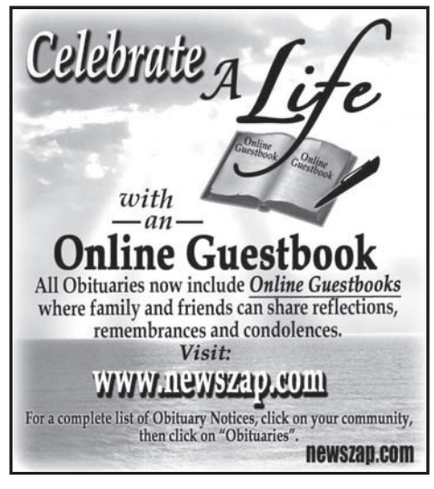
The Okeechobee County Retired Educators Association will be having their first meeting of the new school year on Thursday, **Aug. 18,** beginning at 11 a.m., in the meeting room of the Lodge Restaurant. All retired educators are invited to attend and become members. The organization does many service and mentoring projects for the schools as well as selling the annual historical ornaments to raise money for academic scholarships.

DEC plans to meet

Okeechobee Democratic Executive Council meeting will be on Thursday, **Aug. 18**, beginning at 6 p.m., in the Beef O'Brady's meeting room. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Pregnancy Center to hold fundraiser dinner Aug. 19

The Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee will hold a Barbecue Dinner fundraiser on Friday, **Aug. 19,** from 10:45 a.m. until 2 p.m., at 500 N.W. 6th Street. Barbecue pork dinners are $10 each. All proceeds will benefit the clients of the Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee. For more information or to place an order, please call 863-467-8748. Pick up or delivery is available.



Dodgeball tourney set as scholarship fundraiser

Come and join us at the Future STARS Scholarship fundraiser - A Dodgeball Tournament set for Saturday, **Aug. 20**, 9 a.m., at Osceola Middle School. Bring your team and play to win.

Teams of six must pre-register and registration is $150 per team.

For information on registration, please call 863-634-5020 or 863-634-6523. First place winners will receive $300. The tournament is sponsored by Okeechobee Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep.

New Habitat home being built - volunteers needed

If you have some time and would like to help Habitat for Humanity, we are going to start building a home at 912 N.W. Fifth St. on **Aug. 20**, at 7:30 a.m. Come and bring your favorite hammer. You can work an hour or several hours.

For information, call 863-357-1371 and leave message.

Habitat ReStore in the Trading Post Flee Market is having 50 percent off all their inventory for the month of August.

August Reflections

As I sat this morning drinking my second cup of cofee, my thoughts went back to a morning pretty much like this in 1998 when I said "So long" to the "love of my life" and gave his spirit over to another one who knew just when it was time for him to leave me. Lloyd had a lingering illness, and because of this, we had a lot of time to say our goodbyes. Still, it is never easy to let go of someone who has been your whole life for 51 years. Then, I went back to 1989, on a Sunday afternoon, when I said "So long" to the daddy I had worshipped for my whole life. When I was a little girl, I really thought that my daddy had helped God create the world. Now, Heaven has two of my August fellows. Then, in 2008, on the 14th of August, my oldest son, Steve, was killed in a tragic pickup accident. Now Heaven has three of my fellows. That day, I knew that it was time to live that faith I had talked and taught about for so many years.

Due to the encouragement of scores of friends and my two remaining children, we got through all of this, and Jan, it does get a little better as time goes on. The hurt never goes away, but it does get a little easier to live with. In all of this in my life, I realize anew just how blessed I am to be who I am and where I am. We may do a lot of things wrong in Okeechobee, but we also do so many things right. We are a community that will uphold you and pray for you. If you are hurting now, just look up and look around. Someone is there for you.

Thank you, all of you who have blessed me all of these years. Keep the blessings coming and I will pass them forward.

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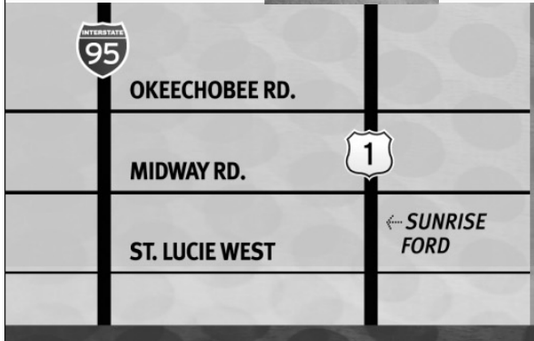

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for every $1,000 of assessed value.

However, this tax rate would result in a deficit of about $418,000. Interim county administrator Robbie Chartier was directed to look at possible reductions in expenses to make up this shortfall.

At their previous budget meeting commissioners discussed a millage rate of 8.6460. This millage rate is calculated to bring in the same amount of revenue to the county as last year's millage rate. Therefore, with 8.6460 mils many taxpayers would pay the same tax as last year.

The prosed millage rate of 9.6460 would result in a shortfall of about $281,000. About $277,000 of that shortfall would be made up by cuts in the latest proposed budget by the sheriff, $15.5 million, a total that includes no salary adjustments. The sheriff's original budget proposal was about $16 million. This latest total would leave only about $4,000 to be made up with a millage rate of 9.6460.

Applying the $277,000 savings from the sheriff's proposed budget to the $418,000 shortfall under 8.5470 mills would leave a deficit of about $147,000 that would have to be made up somehow.

This is the fourth year that the sheriff has cut his budget. Sheriff May noted that some sheriffs run their jails cheaper. However, he added, "Cheaper is not always better." He said that one lawsuit could wipe out any savings.

"I'm down to whatever I cut is people," the sheriff said. He said he could not perform his constitutional duties, operate the jail and provide courthouse security for less.

He noted that his budget was 16.6 percent of the total county budget and he did not think that was out of line.

"My people are not overpaid," the sheriff asserted, "Do I have too many? I don't think so."

"I think the sheriff's budget still needs to be less than it is," was the opinion of Commissioner Ray Domer. He was in favor of determining how much the community could afford and building a budget around that figure rather than building a budget and then trying to fund it.

"The primary purpose of government is to protect the people," Commissioner Bryant Culpepper said. He noted that the clerk of courts office could be shut down for several days but the sheriff's office could not be shut down for one hour. He thought the sheriff should maintain the level of service he felt necessary. "I support you, sheriff -- 100 percent.

Commissioners will meet again to discuss the budget at 2 p.m. on Aug. 17. The first public hearing on the budget will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13.

Turning to other business, commissioners passed a resolution on the pending legislative reapportionment to be based on the latest census. They expressed their desire for continued dual representation rather than for the entire county to be in a single congressional district.

Commissioners also heard a presentation from Indian River State College (IRSC) President Dr. Edwin Massey and former provost Sam Smith concerning the IRSC master plan. Mr. Smith presented statistics to show how the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee has grown since it was first established in 1986. He said the number of science students has increased tremendously since the completion of the Williamson Center in 2006. The number of dual enrollment students, those students who complete college courses while still in high school, has also been increasing.

Dr. Massey added that when the economy is bad, many people go back to school. He presented a drawing of proposed future buildings and additions to current buildings designed to meet future needs. The plans utilized not only the 37 acres presently owned by the college, but also the 40 acres south of the campus that is owned by the county. Dr. Massey wanted commissioners to consider donating those 40 acres to the college. He said the college would have a much better chance of securing state funds with the larger campus. "We don't want to find ourselves landlocked," Dr. Massey said, adding that some colleges have increased their enrollment and then found out they had no space for expansion. Commissioners accepted the idea in concept and directed staff to research the technicalities.

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

WATER

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at all. Mr. Hayford estimated that about 8,000 OUA customers had no water at all. By closing certain values and opening others, OUA employees restored water to Seminole Cove and Palm Village Ranch in about 30 minutes. However, residents of Ousley Estates, where the water line broke, were without water until about 1 a.m.

Any time the water pressure drops below 20 pounds per square inch, a boil water notice has to be issued. Mr. Hayford said that all OUA customers, except those in Buckhead Ridge, should boil their water until further notice from OUA. The boil water notice is expected to be in effect until at least Friday afternoon, Aug. 12. Customers should bring water to a rolling boil for one minute before using.

Main Street invites Labor Day event participants

Okeechobee Main Street is now taking applications for vendors and parade participants for the 2011 Labor Day Festival in the Parks. The festivities will take place Sept. 3, 4, and 5, with the parade scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 5. Anyone interested in participating, please see Cindy Birdashaw at the Main Street Office, 111 Northeast 2nd St., or call 863-357-6246.

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Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy honors Emily Campbell Streelman who was recently named the Champion of Children by the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations.

Okeechobee teacher named a 'Champion of Children'

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County 2011 Teacher of the Year Emily Campbell Streelman continues to accumulate awards for her educational prowess.

The fourth grade teacher at Everglades Elementary was honored for her efforts to increase business and community investment and involvement in her classroom.

She received the award at the Florida Department of Education Macy's Teacher of the Year Program held in Orlando on July 8.

Consortium President Mary Chance said Emily took a lot of imitative to seek funds for her innovative ideas in only her second year of teaching, "She inspired the business and civic leaders in her community to get more involved in supporting students and teachers by her strong example and leadership."

Florida Power and Light sponsored the award this year and provided a check of $1,000 to Emily that she intends to use to help purchase school supplies for her students.

"I feel honored to have been selected out of all of the teachers of the year in 67 counties. They were all amazing and incredible and it feels wonderful to stand out and be honored by the state," she said.

Streelman was a busy girl all year as she planned a wedding along with her classroom duties. She was married one week after school ended. She said she can't wait to get back into the classroom to see her students.

CFEF is the membership organization for Florida's school district-wide local education foundations that include the Okeechobee Education foundation. It was established in 1987 and seeks to advance student achievement in Florida by increasing private sector investment and involvement in public education. It raises more than $40 million annually to support, teachers and schools through a variety of programs.

Emily attended a three-day round table at the Grand Bohemian Hotel in Orlando and was able to meet with other teachers to share ideas on how to improve their already considerable teaching abilities. She said she was honored and surprised at an awards breakfast on the final day of the event.

"They surprised me on the last day. I'm honored to be the first person to receive this award. I want to use some of the money toward the classroom for materials and things because any teacher can use the extra money in the classroom," she said.

Big O Teen Anglers fare well in state competition

The 2011 Florida Bass Federation Nation Youth State Qualifier was held this past weekend in Kissimmee. There were 62 anglers who competed in this event and a total of 227 fish were caught with a total weight of 408.08 lbs.

The Big "O" Teen Anglers, Inc., had 16 youths represent Okeechobee. Ty Riva took 10th place with 3.83 lbs. His captain had motor problems and Ty received an 8 lb. penalty for being 8 minutes late to weigh in. Cody Bigford placed 9th with 3.89 lbs. Luke Farmer was the first place winner in the 11-14th age group with 8.62 lbs. Luke will be competing in the Southern Divisionals whose location is to be announced at a later date. If Luke wins at the Southern Divisionals he will advance to the B.A.S.S. Junior World's Championship for a chance to win a $25,000 scholarship. Luke is our 2010 Angler of the year and his father, Kenny Farmer was 2010 Boat Captain of the year.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Big O Teens**

16 young anglers earned their way to the state qualifier last weekend. The event was held in Kissimmee with Big O Teen Anglers placing well in the events.

We'd like to thank our state sponsors Publix of Okeechobee, Okeechobee Fishing Headquarters and our anonymous donors. A special thank you to our boat captains who traveled far from home to support our anglers: Carl Lewis, Leroy Bauer, Bob Haarer, Ernie Johnson, David Straight, Kenny Farmer, Bob Stafford, Ken Hall, Skip Jeslosky, Roger Bohannon and Mike Zubricky. Thank you George & Madyline Dupont for your support.

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Guest speaker

Rotarian John Ed Burdeshaw extended a warm Rotary welcome to guest speaker Carolyn Moses, program manager of Helping People Succeed Healthy Families, who came to share information with club members about their programs. Focused on parenting, many women join the programs while pregnant and they get help with prenatal health and are encouraged to finish their education. A five year evaluation was conducted and showed how these programs do help families. They expanded into Okeechobee in 2007. There is currently no office in Okeechobee. Services, however, are provided in the home. Referrals come from Healthy Start and other families involved in the programs. These programs are long term; the funding is through the government and they have seen cuts like most programs today. The program was awarded a grant for a licensed health counselor for our area and a part-time family counselor from Children's Council Services. Everyone was surprised by the Local and State Child Abuse Rates especially in Okeechobee. For more information on these important programs please call Carolyn Moses at 772-320-0770.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Tara Minton**

Economic Council

Jon Geitner, director of the Economic Council of Okeechobee, stands with invited guest speaker interim county administrator Robbie Chartier, who spoke recently with the Council members on the county's ongoing efforts to prepare the budget for fiscal year 2011-12. In addition, members received updates from the City of Okeechobee, the sheriff's office, the school board, Indian River State College and the Tourist Development Council. Please contact Executive Director Tara Rowley at 863-467-0200 for more information about the Economic Council of Okeechobee.

Red Cross has First Aid Class

The Okeechobee Service Center of the American Red Cross will be holding the following Health & Safety Classes in August: Monday, Aug. 15 – First Aid Basics. Classes begin at 6 p.m. and are held at their local office located at 323 N. Parrott Ave. To register or for more information please call 863-763-2488.

Dr. Douglas welcomed to 50 Year Club

Dr. Edward Douglas

Last month, Dr. Edward Douglas celebrated his 50th year as chiropractor and was welcomed to the 50 Year Club by the National University of Health Sciences in Chicago.

Dr. Douglas is a graduate of Okeechobee High School (Class of 1951.) He attended Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn. and Lincoln Chiropractic College in Indianapolis, Ind.

He opened his practice in Okeechobee in 1962. His practice now includes acupuncture, nutrition, Kinesiology, CRA, Contact Reflex, nutritional analysis, Neurolink and physiotherapy. For the last 35 years, he has also operated the Douglas Fitness Center.

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Kiwanis welcomes guest speaker

Public Health topic at weekly meeting

Okeechobee News/**Diana Whitehall**

In the photo left to right are Jim Vensel, past president; Winnie Holland MPH, MA, interim administrator of the Okeechobee County Health Department and Ken Keller, Kiwanis member.

The Thursday, Aug. 11, Kiwanis meeting was held at The Lodge at the Lake Family Restaurant.

Kiwanis member, Ken Keller introduced Winnie as his speaker who is a native Floridian who has been in Public Health for many years serving Bradford/Union County Health Departments as well. Winnie talked to the Kiwanis members about the Community Needs Assessment and the fact that there are many focus groups within the Health Planning Council that needs suggestions about our health care. There are many Health Care changes coming such as Death Certificates coming electronically which will be a time saver and it will also reduce fraud. She talked about the importance of getting physical exercise, annual exams, the Shingles Vaccine, Flu Shots and Pneumonia Shots when necessary to stay healthy. The Okeechobee County Health Department is located at 1728 NW 9th Avenue and offers many services to the community and there is a sliding fee scale if you are unable to carry Health Insurance.

2011 Okeechobee High School Scholarship Night

Special to the Okeechobee News

Recipients of the El Centro Santa Fe Scholarship were Eric Aguirre, Yesenia Aguirre, Lucina Anselmo, Maria Baltazar, Ruselie Calvillo, Hector Lopez and Jesus Nunez. Scholarship awards were presented by David Suarez in the amount of $500 each. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

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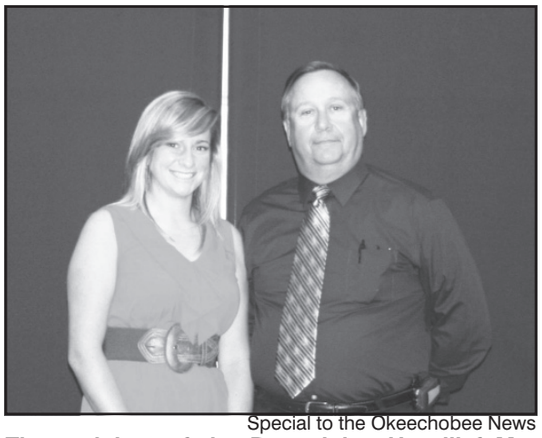
The recipient of the Okeechobee Women of the Moose Club Scholarship was Brent Durrance. The award was presented by Carole Hilton in the amount of $100. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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The recipient of the Demarioius Hazellief Memorial Scholarship was Cindy Wine. The award was presented by Dale LaFlam in the amount of $6,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

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Recipients of softball athletic scholarships were LeAnna Cotton, $97,200, Capital University; Courtney Wilson, $12,100, Hillsborough CC; Ashtyn Brown, $12,100, IRSC; Taylor Douglas, 12,100, IRSC; and, Naomi Stevens, $12,100, IRSC. Scholarship awards were presented by Christina Jaholkowski each. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

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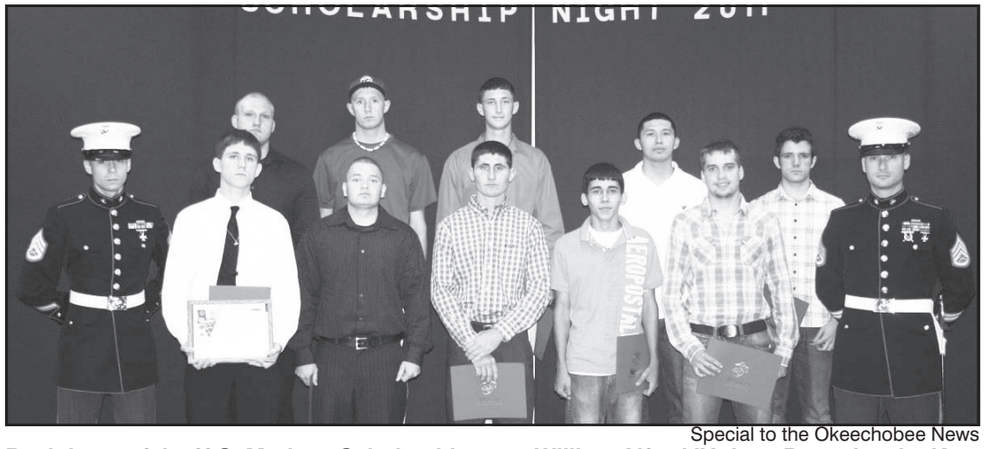
The recipient of the Quality A/C–Misael Torres Memorial Scholarship was Megan Moore. The award was presented by Lori Byrd in the amount of $1,000. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.



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Recipients of the U.S. Marines Scholarship were William Alford IV, Jose Banuelos Jr., Kevin Christensen, Caycee Fitzwater, Evan Mattson, Tate McDonald, Christopher Rodriguez II, Justin Shockley and Alfonso Tinajero. Scholarship awards were presented by SSGT Carr and SSGT Chong in the amount of $80,000 each. Scholarship awards were presented at Okeechobee High School's 2011 Scholarship Night on May 26.

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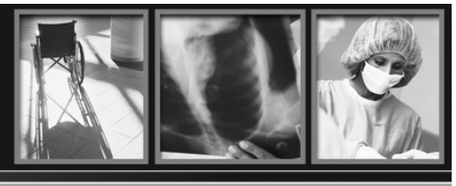

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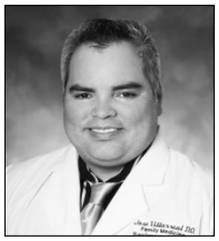

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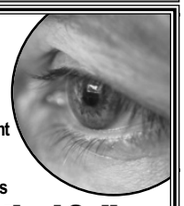

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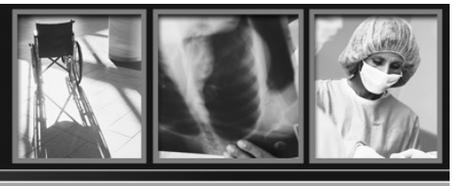

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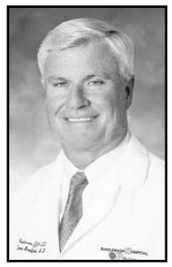

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Adorable Cottage Large 2bdr/1ba. Tiled shower/ floors. Ceiling fans & Crown molding. City water, laundry fac. & play ground. $650 mo. plus sec. Utilities NOT included. Non smoking & No Pets. Call 561-797-0246.

AFFORDABLE - New Houses, 3/1/1 = $900, 3/2/2 = $1100, Large yards. Bring pets. Washer/Dryer included. Call 561-723-2226

HOUSE FOR RENT
2847 NW 33 road
Basswood 3/2, garage, fenced in, New House $1,200 per month + $800 deposit. No pets allowed Call Rafael at (561)683-9754

Houses - Rent

IN OKEECHOBEE CITY: 4 Br/ 2Ba, $1,000 mo. + 1st, last, sec. & refs. Call Barry for more info. 772-216-1461

IN TOWN - 2BR, 2BA, W&D, porch, lawn serv. small pet ok, Non-smk. env., $800 mo., 1st last & $500 sec. Call 941-504-3954

When doing those chores is doing you in, it's time to look for a helper in the classifieds.

OKEE - 2/1, $459 mo. or 3/2, $620 mo. Beautiful ranch homes located 12 miles N.E. of town. Lawn, pest, trash, and water incl. Pasture avail. Recently Updated. Move in special. Mon-Fri. 863-467-9800. No Pets.

OKEE 2bd/1ba CBS House, large lot, freshly painted, new carpet, w/d, well water, Located by 15-B $675 mo. plus security. Call 786-201-0306

Grab a bargain from your neighbor's garage, attic, basement or closet in today's classifieds.

OKEECHOBEE - MODERN BRICK: 3BR, 2.5BA, 1 car garage. New carpet. On Rim Canal w/Boat dock. Opt. 1/BR cottage w/dining room. $795/month. Call 772-359-1640

Vacation Rentals

Choose from 2/2 or 1/1 Beautifully furnished rentals located at River Bluff Fishing Resort on the Kissimmee River. With or without utilities. Call today, You'll think your on vacation!(863)467-4317

Love the earth Recycle your used items by selling them in the classifieds.

Real Estate

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Houses - Sale

2BA 2BA handicap friendly house built in 2003. Sits on 1/2 acre. Comes furnished. $250,000 (863)357-3972.

Owner Financing- 3 bdrm 2 bath house on 1 acre $3,500.00 down $931.42 a month. 2bdrm/1bath house $2,500.00 down $731.83 a month. Call Beverley 863-634-2820

Mobile Homes

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Mobile Home Rent

1 Bedroom Trailer $350 monthly or $100 per week. $550 to move in Call 863-634-8954.

2 Bedroom 2 Bath Mobile Home, Fenced Yard, Security Required, No Pets Call 863-634-7231

2bd/1ba furnished, a/c $175.00 per week $300 security deposit no charge for water, garbage removal or electric Call 863-763-3613

3BR 2BA in Pine Ridge Park with carport. First, last + sec. dep. (will work with tenant) $750/mo. (863)634-9139

BUCKHEAD RIDGE - Dbl. Wide 2 BR, 2 BA, C/Air. $500 mo. No pets. Yearly lease plus sec. (863)763-4031

KISSIMMEE RIVER Estates, 2 Bedroom, 17216 Brynwood Lane, $400 mo. + sec. Lawn & Water maintenance included. 317-402-5441

NEWLY REMODELED - Available Immediately 2BR/2BA Double Wide Stove Frig. $700 mo. (863)634-8885

OKEECHOBEE- 3 br/2 ba. Has covered carport, fenced in yard on 70 east. $500 mo. plus Utilities, Avail. 8/15/11. 863-634-1783 or 863-655-2454.

Mobile Home Rent

TREASURE ISLAND 3/2 large yard, new carpet. Lawn service $700. mo. No pets. BHR 4/2 w/fenced yard &lawn service, $700.mo. Sec. dep.req. 863 634 0663

Mobile Home Sale

BANK REPO'S Starting at $15,000 Mobile Home Angels 561-721-2230

OKEECHOBEE- Lg. 3br/2ba DW, w/14x40 addition, metal roof, FP, 11x20 shop, on Canal. Covered dock & slip. Sprinklers, 20' $75K O.B.O. 772-321-1835 or 772-664-6799.

Palm Harbor Homes Cash for Clunkers 5K For Your Used Mobile Home - Any Condition 800-622-2832 ext. 210

Recreation

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Campers/RVs

2002 Franklin 36 Ft. Camping Trailer Good Shape.
1997 GMC Box Truck 24 Ft.,New Clutch and Tran. Good Shape,Cat Motor Runs Good. Call 772-215-2089

Automotive

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

Automobiles

1996 Nissan 200sx Green, needs new alternator, engine runs great. $500.00 FIRM 386-490-5399

1997 Lincoln Town car, executive sedan, 4D. 159,000 mileage, V8 automatic, ac, leather seats, good tires. All amenities. Excellent condition $3650 757-535-1704

97 Honda Civic LX 145 k miles, cold a/c, 31 mpg $2,500 firm Call 863-357-0256

Autos Wanted

My husband passed away recently. Desperately in need of vehicle. Please with all your heart, donate your extra car or truck for tax deduction. 863-357-6835

Public Notices

For more listings, go to www.newszap.com

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the Tallahassee Office until 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 for Proposal ID T1421. A Certification of Qualification is not required for this SIGNING/PAVEMENT MARKINGS project on SR 25 (US 27), FROM A PT E OF SR 78 TO A PT N OF LYKES BROTHERS RD in GLADES County. Budget Estimate $157,756.00. Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/Letting_Project_Info.shtm or by calling (850) 414-4000.
394914 ON 8/12,19/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD072

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2001** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **BASSWOOD UNIT 3 LOT 20 BLOCK 40**

1-05-37-35-0030-00400-0200
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JONAS TRINIDAD

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later that seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
392105 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD065

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **807** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT L OF TRACT 18 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 18 24 34S 33E**

1-24-34-33-0A00-00018-L000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
GEORGE ARROYO

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **15th day of September, 2011.** SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392098 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

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BUDGET WORKSHOP AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee will conduct a **Regular Meeting and a Budget Workshop** at 5:00 p.m., on **Tuesday, August 16, 2011,** at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss and review the proposed 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Annual Budget. 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
394820 ON 8/12/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD073

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **HANH KIM TONG** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3261** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **CITY OF OKEECHOBEE LOT 1 BLOCK 26**

3-15-37-35-0010-00260-0010
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LOUIS L NEAL SR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392444 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD064

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **414** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT L OF TRACT 28 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 28 15 34S 33E**

1-15-34-33-0A00-00028-L000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LORRAINE M CORCORAN
WILLIAM F CORCORAN SR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 201**1. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392097 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF VACANCIES
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida is seeking interested residents of Okeechobee County for appointment to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. There are eleven (11) vacant positions. If possible, member positions should be filled with citizens representing low income advocate, local planning agency member, for profit provider, jurisdiction resident, banker/mortgage lender, essential services; not for profit provider, labor, real estate professional, residential home builder and citizen/lay person. Applications for appointment may be obtained from the County Administration Office, Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123, Okeechobee, Florida. Applications may also be downloaded from www.co.okeechobee.fl.us (link to; County Documents/Miscellaneous). Completed applications, along with proof of residency in Okeechobee County and evidence of eligibility where applicable, must be submitted to the County Administrator's Office Room 123 no later than Noon on August 26, 2011.
394979 ON 8/12/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD067

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1175** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT G OF TRACT 17 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 17 32 34S 33E**

1-32-34-33-0A00-00017-G000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LINDA MUIR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011.** SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392100 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD066

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1063** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT D OF TRACT 15 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 15 28 34S 33E**

1-28-34-33-0A00-00015-D000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LINDA MUIR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392099 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD061

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **200** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT B OF TRACT 25 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 25 11 34S 33E**

1-11-34-33-0A00-00025-B000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
HORACE R BROWN

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392094 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

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, August 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.,** 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 Betty Clement 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, City Administrator
394819 ON 8/12/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD058

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **3185** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **BLUE CYPRESS GOLF & RV RESORT PHASE II UNIT 270**

1-25-38-36-0030-00000-2700
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOSEPH DEMONSTRANTI
MICHELLE BRADFORD

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392106 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD062

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **409** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT I OF TRACT 27 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 27 15 34S 33E**

1-15-34-33-0A00-00027-I000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LORRAINE M CORCORAN
WILLIAM F CORCORAN SR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **15th day of September, 2011.** SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392095 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD074

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **TRI TAN TRAN** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2765** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **SOUTHERN HOMESTEADS UNIT 1 LOT 13 PARCEL A**

1-19-34-36-0010-000A0-0130
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
E & S DAIRY INC/SOUTHERN HOMESTEADS PARTNERSHIP
EDWIN RUCKS
HOBSON RUCKS DAIRY INC
STANLEY RUCKS

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **22nd day of September, 2011.** SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

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394644 ON 8/12,19,26 9/2/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD063

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **410** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT J OF TRACT 27 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 27 15 34S 33E**

1-15-34-33-0A00-00027-J000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
LORRAINE M CORCORAN
WILLIAM F CORCORAN SR

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **15th day of September, 2011.** SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392096 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD070

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1336** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT J OF TRACT 5 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 05 36 34S 33E**

1-36-34-33-0A00-00005-J000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOYCE O BAKER LALLEMAND TRUST
THOMAS P MOSS ESQ
WALTA LALLEMAND TRUST

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.,** on the **15th day of September, 2011**. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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392103 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD068

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **1314** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOTS E F G H OF TRACT 11 S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 11 35 34S 33E**

1-35-34-33-0A00-00011-E100
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
EAGLE PROPERTY LLC
JERRY SAINTELOI
SYLPHIDA VINCENT

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392101 ON 8/5,12,19,26/2011

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2011TD071

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Certificate No: **1337** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOT K OF TRACT 5 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 05 36 34S 33E**

1-36-34-33-0A00-00005-K000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:
JOYCE O BAKER LALLEMAND TRUST
THOMAS P MOSS ESQ
WALTA LALLEMAND TRUST

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17 Cupid
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20 Camera bag accessory
22 "Carmen," e.g.
23 Quite large
24 In a while
26 Peruvian worshiper?
30 "... the two shall be __": "Wedding Song" lyrics
31 "Sweet Caroline" singer Diamond
32 Krazy of comics
35 Delighted
36 Former Alaska Territory capital
38 Baked beans, e.g.
39 Collector's goal
40 Il __: Mussolini
41 Talk show host Gibbons
42 Knock a motorcycle daredevil flat?
45 One you won't find in a foxhole?
48 Prepares to shoot
49 Bank claims
50 Ready
54 Kid going nuts with building blocks?
57 Insolvent S&L company
58 Roman road
59 Die down
60 Novelist Hunter
61 One and only
62 Hotel conveniences
63 Archaeology projects

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9 Prefix with plunk
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19 Traveler's haven
21 Auto mechanic's job
24 Onion relative
25 New Balance rival
26 Falls behind
27 Maui or Kauai
28 Barrier at a zoo
29 Big name in chips
32 Chicken __: deep-fried dish
33 Wood-shaping tool
34 Greenish blue
36 Navigators and Explorers
37 "Cool" rap artist?
38 Couldn't make up one's mind
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41 Looking fatigued
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45 Chalmers's business partner
46 Link with
47 Philosopher who was a pioneer of German idealism
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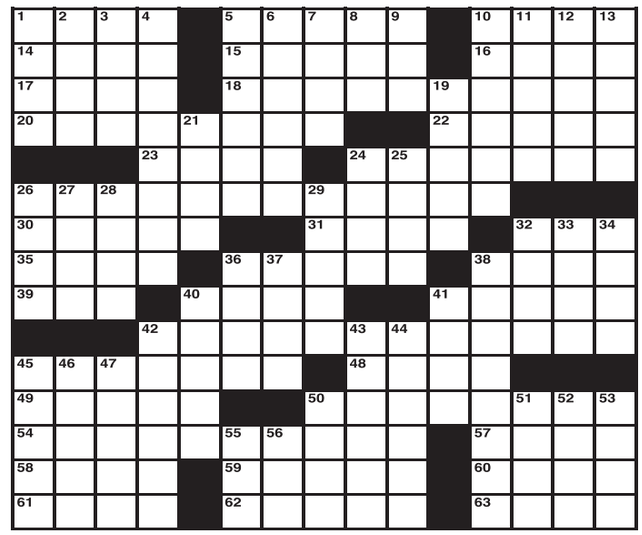

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2011TD069

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Certificate No: **1335** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LOTS I & O OF TRACT 5 E1/2 OF E1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 5 & W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 5 36 34S 33E**

1-36-34-33-0A00-00005-I000
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Legion Post to host benefit fundraiser

The American Legion Post #64 is hosting a Poker Run benefit for Sabrina Yeates on **Aug. 20.** Registration is at 8 a.m. on Saturday or early regisration is on Friday, Aug. 19, at the post on 501 SE 2nd in Okeechobee, the run will go around the lake with 12 stops and end at the post at 6 p.m. where the drawing will take place. There will be dinner and music beginning at 5 p.m., and you are invited to come and join us even if you do not ride in the poker run. The dinner is $5 and there will be music by JODY for your enjoyment. Sabrina is suffering from an autoimmune disorder called Sarcoidosis, it has attacked Sabrina's lungs, liver, salivary glands, bones, joints and eyes. She has just returned from Kansas City where she had surgery to remove cysts from her spinal cord. The treatment for this disease is on going and very expensive. We hope to see you there.

Barber promoted to FHP auxiliary director

Lt. Colonel Danny Barber was appointed to the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary (FHPA) in 1980 and promoted to the Command Staff in 1993. With more than 31 years of service with the FHPA, he has served in each leadership position in Troop L and Q, and is currently responsible for Field operation for Troops D,E,F,K and L in South and Central Florida.

He holds an associate degree in Business Administration and is currently a district manager with Publix Supermarket, Inc., with daily responsibility for more than 1,600 associates. He is a member of the FHPA board of directors and is the recipient of many awards, including the Meritorious Service Awards for several years, High LSP and Total Activity hours. He has attended and completed many hours of training to enhance the skills needed for high performance and effective leadership, such as "Communicating as a Leader," "When You Lead They Will Follow," and "Maximizing Team Potential."

He has been active in his community, and has served on the board of directors of the Palm Beach County Urban League. He participates in an annual fundraiser for the March of Dimes, Children's Miracle Network, Feed the Hungry and the United Way annual campaigns.

Lt. Colonel Barber resides in West Palm Beach. He has two children: a daughter, Monique who recently graduated from Central Florida, and now resides in Atlanta, Ga.; and a son Daniel, who is a senior at the University of Florida.

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Grand Opening

Okeechobee Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County joined together to celebrate the ribbon cutting ceremony and Grand Opening of Toni's Chic Boutique, 121-123 SW Park Street on July 29. Visitors during the day enjoyed hors d'ouevres, lemonade and mega sales throughout the store. Many community members showed up to share this special moment with Toni and her husband Joe. On hand to enjoy the celebration were Donna Huth, Vice President of Okeechobee Main Street Paul Mitchell, Linda Woloski, Arts and Culture Director of Okeechobee Main Street Bridgette Waldau, Executive Director of Okeechobee Main Street Cindy Birdashaw, Jackie Mathis of Toni's Chic Boutique, Toni Doyle, owner of Toni's Chic Boutique and her husband Joe, City Councilman Dowling Watford, City Councilman Mike O'Connor, Greg Thogersen of Morgan, Stanley, Smith and Barney, Past President of Okeechobee Main Street Maureen Burroughs, County Commissioner Margaret Helton, Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County President Terry Burroughs, Director at Large of Okeechobee Main Street John Creasman, Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County Executive Director Brian Cartland, Heather Hancock, Detective Betty Taylor, Tabitha Trent and Sherri Enfinger of CenterState Bank Okeechobee, Cindy Douglas. Melody Hodges from Sea Coast National Bank, Carl Shumate from the Alarm Company and Tom Conway.

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