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OUA: utility rates won't increase

Employees to receive 2 percent pay bonus

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

With prices rising all the time, Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) customers can take comfort in the fact that their water rates won't be going up. At their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13, the OUA board of directors approved the budget for fiscal year 2011/12.

While definite action was taken on the budget, proposals to extend water service to Blue Cypress Golf and RV Resort and a settle bankruptcy action with a developer were left hanging.

While the budget, which has \$30,333,512 in expenses, maintains current water and sewer rates, department operating and maintenance expenses have been reduced by about 3 percent. The budget also includes a one-time 2 percent lump sum bonus for employees.

According to the interlocal agreement which formed the OUA, most items voted on

require a super majority or 4 to 1 pass. Since there were only four members present, board attorney Tom Conley's opinion was that 3 to 1 would be a super majority. The vote on the budget was 3 to 1 with Tommy Hoover voting no.

Royal Professional Builders is in the process of bankruptcy. The developer still owes OUA \$306,000 in developers agreement fees. Ken Treadwell, attorney for Royal, offered \$106,000 in settlement. As part of the proposed settlement all money previously paid to OUA would

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FFA teachers named 'Friends of 4-H'

In some counties, 4-H and FFA are considered competitors or even "enemies." In Okeechobee County, the two organizations, work together, Okeechobee County Extension Agent Debbie Clements explained.

At the annual Okeechobee County Awards Banquet on Saturday, Mrs. Clements presented Okeechobee County FFA Teachers with the "Okeechobee County Friend of 4-H Award," the highest honor that Okeechobee County 4-H bestows.

"The award was first established in 1989 and continues to honor persons or organizations that have performed exemplary service to the Okeechobee 4-H program. In the past, honorees have been individuals, families, businesses and governmental organizations that have gone above and beyond to provide resources, time and expertise to the 4-Hers of Okeechobee County," Mrs. Clements explained.

"Continuing in the established tradition, this year's honorees have distinguished themselves as invaluable contributors to the success of the 4-H program in Okeechobee County. This year the Okeechobee 4-H program, in conjunction with its members and volunteers, has chosen the Okeechobee County Agriculture Teachers/FFA Advisors as the recipients of their greatest honor.

"4-H and FFA are members of a family with the common goal of producing outstanding future leaders, well prepared with necessary life skills," she continued. "In many places, FFA and 4-H consider each other the enemy,



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen
Marshall Gerbitz (left) and Roger McWaters (right) were honored with the Friend of 4-H Award at the annual 4-H Awards Dinner on Saturday. Debbie Clements, Okeechobee County Extension Agent (center) presented the awards. Honorees not present were Brian Dryden, Buddy Mills and Brian Trimble.

but Okeechobee is blessed to have Ag educators and FFA advisors that continue to instill the spirit of cooperation, as opposed to competition, among the organizations. We each have our strengths and we each have our weaknesses, but when we work together, there

are no weaknesses, only strengths. Mr. Brian Dryden, Mr. Marshall Gerbitz, Mr. Roger McWaters, Mr. Buddy Mills, and Mr. Brian Trimble truly exemplify the intent of the "Okeechobee

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Remembering Sept. 11, 2001

Area residents, along with local firefighters and law enforcement members, gathered in front of the Okeechobee County Courthouse Sunday, Sept. 11, to remember those who died on Sept. 11, 2001, and to honor those who risk their lives daily to protect this country and those who live here.

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County Friend of 4-H" award. They each have coached Livestock Judging teams, Meat Judging teams, Food Science teams, Ornamental Horticulture teams, Citrus Judging teams, Vegetable Judging teams, Horse Judging teams, Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, Ag Mechanics, Tractor Driving, Tool Identification and Leadership Development, with no differentiation between the color of the jackets or the emblems on the 'official dress.' They have helped develop and instruct at 4-H camp programs as well as ethics classes and clinics.

"There was a quote from an Okeechobee Ag teacher in one of the "Homegrown Magazines" that I think says it all. It said, 'I love agriculture and I love working with our youth. Put the two together and it is what I

really enjoy doing. If we give a kid the tools to show how they can be successful, they will work hard to achieve success. What I love the most is watching them when they taste that victory, and then they really want it all. That is when they will really do the work on their own to reach their goals and get where they want to be in life. Kids are faced with enough challenges in society today, with all of the negativity and bad gangs they are exposed to, I try to be a positive influence. The more I can keep them involved in 4-H or FFA, the more 'good gangs' will prosper. Just to see the changes in Kids' lives and to see them accomplish something they never thought they could accomplish is payment enough.' Okeechobee 4-H is truly blessed to have five new honorees with those goals and ideals," she concluded.

For more photos of the 4-H awards online, see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.

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be forfeited, the developers agreement would be terminated and all Royal tax certificates held by OUA would be cancelled. After considerable discussion, the board declined the offer. They voted instead to ask for the \$141,852 that OUA has originally proposed in settlement. It remains to be seen if Royal's other creditors and the bankruptcy judge will approve this offer.

It seems that Blue Cypress has a problem with contaminants that caused one of its two wells to be shut down by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. As a solution to the problem, John Robbins,

consulting engineer, proposed OUA extend its water line 7.5 miles from Kings Bay to serve Blue Cypress. He made a presentation of the preliminary work he has done on the proposed project. He estimated it would take \$2.3 million, not including engineering and surveying. However, he said there were state grants available for such purposes. The grant would require a non profit sponsor, such as OUA. He said the grant would pay 85 percent of the cost up to a cap of \$2 million. The deadline for applying for the next grant cycle is Oct. 15. Mr. Robbins said there are approximately 1,500 existing structures along the proposed pipeline. He estimated that if 1,000 of the existing structures connected to OUA the yearly income to the utility would be \$360,000.

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SLERS radio system may be operational soon

By **Pete Gawda**
Okeechobee News

The long delayed Statewide Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) may be fully operational in about a month. The latest completion date predicted date by deputy

county administrator Jim Threewitts is mid-October.

On Feb. 26, 2009, Okeechobee County commissioners agreed to participate in SLERS. The system will allow local law enforcement and local government agencies to communicate with other law enforce-

ment and government agencies throughout the state that have the same system. When it is fully operational, the city police and fire departments, Okeechobee Utility Authority, the school board and the county road department will be using the system.

The sheriff's office and county fire/rescue are currently using the system. Fire/rescue department has experienced no problems, but Mr. Threewitts said the sheriff's office is experiencing some garbling. He said the problem is that the county's SLERS system is using the newest radios which are not compatible with existing software. This problem is almost unique to Okeechobee since the county has the newest radios and there are very few of this type of radio outside the county. Mr. Threewitts was hopeful this problem could be cleared up in a few days.

If all goes well, the new dispatch center in the public safety building will also become operational in mid-October, and the city would be able to start dispatching calls from their dispatch center to police and fire departments.

The process was originally expected to take about six months and included the construction of a tower in the southwest part of the county. Because of complications construction of the tower did not begin until March 7 of this year. The tower was recently completed. The bulk of the cost of the project is paid for with a grant which was to have expired in August of 2010. Mr. Threewitts had to apply for an extension when it became apparent the project would not be

finished by that date.

To further complicate things, the cost of the system kept changing. Since the cost is divided proportionally among participants based on the number of radios each entity has, the cost to each entity changed each time one of the entities changed their number of radios. Other costs kept changing throughout the lengthy process.

During discussions about the new city budget, city administrator Brian Whitehall said city officials considered not funding SLERS in the new budget since it has been delayed so many times.

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



Special to the Okeechobee News/Tara Minton Rowley

Economic Council

Members of the Economic Council of Okeechobee met in September at Indian River State College with guest speaker Don Fox, biological administrator with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Pictured (L-R) are Sandy Perry, Monica Clark, Don Fox, G.M. 'Hoot' Worley, Jennifer Williamson, Debra Hooker and Joe Arnold. During the meeting, members also received updates from local officials from the county commission, school board, sheriff's office and South Florida Water Management District. For more information about the Economic Council of Okeechobee, please contact us at 863-467-0200.

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Band boosters

• By this point many in the community are receiving letters from the band kids asking for donations. We are doing a 20/20 donation. Each band member is asking 20 friends, family or community members for a \$20 donation. If you would like a letter and don't get one from a band member, we would love to send one to you. We have many members who would not otherwise be able to afford to go without help. If all the kids receive their donations back we will be able to raise \$40,000 of the needed money, without it being a strain on anyone! Thank you Okeechobee for you to rally behind our kids! For more information, contact Okeechobee High School.

• It is great to see how the community is supporting the band. Thank you for putting the band in the paper three times last week. And especially thanks to Wendy's for donating 10 percent of the sales on Monday nights to help the cause. With a big band, and the cost of \$600 per student, it is a lot to raise. But I really think it will be worth it when you consider how much the kids will get out of it.

Checks

• Every business in town should pay attention to the story about the couple passing fake payroll checks. With a modern computer and printer set up, you can easily make checks that look like real payroll checks. Since most employees these days have direct deposit, as a business person I think it might be wise to call the business before passing a payroll check. If it is fake, the business that cashed it is going to be out the money. So it is up to the person cashing the check to make sure it is real. I hope someone can ID the woman from the surveillance photo that was in the paper, but it was not a real good photo.

Love bug season

• Been noticing the advance party for the last couple days. Get the windshield washer filled. They are set to invade.
• I still have marks on my windshield from the spring love bug uprising.

Politics

• There are differences between the parties. Especially when it comes to government funded programs like Social Security. And now there are three parties, if you count the TEA Party.

Eyesore

• Many thanks to the city for demolishing those two dilapidated structures situated at N.W. 12th St. and Ninth Ave., but don't forget the blue-tarped structure across the street too. That structure needs to be taken care of also and the yard along with the trees should be cut.

Storms

• I feel sorry for the people up north who had all the damage from flooding. This is why they should have flood insurance. Regular insurance does not cover flood damages. Plenty of people in Florida found out that the hard way. People need to pay attention to the news and learn from others' mistakes. If you live near a river, stream, canal or the ocean, you should invest in flood insurance. Flood insurance is relatively inexpensive and it can make all the difference if you have flood damage.

Parenting

• To you parents who drop your under-age kids at business and expect that business to raise your kids you are the real problem. If you don't want to be responsible for them don't dump them on a business to do it for you.
• Remember when there used to be a skating rink and a drive-in theater? I do. And never in all my child hood years did my parents take us to the skating rink to be "dropped off." My parents took responsibility for us as children and taught us what respect was and how to use it. We were not allowed to run around the drive-in theater alone either. We were escorted to the concession stand and to the bathroom. The thing that was done, if children acted up, the establishment knew who the parents were and they were called to come and collect their child.

Letters to the editor

Friends of Lake Okeechobee to meet at local Holiday Inn

Friends of Lake Okeechobee will host their next meeting on Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., at the Holiday Inn of Okeechobee, 3101 U.S. 441 S. All local businesses are affected by the lack of tourism in the area due to low water, from motels and gas stations, to restaurants and fishing guides. All are welcome and encouraged to come to make a change in how this great lake is managed. Please come with your concerns and ideas to help with our livelihood."

The first meeting was held Aug. 22 in Lakeport, and 75 people attended. "The first meeting was to share ideas, and to organize a group. This meeting will be more about doing, instead of just talking," as stated by Bryan Honnerlaw.

At the last meeting, the group had farmers, hunters, airboaters, fishing guides, business owners, concerned waterfront property owners, birdwatchers, a county commissioner, and a town mayor. Even two representatives from Applied Aquatics showed up, who instructed the group that the weeds they spray only turn brown, but do not die from the chemicals they spray. They also noted that they had been hunting and pecking for weeds to spray, and then all of a sudden, a lot of hyacinth was flushed into the lake by farmers, which gave them something to spray. Brett Whidden, the Mayor of Moore Haven, stated that the Harney Pond Dredging project's final permits were issued and that work could start as early as two weeks from the meeting. (Work had still not started as of Sept. 12.)

Overall, the meeting was a huge success. This was the first time people have united from around the lake (from North to South) and been in complete agreement with each other on issues. The main issue the group wants to accomplish at this point is stabilizing the lake between 12.5 and 16 feet. Spraying, and other issues were also discussed.

Friends of Lake Okeechobee

Fly the flag

Don't let your flagpole be empty on Sept. 14 and Sept. 17.

The Okeechobee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution remind you to fly our Flag on Sept. 14 to honor the Star Spangled Banner. It was composed by Francis Scott Key on this date during the War of

1812. The words of the third verse are even more appropriate today as we remembered 9-11.

"And where is that band who so vauntingly swore

"That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,

"A home and a country should leave us no more!

"Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps pollution.

"No refuge could save the hireling and slave

"From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave;

"And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

"O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

Fly the flag again on Saturday, Sept. 17, for Constitution Day. It was signed 224 years ago in 1787 by patriots from the thirteen colonies. It is the foundation of our governing laws. It guarantees our freedoms as long as we are vigilant to obey and protect all of its statutes. Our Freedom is not Free! It has been earned through sacrifice and dedicated patriotism throughout our country's history.

Okeechobee DAR

Blood drive a success

Honor was paid, memories were shared and the day was remembered during the commemorative blood drives held last weekend. Jon Geitner of Seacoast Bank, Diane Davies of TD Bank and Charlie Hukriede of Golden Corral offered their business sites as places for Okeechobee to donate blood in memory of those who died on 9-11. So many gave, the commemorative t-shirts, which were given to donors, ran out, though other shirts were substituted and 94 units of blood were drawn from people who remembered. This huge number of donations was a testament to the people of Okeechobee as they proved, once again, how much they care. Russ Colwell, the Florida's Blood Center's District Coordinator, expressed deep thanks for the wonderful response of the community. If anyone who wanted to give forgot to come, please mark your calendar for Nov. 19 and 20, when the Okeechobee Blood Roundup will be held at the Freshman Campus. Whenever drives are held, it is a reminder that donating blood really does save lives.

Thank you.

Raye Deusinger

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Couple accused in burglary of business

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A couple have been arrested and are being held on bond in the Okeechobee County Jail in connection with the burglary of a local business.

Willie Joe Harris, 32, and Kimberly Kay Lyons, 27, were both arrested Thursday, Sept. 8, on felony charges of burglary of a structure causing over \$1,000 in damages and grand theft. Their bond has been set at \$60,000 each.

An arrest report by Detective Bryan O. Lowe, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's

Office (OCSO), indicated that the couples' names were initially given to OCSO Deputy Sarah Green when she took a report on the burglary.

After reviewing video surveillance of the building, the owner of the company allegedly recognized the intruders.

Detective Lowe said \$400 in cash was taken, along with \$500 in other items. He went on to add that damage done to the business "... was estimated to be well over \$1,000 by the victim."

According to the OCSO detective, a woman entered the business on July 28 and tried

unsuccessfully to open the cash register. A man and the woman are seen on video returning a short time later and trying, again unsuccessfully, to open the register, continued the report.

Surveillance video shows the couple taking the register from the business and placing it in the trunk of a car, added Detective Lowe's report.

The couple apparently opened the cash register later at their apartment, then drove to the Taylor Creek Bridge where they threw it into the water, added the OCSO investigator.

The report does not indicate if the cash or any of the other items reportedly taken in the break in have been recovered.



Willie Joe Harris



Kimberly K. Lyons

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).

- James Tyrone Howard, 20, N.W. 77th St., Miami, was arrested Sept. 9 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - battery on detention or commitment facility staff. He is being held without bond.

- Ruben Eric Collins, 37, Azealia Place, Tavares, was arrested Sept. 9 by Deputy Heath Hughes on an amended Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - domestic battery by strangulation. He is being held without bond.

- Shaun Daniels Billie, 21, S.E. 21st St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 9 by Officer Belen Reyna on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond on those charges was set at \$5,500. Billie was also arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear. He is being held without bond on that charge.

- Gary Neil Joiner, 31, S.E. 42nd St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 9 by Deputy Justin Akins on a charge of driving under the influence. He was released on his own recognizance.

- Jeremy Jones, 24, N.W. 17th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Deputy Steven McKinley on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with felony battery. His bond was set at \$20,000.

- Janet Lynn Chivari, 42, N.E. Eighth Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Sergeant Justin Bernst on a charge of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone). Her bond was set at \$2,000.

- Jammie Lynn Martz, 28, N.E. 31st Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 11 by Deputy Steven Pollock on a felony fugitive warrant issued by the State of Pennsylvania. She was released on her own recognizance with the understanding she is to return to Pennsylvania by the end of the week.

- Ethan Lane King, 16, S.E. 86th Blvd., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 12 by Deputy Heath Hughes on a felony charge of fleeing and attempting to elude a law enforcement officer, and a misdemeanor charge of no valid driver's license. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- Ta'Noris Isiah Jones, 15, N.E. 16th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 12 by Deputy John Fisher on two felony counts of battery on a school board employee and one misdemeanor count of disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

- John Alec Yargee, 30, C.R. 721, Lorida, was arrested Sept. 12 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (opiate) and tampering with physical evidence. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at \$11,000.

- Jennifer Lynn Shaw, 26, S.W. Fifth Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 12 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (opiate) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Her bond was set at \$6,000.

- Michael Maurice Bird, 26, Broad Land Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 13 by Deputy John Ashby on a felony charge of failure to appear - driving while license suspended/revoked - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.

Editor's Note: On Aug. 26 Stacey Marie Hubbell, 45, was arrested on a felony charge of aggravated battery on an elderly person and a misdemeanor charge of disorderly intoxication. According to Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson he filed paperwork on Sept. 9 stating that he would not file charges against Ms. Hubbell, and the case against her has been dropped.

Community Events

Democratic executive council will meet

The Okeechobee Democratic executive council will meet on Thursday, **Sept. 15**, at 6 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's. Anyone who is interested in joining the council is encouraged to attend.

Retired teachers to attend conference

Okeechobee Retired Teachers Association will be attending the Regional Conference on Friday, **Sept. 16**. Those members who have paid the registration fee for the meeting are reminded to meet at the First Baptist Church ROC center at 7 a.m. in order to carpool.

Moose holding dinner Saturday

The Okeechobee Moose, #1753, at 159 N.W. 36th Street, will serve dinner on Saturday, **Sept. 17**, from 5:30-7 p.m. Port chop dinner is \$7. Music will follow featuring Carl Cable from 7-10 p.m. Queen of Hearts drawing will take place at 7 p.m.

Okeechobee Forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming north northeast around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 91. North wind around 5 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. East wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. Calm wind becoming northeast around 5 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. East wind around 5 mph.

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Vaughn H. Caudill, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Vaughn H. Caudill, age 80, died Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011, at the Okeechobee Health Care Facility.

Formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, Vaughn moved permanently to Okeechobee in 1997 after retiring from 43 years of employment with the Champion International Paper Company.

Born Nov. 6, 1930, at home on Macs Creek, Viper, Ky., he was the tenth child of 14. After his early schooling, he went to Berea, Ky., where he worked at the Broom Factory and Boone Tavern to help pay expenses. He taught school for one year before moving on to Richmond, Ky., to attend Eastern College where he joined the R.O.T.C. program. Eventually he joined the U.S. Air Force. While at Luke Air Force Base he furthered his education at Arizona State Teachers College at Tempe, Ariz.

He served his country during the Korean Conflict. He and his unit were sent to the Bering Straits near the North Pole in Alaska. Later he was wounded on a rescue mission in Korea. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. where he enjoyed being a flag bearer in a marching unit.

Vaughn was also an elected committee member of the Chaco Credit Union, the Champion Service Association and the Champion Camping Club. He enjoyed camping and traveling in his "Winnie" motorhome. He had many friends in the "O,Tucks" Organization of which he was also a member, having been nominated years earlier to be a Kentucky Colonel.

A 53 year member of the Masonic Fraternity, he was a member of Washington Lodge #17 in Hamilton, Ohio, and Washington Chapter 195 Order of Eastern Star. After moving to Okeechobee, he became an active dual member of Okeechobee Masonic Lodge #237 and Eastern Star Chapter #128. Vaughn held membership in the Cincinnati Syrian Shriner with the Hamilton Antique Caravan Unit that drove cars like little old Model T's in parades.

Though he never ate seafood, he was always ready, as long as he was able, to go fishing with friends. If he couldn't be outside riding his lawn mower, working in the yard, or putting around, he loved to do crossword puzzles and watch Gaither Homecoming Music tapes and sing along. He would also sing and play hymns on his keyboard and harmonica.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lee and Ida Mae (Fields) Caudill; brothers, Ruben (infant), Dager, Perry, Wilbur, and Squirrel; sisters, Muriel, Dorothy, Amanda, and Dove. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Betty Jo Caudill; son, Gary (Tami) Caudill of West Chester, Ohio; daughter, Leslie (Kelly) Grantham of Lugoff, S.C.; step-daughters, Elizabeth (Mike) Tillery of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Karen Hope Fields of Middleton, Ohio; grandchildren, Steve (Becky) Caudill of Atlanta, Ga., Tony Caudill of Dayton, Ohio, Mandi (Chris) Zickekose of Dayton, Ohio, Jaidyn and Lillian Grantham of Lugoff, S.C.; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Ruby Woods and Verna Hall, both of Viper, Ky., Grace Pratt Creech of Franklin, Ohio; brother, Don Caudill of S.C.; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Beall, Sandy Smith; brother-in-law, Sonny Maddox; many beloved nieces and nephews and special friends with whom he maintained contact.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at the Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until service time at 4 p.m. when a Celebration of Life Service, including Masonic and Eastern Star services, will be held.

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

All arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.

Debrah Ann Spurlock, 56

SEBRING — Debrah Ann Spurlock, 56, of Sebring, passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at her residence. She was born May 9, 1955, in Royal Oak, Mich., and came to Sebring in 2009 from Okeechobee. She was a title clerk for Willard May Auto in Okeechobee.

She is survived by two sons, Brannon W. Jenkins of Sebring, and Chris Jenkins of Sebring; a brother, Lenny Spurlock of Zolfo Springs, Fla.; and a sister, Peggy O'Bannon (Jug) of Sebring.

A memorial service will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Evergreen Cemetery, Okeechobee.

Condolences may be expressed by visiting TBO.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Dowden Funeral Home, Sebring.



Gordon E. Covington, 75

OKEECHOBEE — Gordon E. Covington, age 75, died Monday, Sept. 12, 2011, at the Hamrick Home. Born in Scottdale, Ga., he was a resident of Okeechobee for the past 20 years. He was a member of the Okeechobee Christian Church.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Covington.

Survivors include his son, Danny (Margaret) Covington of Sebastian; daughters, Donna Holloway of Carrollton, Ga., Doreen Whitaker of Loganville, Ga., Darlene (Larry) Childres of Forsyth, Ga.; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sisters, Nancy Palmer of Okeechobee and Betty Towers of Statham, Ga.

There will be no services at this time.

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

All arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.

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

Raymond W. Hallock Jr., 84

OKEECHOBEE — Raymond W. Hallock Jr., age 84, died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011, at the Hamrick Home.

Formerly a resident of Cape Coral since the mid 70's, he became a resident of Okeechobee five years ago.

Raymond was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed gun collecting, working crossword puzzles, camping and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Eagles, V.F.W. and the Moose.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joy; daughter, Judith; and a sister, Jackie.

Survivors include his daughter, Linda Rickards of Okeechobee; grandchildren, Kimberly (Justin) Pigott of Jensen Beach, Jason (Lindsey) Rickards of Christensburg, Va., Daniel and John Michael Rickards, both of Okeechobee, Chris (Tonya) Kaliszczak of Bainbridge, Ga., Candi (Curry) Hall of Tallahassee; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life, with a covered dish brunch, will be held at the Grace Brethren Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make memorial donations to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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

All arrangements are under the care and direction of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.

Gary Lee Hubbard Sr.

SOUTH CAROLINA — On Aug. 22, 2011, Gary Lee Hubbard Sr., lost his battle with pancreatic cancer, he was born April 7, 1950, to Frederick and Anna Hubbard in Wilna, N.Y.

Gary is survived by his wife of 25 years, Frances Hinton Hubbard; son, Gary L. Hubbard III of Pickens, S.C.; sisters, Virginia Flint of Malone, N.Y., Charlotte Osborne and Brenda Oates of Montgomery, Ala.; brothers David M. Hubbard Sr. of Clewiston, Raymond Hubbard of Zebelon, N.C., Dean Hubbard of Finch, Canada; two step-daughters, Robbie Spicer of Easley, S.C., and Pam Adkins of Sebring; and a special little boy, Dylan Schreiner.

Gary was predeceased by his mother, father and two brothers, Paul and Freddie; and his stepson, Robert P. Black.

Cremation Society of South Carolina is in charge. At the request of Gary services will be held at a later date in Hopkinton, N.Y.

Rembert 'Burt' Mitchell, 59

OKEECHOBEE — Rembert "Burt" Mitchell, age 59, of Okeechobee, died Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, at his residence.

He was born Oct. 5, 1951, to Garvin and Beatrice Mitchell in Macon, Ga. He was a plumber and a member of the Pipefitters Local Union 630 of West Palm Beach, Fla. Burt enjoyed gold prospecting, fishing, and going on adventures with his children.

He is preceded in death by his father, Garvin Mitchell; and a sister, Melinda Creech.

He is survived by his loving children, Jason Travis Gwaltney and Megan Gwaltney; mother, Beatrice Mitchell; mother of his children, Brenda Mitchell; brothers, Steve (Sue) Mitchell, Carl (Cindy) Mitchell; sister, Alicia Mitchell; nephews, Scott Mitchell, Shawn Mitchell, Josh Tyler, Matthew Tyler; nieces, Mandy Tyler, Rachel Mitchell and Molly Mitchell. In addition he is survived by dear friends, Timmy Gay, Jay Crawford, and E.J. Miller

Services will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2011, in the Peace Lutheran Church, 750 NW 23rd Lane, Okeechobee, with Pastor John Hirst officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, 312 N Parrott Ave. Okeechobee, FL 34972.

On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, FL.

Randy Allen Scott, 52

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Randy Allen Scott, 52, of Brunswick, passed away Sept. 11, 2011.

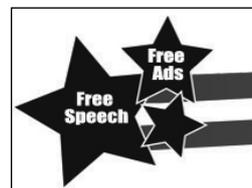
Memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 912-261-8760, 664 Scranton Road, Unit 103, Brunswick, GA 31520.

Arrangements are under the direction of Edo Miller and Sons Funeral Home, www.edomillerandsons.com.

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Students of the Week

These are Central's Elementary Students of the Week of Sept. 5, and Grandparents Day when they came and joined the students for lunch at the school on Sept. 9. Congratulations to: kindergarten, Lauren Abbate, Savannah Burdeshaw, Emmett Sumner, Alejandro Godinez, Karter Ramirez, Lissette Alaniz, Penelope Van Eman; first graders, Diana Rodriguez, Yureli Bustos, Jacob Moats, Lee Edouard, Janessa Whidden; second graders, Henry Denova de Dios, Leonides Castellanos, Aleah Pritchard, Morgan Tucker, Luis Noel Espinoza-Garcia, Ariana Merchant; third grade students, Makayla Belangia, Anton, Thomas; fourth graders, Ado Cobo, Lillian Arellano, Brighton Bauman, Corbin Allen and Meghann Hotmire.



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Students of the Week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of Sept. 2: Stevie White, Kyleigh Adams, Tippen Padgett, Lissette Saucedo, Esmerelda Meneses, Jose Cervantes, Zachary Marker, Yeraldin Osorio-Bello, Milagros Baltazar, Bryan Orta-Santos, Piper Watts, Guilbado Torres, Brandon Kennedy, Brandon Perez, Adam Moore, Alejandro Delgado, Scott Major, Tommy Kayser Jr., Anthony Jimenez, Limzay Solis, Gabriela Delgado, Sheyla Villatoro, Derek Banister, Rafe Sexton, David Cardenas, Jesenia James, Aaron Baltazar, Stephanie Mondragon, Sha'myra Williams, Dylan Deckard, Jenaya Cason, Yovani Elias-Garcia, Lisbet Hernandez and Sandy Leon.

Senior/Parent Informational Workshop at OHS

A special night has been scheduled for the graduating class of 2012 and their parents. All parents of seniors are urged to attend on Tuesday, **Sept. 22**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall at Okeechobee High School. Parents will be given information about senior expenses, graduation requirements, FCAT retakes, discussion of the college admissions process, details about visiting colleges, work programs, information about Florida Bright Futures Program, SAT/ACT information, scholarship information, questions you should ask when visiting different post-secondary institutions, and important tips that parents and seniors need to know to have a successful senior year and a successful first year at a post-secondary institution. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to ask questions that are pertinent for all seniors. We are looking forward to having seniors and their parents attend.



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Speakers & walks among church activities

Cowboys for Christ of Basinger will meet Thursday, **Sept. 15**, at The Basinger Community Center. A potluck supper will begin at 6 p.m. followed by service at 7 p.m. Tommy Shephard of Venus will be the featured speaker. For more information call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2295.

Point of Light Fellowship Church, 15399 S.R. 78 in Lakeport will have a revival Sunday, **Sept. 18**, through Wednesday, **Sept. 21**. The speaker will be Bishop Bennie Jones. Sunday services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services Monday through Wednesday will be at 7 p.m.

The **Okeechobee Ministerial Association** will sponsor their annual September prayer walks at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The **Sept. 20** prayer walk will include Okeechobee Achievement Academy, 1000

N.W. 34th St., North Elementary School, Yearling Middle School, Peace Lutheran School and Seminole Elementary. The walks conclude **Sept. 27** at Okeechobee High School, Raulerson Hospital, Everglades Elementary and Okeechobee Health Care.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, at 901 S.W. 6th St, will offer religious education



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classes for children and youngsters, beginning Sunday, **Sept. 18**. Registrations for C.C.D. are now being accepted. Classes for all grades kindergarten through ninth grade will be held every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. Call the parish office, 863-763-3727, for information.

The **Okeechobee Seventh-day Adventist Church** will host a 5K walk on **Sept. 25**, to help raise awareness of childhood obesity. It will begin at 9 a.m., at pier 7 (the fishing pier). We ask that you come prepared to make a donation to Big Lake Mission, (money or non-perishable foods).

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

Rotary Club recognizes club member with award

At the Aug. 30, meeting, the Rotary Club of Okeechobee honored Rotarian Maureen Budjinski with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellowship award. Maureen was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow because she lives a life that exemplifies Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self" and for her years of contribution to The Rotary Foundation and local Okeechobee club.

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named for

Paul Harris who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives of people around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation

programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, health care, immunizations, and shelter for millions of people. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Rotary Club
Former club president Tabitha Trent and Rotarian Maureen Budjinski.

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YMS soccer team claims 7-2 win over Gifford



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Wilson Barahona had five goals to lead Yearling to another victory on Monday at YMS.

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Wilson Barahona had five goals to lead the Yearling Bulls to a 7-2 win in their home opener Monday against Gifford Middle School.

Giovanny Garcia and Ricky Perez added goals for the Bulls who look to keep a long unbeaten streak intact this year.

Coach Erick Garcia said the first game of the season was inspiring for the whole team and looked a lot like last year when the Bulls went undefeated.

"The YMS defense showed a lot of courage and it was strong. The overall team performance was impressive," he added.

While Yearling did give up a few sloppy

goals due to mistakes near their own net, they controlled the ball for the most part, and kept the ball in the Dolphins end of the field. Barahona could have had more goals but a great header was stopped by the Dolphin goal keeper in the second half.

Rios also singled out forward Logan Laskey who did a great job controlling the ball at midfield.

"This is a very good start for the soccer team. I felt Laskey had an excellent game and led the midfielders to control the Gifford offense," Rios added.

Yearling will travel to play Storm Grove Middle School on Wednesday. The Bulls will host Oslo Middle School on Monday, Sept. 21.



OHS linksters place 4th in invitational tourney

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Richard Donegan shot a 2-under par 70 to lead the Okeechobee High School Brahman boys golf team to a fourth place finish at the Okeechobee Invitational Golf Tournament held Monday at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club.

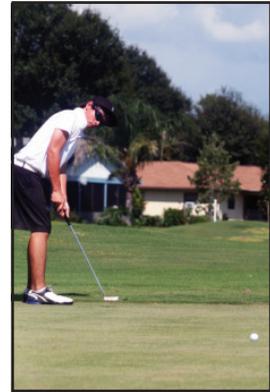
Okeechobee shot 333 as a team as the four top scores of the six players on each squad are tabulated. Cutter Crawford shot 86, William Childers 88 and Kodi Stephen shot 89 for Okeechobee.

Vero Beach won the tournament with a team score of 302. Sebastian River shot 317 to finish in second place. Martin County shot 318 to finish in third place.

Danny Smith of Martin County shot 71 to finish second overall. Fredrik Gustaffson of Vero Beach shot third overall.

Ten schools were invited to the tournament. John Carroll finished fifth, Treasure Coast sixth and Fort Pierce Central finished in seventh place.

Golf coach Kenny Buckner said he was very pleased with how the event went and that he hoped to make this an annual event.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Kodi Stephen watches a birdie putt on the fifth hole of the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Monday. Stephen shot 89 on the day.

FFA alumni plan sporting clays shoot fundraiser

The Annual FFA Alumni Sporting Clays Shoot will be Oct. 22 at Quail Creek Plantation. Registration will be at 9:30 a.m. The event will start at 10 a.m. There will also be a turkey shoot while participants wait for everyone to finish the clay shoot. Lunch will be provided. Proceeds will benefit FFA students. For more information about the shoot, contact Darryl Boney at 863-634-0642.

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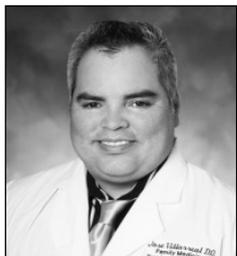
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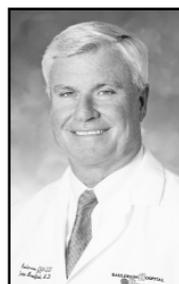
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Farm Equipment
Horse Tack Auction
Saturday Sept. 24th
6 am - 8 pm
www.whiteowlfarm.com
for Details
973-220-4369

Card of Thanks



Thank You
To the gentleman and his family who rescued and returned our puppy.

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I am looking for Part-time work caring for an elderly woman in her home. Please call and ask for Sandi Aberman, Phone - 863-610-3446

Your next job could be in today's classifieds. Did you look for it?

How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

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MANAGER Wanted for pecan orchard in Albany, Georgia. Farming experience required preferably orange grove. SEND RESUME TO: The Graham Farms, P. O. Box 1108, Moore Haven, FL 33471

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Turn your trash to treasure with an ad in the classifieds.

Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

Need a few more bucks to purchase something deer? Pick up some extra bucks when you sell your used items in the classifieds.

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Business Opportunities

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Excavation

CLEARING & HAULING
Dump Truck, Back Hoe & Bobcat Services by Jason Summerford (863)634-7771

Merchandise

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Guns/Supplies

Guns - Savage bolt action 300 Rem Ultra Mag., 3 X 9 scope \$400
Savage deer Slayer 12 Ga. bolt action, 1.5 X 4.5 scope. \$500 Both new condition and have soft cases. Pictures on web ad. Winchester 120 pump shotgun 12 ga. \$ 2 0 0 / n e g . (863)824-0835 or (863)634-5023

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Apartments

2 BD/1BA Duplex in town & 2 BD/1BA in Kings Bay. No Pets! First, Last and Security. \$550.00/mo. Call 863-634-2820

AFFORDABLE APART. IN TOWN
2BR/1.5 Bath
1 Block north of Walmart
Carpet/Tile All Appliances, W/D on each floor,
Clean/Newly Painted
Call 863-763-8878
\$600 mo., \$300 Sec.

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The classifieds ads

Apartments For Rent
1 Bedroom for \$510 mo.,
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BEAUTIFUL 2BR, Close to town. Newly renovated. Only \$700 mo. includes water. Pets okay upon approval. Call 561-255-4377

Apartments

Beautiful Samantha's Garden Apartments
2BR/2BA, in town, W&D, \$800 mo. + \$500 sec. Call (863)634-5780 or (863)467-9250

NEW DUPLEX - 3/2, in the city limits, Avail Immed. \$900/mo + 1st, & deposit. (863)465-0053

Oak Lake Apartments, 2BR, 1.5BA, 2 story, fenced patio, washer, dryer, very clean. \$650 first, last, and \$500 sec. (863)634-3312 or 634-3313.

OKEE - Huge, Clean, 2BR, 2BA inside laundry, \$675/month. First & Sec. September's rent free! Call 772-215-0098

Commercial Property

FOR SALE OR LEASE
1574 Sq. Ft. office bldg.
@ 210 NE 3rd Ave.
Call 863-763-0295

The classifieds are the most successful salesperson in town.

Condos/Townhouses Rent

CONDOS 2/2 Taylor Creek, newly remodeled, downstairs, furnished w/utilities included! First Mo FREE! \$875/mo 863-634-0663

KINGS BAY - 2br, 1ba, W/D, very clean, tile floors \$575 + sec. (863)763-2414

MOVE IN NOW \$900 - 2/1 downstairs, tile, w/d, fully furnished w/utilities, dock, and pool. \$875/mo 863-634-0663

OKEECHOBEE TRIPLEX clean, 2 BR, 2 BA, W/D hook-up, patio, privacy fence, no pets. \$690 mo. + \$500 security deposit. Free trash and lawn maint. (417)848-3424 or (417)848-6360

Condos/Townhouses Rent

TAYLOR CREEK Condos: Avail. Immed. Fully furnished, Pool, Tennis & Boat Dock 1br/1ba + Utilities. \$625. Annual Lease. 215-359-7779

Houses - Rent

AFFORDABLE - New Houses, 3/1/1 = \$900, 3/2/2 = \$1200, Large yards. Bring pets. Jacuzzi tub included. Call 561-723-2226

Beautiful Country Home in Country Hills Estates - Built 2006 on 5 fenced acres, 3BR/2BA. \$1400 mo. (954)326-2083.

Furnished 1/1 or 2/1 in Kings Bay with garage, washer and dryer starting at \$650 per month, plus utilities call 863-467-4371

NESTLED ON AN ES-TATE, in town. Small cottage, 2BR, 2BA, laundry room w/W&D, porcelain tile floors, 5 ceiling fans, screened porch, lawn service. small pet ok, Non-smk. env., \$800 mo., 1st, last & \$500 sec. 941-504-3954.

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

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

OKEE- 646 NE 28th Ave. 2br/2ba, 1 car garage, lrg. scrd. patio, fam. room, & nice yard. \$800 mo., plus 1 mo. sec. Call 954-868-8806.

Office Space Rent

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT
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Roommate

FEMALE BOARDER
Brand New Apts. Your own furnished Studio apt. Private entrance with Cable, A/C, HS Internet provided. \$100/wk \$200 to move in. Call (863)801-8278

Real Estate

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Houses - Sale

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

TREASURE ISLAND
LARGE 4BR, 2BA, CBS house on the water. \$159,000

TREASURE ISLAND
LARGE 3BR, 2BA Dblwide w/screened pool, many upgrades, on the water. \$149,000 or will lease for \$1200 mo.

NW 5th STREET
LARGE 3BR, 1BA, CBS house, new ceramic tile through out. \$99,000 or will lease for \$800 mo. Call 863-634-9119

Real Estate Wanted

Wanted Land
Looking for 10 to 20 acres in the Ft. Drum Area. Please Call 863-467-6377

Your new home could be in today's paper. Have you looked for it?

Mobile Homes

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Mobile Home Rent

2 Bed/1 Bath Mobile Home in Pine Ridge Park. \$650.00 mo. 1st month and \$500.00 Security to move in. No pets Call 863-634-9139

Buying a car? Look in the classifieds. Selling a car? Look in the classifieds.

LAKEPORT: 3 BR, 2 BA, Bonus Room, Washer & Dryer. Screen Porch. \$600 mo. + Security deposit. (573)686-6145 or (573)718-8074

NEWLY REMODELED - Available Immediately 2BR/2BA Double Wide Stove Frig. \$650 mo. (863)634-8885

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

Mobile Home Sale

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

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

Palm Harbor Homes
Has 3 Modular Homes Available at HUGE Savings! Over \$40K Off 800-622-2832

Looking for a place to hang your hat? Look no further than the classifieds.



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Motorcycles

2003 Harley-Davidson FAT BOY - 2003 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy 100TH Anniversary FLSTFI black 12,800 miles \$5300 No time wasters! WAR-DEN334@GMAIL.COM \$5,300.00

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



Automotive
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Automobiles

1999 LEXUS RX 300 - 143,400 miles Millennium Silver Metallic, SUV. Good Condition, Single owner, RX 300 Leather Seats, Aluminum Wheels. V6/Automatic. Exterior Paint Looks Good, No accidents. Radio/CD with disc changer Power front Seats. Sun-roof, Cruise, security, remote entry (loaded) Air Conditioning | Anti-Lock Brakes. \$8,400 /or best offer (863)824-2973 or (863)357-2156

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

Get a quick response to any item you may be selling with a classified ad.

Four Wheel Drive

1985 Suzuki Samurai Needs motor rebuilt, has lift kit, mud tires, new clutch asking \$1,000. Call 863-801-5359 if no answer leave message.

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Parts/Repairs

Brand New still in box Hitch Receiver and Ball Mount for a Dodge Caliber asking \$150 Call 863-634-5140

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

Public Notice

Attention Comcast customers in Belle Glade / Pahokee, Clewiston, Okeechobee, and each of their surrounding areas:
Effective September 26, 2011, the following change will occur to your channel lineup:
• Bounce TV will be added, as a test launch, on Digital Limited Basic channel 220. The official launch will be on October 15, 2011.

Attention Comcast customers in Clewiston and its surrounding area:
Effective September 15, 2011, the following change will occur to your channel lineup:
• MeTV will be added, as a test launch, on Digital Limited Basic channel 208. The official launch will be on October 15, 2011.

GENERAL INFORMATION:
After a notice of a re-tiering of a video service or a rate increase, you may change your level of service at no additional charge for a period of 30 days from the effective date of the change. Otherwise, changes in the services you receive at your request may be subject to the upgrade or downgrade charge listed on the annual rate card. Prices are exclusive of applicable franchise fees and related costs, FCC user fees, and taxes. For customers with commercial accounts or bulk rate arrangements, some product, pricing and other information may not apply. Upon proper notice, all pricing, programming, channel locations and packaging are subject to change.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call 800-COMCAST (800-266-2278).
397612 CGS 9/15 ON 9/14/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 47-2009-CA-000363

U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CSAB 2006-4 Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN R. MACLEAN INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT & RIDGE CLUB INC. MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on August 4, 2011, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:
LOT 127, INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT AND RIDING CLUB, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 25-69, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
and commonly known as: 32801 HIGHWAY 441 N #127, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, **Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on October 5, 2011, at 11am.**
Any persons 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 15th day of August, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Sandra L. Crech
Deputy Clerk

Edward B. Pritchard
(813) 229-0900 x1309
Kass Shuler, P.A.
P.O. Box 800
Tampa, FL 33601-0800
395370 ON 9/7,14/2011

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Auction will be held at Johns Towing Service storage lot located at 704 Northeast 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 on SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage charges. Year, make, model and VIN are as follows.

1999 FORD F150
VIN # 1F1TZ1K1723XN674917
1993 NISSAN 300ZX
VIN # JNR1R2Z4H7P538353

Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. Seller reserves the right of final bid. ALL SALES ARE FINAL! NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE! Said automobiles will be sold in "As Is" condition with no guarantees.
397665 ON 9/14/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 17, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 2010-CA-281 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK is the Plaintiff and JOHN J. BERTOLINI is the Defendant.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
Lot 2, Block 6, COUNTRY HILLS ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 97, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida
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.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
DATED this 26th day of August, 2011.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court
By: Sandra L. Crech
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Edward W. Saltzman, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 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 all persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 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 14, 2011.

Attorney for Personal Representative: Kevan Boyles, Esquire
Attorney for Roberta C. Saltzman Florida Bar Number: 285854
319 8th Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 833-2472
Fax: (561) 837-6611
E-Mail: kb@boyleslawfirm.com
Personal Representative: Roberta C. Saltzman
6305 NE 2nd Street
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
397394 ON 9/14,21/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2011-CP059

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD W. SALTZMAN, JR. Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Edward W. Saltzman, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 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 all persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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The date of first publication of this notice is September 14, 2011.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Sally Still, Esquire
Ward, Damon, Posner, Pleterson & Bleau, P.L.
4420 Beacon Circle
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
(561) 842-3000
396370 ON 9/7,14/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CA-96

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, F/K/A FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF THE TREASURE COAST, Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES COLLINS, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 25, 2011, entered in Case No. 2011-CA-96 in the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida wherein Seacoast National Bank is Plaintiff and James Collins and Nancy Collins, 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 September, 2011, the following described property in Okeechobee County, Florida:
Lot 141, INDIAN HAMMOCK HUNT AND RIDING CLUB, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 25 through 69, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.
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 29th day of August, 2011

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: Sandra L. Crech
DEPUTY CLERK
396738 ON 9/7,14/2011



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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2010-CA-281

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, f/k/a FIRST NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF THE TREASURE COAST, Plaintiff,
v.
JOHN J. BERTOLINI, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 17, 2011, entered in Civil Case No.: 2010-CA-281 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK is the Plaintiff and JOHN J. BERTOLINI is the Defendant.
I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
Lot 2, Block 6, COUNTRY HILLS ESTATES, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 97, of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida
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.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
DATED this 26th day of August, 2011.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court
By: Sandra L. Crech
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Edward W. Saltzman, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2010, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 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 all persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 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 14, 2011.

Attorney for Plaintiff: Sally Still, Esquire
Ward, Damon, Posner, Pleterson & Bleau, P.L.
4420 Beacon Circle
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
(561) 842-3000
396370 ON 9/7,14/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2011-CP-133

In Re: Estate of GILBERT ARNOLD TURNER, a/k/a GILBERT A. TURNER, a/k/a G. A. TURNER Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GILBERT ARNOLD TURNER, a/k/a GILBERT A. TURNER, a/k/a G. A. TURNER, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2011, whose social security number is XXX-XX-5408, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names 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 required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME 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 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 first publication of this notice is September 7, 2011.

Personal Representative: Kathy D. Turner
3135 S.E. 20th Court
Okeechobee, Florida 34974
Attorney for Personal Representative: CONELY & CONELY, P.A.
Post Office Drawer 1367
Okeechobee, Florida 34973
By: Tom W. Conely, III
Florida Bar #096482
Telephone: (863) 763-3825
396802 ON 9/7,14/2011

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2010-CA-438

ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
JOHN R. TAYLOR, DIANE F. TAYLOR, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 AND UNKNOWN TENANT #2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 26, 2011, and entered in Case No. 2010-CA-438, of the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, wherein, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at 312 NW 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, Jury Assembly Room, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., on the 28th day of September, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:
Condominium Unit or Lot Number 5, Block 31 ANCIENT OAKS R.V. RESORT NO. V, A CONDOMINIUM, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 308 Page 1210, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and amendment to Declaration of Condominium recorded in O.R. Book 309, Page 1603, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida, and all subsequent amendments thereto as recorded in the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash on October 5, 2011, at the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, beginning at 11:00 AM, subject to all ad valorem taxes and assessments for the real property described above.
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO. 2010CA93

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through Rural Development, formerly Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Plaintiff,
vs.
SHANNON WINGATE; RODNEY L. WINGATE, Beneficiaries of MARILYN T. WINGATE, Deceased; Et al., Defendants.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011-CP-133

In Re: Estate of GILBERT ARNOLD TURNER, a/k/a GILBERT A. TURNER, a/k/a G. A. TURNER Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GILBERT ARNOLD TURNER, a/k/a GILBERT A. TURNER, a/k/a G. A. TURNER, deceased, whose date of death was August 1, 2011, whose social security number is XXX-XX-5408, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Suite 101, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The personal representative's and the personal representative's attorney names 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 required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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ALL CLAIMS NOT 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 first publication of this notice is September 7, 2011.

Personal Representative: Kathy D. Turner
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Okeechobee, Florida 34974
Attorney for Personal Representative: CONELY & CONELY, P.A.
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CASE NO. 2010CA00262

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Community Events

Health Fair seeks educational vendors

Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility is sponsoring a Health Fair on Saturday, **Sept. 17**, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. I am presently looking for health educating organizations that would like to participate. There is no charge to be included in the program. Anyone wishing to participate, please have them call me at 863-697-0211 or e-mail me at bill.casian@vnaflorida.org.

VFW Post plans district picnic

VFW Post 10539, 3912 US Hwy 441 SE will host the district picnic on **Sept. 17**, at 1 p.m. Okeechobee High School JROTC will present the colors.

Sacred Heart offers religious education classes

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, at 901 S.W. 6th St., will offer religious education classes for children and youngsters, beginning Sunday, **Sept. 18**. Registrations for C.C.D. are now being accepted. Classes for all grades kindergarten through ninth grade will be held every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. Call the parish office, 863-763-3727, for information.

4-H photo and video club planned

A new 4-H club is forming for those interested in digital photograph and making videos. The club is open to 4-Hers ages 12 to 18, and will meet on the third Monday of each month at the Okeechobee News office, 107 S.W. 17th Street (in the plaza next to the Brahman Movie Theater) at 7 p.m. Members should have access to a digital camera or video recorder to use for club projects. Club projects will include taking pictures and recording videos at other Okeechobee County 4-H events. The first meeting will be Monday, **Sept. 19**. Club members will select a

name for the club and nominate officers. For more information, email club leader Katrina Elskan at: kelsken@newszap.com or call 863-634-9751.

Historical Society to meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society will be meet on Monday, **Sept. 19**, at noon at the Historical Society Museum on Highway 98 N. Anyone who would like to join the organization is encouraged to attend this covered dish luncheon. Dues for the year of \$10 will be due at this time and we are encouraging everyone to bring school supplies to be donated to the Okeechobee County Schools.

Senior/parent informational workshop at OHS

A special night has been scheduled for the graduating class of 2012 and their parents. All parents of seniors are urged to attend on **Tuesday, Sept. 22**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Lecture Hall at Okeechobee High School.

Parents will be given information about senior expenses, graduation requirements, FCAT retakes, discussion of the college admissions process, details about visiting colleges, work programs, information about Florida Bright Futures Program, SAT/ACT information, scholarship information, questions you should ask when visiting different post-secondary institutions, and important tips that parents and seniors need to know to have a successful senior year and a successful first year at a post-secondary institution. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to ask questions that are pertinent for all seniors.

Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next yard sale will be on Wednesday, Sept. 21, and Thursday, **Sept. 22**, from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page: www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on Events tab.

OHS Drama Club presents 'The Last Night Of Ballyhoo'

The Okeechobee High School Drama Club will present, "The Last Night of Ballyhoo," by Alfred Uhry.

The comedy set in December 1939 in Atlanta, Ga. "The Last Night Of Ballyhoo" tells the story of a German-Jewish family living in the south during trying times for Jews in the world. In 1939 Hitler has invaded Poland and "Gone With The Wind" is premiering in Atlanta. Adolph Freitag, owner of the Dixie Bedding Company, and his sister Boo and nieces Lala and Sunny—a Jewish family so highly assimilated they have a Christmas tree in the front parlor—are looking forward to Ballyhoo, a lavish cotillion sponsored by their restrictive country club. Adolph's employee Joe Farkas is an attractive eligible bachelor and an Eastern European Jew, fa-

miliar with prejudice but unable to fathom its existence within his own religious community. His presence prompts college student Sunny to examine intra-ethnic bias, her Jewish identity (or lack thereof), and the beliefs with which she's been raised.

Staring in this production are: Cody Cooper, Ryan Reister, Emilie Legé, Maria Zapata, Nicole Perdomo, Deion Hayes, Kylie Shirley, Alson Chaisson and Travon "Tony" Pierre.

Performances are: Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

All tickets are \$5. For tickets please call Miss Raulerson at 462-5025 ext 8011. Tickets will also be sold at the door each performance.

Shrine Club to host spaghetti night

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will kick off the fall season with a spaghetti night set for Tuesday, **Sept. 20**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Music will be from 5 until 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-763-3378.

4-H club plans rabbit clinic

Feathers and Furs 4-H club is having a rabbit clinic on Saturday, **Sept. 24**, at Jones Supply, 801 S.W. Park Street, Okeechobee. Contact Cathy Arthur at 863-763-1512 or Cathy Corby at 772-216-8669 for more information.

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Okeechobee Pop Warner football team beats Jupiter

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Chobee 'Lil Brahms rushed for 180 yards as they rolled over Jupiter Gold 32-6 in Pop Warner football action Saturday at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.

Jermaine Moore rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns and Devante Luellman rushed for 32 yards and a couple of scores to lead Okeechobee, (3-0). Quarterback Rayquan Futch rushed for 44 yards and a touchdown for Okeechobee.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Antawyn Fludd knocks a pass away during the game between the Jupiter Mustangs and the Chobee 'Lil Brahms on Saturday. Rain and lightning shortened the Midget division game with Okeechobee ahead 7-0.

Coach Marcel Richardson said the Brahms praised the defensive effort of his team as they allowed just one first down and score on a 50-yard run in the second half.

"We've told the kids that defense wins championships and they have taken heed of that. The kids love to hit, they are not scared, and they love the contact," he added.

Jafabian Smith continued a torrid streak on the defensive line. He had eight tackles and three sacks in the contest. Moore had five tackles and two sacks for Okeechobee.

"He has worked very hard at practice, has really trained himself well and has been an awesome player for us. We hope he keeps it up and we stay injury free," the Coach said.

Coach Richardson said Jupiter was a good test for his Junior Pee Wee team which is mostly comprised of boys ages 9-10. He said this week's game at Port Salerno will go a long way to determine if Okeechobee is a playoff team this year.

Okeechobee scored on a 90-yard pass from Antawyn Fludd to Roshell Thomas in the first quarter.

Fludd ran in the extra point to give Okeechobee a 7-0 lead.

Both defenses played well. Okeechobee drove the ball 50 yards on their first series but were stopped on a fourth down and four at the Jupiter 18-yard line. Okeechobee's defense stopped Jupiter at the Brahman nine-yard line on a defensive stand on the next series.

Simeon Washington had 29 yards on four carries, and Tyasis Files added 18 yards

on four carries. Fludd added 13 yards on four carries.

On the defensive side, Chris Barton recovered a fumble for Okeechobee. Fludd had a pass deflection and Files and Janavise Futch both had two tackles.

The four Okeechobee teams travel to Port Salerno for games on Saturday, Sept. 17. Game times are 9 a.m., 11 a.m. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The two teams returned to the field after close to an hour rain and lightning delay.

Simeon Washington broke lose for a 62 yard touchdown run to help Okeechobee prevail, 13-12.

Fludd added an interception late in the game to save the game for Okeechobee (3-0).

Coach Eric Williams said he was very impressed with the tackling of his defensive



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Tyasis Files rushes up the middle for 12 yards during the first quarter of the Pop Warner football Midget Division contest between Okeechobee and Jupiter on Saturday.

unit who were able to hold Jupiter after a fumble in Okeechobee territory. He praised Files for eight tackles in the second half.

"I also want to thank the fans for their continued support. The kids really get pumped up by the home crowd and I hope they continue to come out and support us," he added.



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