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Spontaneous combustion caused fire

State Fire Marshal rules feed mill fire accidental

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The State Fire Marshal has determined that feed inside a storage bin at the United Feed Co-op mill became too hot and sparked last week's fire that caused approximately \$3 million in damages, Okeechobee City Fire Chief Herb Smith said Tuesday.

Although there were no injuries, the fire was considered one of the largest and most dangerous to have occurred in Okeechobee in several years, firemen said.

Chief Smith said it is common for fires to start this way at feed mills across the nation, but usually the grain is still in the silo when it catches fire. Those fires are usually contained in these silos as a result.

The 15,000 square foot building was ruled a total loss in the blaze that brought firemen See FIRE — Page 13



Special to the News/Heather Shadix
The United Feed Co-op mill burned Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Busy Labor Day weekend planned

Parade applications still open

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Labor Day weekend will be busy in Okeechobee with a full schedule of events for the whole family.

On Saturday, Sept. 4, the Labor Day Festival opens in Flagler Park at 9 a.m., sponsored by Okeechobee Main Street. The festival will include arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, local entertainers and contests.

Lunker's Sports Grill will sponsor the First Corn Hole Competition, a game in which small bags of corn are thrown into holes in wooden targets. The competition is double elimination with prizes to be awarded to the top contenders. Applications for this event are available at Lunker's Sports Grill located at 4825 Highway 441 South or at the Okeechobee Main Street Office, 111 Northeast 2nd Street.

This year's festival will also include hot dog eating contests and soda chugging contests.

Daily kid activities include the "Kids Workshop" sponsored by Home Depot, the Limbo Shuffle, 3-legged race, Kids Korn Hole, and a water balloon race "Balloon Lagoon," among others. Also look for Ronald "Eugene" Dawson as he wanders through the crowd performing "Simply Magic."

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Freedom Outreach Ministry

Freedom Outreach: Catching bass on the Big 'O'
Tom Collins and George Davis took first place in the Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournament, held Aug. 28 on Lake Okeechobee. Their catch totalled 21.14 lbs. The team also took the prize for big fish, with a bass weighing 5.10 lbs. and second big fish at 5.06 lbs. For more on the tournament, see page 7.

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Senator conducts town hall meeting

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson fielded questions on a wide range of topics when he was in Okeechobee on Monday, Aug. 29 conducting a town hall meeting.

The senator established his Florida roots by stating that his family came to Florida in 1829 and his grandparents homesteaded property at what is now the north end of the landing strip at Kennedy Space Center.

The senator spoke of the efforts to improve the quality of water north of the lake through the use of conservation easements that provide payments for the storage of water on private property.

"It's a win-win situation," he said. For ranchers, it allows them to keep the land in the family. Senator Nelson went on to say that it's a win for the environment, cleaning up the water. He complimented the best management practices of the Adams Ranch. The Senator added it is a win for taxpayers in reduced costs.

Senator Nelson gave a lengthy economic explanation in response to a question about outsourcing of jobs overseas. He said that part of the complex problem is that we are in a recession. "We almost went into financial meltdown," he added.

"We have to come out of the recession," he said. "We have to get banks lending again." The senator is optimistic on economic recovery and said that for first time Florida realtors are seeing a pick up in sales.

"All the troubles in Europe affect us," he

said. "It is the new reality that we are all interconnected." Part of the solution, the senator feels, is through education. He said he did not like to see the state cut funds for education.

Senator Nelson said that American businesses are sending jobs overseas because of tax breaks and the fact that labor is cheaper overseas. He is in favor of revising tax codes.

"The General Electrics of the world pay zero," he asserted. "That needs to change."

The senator claimed that the federal government loses more money in tax loopholes than it collects in taxes. He said the major oil companies showed a \$5 billion profit in the last quarter. "They don't need tax preferences," he said. The senator advocated simplifying the tax codes and having only three tax brackets. He said that lower taxes cause economic growth that, in turn, produces more taxes. He said that there would be no change in deductions for charitable organizations.

Senator Nelson was critical of Congress for refusing to compromise. "You can't build a consensus if someone says, 'It's my way or no way.'" He said elected officials should stop acting like brats. "Come, let us reason together," the senator said, quoting from the Book of Isaiah. "Policy is set as the result of elections," he said.

The senator said that as the result of 9-11 our intelligence system has improved tremendously. He said the death of bin Laden was the result of years of pains-taking intelligence. He feels security is better now because all levels of law enforcement are working together better.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
U.S. Senator Bill Nelson was in town on Tuesday, Aug. 29, to conduct a town hall meeting at the Okeechobee County Courthouse. He fielded a variety of questions from a full house in the commission chambers.

Senator Nelson said he voted twice for a comprehensive immigration bill. Because of the current political situation he feels it is impossible to pass immigration reform. The senator said he co-sponsored the Dream Act whereby a child illegally brought into this country by their parents could serve in the military.

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Men who saved Okeechobee couple honored

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The City of Sebastian honored Stephen Cafasso and Jason Heilfurth in August for their rescue of Evelyn and Joseph Staedelin of Okeechobee.

The elderly Okeechobee couple nearly died when Joseph drove his vehicle into the Indian River Lagoon in July.

Mr. Cafasso and Mr. Heilfurth were working at a nearby restaurant, Mulligan's Grill, when they noticed the elderly man as he walked confused on the beach, and then spotted a submerged vehicle, and rescued the wife.

Evelyn, 92, was hospitalized for a time, but has recovered, Sebastian Police Chief Michelle Morris said.

"These two men deserve to be called heroes," Sebastian Mayor Jim Hill said, "They noticed something happening and had to make a decision, a decision that would change their lives and the lives of the people they touched that evening."

Mr. Hill said the vehicle was almost 100 percent submerged about 20 feet off shore. He said the city should be very proud to have individuals like this living in their community.

"I thank them for the heroes that they are," he added.

Mr. Hill said it was no easy feat and that they made the right decision to spring into action and rescue the woman.

Chief Morris read a commendation for the July 17, rescue. She said police found that Mr. Staedelin became confused and drove past the boat ramp into the water. The two men jumped into the water, worked diligently together, and extracted Mrs. Staedelin from the vehicle. Indian River Fire Rescue administered first aid and stabilized Mrs. Staedelin. She remained in intensive care for several days at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center after being flown there by a medical helicopter.

"It is such a miracle that they did survive

this. If it had not been for Jason and Stephen, it could have ended very tragically. We at the police department wanted to honor their efforts," the chief added.

Mr. Cafasso said he felt good about the commendation from the city but tried to deflect from the honor.

"It is a great honor to be recognized for this. I believe the real heroes are the people fighting overseas, paramedics, everyone like that. I may have done a good deed but I shy away from the term hero," he said.

Chief Morris said the Staedelin family expressed their deepest thanks to the two young men.

Betts' commission seat still vacant

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee news

While Governor Rick Scott has been busy making appointments, he still has not seen fit to appoint a commissioner to fill a vacant seat on the Okeechobee County Commission that has been vacant almost five months. During the time this seat has been vacant the governor has made around 300 appointments to fill vacant state, area, judicial and county positions.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 29, there was no word of the governor making a

choice among the six applicants for the seat which became vacant at the death of long time commissioner Clif Betts.

Those applying are retired hospital executive Frank Irby, former commissioner Noel Chandler, Reverend Pauline Livatt, Pastor of St. Stephens A.M.E. Church, real estate salesman J.D. Mixon, businessman Brad Goodbread and business owner Tara Boshell.

Once Gov. Scott makes an appointment, that person will take office immediately. Florida law does not provide a definite time line on when the appointment must be made.

The last time this happened in Okeecho-

bee County was when Commissioner Marvin Wherrell died in office on Dec. 22, 2008. By Jan. 11, 2009 the governor's office had verified that five areas citizens has applied for the position. One applicant subsequently withdrew. It was about two months later when Joey Hoover, was named commissioner on March 16, 2009.

Since the death of Mr. Betts, the commission has been operating with four members. If there is a tie vote, the motion will not pass. If, for some reason, one commissioner is absent, issues voted on would pass with two affirmative votes.

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Jobless rate rises in July

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

An additional 186 residents receive unemployment benefits in Okeechobee during July as the unemployment rate jumped 1.3 percent, state officials reported Friday.

There were 2,473 who collected benefits last month which represents a jobless rate of 13.3 percent. The Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Center, reported 16,177 residents were employed last month.

July has not been a good month for employment historically. Last August the jobless rate stood at 13.9 percent in Okeechobee.

Glades County had a slight increase from 9.3 to 9.7 percent in July. There were 559 residents on unemployment, an increase of 32 from the June numbers.

Around the region Martin County had 11.2 percent, Palm Beach 11.2 percent, St. Lucie 13.8 percent, Highlands County 12.3 percent, Hendry 18.8 percent, and Osceola 11.2 percent.

Each of the local counties saw an increase in unemployment during July. The state level dropped from 11.1 to 11 percent and the national rate stayed the same at 9.3 percent.

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Labor Day Parade

• I was pleased to read that the B.R.A.T. Club stepped up to organize the parade. That speaks well of these young people and their leaders. In hard times such as these, the community needs to pull together.

• I like the idea of the suggestion to wear red, white and blue and carry flags in honor of the anniversary of 9/11. Anyone could do that. Even if you don't march in the parade, we could all do that. Wear red, white and blue on Labor Day.

• Great news that we are having the Labor Day parade after all. Kudos to those who took the lead to make it happen. But one thing I ask all those who attend: Stand up for the flag. When the color guard goes by at the beginning of the parade, you are supposed to stand up and show proper respect for the flag. Put your hand over your heart or if you are in uniform then salute. But show respect for the flag and remind others around you to stand up as well.

Woman charged with DUI

• It is very frightening to think of someone driving DUI with a child in the car. That certainly is child abuse, to put a child at risk like that.

Thoughts to ponder

• Ham and eggs: A day's work for a chicken. A lifetime commitment for a pig.

• We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Earthquake

• The Weather Channel says last week's east coast earthquake was caused by an unknown faultline running under D.C. and through Virginia. It is now being called Obama's Fault, though Obama will say it's really Bush's Fault. Other theories are that it was the founding fathers rolling over in their graves or that what we all believed to be an earthquake was actually the effects of a \$14.6 trillion check bouncing in Washington.

Politics

• I was wondering: if somebody runs for office locally, and they run under a party's banner, does the party have some kind of vetting process before they let the candidate run under their party's name? Say, for example, somebody running for office says they want to run as a Democrat. That would mean, as I understand it, that they would be pro-union. If the candidate ran on the Republican ticket, they would not be for the unions, to state one example of the differences between the parties. So, my question is, does a candidate have to "apply" with a party, and promise to uphold the party's values before they can run under the party's banner? Or can the candidate just say, "I am a Republican (or Democrat)," but not vote along with party values in city or county commission meetings?

• As far as I know anyone who runs just declares their party. There is no test. It is up to the voters to decide if they think that person properly represents the party. Most people in Okeechobee vote for the person, not the party. It is up to the voters to ask questions and find out where each candidate stands on the issues. There are usually a number of candidate forums and the newspaper usually lets people send in questions for a Q and A section they do in the paper.

• In the South, many registered Democrats are not pro-union. There is not a published "party platform" that anyone has to swear to uphold.

• Do any of the candidates for any race do what they promise? And I really don't think either party has any established values that candidates are expected to adhere to. Just look at how they all act in Congress. The two-party system is a failure. We need candidates who actually say what they think and do the right thing ... even if it is not the popular thing.

• They will tell you anything till they get in office. Then greed, power and money take over. Hey the ones that are in power had and have the money. You know Good Old Boys Club.

• If you're an independent you don't have to worry about party requirements. I would dare say in today's political climate, I'm way more comfortable calling myself an Independent over a Republican or Democrat. After all they can both stake claim on how we got to where we're at and I'm sure both parties are proud based on their respective spins!

Florida black bear—a conservation success story

By **Kathy Barco, Chairman**

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

This is my first column as Chairman of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). I am honored and, frankly, humbled by the support of my fellow commissioners, our stakeholders and the Floridians this Commission works with every day. I thought it appropriate to start my conversation with you by sharing our success story of the FWC's threatened species rule for Florida black bears.

In the early 1970s, Florida black bears dropped to their lowest numbers on record; estimates were as few as 300 bears statewide. Our predecessor agency, the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, stepped in and selected the Florida black bear as one of the first listed threatened species in 1974, adding more protection to bears and their habitat.

But adding bears to a list alone does not recover a species. The FWC and its partners identify important wildlife habitats and work with private landowners to keep those lands in conservation, whether through easements and agreements through our Landowner Assistance Program, or purchases through programs like Florida Forever. Statewide educational efforts teach thousands of people each year about bears and how to avoid conflicts. Formal education programs like The Florida Black Bear Curriculum Guide bring bear issues directly into the schools, and informal efforts occur through FWC staff time spent engaging the public at festivals and community events. The FWC passed a rule that made feeding bears illegal, allowing us to focus on the core cause of human-bear conflicts. All of those efforts have allowed us to bring the bear back to about 3,000 animals today.

In fall 2010, the FWC led a team of experts to review all the data available on Florida black bears to see if bears met the criteria to be considered at high risk of extinction. The team found that the bear no longer met those criteria, and five additional external species experts reviewed the report and agreed with the team's recommendation to remove it from the threatened species list.

This June, I was proud to preside for the first time as Chairman of the Commission

when FWC staff presented their recommendations on the bear and 60 other threatened species. As my colleague and former Chairman Rodney Barreto said, it was "a time to celebrate our success." We have more bears in Florida now than we have had in the past seven decades, and the bear is well on its way to being removed from the threatened species list.

Our work to manage Florida's black bear is a continuing process. A team of FWC staff has been working diligently with stakeholder groups to create a management plan for bears. We will be seeking public feedback on the plan this fall, and a revised plan is expected to be brought to the February 2012 Commission meeting. I look forward to reviewing the plan.

The bear's success is an example of what our threatened species rule is designed to do: identify species that need our attention, act to conserve the species, and bring them back so that they will never be at risk of extinction again.

The FWC is known for seeking input from all points of view, and I hope my series of monthly columns provides the spark to begin or continue conversations concerning events and issues facing Florida conservationists. If you aren't doing it now, please consider following us on Twitter (@MyFWC and @MyFWCLife) and "liking" us on Facebook at Facebook.com/MyFWC.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. Heat index values as high as 102. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 73. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming east northeast between 5 and 10 mph.

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Couple testify to knowing robber by his eyes

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man and woman both testified Tuesday that they could identify the man who broke into their travel trailer and robbed them at gunpoint by his eyes.

Although Jimmy Paul Wellman, 19, was supposedly wearing a ski mask, the couple said when they



Jimmy Paul Wellman

saw him walk-

ing along a Treasure Island street a few days after they were robbed they knew immediately it was him.

Wellman is charged with home invasion robbery with a firearm while wearing a mask, two counts of robbery with a weapon and two counts of kidnapping while armed and masked. His trial got under way Aug. 30 with the victims taking the stand.

"After I saw him that day, I knew who robbed me," said Chevonne Aunspaugh, the female victim, under direct examination by Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson.

"There's no doubt—100 percent."

According to court testimony Ms. Aunspaugh, 51, had the door open to her Jayco travel trailer while she sat outside to smoke a cigarette around 11 p.m. on March 4. After finishing her smoke, she stepped inside the trailer but when she tried to close the door behind her she couldn't.

"It was like somebody was pulling on it," she told the jury. "I tried to get the door closed so I could lock it, but he overpowered me."

She testified that she tried to push the intruder out the door but "he smacked me with the gun."

"I told him he came to the wrong neighborhood to rob someone. This is a poor neighborhood," said Ms. Aunspaugh.

She testified that by the time he had left, the man had hit her three times in the head with the gun.

And fight as she may, she couldn't stop the intruder from binding her hands and taping her mouth shut with duct tape.

The commotion woke J.B. Haulcomb, who then got out of bed to see what was going on in the living room.

"When I came through the door they were wrasslin' around. When he seen me, he pointed the gun at me," Mr. Haulcomb told the jury.

Mr. Haulcomb, 69, testified that the man didn't say much other than to voice his demand for cash and prescription pills. So, Mr.

Haulcomb went to a cabinet and retrieved \$90 in cash and gave it to the intruder.

Before the interloper left, he bound the man with duct tape and grabbed a bottle of pills that Mr. Haulcomb takes for a stomach ailment. Mr. Haulcomb told the jury that his bindings were much looser than those of Ms. Aunspaugh, so he easily freed himself then cut away Ms. Aunspaugh's bindings with a knife.

And even though the tall, thin thief was masked both Ms. Aunspaugh and Mr. Haulcomb testified they knew their attacker was Wellman when they saw him a few days later.

Mr. Haulcomb said Wellman is his sister's grandson.

"I was looking down that barrel of that big gun and was looking at his face," testified Mr. Haulcomb. "It never came to me until I saw him at the laundromat (later) and got a good look at those eyes."

Under cross examination by defense attorney John Cook, both Ms. Aunspaugh and Mr. Haulcomb said they had only seen Wellman a few times. In fact, testified Mr. Haulcomb, he didn't even know Wellman's last name until recently.

He admitted to Mr. Cook that he and his sister aren't really close and are "more like friends."

Wellman's trial will resume Wednesday, Aug. 31, in Courtroom A at the Judicial Complex.

Teen reportedly took ATV to ride at mudfest

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A detective said he has recovered a stolen ATV valued at \$4,000 and has arrested an 18-year-old Okeechobee teen in connection with the alleged theft.

Jay Brian Levesque was arrested Thursday, Aug. 25, on a felony charge of (motor vehicle) theft from a person 65 years of age or older. Levesque is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$2,500.



Jay Brian Levesque

Detective Mark Shireman, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated in his arrest report that the teen reportedly took the 4-X-4 all-terrain vehicle so he could ride it around at a local mudfest event. The 2003 Yamaha ATV was found over a week later floating upside down in a pond on the northwest corner of the mudfest grounds.

Detective Shireman stated that the 81-year-old victim filled out a report that his ATV had been stolen during the nighttime hours on Aug. 11. The red ATV was parked on his front porch and the keys were hidden in an undisclosed location away from the porch.

According to the OCSO investigator, Levesque painted the all-terrain vehicle blue then took it to the mudfest event where he and two other men rode it around the grounds. Detective Shireman said when one of those men learned the ATV was stolen, he became angry and tried to fight Levesque. Levesque, however, left the area on foot.

When the vehicle was recovered, the detective's report indicated that a winch was missing from the front of the ATV and the vehicle's right-side plastic molding had been broken away.

Detective Shireman said when he confronted Levesque with the theft, the teen allegedly said he took the ATV "... because he wanted one to use at mudfest."

Mudfest was held Aug. 12-14.

Woman accused of hitting man in face with an iron

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A woman was arrested after she allegedly knocked a 71-year-old man's tooth out when she hit him in the face with a clothes iron.

Stacey Marie Hubbell, 45, S.E. 25th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Friday, Aug. 26, on a felony charge of aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication.

Hubbell is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$20,500 bond.



Stacey Marie Hubbell

An arrest report by Officer Scott Morgan, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated that the man was taken to Raulerson Hospital because he had not only lost a tooth but he also had "hole through the top of his lip."

The officer's report said the man was bleeding from the wound on his lip and from a wound on his arm.

According to the officer the man and Hubbell are friends but they began to argue Friday night and the woman, who was apparently intoxicated, picked up the iron and hit the elderly man.

The victim reportedly told Officer Morgan that Hubbell "gets violent when she drinks."

Officer Morgan stated in his report that when he spoke with Hubbell he could smell a strong odor of alcohol and her speech was slurred.

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).

- Christine Marie Dagostino, 32, N.W. 93rd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 23 by Deputy Bryan Holden on a warrant charging her with obtaining/attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud (five counts). Her bond was set at \$12,500.

- Jody Maurice Crum, 39, S.W. Rucks Dairy Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 24 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on DOC warrants charging him with violation of parole - uttering a forged instrument and violation of parole - grand theft. He is being held without bond on those charges. He was also arrested on another warrant charging him with violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument. He is being held without bond on that charge.

- Joseph Robert Hubbard, Jr., 21, N.E. 28th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 25 by Deputy Joseph Hall on a charge of battery (domestic) by strangulation. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Anthony Crane, 20, S.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 25 by Deputy Sergeant Robert Coleman on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Lorraine Leconey, 40, S.W. 16th St., Gainesville, was arrested Aug. 25 by Deputy Joseph Hall on a charge of burglary of a conveyance. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Jesse Joyner, 42, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 26 by Deputy Steven McKinley on a Tennessee warrant charging him with failure to register as a sex offender. He is being held without bond.

- Brandon Jenkins, 39, was arrested Aug. 26 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

- Alphonso Morris, 17, N.E. 15th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 28 by Deputy Keith Murrish on juvenile take and hold warrants based on charges of burglary of a structure, grand theft, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Kyle Thomas Moon, 23, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 28 by Deputy John Hazy on charges of driving under the influence and possession of alcohol by a person under 21. His bond was set at \$7,500.

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.

Community Events

Firestix softball to hold tryouts this week

Chobee Firestix Fall softball will hold tryouts for four travel squads this week. The tryouts take place Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Okeechobee Christian Church at 3055 S.E. 18th Terrace. Players attend only one day and teams will be announced on the team's Facebook page. The four teams are for eight and under, 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under. For more information call 863-634-6322 or 863-467-4900.

Local DEC to meet

The ODEC (Okeechobee Democratic Executive Council) will have a workshop session on Thursday, **Sept. 1**, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Beef O'Brady's meeting room. All members are encouraged to attend.

OCEA has first meeting

The Okeechobee County Education Association (OCEA) will have its first General Membership Meeting of the 2011-2012 school year Thursday, **Sept. 1**, at 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Okeechobee Freshmen Campus, 610 S.W. 2nd Ave. All OCEA members of the instructional and classified bargaining unit are encouraged to attend. Potential members may join at the meeting. Come hear and see the teacher evaluation system of which negotiations will continue on Sept. 7, current legislative issues affecting public education employees, and get door prizes and refreshments. Now is the time to be informed! Contact Candy Walker, at 863-634-2268 for information.

Pregnancy Center to hold yard sale

The Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee, 500 N.W. 6th Street, will have a yard sale on Friday, **Sept. 2**, only, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Center and the programs available for the community.

VFW to host Labor Day weekend events

Join the good folks at VFW Post 4423 on Friday, **Sept. 2**, where the kitchen will be open 5-9 p.m., and Cowboy (karaoke) will be playing 7-10 p.m.

On Saturday, there will be burgers on the grill for a \$2 donation 12-2 p.m. and be sure to join us for seafood Saturday dinner (your choice of catfish, talapia or shrimp complete with hushpuppies, fries & coleslaw) for a donation of \$6 (5-7 p.m.).

D & K Karaoke (Danny & Kathy) will be playing 7-10 p.m. Sunday. Lori will be serving ham, potatoes, veggie, salad, roll and dessert 2-4pm for a donation of \$6.50 and there will karaoke 6-9 p.m. Labor Day the good people at the post will be hosting game day. There will be many different games (Yahtzee, Checkers, cards and more), food and a karaoke contest (hosted by D & K Karaoke). Don't miss out on the great food, fun & friends!

Moose holds holiday fest

Okeechobee Moose, #1753, at 159 N.W. 36th Street, is celebrating Labor Day weekend on Saturday, **Sept. 3**, with a fried chicken dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. A Queen of Hearts drawing will be held at 7 p.m. with music by Saxman from 7-10 p.m. On Sunday, **Sept. 4**, a barbecue dinner will be held at 1 p.m. with music in the tiki featuring Lisa from 3-6 p.m. Outside games will be held.

Labor Day party at VFW

VFW #9528, at 29012 E. S.R. 78, will hold an "all you can eat," all-day party for \$8. The Labor Day party will start at noon and last until 5 p.m. There will be pork butts and polish sausage, a 50/50 drawing, ladies cake walk, and men's auxiliary and Amvets jail and bail. Music by Buck Wallace and True Country Band. Call 863-467-2882 for information.

Obituaries

Kathleen Wainwright Schelter

OKEECHOBEE — Kathleen Schelter, age 91, of Okeechobee, passed away Aug. 30, 2011, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center.

She was born Oct. 5, 1919, in Tullos, LaSalle Parish, La., to Nicholas Polk and Rosa Lee Haddox Wainwright. She was a homemaker, having come to Okeechobee from Burkburnett, Texas, in 1976. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee and the Fine Arts Club. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Schelter was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Peary A. "Doc" Schelter.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Rae Harris of Baton Rouge, La., Anice "Ann" Aucoin Alexander of Okeechobee, Larry Schelter of Gold Beach, Ore., Debbie Clemons (Jeff) of Okeechobee, and Steven Schelter (Stephanie) of Burkburnett, Texas; grandchildren, Linda Wasiloski (Pat), Susan Marcuso, Sharon Southall, Sarah Harris, all of Baton Rouge, La., Julie Turner (George) of Okeechobee, Jennifer Graves (Sanford) of Conway, S.C., Elizabeth Maxwell (Devin) of Okeechobee, Kit Clemons and Sam Clemons (Kristi) both of Okeechobee, Casey Clemons (Adrienne) of Lake City, Fla., Wes Schelter (Trisha) and Brent Schelter both of Burkburnett, Texas; and many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 5:30 until services at 7 p.m., Thursday at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, Okeechobee. Funeral Services and interment will be conducted by Hixson Brothers Funeral Home in Jena, La., on Sunday afternoon at the Jena Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may sign the guestbook at www.bassokeechobee.com.



Main Street invites Labor Day event participants

Okeechobee Main Street is now taking applications for vendors and for the 2011 Labor Day Festival in the Parks. The festivities will take place **Sept. 3, 4, and 5**.

Anyone interested in participating, please see Cindy Birdashaw at the Main Street office, 111 Northeast 2nd St., or call 863-357-6246.

Diabetes seminar offered

Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility, 203 SE 2nd Street will host Living With Diabetes presented by Wanda Haas, RN CDE on **Sept. 7**.

The informative session will be located in the Dining Room at 1:30 p.m. The seminar is offered by the Visiting Nurses Association.

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.

Wallace H. Griggs Sr., 72

OKEECHOBEE — Wallace H. Griggs Sr., 72, died Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011, at Raulerson Hospital.

Born in Macon, Ga., he had lived in Okeechobee since 2000. He enjoyed fishing and traveling. During the Korean War, he served his country in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kimberly Griggs; granddaughter, Toyca Griggs; and sisters, Rebbeca and Anieta.

Survivors include sons, Wallace H. Griggs, Jr. of Tamarac, Fla., Sterling (Barbara) Griggs of Atlanta, Ga., Creighton Griggs of Morristown, N.J.; and a grandson, Devon Griggs of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, from 2 until 3 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home.

Friends may send condolences online to www.buxtonseawinds.com.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory, 3833 S.E. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fla.

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Freedom Outreach holds its fishing tournament



Special to the Okeechobee News/Freedom Outreach Ministry
Blake Marsocci and Danny Marsocci brought in 17.04 lbs. of fish to take second place in the Freedom Outreach Fishing Tournament on Aug. 28. Freedom Outreach Ministry would like to say thank you to everyone who came out to show their support.



Robert Walker and Jim Jones took third place in the Freedom Outreach Ministry Fishing Tournament on Aug. 28, with fish totalling 10.14 lbs.

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'Soul Surfer' to be shown at local church

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

New Testament Baptist Church, 535 N.E. 28th Ave., announces a new children's program beginning Wednesday, **Aug. 31** and every Wednesday thereafter. Kings's Kids, ages 3 through 12, will have their own Wednesday night service and fun time while the adults enjoy their Wednesday night service.

The children's clothes closet at **Grace Brethren Church**, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will be open today, **Aug. 31**. There is no cost to those in need. Please call Ada at 863-697-8539 for more information or to donate clothing. On Friday, **Sept. 2** the church will have a free family movie night beginning at 7 p.m. The movie, "**Soul Surfer**" is the inspiring story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, inspiring millions worldwide through the love of her



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family, her sheer determination and unwavering faith. The film features an all-star cast, including Anna Sophia Cobb, Helen Hunt, Carrie Underwood in her film debut and Dennis Quaid.

First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St., announces a new schedule beginning **Sept. 4**. The Traditional Service will be at 8 a.m. The 11 a.m. service will be a blending of Contemporary and Traditional Services and Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:30. The church will have their annual Family Fun fling on Sunday, **Sept. 11**, from noon until 3 p.m. There will be burgers and hot dogs, water slides, face painting, horse shoes, kiddie games and pools, spin art and snow cones. For more information contact the church office 863-763-4021.

The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com or call Pete Gawda at 863-763-3134, extension 4225.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Seminole Elementary

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A magnificent cast of circus characters from Seminole Elementary celebrated their "A School" rating with the introduction of this year's school theme "Taming Another A." Seminole's new Principal, Tracy Downing, rallied the crowd as Ringmaster Shelly Sickels introduced their awesome Assistant Principal, Brian Barrett, as he risked his life to tame a ferocious stuffed lion. Then, a terrific troupe of comical clowns (Deann Ochoa, Jackie Anuez and Jennifer Marquis) entertained the group with a humorous skit.

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Teen dance

The recent B.R.A.T. (Building Relationships Among Teens) Club teen dance on Aug. 27, brought over 95 students! Everyone had an awesome time! Students played hula hoop, limbo and enjoyed music by DP Productions (The "S" Brothers). Thank you to the following businesses for their continued support: Ding-A-Ling Deli, Dominos, East Coast Signs & Shirts, Seacoast National Bank, Okeechobee County School Board, Wemmer Orthodontics, Best Western, Beef 'O' Brady's, Okeechobee News, City Police, Sheriff's Dept. and WOKC Radio! A special thank you to the many volunteers from local businesses who dedicate their time on Saturday nights to make it happen! For more information, call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.



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Dec. 8-10, that combines dance with vocal and instrumental music to bring the audience "home for the holidays."

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OHS girls golf team is ready for new season

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School girls golf program has a new coach and a new enthusiasm.

Coach Brent Stuart would normally have to struggle to get six girls to fill out his roster. This year there are 21 girls who want to play golf.

"The word of mouth gets out. I like to see that a lot of girls are interested in this game. It is a fantastic game," he said.

Stuart said if the girls can get good at the game now it can be a life long love, hobby and past time for them.

Stuart said he is really grateful to get the job and have a chance to work with young people. His daughter, Bethany is one of the golfers on the squad and he is used to girls her age.

"I'm very excited to coach these girls and we hope to do well this year," he added.

The girls have started from page one this year. With many of them just learning the game, Stuart enticed the pro at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Terry Lanman, and his son, to hold clinics to teach the girls the fundamentals. They have emphasized making solid contact between the club and the ball.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Emily Raulerson will be one of the key players on the OHS girls golf team this year.

The team does have some veteran golfers as well. Samantha Harrell, Emily Raulerson, Raychel Rabon, and Kailey Hoover, who made the state tournament as a freshman in 2009, will lead the team this year.

"We have a good corps of senior girls on the squad this year. They will take the bulk of the match play. We also have some freshmen who are very strong players. I'm excited about the talent we have to work with," Stuart added.

The Okeechobee Golf and Country Club continues their long history of service to the OHS golf teams. They provide their course and driving range free of charge for all the practices and the matches this year. The KOA Country Club also provided free driving range work for the girls in August.

"We are very thankful to the country club because they have been really good to us," Stuart noted.

The toughest competition this year will come from Martin County, Vero Beach and Jensen Beach. Stuart said the goal of the team is to break 190 and to reach the post season.

"We feel like we can finish second or third in the district and move on to the next level," he said, "I have a great bunch of girls and it is a real joy and a pleasure to work with them."



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Volleyball team wins tournament

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School girls' volleyball team didn't play their best but still won the Sebring pre-season volleyball tournament without dropping a game.

Okeechobee opened with a three-game sweep of Lake Placid on Tuesday and followed that with a three-game sweep of the Sebring Lady Blue Streaks on Thursday.

"We are still tweaking the offense," Brahman Coach Todd Jones said.

Okeechobee defeated Sebring 25-21, 25-23, and 25-17.

Coach Jones said the girls wanted to prepare themselves for the regular season and the preseason tournament did provide that opportunity. Rebekah Bryan had 15 kills while Darby Jones, Sarah Davis and Paige McCrary each had six kills to lead the Lady Brahman. Bryan and Jones also led the team in digs.

Okeechobee's first home match is set for Thursday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m. against Summit Christian.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Kailey Hoover (right) receives some tips from Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Professional Terry Lanman at a recent OHS girls golf practice.

OGCC Gold Tee winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee winners for last week were: First place Tie - W. Hall, J. Masters; second place - Guydosh.

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OKEE - 3/2, \$598 mo. or 2/1, \$459 mo. Beautiful ranch setting located 12 miles N.E. of town. Water, Lawn, pest, and trash incl. Pasture avail. Recently remodeled. Move in special. Mon-Fri. 863-467-9800. No Pets.

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**COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR BID PROPOSALS
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WILLARD M. BYARS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
504 NW 5TH AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
863-634-4293
896416 ON 8/31 & 9/7/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2010 CA 251

UPS CAPITAL BUSINESS CREDIT, a foreign corporation authorized to conduct business in the state of Florida,
Plaintiff,
v.
BUILDING BLOCKS PRESCHOOL OF OKEECHOBEE, INC., a Florida corporation;
LG INVESTMENTS LLC, a Florida limited liability company; LEONCIO GARCIA, an individual;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure as to Real and Personal Property dated March 31, 2011 and entered in Case No.: 2010 CA 251, in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein Building Blocks Preschool of Okeechobee, Inc., LG Investments, LLC, and Leoncio Garcia are Defendants, and according to the Order Rescheduling the Foreclosure Sale, entered on July 27, 2011 I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida at 11:00 a.m., on the 21st day of September, 2011, the following described real property as set forth in said Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure as to Real and Personal Property, to wit:

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Lots 11 and 12, Block 35, FIRST ADDITION TO SOUTH OKEECHOBEE, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page(s) 17, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

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all buildings and improvements of every kind and description now or hereafter erected or placed thereon, and all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter owned by Mortgagee and attached to or contained in and used in connection with [the Property], including but not limited to all apparatus, equipment, machinery, motors, elevators, fittings, radiators, gas ranges, ice boxes, mechanical refrigerators, awnings, shades, screens, office, equipment and other furnishings, and all plumbing, heating, lighting, cooking, laundry, ventilating, refrigeration, incinerating, air-conditioning and sprinkler equipment and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto; and all renewals or replacements thereof or articles in substitution therefor, whether or not the same are or shall be attached to said building or buildings in any manner; it being mutually agreed that all the aforesaid property owned by [Building Blocks] and placed by it on [the Property] shall, so far as permitted by law, be deemed to be affixed to the realty and covered by [the] Mortgage.

(the "Personal Property").

DATED this 29th day of July, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Court
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

394149 ON 8/24/31/2011

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on SEPTEMBER 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

1998 FORD F -150
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1998 CHEVY ASTRO VAN
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VIN # 1B4HR28Y1XF25118

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantee.
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SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of Court
By: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

394149 ON 8/24/31/2011

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," will register with Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations the fictitious name, to wit:

Southern Class Mobile
Detailing and Pressure Cleaning
Under which we expect to engage in business at:
1850 NE 103 Avenue
Okeechobee, FL 34974
In the City of Okeechobee/County of Okeechobee, Florida.

That the parties interested in said Business enterprise are:
Nathan Acker
Dated at Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida this 26th day of August 2011.
By: Nathan Acker
396374 ON 8/31/2011

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Public Notice

The St. Johns River Water Management District (District) gives notice of receipt of the following consumptive use permit application(s):

Individual Consumptive Use Permit Application(s)

Bright Tiger LLC, 26375 NW 32nd Ave, Okeechobee, FL 34972, application #3155. The applicant proposes to withdraw 1.34 million gallons per day of combined surface water and groundwater to irrigate 987 acres of citrus, and 0.26 million gallons per day for freeze protection. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from FAS - Upper Floridan Aquifer via 5 active wells; groundwater from FAS - Upper & Lower Floridan Aquifer via 1 active well; surface water from a Reservoir via 3 active pumps in Okeechobee County, located in Sections: 30 and 31, Township: 34 South, Range: 35 East, known as Bright Tiger, LLC.

The file(s) containing the permit application(s) are available for inspection Monday through Friday, except for District holidays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the District's Headquarters, 4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177-2529. You may also view files at one of the District's service centers, but you should call service center staff in advance to make sure that the files are at a specific service center. Service center contact information is available online at floridaswater.com/contact/offices.html. Additionally, most permit application file documents can be viewed online at floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view permit application file documents, visit floridaswater.com/permitting/index.html and select the topic of choice from the "Find permits and application" heading, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

Decisions on Standard General permit applications will be made at the District's service center where the application is processed, unless the application is upgraded to an individual permit application as explained below. A substantial objection to a Standard General permit application must be made in writing and filed with (received by) the Director of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429, or by e-mail at applicationsupport@sjrwm.com, within 14 days of notification of the application. Please include either the Permit Application Number or the Project Name in the objection. Notification of the application is either the fifth day after the date on which the written notice is deposited in the U.S. mail (for those persons who receive actual notice by U.S. mail), the date on which the notice is e-mailed (for those persons who receive actual notice by e-mail), or the date the notice is published in the newspaper (if actual notice is not provided by U.S. mail or e-mail). A "substantial objection" means a written statement directed to the District that identifies the objector, concerns hydrologic or environmental impacts of the proposed consumptive use, and relates to applicable rule criteria. A timely substantial objection will cause the Standard General consumptive use permit application to be considered an application for an individual consumptive use permit. If the District receives a timely substantial objection from you, then you will receive written notice of the District's intended decision on the permit application.

Decisions on Individual consumptive use permit applications will be made by the District's Governing Board. Notice of Intended District Decision will be provided to persons who have requested individual notice. A request for individual Notice of Intended District Decision on an application must be received by the Director of Regulatory Support prior to the date the Notice of Intended District Decision is generated. For individual permit applications, you are advised to notify the District within 14 days of notification of the application(s) if you have questions, objections, comments, or information regarding the proposed consumptive use. If you make a written request to the District for additional information regarding a specific permit application, you will be provided an opportunity to obtain the available information. Please note that filing a written objection does not entitle you to a Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, administrative hearing.

Victor Castro, Division Director,
Division of Regulatory Support
St. Johns River Water Management District
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010CA69

OAK TREE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.
KEVIN P. TIMKO, "JANE DOE",
his wife, if married, real name unknown, and "UNKNOWN TENANT #1" and "UNKNOWN TENANT #2" as occupants, real names unknown,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Case No. 2010CA69 on July 21, 2011 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida in favor of Plaintiff, OAK TREE PLACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida corporation not-for-profit, and against Defendant, KEVIN P. TIMKO (OWNER). The clerk will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, described as:

Unit A, of Dwelling Structure 90 of OAK TREE PLACE, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 260, Page 999, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at a public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 after having first given notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at 11 o'clock a.m., on the 21st day of September, 2011.

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

DATED this 4th day of August, 2011.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk
Brennan Grogan, Esquire,
Jay Steven Levine Law Group,
3300 PGA Boulevard, Suite 570
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.
394482 ON 8/24/31/2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its Regular Session on **Thursday, September 8, 2011** at 9:00 a.m. in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the **Historic Courthouse**, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office not later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863-763-6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Margaret Garrard Helton, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
1/5 Paula Poskany/Deputy Clerk
395968 ON 8/31/2011

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NUMBER: 2011-CA-201

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

vs.
WILLIE R. BRYANT, deceased; SYBLE BRYANT, individually; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND CREDITORS OF WILLIE R. BRYANT; BLUE CYPRESS GOLF & RV RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person or parties natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under the above named defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereafter described, **UNKNOWN TENANT #1;** the name being fictitious to account for parties in possession,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **WILLIE R. BRYANT, deceased; SYBLE BRYANT, individually; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND CREDITORS OF WILLIE R. BRYANT,** and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person or parties natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under the above named defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereafter described,

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Unit No. 225, BLUE CYPRESS GOLF & RV RESORT, AN RV CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium thereof, recorded on January 22, 1991 in Official Records Book 320, Pages 741 thru 811, (Condominium Plat Book 1, Pages 45 thru 51 and Pages 54 thru 56); and Amendment to Declaration thereof recorded December 30, 1993 in Official Records Book 351, Page 545 of the public records of Okeechobee County, Florida; together with all appurtenances of such unit according to the Declaration of Condominium. (PHASE II)

Along with that certain 1995 Homes of Merit Mobile Home ID# FLHMBP23-38066

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Devin R. Maxwell, the plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 405 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, within 30 days of first publication, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
DATED on Aug. 23, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF COURT
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk
396020 ON 8/31;9/7/2011

School Board Meeting September 8, 2011

The School Board of Okeechobee County will conduct its regular monthly meeting as well as a final public hearing for adoption of 2011-12 millage rates and district budget on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in Room 303, School Board Administrative Office, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, and is open to the public.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
394336 ON 8/31/2011

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, docket number: 2010-CA-580, the style of which is:

FIRST BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF INDIANTOWN, a Florida Banking Association,
Plaintiff

vs.
GREGORY A. STEVENS and
BARBARA A. STEVENS, his wife,
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 21st day of September, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

LOT 59, UNIT 7, TREASURE ISLAND, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 60, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1973 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON.

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

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 19th day of August, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida
By: Sandra L. Creech
DEPUTY CLERK

Law Offices of Cassels & McCall
John D. Cassels Jr., Esquire
Post Office Box 968
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
395760 ON 8/24/31/2011

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE BY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Pursuant to the final decree of foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, docket number: 2009-CA-522, the style of which is:

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

vs.
STANTON D. WILLIAMS and
KATHLEEN J. WILLIAMS, his wife,
Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, SHARON ROBERTSON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, will on the 21st day of September, 2011, at 11:00 A.M., at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, in the City of Okeechobee, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida, to-wit:

LOT 10, ESTATES AT OKEECHOBEE PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 54, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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LABOR DAY

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Rodeo action kicks off with Championship Bull Riding sponsored by the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Association on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center (entrance off State Road 710).

Following the bull riding event there will be a street dance in the area next to the arena. Bull Riding Championship tickets include entrance to the dance.

On Sunday, the Labor Day Festival continues in Flagler Park at 9 a.m.

The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Labor Day Rodeo will be held at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The rodeo will feature PRCA bull riding, bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing.

The rodeo will also include two special events for the younger rodeo fans, Kids Mutton Bustin' and the Calf Scramble. For Mutton Bustin', youngsters attempt to ride sheep. In the calf scramble, kids try to grab a ribbon tied to a calf. Mutton Bustin' applicants can sign up at the Agri-Civic Center at 1 p.m. Any children under the age of 12 in the rodeo audience can come into the arena for the calf scramble.

Rodeo fans can check out the vendors outside the Agri-Civic Center. Local 4-H and FFA Clubs will sell hot dogs, hamburgers and snacks.

On Monday, Sept. 5, the Labor Day fun continues as the festival in Flagler Park starts at 9 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the Okeechobee Labor Day Parade will be held in downtown Okeechobee, following the regular parade route from the U-Save Supermarket on Parrott Avenue (U.S. 441) north to State Road 70 and then west on SR 70 to the end of Flagler Park.

The Cattlemen's Labor Day Rodeo will continue Monday at 2 p.m. Winners will be determined by the top scores over the two-day rodeo.

For further information about the festival booth applications or if you would like to volunteer to help at the festival, please contact Cindy Birdashaw, Okeechobee Main Street at 863-357-6246.

Labor Day Parade applications are available at the Okeechobee News office, 107 S.W. 17th Street and at Toni's Chic Boutique,

121 S.W. Park Street. Applications are also online on the Okeechobee Public Form on www.newszap.com and on the Okeechobee News Facebook page. Parade rules are on the application form.

Advance tickets for the Championship Bull Riding and rodeo dance are available at Eli's Western Wear. Reserved seating is available. Tickets can also be purchased at the arena on the day of the rodeo. For more information about the rodeo online, see www.okeechobecattlemansassociaiton.com.

FIRE

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from Okeechobee County Fire Rescue, the Okeechobee City Fire Department and the St. Lucie County Fire Department. Approximately 50 firemen were on the scene.

Chief Smith said there have been some small fires at mills in Okeechobee over the years, this was easily the largest. "Most of the fires were contained in the silo. This is the first that occurred inside the building."

State Fire Marshal. Chief Smith said explosions that occurred inside the building were likely caused by chemicals that are commonly used at feed mills.

Firemen also put out a small fire that caused mostly smoke damage to Rita's Furniture at 704 North Parrott Avenue on Monday night. Chief Smith said it appeared someone left a lit cigarette in a flower bed and it burned the outside of the window sill and the window to the building. He said while the building suffered no fire damage, there was some minimal smoke damage done.

The cause was ruled accidental by the

Church begins flag football season

First and Goal flag football registration has begun at the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee.

Boys and girls from kindergarten through 12th grade are eligible to participate in the annual program. The church will hold tryouts on Saturday, **Sept. 10**, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the football fields directly south of the Church Recreation Outreach Center. Signups will continue until September 10. The cost is \$35. For more information please call 863-467-7625 or 863-763-2171.

Girl in juvenile facility accused of molesting younger female

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A female client at the G4S Youth Services facility has been arrested for allegedly performing a sex act on another female client.

Christina Bruno, 18, N.E. 39th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested Friday, Aug. 26, on felony charges of lewd and lascivious molestation on a child under 16 years of age and battery on a detention/commitment staff member.

She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Bruno is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$13,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Steven Pollock, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that Bruno forced herself on the victim. She was reportedly



Christina Bruno

caught by a female staff member during a bed check.

When the facility administrator told Bruno she would have to speak with a deputy, she reportedly tried to flee by running out of the administrator's office. In doing so, she shoved a female staff

member to the ground, stated the deputy's report.

Bruno was ultimately physically detained by a male supervisor.

According to Deputy Pollock, after he placed Bruno under arrest and put her into his patrol car she began kicking the right passenger door and window. Deputy Pollock, along with two other deputies, were then forced to put the girl into leg restraints.

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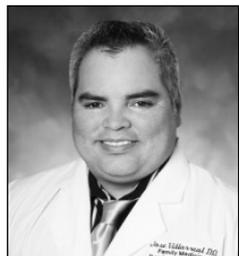
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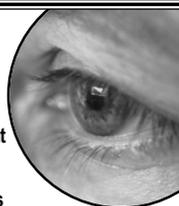
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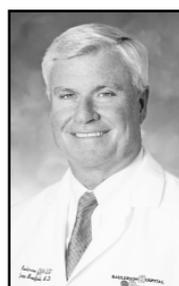
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