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## Sex offender caught with child

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

A convicted sex offender who billed himself as the 'director' of an aftercare facility for other sex offenders has been arrested for violating his probation by having contact with a child.

Officials with the Okeechobee

County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) said late Thursday, Sept. 8, that Pat Powers, 64, was arrested after he was seen leaving a local restaurant with a 2-year-old boy in his arms.

Michele Bell, a member of the OCSO Sex Offender Unit, said according to his July 2011 sex offender registration, Pow-

ers listed himself as a director of Matthew 25 Ministries. Matthew 25, which used to have three homes in Okeechobee County for convicted sex offenders, is currently running the Pelican Lake Village complex in Pahokee.



See POWERS — Page 5 **Pat Powers**



Special to the Okeechobee News/Joe and Leah Suarez

## Pie in the face fund raising

The Okeechobee High School Blazing Brahma Marching Band members took numerous pies to their faces over the Labor Day weekend at their booth in Flagler Park as part of an effort to reach their fundraising goal of \$60,000 to get to Washington, DC for the Memorial Day parade. Even Judge Jerry Bryant got in on the fun, by taking aim at Band Director Clint LaFlam (photo above left). Judge Bryant was a good sport and did allow one lucky band member, Joey Bunker, to return the favor (photo at right). Other band members who took a pie to the face included Savannah Simpson (above center) and Brittany Sain (above right). For more photos from the park online, see the Okeechobee News Facebook page.

The members of the band will be asking friends, family and community members to each donate \$20 in an effort to reach their goal, in the coming days. For more information, contact Director Clint LaFlam at OHS 462-5025.



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# Police chief honored for 25 years service

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

City of Okeechobee Police Chief Denny Davis followed his father's advice when his father told him to find something he liked and stick with it. The Okeechobee City Council recently honored Chief Davis for 25 years service to the city.

"The city has been good to me," Chief Davis said. "I have the privilege of leading one of the best departments around."

The chief also paid tribute to Larry Mobley, the police chief who hired him. "You're the reason I am standing here," Chief Davis said of Chief Mobley.

Chief Davis is a 1976 graduate of Okeechobee High School. In August of that year he became an equipment operator for the county, a job he held for 10 years while also serving as a volunteer fireman for the city.

In 1981, Chief Mobley put together a police auxiliary and asked Denny Davis to join. "I don't have any interest at all in becoming a cop," he said at that time. However, it must have grown on him. He became sergeant and then a lieutenant in the auxiliary. On Aug. 24, 1986, he became a full-time police officer.

He said that one of the first tickets he gave was to Colonel R.E. Hamrick. In the early 1900s the Okeechobee Company laid out the plat of the City of Okeechobee. Some years later when the Okeechobee Company went bankrupt, the colonel bought their assets.

The story goes that Col. Hamrick told the officer that he owned the street. It's possible the colonel only owned the reversionary rights to the street. At any rate the chief said he probably replied by saying something like, "Yes, sir, but we still have to enforce the laws on the streets."

The ticket was written around 9 or 10 a.m. At noon that day Officer Davis had lunch with his captain. The captain introduced him to his best friend. The captain's best friend was Col. Hamrick.

Chief Davis said Chief Mobley taught him to treat everyone alike and to do his job in a professional manner. The chief said that one night he had to arrest a city councilman. He feared the repercussions as he called his chief. Chief Mobley asked him if he did the job correctly and professionally. He answered "Yes" and never had any problems from the arrest. "It was



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

**At the Tuesday, Sept. 6, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council Mayor James Kirk, right, presented City of Okeechobee Police Department Chief Denny Davis, left, with a plaque honoring his 25 years of service to the city.**

a good feeling that we had a chief who backed you up."

In October of 1995 he made sergeant. In September of 1997 he made captain and in 2000 he became chief and he now supervises 26 full-time and several part-time employees.

When asked his biggest accomplishment the chief replied that everything accomplished was the result of the efforts of the entire group. He did say that training has increased over the years.

Chief Davis likes the idea of never knowing from one day to the next what is going to happen. He is not stuck in the same routine every day.

"Sometimes good people make bad choices," he said of the people he deals with. He said that sometimes what happens is the result of the positions they are in. He said that the majority of the people he has taken to jail shook his hand because he treated them with respect.

His current priority is trying to equip his subordinates to take over his job after his eventual retirement. "I think it is important to train subordinates to take your place."

Away from the police station the chief's biggest interest is probably Real Life Children's Ranch. He and his wife have been house parents there for about six years. However, his association with the ranch goes back a few years further than that. He first became acquainted with the ranch because his wife worked for the Department of Children and Families. Also some people from Real Life Children's Ranch attended the same church he did. As he went out to the ranch for different occasions he told his wife, "I've got to stay away from here. Those kids will steal my heart."

He said his objective is that the children in his care find "forever families."

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# New specialty contractor licenses considered

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Commissioners will soon be asked to approve three new specialty contractor licenses for the county and clarify wording on two existing license specifications.

At their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing Board voted to recommend to the commissioners the establishment of a

license for "Residential Window, Door and Siding Contractor." This contractor would be qualified to install, repair, replace or alter windows, doors and associated hardware and repair or replace all types of siding, soffit and fascia. This contractor would not be able to install impact glass unless state law is revised to allow for that. Currently a different type of license is required to install impact glass.

The board also recommended that the

commissioners approve a license for "Paving Brick/Paver Brick System Contractor." This contractor would be qualified to prepare the base, provide for proper drainage, to select, cut and lay paver brick/paver brick systems. This contractor would not be allowed to place or finish concrete except that which is required for the placing of the paver brick/paver brick systems.

At their last meeting the board voted to recommend approval of licensing for "As-

phalt Sealing and Coating Contractor." This contractor would be qualified to coat an existing asphaltic paving material as a sealer, which may be applied by squeegee, broom or mechanical applicator. The board also recommended changing in wording for paving and painting contractor specifications.

These proposed changes could be on the agenda for the Sept. 27 commission meeting.

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## National Elephant Center to open in Fellsmere

FELLSMERE — The National Elephant Center, a new model for excellence in elephant care and conservation, will soon break ground in central Florida.

The National Elephant Center's board of directors Thursday, filed site development permits with the City of Fellsmere to build the facility on a 225-acre site. The land currently supports a citrus grove and is surrounded by farmland.

The Center will be a professional elephant care facility focused on advancing the care of elephants in North America. A collaborative effort with support from 73 zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), The Center will:

- Support population management for North American elephants cared for in AZA-accredited zoos across the country. For example, the Center will provide a flexible habitat for bull elephants, herds and social groupings and help support the elephant programs in the 73 zoos with elephant programs;

- Serve as a centralized training facility for elephant keepers, veterinarians and others;

- Conduct and contribute to husbandry research to determine the best methods of animal care, and;

- Participate in conservation projects in partnership with accredited zoos and elephant conservationists worldwide.

"Fellsmere offers a welcoming community with a strong conservation ethic and great wildlife habitat," said Rick Barongi, chairman of The National Elephant Center and director of Houson Zoo. "We are very excited about the possibilities Fellsmere offers for elephants and look forward to joining this great community."

Previously the Center sought permits to build near the Okeechobee County line in St. Lucie County, but those plans fell through. St. Lucie County Commissioners insisted on restrictions that the National Elephant Center board found problematic. One key requirement for approval by the St. Lucie County Commissioner was the ban of use of bull hooks to control the elephants. Animal rights activists call the bull hooks cruel. Representatives of the National Elephant Center maintained that the use of bull hooks to control elephants is humane and can be neces-

sary in some situations.

Board officials noted the Fellsmere site offers excellent land conditions including good drainage and excellent habitat for elephants; close proximity to some of the most experienced elephant veterinarians in the country; and easy access in a central location. The Fellsmere area is home to fishing, birding and outdoor recreation opportunities thanks to a joint agricultural and restoration project.

"We're thrilled to welcome The National Elephant Center to our community," said Fellsmere Mayor Susan Adams. "Our residents have long admired the natural beauty here, and we know the elephants will too. The Center will be an excellent community partner for our city and our residents."

### Upcoming local Blood Drives - Give blood - Save lives!

Okeechobee Blood Drives in September are planned for

- Saturday, Sept. 10 - TD Bank, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.;
- Sunday, Sept. 11 - Golden Corral, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- Thursday, Sept. 15 - Okeechobee High School;
- Friday, Sept. 16 - Health Dept., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- Friday, Sept. 16 - Seacoast, South, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 24 - Wal-Mart 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29 - Okeechobee Correctional Institute, 12-6 p.m. This drive serves all those in the north county.

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### Boat ramp

• I was at the Henry Creek boat ramp yesterday and they did fix the boat ramp but now they have big rocks piled up on each side of the ramp and there's no place to beach your boat. Someone was taking their bass boat out and he had to pull it into the cat tails then climb up the rocks to get to his truck. Someone is going to get hurt really bad doing that especially when the people from the north come down in a few months. The rocks are also a nice place for snakes to hide.

• I liked the new ramp! Plus it has more room for parking and less margin for error on getting stuck because you may not be in the right lane trying to get your boat out when it was wide open. I guess nothing's perfect but in my opinion this is a real improvement to what it was. I had no problem getting my boat in and out and I think the rocks will really cut down on erosion when it rains again.

### Labor Day

• I really enjoyed the parade and festival on Labor Day. And congratulations to the B.R.A.T. Club for organizing the parade so well and thank you for not putting horses in front of the band. What a disaster that was last year! I saw on television they covered our Labor Day activities and actually said nice things about Okeechobee. That has to be a first. They said, "In Okeechobee, they know how to have fun." Usually the TV people don't mention Okeechobee unless it is something negative.

• Great parade. Great coverage in the paper. And great photos on the web site. Thank you. *Editor's note: Labor Day parade photos and a video from the park are on the Okeechobee News Facebook page.*

### FCAT Tests

• Could it be that many liberals don't want our children to know about what was sacrificed for their freedoms and liberties,

and what those liberties are? Many patriots of the USA gave their all and many suffered the bitterness of criticism, poverty, loss of limbs and the pain of battle for us and our future generations to enjoy the "Pursuit of Life, Liberty and Property" (someone changed Property to Happiness, to be politically correct, even though the ownership of property would make most citizens happy). Now all that our administrators demand of our well educated and caring teachers is that they teach the FCAT TEST. Our high school teachers are required to show how their classes will relate to, or improve FCAT scores, forget spending the allocated time to teach the subject. Teachers who don't comply, and actually teach, face the consequences of a poor evaluation or threat of dismissal.

• Did you know that one of the biggest culprits in our students' lack of social studies comprehension is standardized testing? Social studies in Florida and in many other states was not tested for many years because of the emphasis placed on math, reading and science. Students have actually gone through 13 years of schooling with only 2-3 years of social studies exposure. Many were placed in remedial reading or math classes instead and others went to schools that actually cut social studies out of their curriculum.

• FCAT is in no way, shape, or form a minimum basic skills test! It in no way resembles those minimum basic skills tests of the past. It asks a great deal of high-level questions and necessitates that students think critically in order to do well. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying whether it is good or bad. That would be my opinion which I am not sharing in this post. That the FCAT requires higher level thinking and that it is difficult are facts.

• All we had was SATs when I went to school, and we left school with a real education.

• Isn't it strange how back in my day, you went to school and you learned what the teacher taught or you failed class. The teacher made up the tests and graded them. Students behaved themselves in class or were punished. Classes were sometimes as many as 30 kids and the teacher had full control. Kids were respectful of teachers and most time other students, hardly ever had a fight in high school. We need to get back to those days and things like FCATs would not be necessary to find out what a kid knew because if he received a passing grade he had the basics to move on and when a senior he could pass any college entrance exam.

## Letters to the editor

### Pet Rescue says thanks

Thank you to the great volunteers who gave up their holiday weekend to help the animals at the event. We would also like to thank our community support including: Okeechobee MainStreet, Walgreens, Mom's Kitchen, Walmart, Home Depot, Hungry Howies, Golden Corral, Mid-Florida Hardware, Lucky Lanes, Hair Cuttery, Publix, Susie's Hallmark, Pueblo Viejo, Beall's Outlet, Wal-Mart/Park Street Subway, Domino's, Cowboy's, Beef O'Brady's, Arby's, Townstar, Subway, The Lodge Restaurant, Victory Lane Barber Shop, Wal-Mart/Park Street Subway, McDonalds, Hwy. 70 East - Gave Free Food for Volunteers working the event each day.

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**Today:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

**Tonight:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms before 11pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

### Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Saturday Night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. East southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

**Sunday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 11 am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.



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# County makes 'wish list' for legislative delegation

## 9/11 anniversary honored

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County citizens are being asked to observe a "moment of remem-

brance" for 1 minute at 1 p.m. on Sept. 11. That was the thrust of a resolution adopted by the Okeechobee County Commission during their Thursday, Sept. 8, meeting. Citizens are asked to mark the moment in an appropriate manner, "including ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens."

The resolution recalls the events of Sept. 11, 2001 including hijacked flights crashing into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the thwarted highjacking that resulted in another aircraft crashing near Shanksville, Pa. The resolution went on to say that nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed that day along with 343 firemen and 70 policemen.

The commission, in this resolution, "offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of Sept. 11, 2001 and honors the heroic service, actions and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, state and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks."

Some Okeechobee law enforcement and firefighters plan to gather at the flag in front of the old Okeechobee Courthouse for the moment of remembrance. Community members are welcome to join them there.

It's that time of year again for the commission to present a wish list to the Okeechobee County Legislative Delegation. At their meeting commissioners discussed several projects they would like to see funded. The idea of a multi-use building at the fairground that could be used as a hurricane shelter

was brought up. Commissioners also talked about redevelopment of Okee Tantie Campground and Marina. As for highway projects, commissioners were in favor of the widening of S.R. 70 and the extension of S.R. 710 from S.R. 70 to U.S. 441. Commissioners also favored several issues that affect rural counties. They were in favor of fair representation, job creation, small business assistance, relief from unfunded mandates, a higher portion of taxes and compensation for property taken off the tax rolls. At their next meeting the commissioners will probably adopt a resolution incorporating these ideas.

In other items, commissioners granted a request from the South Florida Water Management District Board of Governors to hold a meeting in the commission chambers June 14, 2012. In order to grant this request, commissioners moved their regular meeting from June 14 to June 7.

In keeping with the county's policy of reusing old ambulance bodies, the commission approved the purchase of a 2012 International 4300 LP cab and chassis and agreed to remount an old ambulance body onto this chassis. The total cost approved for the chassis and the remounting is \$125,112.

## City employees to get 3% hike

### City council votes against change in law restricting Sunday alcohol sales

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

There will be no Sunday sales of mixed drinks and hard liquor in city restaurants. After a lot of soul searching, the Okeechobee City Council, at their Tuesday, Sept. 6, meeting defeated a proposed ordinance that would allow such sales. As part of the budget hearing held in conjunction with the regular meeting the council voted to give city employees a 3 percent longevity increase.

Rev. Randy Huckabee, Pastor of First Baptist Church, spoke against the proposed ordinance. He compared the proposed ordinance to "stepping up to a precipice." He said the bulk of restaurant customers on Sunday were church goers. He added that after 35 years as a counselor, he saw no good from alcohol. While the minister preferred that the city be completely alcohol free, he felt the present ordinance banning Sunday sales was a good compromise.

Last month, when the matter first came up, Councilman Dowling Watford was leaning toward approval even though it went against his personal convictions. He has since changed his mind. "I've really struggled with this one," Mr. Watford said. He said that often there is a struggle between what is legal and what is moral. He said he had been contacted by many people and none of them were in favor of the ordinance.

Councilman Clayton Williams read into the record a letter he had received from a lady whose husband was killed by a drunk driver. "I'm against it," said Councilman Williams. "I see no good in it. I hope the council will vote the high road and not the ditch."

While he said he respected dissenting beliefs, Councilman Devin Maxwell said the decision should be based on the best interest of the community as a whole. He said it was difficult to know public opinion. He favored being consistent with the county ordinance that does allow Sunday alcohol sales in restaurants.

Mayor James Kirk also said he received a lot of calls and none were in favor of the proposed ordinance. "I've wrestled with this more than any ordinance that has come up." The mayor said he had spent much "thought, meditation and prayer" on the issue.

The vote to approve the proposed ordinance was defeated by 2-3 vote with councilmen Mike O'Connor and Devin Maxwell voting in favor.

In a related matter the council took no action on a proposal to allow the sale of beer and wine in Flagler Park on special occasions. The mayor read into the record a letter from the Hamrick Trust, the owner of the park, that urged disapproval.

"I'm opposed to any kind of alcohol in the park," Mayor Kirk said.

Councilman Maxwell held an opposing view. "I believe having community events in our park is fundamental," he said. "I support flexibility in the use of our park."

Turning to the budget, the council held the first public hearing on the proposed budget and millage rate. They gave tentative approval to a millage rate of 7.7432. This millage rate, which takes into effect decreasing property values and new construction is calculated to bring 2.03 percent less money into the city than last year's millage rate. Therefore some city taxpayers might see a reduction in their tax bill. One mil equals \$1 in property taxes for every \$1,000 of assesses value.

There was some discussion about longevity pay for city employees. The proposed budget already contained a 1.5 percent longevity increase. By a 3-2 vote the city council approved a 3 percent increase in longevity pay. Councilmen Watford and Williams were against the additional 1.5 percent.

"I think it's the right thing to do," Councilman O'Connor said. "They deserve it."

Councilman Watford noted that in private business, employees would not get any kind of increase. "We've all got to be better stewards of our money," said Councilman Williams.

With the additional 1.5 percent increase the total proposed budget is roughly \$5,280,000. The proposed millage rate will generate \$1,747,752. The difference between that amount and the budget total will be made up from other revenue sources such as permit fees, fines and forfeitures, and the city's share of various state taxes plus about \$400,000 will be transferred from reserves.

A second public hearing before adoption of the budget will be held on Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. in the council chambers.

In other business, Councilman Watford gave an update regarding the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities. He said that this year the organization gave \$1,000 to each of the four counties in the league for civic education. They also gave \$40,000 to New Horizons, a drug rehabilitation program and \$6,000 for Google advertising for the Florida's Research Coast to promote new business in the area.

The mayor recognized Okeechobee Police Chief Denny Davis for 25 years service to the city.

## POWERS

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Matthew 25, which is headed up by Reverend R.D. Witherow, offers programs for convicted offenders such as anger management, boundaries, life skills and how to handle their personal finances. In some cases, the ministry helps them get their high school diplomas.

According to Mrs. Bell and OCSO Detective M.D. Faulkner, Powers routinely received permission from his probation officer in Palm Beach County to travel to Okeechobee to see his doctor.

PBSO detectives followed Powers from Pahokee to Okeechobee Thursday and saw him visit his doctor. After that visit, they followed him to a local fast food restaurant where he was seen leaving some time later with the boy in his arms.

Powers, who was convicted of two counts of lewd and lascivious assault on a child under 16 and two counts of sexual performance by a child in Manatee County, was sent to prison Feb. 26, 1991. He was then released Sept. 15, 2002. Mrs. Bell said the former racquetball teacher in Bradenton was then placed on 55 years probation.

One of the conditions of his probation was that he could have no contact with children.

"We did confirm that he was meeting children in Okeechobee County, and had been for several years," said Detective Faulkner. "He would contact their mother or father and ask them if they wanted to meet him for lunch."

After allegedly meeting with the child and his family Thursday, Powers was followed back to Pahokee where he was then placed under arrest. He was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail in Belle Glade later that same day.

Mrs. Bell explained that Powers will likely be sent back to Manatee County, where he was originally arrested and placed on probation. He could also be returned to prison to serve out whatever time remains on his original sentence.

Mrs. Bell said his victims were both male and female, and were between the ages of 11 and 15.

Detective Faulkner said he interviewed the local child's family, who told him that they had been meeting with Powers for at least two years. The detective said it's unknown at this time if the child, or any other Okeechobee child, had been sexually molested by Powers.

When Powers was in Okeechobee he lived at 2587 S.E. 63rd Court where Matthew 25 Ministries owned a home and a mobile home. While there he counseled and ministered other sex offenders who had just been released from prison.

Matthew 25 also had a rented home at 7272 N.W. 81st Court in Dixie Ranch Acres.

But not long after Okeechobee County adopted an ordinance prohibiting two or more sexual offenders from living together in one house—unless married with children—Rev. Witherow moved his Okeechobee operation to Pahokee.

According to Mrs. Bell, there are currently 88 registered offenders living in Okeechobee County. She said five of those are in the Okeechobee County Jail, while two of the 88 are juveniles and another seven are listed as sexual predators.

If Powers has had contact with you or any of your family members, Detective Faulkner asks that you contact him at 863-763-3117.

If you have any questions about sex offenders or predators, contact Mrs. Bell at 863-763-3117.

Detective Faulkner said this case is still under investigation locally.

## Community Events

### Shared Services to hold Exec. Roundtable meeting

The Executive Roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will conduct its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 9**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board Office. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, Ext. 257.

### Fundraiser planned to help local dying man

Flower Petals is sponsoring a benefit for a local man with stage 4 bone cancer. His name is Jim Dwyer, formerly of JD Dog Training. Jim has lived in Okeechobee for over 16 years and is an Air Force Veteran. He is unable to work as his cancer is very aggressive. Our fundraiser consists of the antique pictures of children. The photographer will bring clothing (up to a child's size 16) and all the props. The Hampton Inn has generously donated a meeting room for the location and it will be held **Sept. 9-10**. Coupons for sittings must be purchased in advance. The cost is \$10 per family and includes a FREE 10X13 photo. Other photos will be available for purchase. Anyone wishing to do so can earn free picture packages, helping themselves and a very good cause. For more information please contact Lisa or Pat at one of the following numbers: 863-763-5051, 863-634-6985, or 863-634-7994.

### Church hosting free movie

Grace Brethren Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have a free family movie night Friday, **Sept. 9**, 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 family, her sheer determination and unswerving faith. The film features an all star cast, including Anna Sophia Cobb, Helen Hunt, Carrie Underwood in her film debut and Dennis Quaid.

### Church to deliver lunches

Believers Fellowship Church Ladies Ministry Group will deliver sub sandwiches to local businesses on Friday, **Sept. 9**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If your business would like to have lunch delivered, please call 762-2938 or 634-4327.

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## Obituaries

*Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing [obits@newszap.com](mailto: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](http://www.newszap.com).*

### Eva Mae Williams, 102

OKEECHOBEE — On Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011, Eva Mae Williams went home to be with her Lord. Just weeks shy of her 103 birthday, Eva Mae was the patriarch of the Williams family.

She was born on her family's farm in Spring Valley, Highlands County Florida on Sept. 19, 1908. A fourth generation-born Floridian, she was from a true pioneer family with her great-great-grandfather moving to the Crewsville area in the early 1800's. Born to Rev. Walter and Penelope Morgan Whidden, she and her family moved to Okeechobee in 1939 as the family had expanded their 101 Ranch into the area. Her father Walter was the pastor of Okeechobee Church of God in 1930-31. Mrs. Williams became part of another pioneer family when she and Zibe King Williams were married on May 7, 1927. She and her husband were ranchers throughout their working lives.

Mrs. Williams was very active in Okeechobee's early days through her church, the Eastern Star, the American Cancer Society and the local school system. She loved art and traveled the United States and Europe extensively taking art classes after her children were grown. In addition to her art she loved to fish and hunt, especially turkey hunting in the cabbage woods. She was always dragging some grandchild along for the hunt.

Mrs. Williams was honored in 1992 being named Ms. Diamond Jubilee as part of the 75th Anniversary of Okeechobee County. She and her husband raised a large family with many still in the area. Three generations of her descendants have graduated from Okeechobee High School, with a fourth generation currently enrolled.

Preceded in death by her parents and husband, she was also preceded by an infant son, Paul; her son, W. H. Bill Williams; son-in-law, Alec Fulford; and great-grandson, Carson Williams. She is survived by her son, Haynes (Susan) Williams; daughters, Grace (Joel) Taylor, Wanda Sue (Larry) Wolford, Mary Helen Fulford, and Betty (David) Hazellief; and daughter-in-law, Paula Williams. In addition to her children, she is survived by 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Services for Mrs. Williams will begin with the family receiving friends today, Sept. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. at the Okeechobee Church of God.

Friends may sign the guestbook at [www.bassokeechobeeFH.com](http://www.bassokeechobeeFH.com).

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.



### Maurine 'Granny' Gunn, 98

THOMPSONVILLE, Ill. — Maurine "Granny" Gunn, 98, of Thompsonville, passed away at 12 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2011, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 17, 1913, in West Frankfort to Henry Speers and Dollie (Clark) Speers. She married Paul Gunn and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include two grandsons, James L. Gunn Jr. of Thompsonville and Scott Gunn of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; three granddaughters, Vicki Lynn Blades and husband, Curt of Thompsonville, Tammy Sue Gunn Escue and husband, Barry of Homestead, Fl. and Kim Gunn of Atlanta, Ga.; great-grandchildren, Chad Blades, Heather Rickmond, Trevor Bechtold, Derrick Bechtold, Thomas Gunn and Jared Gunn; two great-great-grandchildren, Allie Blades and Zoey Rickmond; a special niece, Joyce Meisman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Gunn; son, James L. Gunn Sr. and a sister Lorene Baldwin.

She was a member of the Second Baptist Church in West Frankfort and a former member of the Eastern Star.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at the Parker - Reedy Funeral Home in West Frankfort with Bill Perry officiating. Burial will be in the East Fork Cemetery East of West Frankfort. Visitation will be after 9 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital For Children Burn Center or Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

For more information or to sign the guest register visit [www.parkerreedyfuneralhome.com](http://www.parkerreedyfuneralhome.com).

### Michael Joseph Gelatka Sr., 74

OKEECHOBEE — Michael Joseph Gelatka Sr., of Okeechobee, 74, died Sept. 8, 2011.

Born in Montville, N.J., he retired after 28 years with the Ft. Lauderdale Police Dept., his last years spent in Crime Scene Investigation and Hit & Run.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Pat; daughter, Lorraine (Mark); son, Michael Jr. (Angela); grandson, Alexander Joseph; sister, Rosemarie Dankowski; and brother, Joseph Gelatka.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Sophie Gelatka; and a brother, Robert.

He loved his family, gardening and orchids. There will be no services. A gathering of friends will be held at a later date.

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.bassokeechobeeFH.com](http://www.bassokeechobeeFH.com)

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



### William Wayne Burton, 78

OKEECHOBEE — William Wayne Burton, 78, of Okeechobee, passed away Sept. 4, 2011, at the Hamrick Home.

He was born in McClure, Ill., Aug. 15, 1933, to Amos Earl Burton and Nora Frances Gore and moved to South Florida in 1956. Okeechobee was always his home, with his roots going back to 1897 when his grandparents settled in Basinger. He relocated from Pompano to Okeechobee permanently in

1975. He was a 32 degree Mason and Potentate of Amara Temple in 1985. He was also a Kentuck Colonel. He attended school in Okeechobee for a short time. He was a land developer and entrepreneur, owning many businesses during his lifetime (OKTire, Burton's Electric Motors, J & D Construction Old River Run RV Park all in Okeechobee). He never sought notoriety for the many charitable endeavors he and his family engaged in. He loved to hunt, fish, and spend time with his family.

Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his parents, Amos Earl and Nora Frances Burton; and his sister, Oma Earlene Burton.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Burton; his sons, John and Dan Burton; granddaughters, Amanda Burton Williams (Matt) and Rebecca Lane Burton (Travis); step grandson, Zachary Williams; cousin, Mike Burton, Karen and Katie; and many extended relatives.

Visitation will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, until services at 3 p.m. at Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Rev. Raymond Oxford officiating. Interment will take place at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

Friends may sign the guest book at [www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com](http://www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com)

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# Orange County fugitive arrested in Okeechobee

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A man wanted on violent felony warrants out of Orange County has been captured without incident in the Four Seasons area of Okeechobee County.

Timothy James Henderson, 37, was taken into custody Tuesday, Sept. 6, around 11:30 p.m.

After receiving information on Henderson's whereabouts from a local citizen,

members of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Street Crimes Unit and detectives from the OCSO Criminal Investigations Division caught Henderson as he was leaving some woods in the 200 block of S.E. 66th Drive.

Henderson is wanted in Orange County on felony charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, carjacking with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment. An arrest warrant charging him with violation of pro-

bation - aggravated battery has also been issued by authorities in Orange County.

"We have been looking for this man, and hearing that he was in our county, for about two months. Once again, a citizen has gotten involved and given us information that led directly to his arrest," said Sheriff Paul May. "My officers and I appreciate the citizens of this county. My officers did a good job with this tip, and were able to



Timothy J. Henderson

apprehend a dangerous and wanted criminal."

According to OCSO Public Information Officer Michele Bell, Henderson has been living in those woods and would come out at night to get food and water. She also said he was "eaten up" with mosquito bites at the time of his arrest.

Henderson is being held without bond in the Okeechobee County Jail. He will remain there until Orange County authorities come to pick him up.

## 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).

- Dustin Lorenz, 19, N.W. Center Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 2 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Josephine Martinez, 43, N.W. Third St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 2 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on a charge of driving under the influence. Her bond was set at \$250.

- Robert Carson Parker Jr., 43, N.W. 27th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 2 by Deputy Matthew Hurst on a Palm Beach County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of methamphetamine. He is being held without bond.

- Cory Blake Pethybridge, 22, S.W. 10th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 2 by Deputy Corporal Chris Hans on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. He is being held without bond on that charge. Pethybridge was later arrested by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on a Glades County warrant charging him with violation of probation - grand theft and violation of probation - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond on those charges.

- Joshua Paul Donaldson, 27, 43rd Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Sept. 3 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a charge of violation of probation - lewd and lascivious battery on a victim 12-15 years of age. He is being held without bond.

- Jeremy Wade Selvey, 30, N.W. 141st St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 3 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of cocaine, violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia and violation of probation - driving while license suspended/revoked. He is being held without bond.

- Thomas Alan Pulliam, 63, S.E. 34th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 4 by Officer Belen Reyna on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

- Noreen Marie Carnley, 41, S.E. 34th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 4 by Officer Bryan Enderle on a charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Ranferi Hernandez-Calvillo, 26, N.E. 32nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

- Halston Dior Patterson, 30, N.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 6 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (suboxone). His bond was set at \$5,000.

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.

**Editor's Note:** On July 20 Rodney McClure, 25, was arrested on a felony charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person. According to Assistant State Attorney Stephanie Tew she filed paperwork on Aug. 11 stating that she would not file charges against Mr. McClure, and the case against him has been dropped.

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# Okeechobee teen kidnapped & robbed

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee 18 year old had gone to visit his girlfriend in Tampa and was driving back home when he stopped to fuel up and get a drink at a Bartow Circle K Sunday morning.

Polk County Sheriff Deputies said the young man became the victim of a crime.

Robbery detectives said the victim was followed into and out of the store by an unknown black male who asked him questions, claimed he had a gun, and demanded he be driven to an undisclosed location.

A press release from the Sheriffs Office said the suspect put a gun covered with a white towel to the victim's back and rode as the passenger in the victim's vehicle to Avenue V in Winter Haven. The victim was robbed of his cash and cell phone and the suspect fled on foot.



**An unknown black male followed the teen out of the store and demanded to be taken to an unknown location**

The suspect was described as between 5'9" and 5'11" tall, no facial hair, with crooked teeth and a medium to large build.

The Heartland Crime Stoppers offered a reward for the arrest and conviction of this suspect.

# No seat belt leads to felony drug arrest

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A man was arrested on felony drug charges after he was stopped on S.R. 710 because a passenger in the car he was driving was not wearing a seat belt.



**Scott Michael Gabor**

Scott Michael Gabor, 42, S.E. 59th Drive, was arrested Wednesday, Sept. 7, on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and introduction of contraband into a detention facility. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Gabor is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$10,500.

An arrest report by Deputy Brian Cross, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

(OCSO), stated that he stopped the black 1995 Jeep Cherokee driven by Gabor in the 4000 block of S.R. 710.

Deputy Cross said he asked for, and received, permission to search the sports utility vehicle. During his search he allegedly found one, 30 mg oxycodone pill wrapped up in a \$1 bill.

Gabor was then taken to the county jail and a glass pipe with wire mesh was found in his boot during a search of his person, added the deputy's report.

According to Deputy Cross, wire mesh is commonly used when smoking crack cocaine.

The deputy's report went on to state that a residue inside the pipe was field tested and that test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.

Deputy Cross went on to state that he issued the passenger with Gabor a warning citation for not wearing his seat belt.

# Dewberry Gardens fire guts trailer home

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The State Fire Marshall worked over the Labor Day weekend to determine the cause of a fire on Sept. 2, that ripped through a double-wide trailer at 3748 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee County Fire Rescue reported.

Lt. Ron Suit said \$40,000 in property damage was done to the property and \$15,000 to family belongings and valuables inside the home. The first alarm came in at 1:40 a.m.

The fire report said five units and nine

firemen spent close to four hours at the scene of the blaze at the Linda Carnley residence. Okeechobee City Firemen provided mutual aid and approximately 2,000 gallons of water was used.

Lt. Suit said the mobile home was engulfed when firemen arrived, "The double-wide was about 50-percent involved when we arrived. The fire crews attacked the fire in the living room and adjoining rooms and nobody was home."

The Okeechobee Office of the American Red Cross assisted firemen and the family at the scene, the report added.

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# OHS cross country season preview

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School cross country team might be at a crossroads in the program's history. While the Brahman boys team has had steady success over the past few years, the girls squad has lagged behind. This year it appears the girls have finally gotten to the boys' level and the boys will try and keep their winning tradition going.

Coach Julie Bohannon said the boys team has a few questions about depth as they lost two great seniors in Mauro Dominguez and Shawn Horvath. She hopes runners like Phillip Suarez and Erick Garcia will help fill the void.

"I'm really excited to see what they can do. They are a young bunch and we have a lot of new runners," she said.

The girls squad had three solid runners led by last year's MVP Tabatha Henry. Coach Bohannon said the girls really train hard together and want to go on to region and state competition.

"This is probably the first time we have an honest chance to go to region and states with these girls," she added.

In the past the girls team has lagged behind in numbers and interest but Bohannon said she has seen a change. Most of the runners on the squad this year are freshmen and sophomores so the future appears to be bright.

The toughest opponent in districts should be South Fork for the girl's squad.

"The girls have potential now. I'm really excited to see what they can do in a year or two," she said.

The boys will have to get by top teams like Martin County if they want to go on to regional and state competition. They have done it in the past and should once again be in the mix this year.

"Last year was hard as the team really wanted to go to state and didn't make it. We have a strong tradition. We hope to pull through this year and get that done," she said.

The cross country team opens their season with a meet on Friday night in Martin County.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
(top photo) The OHS girls cross country team has high hopes for the 2011 season. (bottom photo) Phillip Suarez far right, hopes to lead a young boys cross country team this year.

## Gold Tee winners

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee Winners for last week were:

First place - J. Masters; second place tie - D. Burdshaw and V. Johnson; and, third place - H. Shelkie.

## Brahmans face Desoto Bulldogs

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's football team will face a tricky speed Wing-T offense presented courtesy of the Desoto Bulldogs from Arcadia tonight at Brahman stadium.

The Desoto offense is based on speed, traps, dive plays, reverses, and keeping a defense off balance and should provide a good test for the Brahman's young defense.

Justin Richardson will be the Bulldogs top ground threat. He rushed for 79 yards in a 9-7 loss to Sebring last Friday.

The Bulldogs also will use two signal callers in Kavarius Polk and Kari Williams.

Brahman Coach Myron Jackson said he was very impressed with the Bulldogs speed and has emphasized the need for his defense to contain the Bulldogs and prevent big plays.

"We must be disciplined and not allow cut back lanes. I don't think we can compete with their speed and we won't catch them from behind," he noted.

Cedrick Jackson will provide a test for the Brahman offensive line. The senior defensive end had 12 tackles, seven of them unassisted, and a QB sack against Sebring. The Bulldogs also feature solid and hard hitting linebackers.

Jackson said if his players continue to take care of their own assignments and play as fast as they can, the Brahmans should be okay in this game.

"We want to keep them in long yardage situations and stop both their short passing game and running game," Jackson added.

The Brahmans will try to build on the 145 yards in rushing they had against Gulliver Prep. They also have done a good job holding onto the football with only one turnover this year.

On the injury front, Alex Guido will return from a broken hand to play on the offensive line tonight. Jose Santibanez remains on injured reserve with a broken ankle.

Coach Jackson also praised his young wide receiver Eddie Neal who caught two passes in the fourth quarter against Sebring. Zachary Wingfield was limited by a shoulder injury last week.

"E.J. is too good an athlete to leave on the sidelines. We need to find a place where he can contribute for us," Jackson said.

The kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Brahman stadium. The Brahman JV game scheduled for Tuesday night against St. Lucie West Centennial was postponed.



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# Wildlife refuge and conservation area proposed

Kissimmee, Fla. — As part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Sept. 7, formally proposed the establishment of a new national wildlife refuge and conservation area in the Kissimmee River Valley, south of Orlando, Fla., to preserve one of the last remaining grassland and longleaf pine savanna landscapes in eastern North America.

Building on the conservation work of private landowners, state and federal conservation agencies, conservation groups, and the public, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposal is a strong example of how conservation partners are working to preserve the area's rich ranching heritage and way of life, while protecting the headwaters of the Everglades in the Kissimmee River Basin and connecting valuable habitats benefiting the area's rich fish and wildlife resources.

"We established the America's Great Outdoors initiative to help support the efforts of local communities, private landowners and other key stakeholders to protect working lands and signature landscapes like the northern Everglades," Secretary Salazar said. "This initiative honors the stewardship

of generations of Florida cattle ranchers and other landowners who understood that we all have a stake in preserving the health of our land, water, and wildlife. This proposal, which will continue to be shaped by the local communities and landowners, will help protect both the ranching traditions in the area and the wildlife that call this area home. The establishment of this refuge promotes one of our key Everglades restoration goals, which is to restore habitat and protect species."

Two-thirds of the proposed Everglades Headwaters National Wildlife Refuge and Conservation Area, or up to 100,000 acres, would be protected through conservation easements purchased from willing sellers. Private landowners would retain ownership of their land, as well as the right to work the land to raise cattle or crops. The easements would ensure the land could not be developed.

The Service would also purchase up to 50,000 acres outright from willing sellers to create the proposed national wildlife refuge where visitors could hunt, fish and view wildlife. The Service has identified six areas where these refuge lands could potentially

be purchased. In some cases, the refuge acquisitions would augment existing conservation lands, such as state parks and wildlife management areas.

Today's announcement builds on several other key conservation priorities championed by Secretary Salazar as part of the America's Great Outdoor initiative, and developed with the input of private landowners, conservation stakeholders, and state, local and tribal elected officials, including:

- The proposed Dakota Grassland Conservation Area, which will conserve prairie landscapes, wildlife resources and working lands in the Prairie Pothole Region, an area that supports more than half of the nation's migratory waterfowl;
- The successful community-based conservation initiatives taking place in the Crown of the Continent, a vast and intact landscape that includes portions of northwestern Montana as well as British Columbia and Alberta; and
- The 1-million-acre Flint Hills Legacy Conservation Area in Kansas – the first new unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System established under the Obama administration.

A preliminary proposal for the project first announced in January 2011. By the end of March, the Service had held four public meetings and received more than 38,000 comments. The public input was used to refine the proposal.

Details of the proposal, including maps, are in a Draft Land Protection Plan and Environmental Assessment that can be viewed at: <http://www.fws.gov/southeast/evergladesheadwaters>.

During the six-week public review and comment period that ends Oct. 24, 2011, the Service will host two additional public meetings to answer questions and gather comments. The first hour of each meeting will be in an informal open-house format, during which the Service and its partners will present information and answer questions. Following that, the session will be in a formal public hearing format. Speakers will sign up to speak and will be given a specified time limit in which to offer comments.

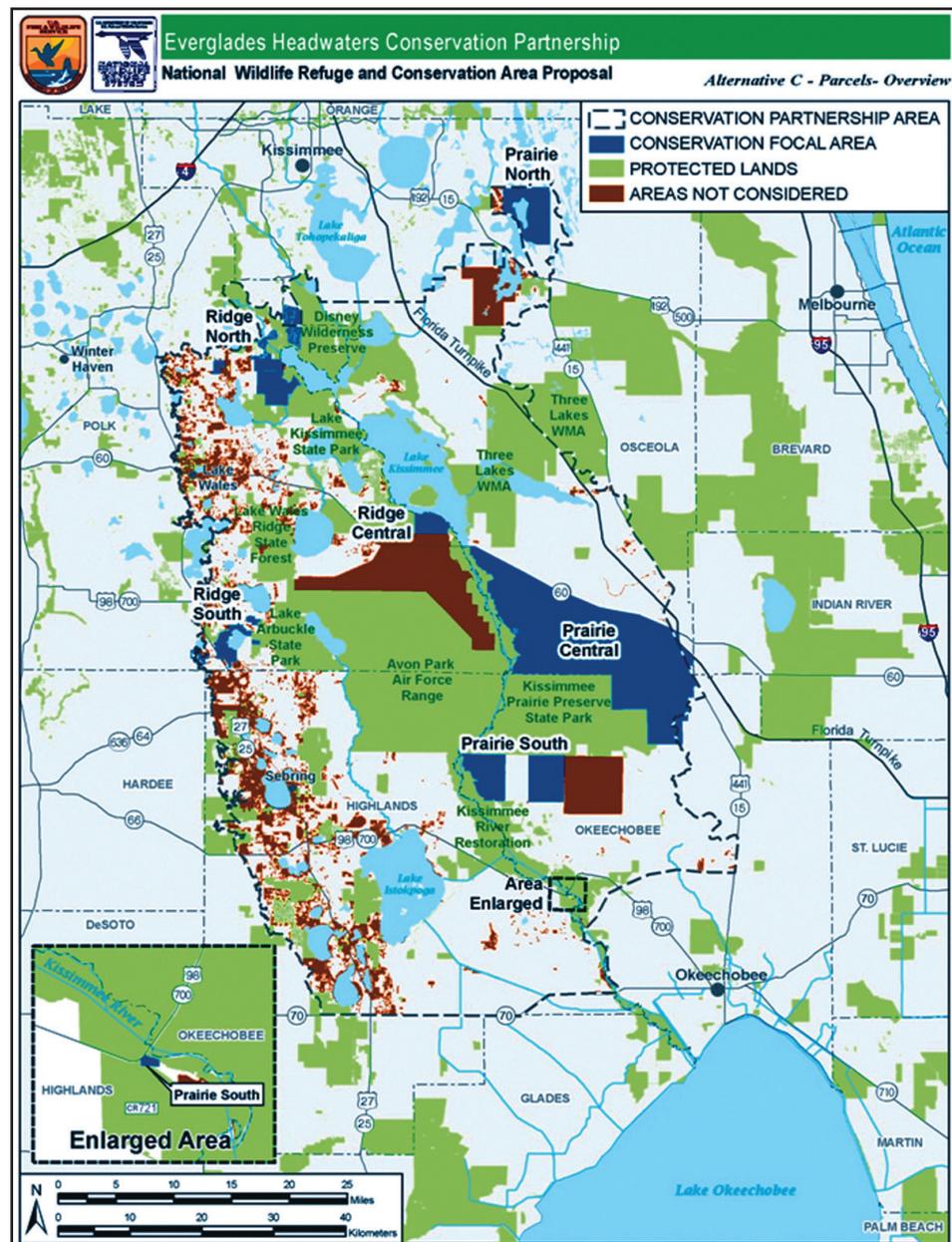
The public meetings are scheduled for:

- 1 – 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, in the South Florida Community College Theatre for the Performing Arts, 600 W. College Drive, Avon Park.

- 1 – 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, Osceola Heritage Park, The Exhibition Building – Hall A, 1901 Chief Osceola Trail, Kissimmee.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Proposed Everglades Headwaters NWR and Conservation Area:

- By email to [EvergladesHeadwatersProposal@fws.gov](mailto:EvergladesHeadwatersProposal@fws.gov);
- By mail to P.O. Box 2683, Titusville, FL 32781-2683;
- By fax to 321-861-1276.



Okeechobee News/Diane Timmons

## Tour of Sebring

Phyllis Shumate and Tom Timmons from Okeechobee, participated in the 29th Annual Tour of Sebring cycling event held at the Kenilworth Lodge over the Labor Day weekend. Over 350 cyclists from around the state and several nearby states participated in organized rides ranging from 10 to 100 miles in length each of the three days. The event is sponsored by the Highlands Pedalers Bicycle Club each year.

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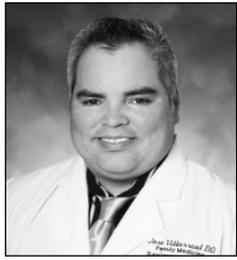
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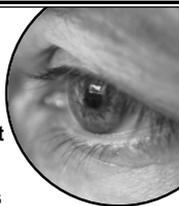
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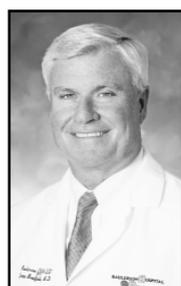
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# Walmart helps Osceola Middle School teachers

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Walmart donated 10 gift certificates of \$100 a piece so Osceola Middle School teachers can purchase school supplies for their classrooms.

Store Co-Manager Erin O'Neal said associates at the store voted to assist Osceola this year with the national Teacher Rewards Program.

Walmart and Sam's Club invested \$4.5 million in America's Teachers as they provided 45,000 gift cards to help teachers with classroom expenses nationwide.

Mr. O'Neal said the average teacher spends \$500 out of their own pockets for school supplies annually and another \$300 for food for their students.

"Our teachers care for their students. These teachers make sacrifices from school

supplies to feeding a hungry student so they can concentrate," he added, "The Teacher Rewards program is our way of saying thank you. I see many of these teachers on a regular basis in our store and we want to pay back what we can. We believe this will make an impact."

Teachers can use the funds to purchase paper, folders, binders, clipboards, pens, pencils, crayons, markers and other supplies.

Mr. O'Neal said he wished he had gift cards for every teacher because he appreciates the work they do for the future leaders of Okeechobee.

Osceola Principal Sean Downing said he knows that teachers go above and beyond to help their kids and that their hard work is making a difference. He said he appreciated Walmart and all the local businesses that help his school.

"It is very nice to be recognized by our local organizations and companies. It motivates our teachers in so many ways," he added.

Mr. Downing said School Administrators realize these tough economic times sometimes lead to kids without the proper supplies. He said the schools realize the extent of the program.

"When kids are hungry they are not able to pay attention to what is going on in their class. Teachers do reach into their own pockets quite a bit," he added.

Sixth grade math teacher Kimberly Col-

lins was one of the lucky teachers to receive a gift card. She said teachers spend at least \$500 if not more on school supplies each year, "I'm very excited. I'm glad to know that Walmart recognizes what we do. So many of our kids are missing things and they do have needs so this will definitely help out."

Each Walmart store can select one elementary or middle school in their area to assist each year. In 2010, Walmart and its Foundation gave more than \$89 million to fund educational, health and children's programs to help students.



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Teacher Delores Torres was one of 10 teachers who received Walmart gift cards for school supplies. Also pictured are Wal-Mart Okeechobee Supercenter Co-Manager Erin O'Neal and Osceola Middle School Principal Sean Downing (left).



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Osceola Middle School officials are pleased with the support from Walmart. Front row are (left to right): Sean Downing, Amanda Baker, Sherry Wise, Kimberly Collins, Angie Achong, Delores Torres, Sony Smith and Erin O'Neal. Back row: Richard Boggs, Jane Stough, Linda McGlamory and Amorita Leonard.

## Okeechobee County School Board Annual Report 2011 School Year

### Students Scoring at Level 1 and Level 2 on the Reading Portion of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)

Grade	Total Number Tested	Number Scoring At Level 1	Percent Scoring at Level 1	Number Scoring at Level 2	Percent Scoring At Level 2	Number Scoring at Levels 1 and 2	Percent Scoring at Levels 1 and 2
3	529	106	20	85	16	191	36
4	513	108	21	92	18	200	39
5	491	113	23	98	20	211	43
6	499	100	20	115	23	215	43
7	497	89	18	99	20	188	38
8	526	121	23	158	30	279	53
9	481	139	29	159	33	298	62
10	413	173	42	112	27	285	69

### Students Retained (not promoted) in Grades 3 through 10

Grade	Number Retained	End-of-Year Membership	Percent Retained
3	38	533	7
4	4	522	0.7
5	4	499	0.8
6	4	503	0.7
7	7	507	0.13
8	5	547	0.9
9	46	505	9
10	47	474	9.9

### Number of Students Promoted for Good Cause

ELL Students with less than 2 years in ESOL	Students with Disabilities (SWD) not tested on FCAT per IEP	Students passing on alternative assessment	Students demonstrating proficiency through portfolio	SWD retained once with 2+ years of remediation	Students retained twice with 2+ years of remediation	Total Promoted with cause
7	8	19	0	40	4	78

# Hallstrom Planetarium plans open house

Kicking off the new Indian River State College Hallstrom Planetarium season is a free Star Party and Open House at the planetarium on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Fort Pierce. The event will feature a preview of the new season's program, as well as guided tours of the night sky through telescopes (weather permitting), courtesy of

the Treasure Coast Astronomical Society. The planetarium's Starlight Series 2011-2012 begins in October with the galactic show, Autumn Skies: Pegasus and the Celestial Sea. Audiences will enjoy a fascinating introduction to the constellations, stars and planets of the Fall nighttime sky, featuring the Great Square of Pegasus in the part of the sky known as the Celestial Sea.

**Autumn Skies:** Pegasus and the Celestial Sea will be presented on Oct. 14 & 15, Oct. 28 & 29, and Nov. 18 & 19. Planetarium show times are Friday evenings at 7 and 8 p.m., and Saturday afternoons at 1 and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and may be purchased at the IRSC Box Office at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center or by calling 1-800-220-9915 with VISA, Discover, American Express, or MasterCard or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu). Planetarium shows are recommended for adults and for children over the age of four. The Hallstrom planetarium's temperature is maintained at 72 degrees and visitors may want to bring a light jacket or sweater.

# Hendry Motorsports Park to host 9-11 tribute night

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strangers needed them and they were there for them. As the days have now turned into years we will never forget.

On Saturday night Sept. 10, the Hendry County Motorsports park will pay tribute to those who gave their lives selflessly on Sept. 11, 2001. All, fire dept., sheriff, police, military, state troopers, FWC, any emergency services personnel will get in absolutely free. There will be a special performance from American Rescue Party 343 Inc., and a special 30 lap Street Stock 9/11 Tribute Race. Also racing will be Open Wheel Modifieds, Mod Minis, Pure Stocks, Sportsman, Limited Lates, Mini Stocks, V-8 Bombers, Kids bike races, and The Ladies Powder Puffs. Front gate admission is only \$5, kids 12 and under are also admitted free. Gates open at 4 p.m. Racing starts at 7 p.m. For more information go to our web site [www.hendryracing.com](http://www.hendryracing.com).

# History essay contests announced

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Grades 5 - 8 are invited to pretend that they were alive during the War of 1812 and

had a friend who has become famous in history because of standing up for America during that exciting and dangerous time. The Title of the Essay: "Young America Takes A Stand: The War of 1812." Length of essay, Grade 5 - 300-600 words; Grades 6-8 - 600-1000 words.

Contest rules have been provided to Okeechobee schools. Private, parochial, and home schooled students are invited to participate. For copies of rules and further information contact, Susan H. George at 863-763-0266. Deadline for submission Friday, Dec. 15, 2011.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**2011TD089**  
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Certificate No: 2915 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: COM AT THE 1/4 SEC COR OF THE W BDRY LINE OF SEC 17 THENCE S 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC E, A DIST OF 180 FT; THENCE N 00 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC E, A DIST OF 662 FT; THENCE S 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC E, A DIST OF 600 FT; THENCE N 00 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC E, A DIST OF 100 FT TO THE POB THENCE S 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC E, A DIST OF 200 FT; THENCE S 00 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC W, A DIST OF 100 FT; THENCE N 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC W, A DIST OF 200 FT TO THE POB.

1-17-37-36-0A00-00003-102D Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CATHY PEERY JAMES PEERY

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 20th day of October, 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 than 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. 396880 ON 9/9,16,23,30/2011

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**PROBATE DIVISION** File No. 2011 CP 134 Division: PROBATE

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HUGH H. BRANCH, JR., Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of HUGH H. BRANCH, JR., deceased, whose date of death was August 6, 2011, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is September 2, 2011.

Attorney for Personal Representative ALBERT J. GAMOT, P.A. 2701 PGA Blvd., Suite C Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Telephone: 561-832-5500 By: Albert J. Gamot Jr. Florida Bar No. 123165

Personal Representative: Hugh H. Branch Sr. 2801 Bacom Point Road Pahokee, FL 33476 By:

Hugh H. Branch Sr. 396574 ON 9/2,9/2011

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2010 CA 236**

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, vs. AMY STEPHAN, et. al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 2, 2011, entered in Case No. 2010-CA-236 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff and Amy Stephan, Rick Stephan, Roxanne McElroy, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, or any Unknown Claimant by, through, under, or against Georgene M. Potter a/k/a Georgene Marie Potter, deceased, are the Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 at 11:00 am on the 28th day of Sept., 2011, the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

Lot 13, Seminole Cove Condominium, according to declaration of Condominium of Seminole Cove Condominium as recorded in O.R. Book 289, Page 1590, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Together with a portion of Lot 12, of said Seminole Cove Condominium, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot 13, thence South 00 degrees 30'11" East along the West line of said Lot 13, a distance of 90.01 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 13, thence South 89 degrees 29'49" West along the South line of said Lot 12, a distance of 0.92 feet; thence North 00 degrees 04'50" East, a distance of 90.01 feet to the point of beginning. Also including (1) 1987 Homes of Merit Mobile Home ID #CF24023540A & CF24023540B

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 6th day of September, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: Linda F. Young DEPUTY CLERK

397174 ON 9/9,16/2011

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will host an Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 13th, 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 deciding 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 397175 ON 9/9/2011

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**2011TD075**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that **PLYMOUTH PARK TAX SERVICES LLC** 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: 3191 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: NORTHWEST ADDITION LOTS 4 5 16 17 & ALLEY LYING BETWEEN SAID LOTS BLOCK 9

3-16-37-35-0160-00090-0040 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: LYONS AIR CONDITIONING INC WINSTON LYONS

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 29th day of September, 2011. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Sandra L. Creech 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 than 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. 395057 ON 8/19,26,9/2,9/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**2011TD083**

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: 2500 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 5 LESS THE NORTH 60.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 63.00 FEET OF LOT 6 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0060 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**2011TD085**

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Certificate No: 2503 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 11 LESS THE NORTH 63.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 66.00 FEET OF LOT 10 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0100 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW

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**2011TD076**

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Certificate No: 1257 Year of Issuance: June-01-2007

Description of Property: NEW OKEECHOBEE HEIGHTS SECTION A LOT 26 BLOCK 17

1-06-36-34-0010-00170-0260 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: FRANK T PILOTTE ESQ. JERRY D PERRY

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 29th day of September, 2011. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Sandra L. Creech 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 than 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. 395055 ON 8/19,26,9/2,9/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

**2011TD088**

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: 2534 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: TREASURE ISLAND UNIT 1 LOT 19

1-25-37-35-0020-00010-0190 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CONSTANCE SHIRLEY AMIDON LILIA H SARCINELLO

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 20th day of October, 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 than 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. 396878 ON 9/9,16,23,30/2011

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Public Notice Public Notice

CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. This public is invited and encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE AT 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596.

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A CITY ORDINANCE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida will on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave., Okeechobee, FL conduct a FINAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING to consider final reading of the following Ordinance into law: Ord No. 1073: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A MILLAGE RATE WHICH RATE IS SET ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY; PROVIDING THAT 7.7432 PER THOUSAND DOLLAR VALUATION SHALL NOT BE LEVIED ON HOMESTEAD PROPERTY; THAT 7432 PER THOUSAND DOLLAR VALUATION SHALL BE USED FOR GENERAL CITY PURPOSES; THAT SAID MILLAGE RATE IS 2.03 PERCENT (2.03%) LESS THAN THE ROLL-BACK RATE COMPUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH F.S. 200.065 (1); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 2007 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: BASSWOOD UNIT 3 LOT 20 BLOCK 42

1-05-37-35-0030-00420-0200
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: DOMINICK A BELLINO
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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 than 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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2011TD077
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: 1946 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: BASSWOOD UNIT 1 LOT 10 BLOCK 11

1-05-37-35-0010-00110-0100
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: JANICE CHAPMAN
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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 than 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A CITY ORDINANCE

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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.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 2505 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 13 LESS THE NORTH 57.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 60.00 FEET OF LOT 12 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0120
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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 than 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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2011TD091
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: 3078 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: LAR-KEE LAKES 2ND ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES LOTS 18, 19 & 20, BLOCK 5, LAR-KEE LAKES 2ND ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 6 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

1-04-38-36-0040-00050-0180
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: CHRISTA REAGAN DOUGLAS WHITTEN
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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: 2504 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 12 LESS THE NORTH 60.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 63.00 FEET OF LOT 11 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0110
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No: 2497 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 12 LESS THE NORTH 60.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 63.00 FEET OF LOT 11 BLOCK 3

1-24-37-35-0010-00030-0110
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
2011TD082
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: 2499 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 4 LESS THE NORTH 57.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 60.00 FEET OF LOT 5 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0050
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No: 2498 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 13 LESS THE NORTH 57.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 60.00 FEET OF LOT 12 BLOCK 3

1-24-37-35-0010-00030-0120
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Certificate No: 2501 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009
Description of Property: CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 6 LESS THE NORTH 63.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 66.00 FEET OF LOT 7 BLOCK 6

1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0070
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida
Name in which assessed: D & B MANAGEMENT INC DANIELLE BRADSHAW GARFIELD BRADSHAW PHYLLIS BRADSHAW
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 20th day of October, 2011.

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**2011TD079**

**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: **2496** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **CONNERS GABLES REVISED LOT 11 LESS THE NORTH 63.00 FEET THEREOF & THE NORTH 66.00 FEET OF LOT 10 BLOCK 3**

**1-24-37-35-0010-00030-0100**  
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
**D & B MANAGEMENT INC**  
**DANIELLE BRADSHAW**  
**GARFIELD BRADSHAW**  
**PHYLLIS BRADSHAW**

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 **20th day of October, 2011**.  
**SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES**

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**2011TD093**

**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: **3129** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **CONSOLIDATED LAND COMPANY THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION LYING & BEING IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST: THE NORTH 1050 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1457 FEET OF LOT 15 AND 16, BLOCK 5, CONSOLIDATED LAND COMPANY, LYING WEST OF STATE ROAD 15-A ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. 4.28 ACRES**

**1-09-38-36-0A00-00018-0000**  
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
**JAMES J ROLOW**

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 **20th day of October, 2011**.  
**SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES**

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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**2011TD090**

**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: **3058** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **CONSOLIDATED LAND COMPANY THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION LYING & BEING IN SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 38 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST: THE NORTH 1050 FEET OF THE SOUTH 1457 FEET OF LOT 15 AND 16, BLOCK 5, CONSOLIDATED LAND COMPANY, LYING WEST OF STATE ROAD 15-A ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 5, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. 1.34 ACRES**

**1-04-38-36-0A00-00022-0000**  
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
**JAMES J ROLOW**

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 **20th day of October, 2011**.  
**SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES**

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

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
**2011TD092**

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Certificate No: **3081** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **LAR-KEE LAKES 2ND ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES LOT 9, BLOCK 6, LAR-KEE LAKES 2ND ADDITION FOR MOBILE HOMES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 6 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**1-04-38-36-0040-00060-0090**  
 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
**CAROL BENEDICT**  
**GREGORY A THOMPSON**  
**NORMAN ALLAN THOMPSON**  
**ROSSELLA LOUISE THOMPSON**

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 **20th day of October, 2011**.  
**SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES**

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

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**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**TEFRA/PUBLIC HEARING**

Please take note that the Board of County Commissioners of Okeechobee County, Florida (the "County") will hold a public hearing on the following Project, its nature and location and associated issues regarding the Bonds described herein, at the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" located at 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida on September 27, 2011, commencing at 9:00 a.m. or shortly thereafter, at which time any person may be heard regarding the proposed issuance of said Bonds and the Project.

The Miami-Dade County Industrial Development Authority (the "Authority") has been requested to issue its tax-exempt Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds (Waste Management, Inc. Project), in one or more series, from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of the various series of which will provide financing and refinancing for solid waste disposal capital expenditures in Miami-Dade County, Florida and up to 6 other jurisdictions listed below located throughout the State of Florida (collectively, the "Project"). The Project will be financed as part of an ongoing plan of financing for the Project and will be initially owned or operated by Waste Management Inc. of Florida, a Florida corporation, and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc. and/or affiliates and subsidiaries thereof (collectively, the "Company"). The Project consists of financing and refinancing (a) improvements to permitted landfill facilities, including but not limited to (i) construction of new disposal cells and liners within currently permitted acreage, (ii) additions and improvements to the leachate collection and treatment system, including leachate trenching, (iii) additions and improvements to the methane gas system, (iv) installation of new liners for intermittent and final closure of completed sections of the landfill facilities, (v) site improvements, (vi) building construction; and (vii) acquisition of equipment to be used at the landfill facilities, (b) improvements to existing collection (hauling) and transfer station facilities, including (i) acquisition of solid waste disposal trucks and support vehicles, (ii) acquisition of solid waste disposal containers and related equipment, (iii) acquisition of solid waste sorting and processing equipment, (iv) site improvements and (v) building construction, and (c) acquisition of other equipment and assets necessary to support the foregoing improvements and to place them in to service. The Project locations are as follows:

1. 9350 NW 89th Avenue, Medley, Florida 33178
2. 10800 NE 128th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972
3. 2700 Wiles Road, Pompano Beach, Florida 33073
4. 4945 Highway 273, Campbellton, Florida 32426
5. 242 West Keene Road, Apopka, Florida 32703
6. 3750 White Lake Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34117
7. 14415 County Road 39, Duccette, Florida 34219

The Bonds shall not be a debt, liability or obligation of the Authority or of the County or of the State of Florida, or of any political subdivision thereof, but shall be payable solely from payments derived from, or on behalf of, the Company and its operation of the facilities or the security instruments for the Bonds.

ALL PERSONS FOR OR AGAINST SAID APPROVAL CAN BE HEARD AT SAID TIME AND PLACE. IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH HEARING OR MEETING, (S)HE WILL NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF SUCH HEARING OR MEETING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS BASED.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this hearing should contact Okeechobee County, Florida no later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the hearing at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee Florida 34972. Telephone: (863) 763-6441. 397291 ON 9/9/2011

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# 4-H Clubs start new year

## Awards dinner planned for Saturday at OHS

Okeechobee County 4-H begins a new year as local clubs begin meeting in September.

The program will continue with existing clubs (Absolutely Splitting Hares, Bacon Bunch, Barnyard Buddies, Bits & Spurs, Chobee Cattle Kids, Chobee Crackers, Chobee Minis, Chobee Roundup, County Council/Junior Leaders, Little Club on the Prairie, On The Hoof, Places To Go, Raisin' Em Right, Rough Riders, Sharp Shooters, Steaks & Chops, Swine Time, and Udder Bunch) and add some new clubs (His Handiwork, a Lamb and Goat Club, a Digital Photography and Video Club, Feathers & Furs, Cooking Club, Introductory Photography Club and an Okeechobee Christian Academy After School Club).

Now is the time to sign up for 4-H again. Even those who were members last year must fill out a new enrollment form.

Those who plan to participate in the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show must be enrolled before Oct. 31, 2011. Those who

plan to show a steer must complete sign up forms by Sept. 9, since the steer weigh-in is Sept. 10.

All dues and insurance fees are due at the time you turn in your forms. For most 4-H members, insurance fees are only \$1 a year. Those participating in horse clubs pay \$2 a year for insurance.

4-H Clubs can be "about anything" said Extension Agent Debbie Clements. She said she hopes the new clubs will attract some new participants this year. Most clubs are open to those ages 8 to 18. A few clubs are open to younger children. The Digital Photography and Video Club is open to those ages 12 to 18.

For information about any of the 4-H Clubs, stop by the Extension Office in the Okeechobee County Annex on U.S. Highway 98 or call 863-763-6469.

The annual 4-H banquet will be Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Okeechobee High School Cafeteria. A Chinese auction will start at 4 p.m. Awards will start at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. For those who did not R.S.V.P., tickets will be available at the door for \$5 per person.

# 'Be prepared' as peak hurricane season arrives

As the peak of hurricane season approaches, AAA Auto Club South offers tips to be prepared before a storm arrives. Hurricane preparation involves more than stocking up on items for your emergency supply kit, but involves advance planning to keep yourself, your family and your property safe.

"Essential to staying safe through the season is reviewing preparedness information. One of the most important decisions you will have to make is whether or not to evacuate," said Angie LaPlant, director, AAA Public Relations. "If you are asked to evacuate, you should do so without delay."

Hurricane preparation includes securing your home, developing a family emergency plan, updating your home inventory, and being familiar with your insurance protection. It also includes having the necessary supplies on hand to weather the storm.

Hurricane preparation tips

- Secure Your Home – Inspect your home for minor repairs needed to roof, windows, down spouts, etc. Trim trees or bushes that could cause damage to your home in case of high winds.
- Make a Plan – Develop a Family Emer-

gency Plan to include ways to contact each other, alternative meeting locations, and an out-of-town contact person. Identify a safe room or safest areas in your home. Research your evacuation route. Be sure and include plans for your pets.

- Take Inventory – Update your Home Inventory quickly by walking through your home with a video camera or smart phone. Keep a record of large purchases including the cost of the item, when purchased and model and serial numbers as available.
- Stock Emergency Supplies – Plan for a weeks worth of non-perishable food and water. Be sure and have flashlights, extra batteries, battery-powered radio, medications, first aid kit, blankets, toiletries, diapers, etc. You may also want to prepare a portable kit and keep in your car should you evacuate.
- Protect Your Property – Review your homeowners insurance with your insurance agent to determine if you have adequate protection. Discuss your deductible. Be aware that flood insurance is not typically covered under your homeowners policy. Flooding to your automobile is available under the Physical Damage coverage.

## ARC Thrift Store requests donations

The ARC of Okeechobee Thrift Store is currently requesting donations of household items, dishes, kitchen appliances, furniture and clothing. Your tax deductible donation will be used to help further the mission of the agency to provide social, educational and vocational opportunities to the developmentally disabled. The store is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All items can be dropped off at the thrift store location, 403 N.W. 2nd Ave. in Okeechobee. For further information, call 863-763-2419.

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