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## Wildfire inside the lake levee burns 2,000 acres

A fire that burned about 2,000 acres along the shores of Lake Okeechobee inside the Herbert Hoover Dike was about 75 percent under control Thursday, according to the Florida Forest Service.

Most of the fire was within the Glades County portion of the lake bed, although the fire spread into Okeechobee County on Wednesday night.

"The dry marsh and grass islands within the lake are burning and causing a smoke nuisance," said Melissa Yunas, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist with the Florida Forest Service.

The fire posed no danger to the communities around the lake. The main concern was smoke on State Road 78.

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Melissa Yunas  
**State and county fire crews battled a brush fire inside the Herbert Hoover Dike this week. Lightning started the blaze.**



## Plane crashes at airport

Low air speed blamed for accident

**By Eric Kopp**  
Okeechobee News

For the second time this week a small plane has crashed at the Okeechobee County Airport and, like in Monday's accident, no one was injured.

An incident report by Deputy Corporal Don Ellis, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that a Piper Cadet was being piloted Wednesday, Sept. 21, by a student pilot— Jee Hoonirport Kim, 31, Vero Beach—when the crash occurred.

The flight instructor—Jonathan Salice, 26, Vero Beach—reportedly told the deputy that as Mr. Kim approached the runway shortly after 4 p.m. he was flying too low and too slow.

Mr. Salice then told the deputy that he took control of the plane

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## City council approves \$5,238,924 budget

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

Some residents of the City of Okeechobee could see a little relief in a slightly lower city tax bill and city employees will see a slight increase in their paychecks.

With very little discussion, the Okeechobee City Council, meeting Tuesday evening, Sept. 20, unanimously approved the budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2011/12.

The new millage rate is 7.7432. This millage rate, taking into consideration declining property values and new construction, is designed to bring in 2.03 percent less money to the city than last year's millage rate. One mill equals \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Total expenditures under the new budget are \$5,238,924. The approved 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 \$400,000 transferred from reserves. The proposed budget contains a three percent longevity pay increase for city employees.

Councilman Clayton Williams noted that city revenues from all sources have been de-

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clining in recent years and he expected that trend to continue.

To correct a 56 year old oversight, the council held the first reading on a proposed ordinance to abandon N.W. Third Avenue from the railroad right of way northward to N.W. Ninth Street. This is an undeveloped right of way that bisects railroad property east of the old train depot and runs immediately east of the Walpole parking lot on N.W. Ninth Street. The minutes of the city council meeting of Jan. 18, 1955, indicate the city council approved the closing of this particular section of street, but an ordinance to accomplish that purpose was never recorded with the clerk of the court. The second reading on this proposed ordinance will be held on Oct. 4.

City planner Bill Brisson discussed 13 planning and zoning issues that he feels should be addressed. These issues range from allowing a dwelling unit in certain commercial zoning districts to regulating produce peddlers operating on private property who use temporary structures. These matters will be referred to the planning committee.

# CRASH

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but it was too late.

The student was flying at a speed of about 50 knots, Mr. Salice told the deputy.

The plane struck a small tree, nearly hit a fence then hit the ground, stated the report.

Although no one was injured, Cpl. Ellis said the plane suffered damage to its propeller and nose area, both wings and the left rear wing.

The plane was also leaking fuel as it sat on the ground, added the deputy's report.

The report went on to state that a third person in the plane—Jin Won Chi, 31, Vero Beach—was uninjured.

Wednesday's crash came on the heels of a Sept. 19 incident when the landing gear on a 1993 Bakewg Deuce Experimental plane gave way after it had landed and was slowing down on the runway.

The pilot—Peter Mikos, 72, of Satellite Beach—was not injured.

# FIRE

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The Florida Highway Patrol posted smoke advisory signs in the affected areas.

Smoke may create conditions where visibility on roadways is seriously impaired especially in the evening and early morning. Under these conditions drivers need to turn on low-beam headlights, slow down and be prepared to leave the roadway if conditions continue to deteriorate.

Late Tuesday night, the Florida Forest Service was notified about a 10-acre wildfire inside the levee of Lake Okeechobee. The fire was started by a lightning strike, Ms. Yunas said.

"Due to dry conditions, the lake level is down and very receptive to burning," said Ms. Yunas. State and county firefighters patrolled the lake to make sure that fire was contained within the lake bed.

By Wednesday evening, the fire had grown to about 2,000 acres.

Fire fighting crews had difficulties accessing the wildfires, Ms. Yunas said.

According to Ms. Yunas, brush fires within the Herbert Hoover Dike are a normal part of the natural system.

"Historically, when conditions are at their driest, the lake catches on fire. The last time the lake caught on fire was in 2008. The Florida Forest Service has been anticipating this scenario but they were expecting this earlier in the year when conditions were at their driest. The lake dries on the Southwest side, exposing a grass bottom. The grass dries out

and easily catches on fire," she stated.

Early in 2011, the Army Corps of Engineers established fire breaks around the perimeter of the lake to prevent fires from spreading to the roads and levees.

Ms. Yunas said it is unusual to have a brush fire this late in the year.

"By late September the lake should have had enough rain in order to eliminate the possibility of this occurring. Fire activity at night should be low but firefighters were seeing very active flames," she stated.

"This is a reminder we need continued rainfall through the remainder of the wet season to replenish our water resources. There are likely only a few weeks left of traditional summer rainfall before the transition into the dry season," said Susan Sylvester, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Chief of the Water Control Operations Bureau. "Lake Okeechobee is a key component of our water supply system and it is more than 3 feet below average for this time of year."

A team of local American Red Cross volunteers was on the scene of the fire, providing critical hydration and nutrition to the fire fighters and first responders battling the flames. These Red Cross volunteers are members of the Chapter's Disaster Action Team, a group of specially trained volunteers who respond to the scene of a local disaster when called upon at any time of the day or night. To make a financial donation to your local Red Cross to help people affected by house fires and other disasters here in the United States and around the world, people can click, call or text – visit [www.pbtcred-cross.org](http://www.pbtcred-cross.org), call 800-833-0599.

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# Drunk driver who caused crash sentenced

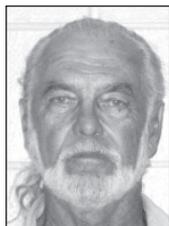
By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was sentenced Tuesday to a total of five years behind bars after being found guilty of driving drunk and seriously injuring a motorcyclist in an accident.

Leroy Edward Felt, 70, N.W. 38th Ave., was found guilty Aug. 5 of driving under the influence with damage to property, a misdemeanor. He was also convicted of driving under the influence with serious bodily injury and leaving the scene of an accident with injury -- both felonies.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, Circuit Court Judge Larry Schack sentenced Felt to one year in the Okeechobee County Jail on the misdemeanor conviction. He also ordered Felt to serve two years in prison on the DUI with serious bodily injury, and a prison term of three years for leaving the scene of an accident.

According to testimony during Felt's two-



Leroy Edward Felt

"I agree that Mr. Felt has caused a life sentence for the Wildes,"

— Judge Larry Schack

day trial last month, he spent the better part of March 19, 2010, in the bar at the Eagles Club on U.S. 441 N. And even though a couple offered to drive him home, Felt declined their offer.

"I offered to take him home, but he said he would sleep it off in his truck," testified Richard Phillips, who went on to say he saw Felt fumbling with his truck keys and staggering when he tried to walk.

Around 8:24 p.m. Felt pulled out of the club's driveway onto U.S. 441 N. -- directly into the path of a 2008 Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle ridden by Rodney Wilde of Sanford.

Two men testified to seeing a white and green Ford-350 pickup truck pull away from the crash scene, but neither man saw the driver. Neither of the two men actually saw the crash, but they both told the jury they heard the motorcycle hit the truck.

Recently the Okeechobee News called one of the telephone numbers on the notice for a comment and was told that the IRS could not comment on the case.

At the time the building was seized, City Administrator Brian Whitehall said he had had several conversations with the IRS. He said the IRS had been informed that the city owned the land and was aware of the deed restriction and that they were concerned with selling the lease value of the building to satisfy the liens. Terry Bourroughs, who at that time was president of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, a completely separate group, said he was approached by the IRS. He said he did not think the IRS understood the deed restriction on the property and that the IRS wanted to sell his organization the lease rights on the building.

Mr. Whitehall is in the dark as to what is going on now. He said the city does not even have a key to the building. At the time of the seizure, the IRS had the locks changed on the building and the city did not get a key. Apparently no one except the IRS has a key. Mr. Whitehall said he asked Police Chief Denny Davis to have his policemen keep an eye on the building which is directly behind the police station. Chief Davis reported that no one has entered the building since July 15. Mr. Whitehall said the city cuts the grass around the building.

The city administrator said that when the IRS agents were here they made it clear they were concerned about satisfying the tax liens by auctioning the contents of the building which are owned by the chamber. He said there was supposed to be an auction of the contents but that has not happened yet. It appears that building has been undisturbed since July 15.

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Felt was arrested at his home later in the evening by Deputy Matthew Hurst, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). Deputy Hurst testified that he saw a white and green F-350 parked in the yard with damage to the driver's side of the vehicle. He told the jury he also found a glove stuck to the truck's frame that was a match to a glove being worn by Mr. Wilde.

As a result of the accident, Mr. Wilde can no longer work as a generator technician/diesel mechanic. He now has problems with his memory, with walking and with his eyes.

"I can't drive -- I can't see very well. I can't do anything any more," he told Judge Schack Tuesday, adding that he suffered trauma to his brain.

Charlotte Wilde, a nurse, told the judge that the accident has "permanently altered their lives."

Felt started to read a prepared statement to the judge but was overcome with emotion. His defense attorney Shannon Henne, of the public defender's office, then read the statement to Judge Schack.

In that statement Felt apologized to the Wildes for "all the pain and suffering they've gone through" and admitted that the accident was caused by him. He also stated that he would never drink and drive again.

Despite Felt's contrition, Assistant State

Attorney Jeff Davis said the crash could have been avoided.

"The state would argue that there are no mitigating circumstances," he told Judge Schack. "It wasn't an accident -- it was a crime. He didn't have to drive. He was offered a ride."

Ms. Henne then asked the judge for leniency and pointed out that her client had no priors, was 68 years old at the time of the accident and had already been in jail for the last 47 days.

But her argument did little to persuade Judge Schack, as he spoke about the number of lives he'd seen forever altered due to drunk drivers.

"I agree that Mr. Felt has caused a life sentence for the Wildes," he said.

Besides the jail time, Judge Schack ordered Felt to serve two years on probation, complete DUI school, have his driver's license revoked for three years, pay all court costs and fees and pay a fine of \$1,000.

He also ordered Felt to pay restitution to the Wildes. The amount of that restitution, however, is to be determined within the next 60 days.

Felt will also receive credit for time served in the amount of 46 days that will be applied to count three, Judge Schack ordered.

## Fate of chamber building still uncertain

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The situation with the vacant building at the corner of Park Street and Parrott Avenue is uncertain as the unanswered questions accumulate.

The chamber has been inactive for more than a year. It appears that invoices for membership have not been sent out in more than two years. Apparently the president and the board members resigned without taking any formal action to dissolve the chamber. The building has been unused for well over a year.

The property is owned by the City of Okeechobee with a deed restriction stipulating that the property can only be used for a chamber of commerce. In 1986 the city leased the property to the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce for \$1 a year and the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce had a structure built on the property. While the city owns the land, they do not own the building. Apparently the building is owned by the chamber. The property appraiser values the building at \$87,112.

About 10 years ago the chamber began to run afoul of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS has liens totalling \$105,467.50 against the chamber for various unpaid federal payroll taxes from 2001 through 2009. Even though the chamber was a nonprofit organization, it had paid employees for whom payroll taxes should have been paid.

On Friday, July 15, 2011, IRS officials seized the building due to the tax liens. There is a notice taped to the door with the heading "Warning United States Government Seizure." The notice reads, in part, "This property has been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes...Persons tampering with this property are subject to severe penalty of the law."



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### Buyer beware!

• Keep your credit card receipts, especially at gas stations, and check them against your bill. Twice in the past month, additional charges were added to one local man's bill. When he took his bill to the station manager and showed the receipts, he was reimbursed. However, how many other people did this happen to who did not notice the difference in the bill?

The same goes for debit cards. Keep your receipts and check them against the charges on your account to make sure no one is adding in some extra charges. Let the buyer beware!

### School sports

• I know the town likes football games, but I wish they would support the other teams that are working just as hard and actually bringing home some wins. The other athletes work just as hard as the football players. They deserve support too. High school football is not the only sport.

### Drugs

• The dope situation out here in Larkee Lakes is getting out of control. The dope dealers are like flies here in Larkee Lakes Estates. This subdivision was a beautiful place to live. Even the sheriff said that he used to drive through here, and said what a nice place that it was, but now it looks like a city slum. People don't mow their lawns, the skirting on their homes is falling off, and debris scattered all over the place.

I was out driving through the other day and I counted trucks and trailers, one horse trailer, one boat trailer, two flat trailers, camping trailer and two trucks with no license plates. One truck has been sitting there for three years beside the street.

I think we need more police patrol out here and more cooperation from the county code enforcement department.

### OHS activities

• The high school has been performing poorly for a very long time. They need to get back to the basic education and stop a lot of the extra activities until the school improves. Why do they have so many sporting activities, which cost a lot of money. Some sports you have to pay to be in while others spend a lot of money. Every sport should be treated equally, they all get so much to spend and everything that is associated with that sport should come out of their budget. If you don't have enough money then do something to raise the needed money. I don't mind them spending my money to get an education but I'm tired of all the extras when the education part is doing so badly.

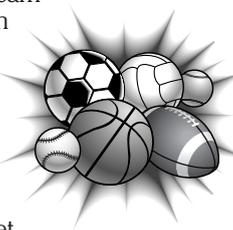
• The sports teams do have to raise the money for their own programs. When I had a child at OHS, we raised money for uniforms and equipment for the volleyball team. The rodeo team pays all of their own expenses. They get nothing from the school. The team members raised the money or the parents paid for it. The teams also get money from the ticket sales. I guess the teams that draw more spectators have an advantage there.

• The sports teams ALL have fundraisers for them to help their sport as the money from the school board has been reduced and or held static for years. This does not include the off-season work the kids and coaches put in as in travel teams, camps, etc. All of these things are valuable experiences for our student/athletes. The sad part is that the local businesses give and give and give even in these hard times. Not a week goes by without some kid coming in and asking us to buy/give towards their program. God bless the local businesses that help support our youth. I, for one, know they give 'till it hurts all the time. Keeping one student in school for whatever reason is admirable. It's not all about books these days.

• With all the school budget cuts the school board/teachers are doing a great job.

### County budget

• I see the county is cutting the budget but they need to cut the budget back to what we can afford, not make new taxes.



## Letters to the editor

### Public transportation in small town America

When the gasoline prices rose, people were confronting problems to fill their car to go to work. As an alternative, some people decided to quit their jobs; however, that decision created more problems than solutions. It was alarming when the news spread all over the media people mentioning all the problems they were facing to fill their cars' gas tank just to be able to work.

An example of how to solve this problem is that small towns in America develop a public transportation system to help people to keep their jobs without being overwhelmed by the cost of gasoline. Some individuals found that it was worthless to keep his or her job because after paying for gas, they did not have any income left for other expenses. As with any decision in a small town it would have to be presented to a city council; certainly there is a possibility that they would not accept this measure because of the cost involved. The possibility of implementing should be openly discussed with pros and cons, detailing any decision. The first aspect to consider is a possibility to allow a private investor to provide the services. The next step should be to answer some questions such as:

1. Is there any help that a person can receive from the government to begin a business?
2. Can some tax exemption be allowed?
3. Can the service provided by dividing the route to be covered between groups of persons?
4. What other incentives can be provided?

If the government does not have to cover any cost because the service will be provided by a private investor, the next step would be to develop the requirements for the provider or providers. For example, the type of bus, big or small, a van or small car, the license required insurances or any other condition that guarantees the safety of the passengers must be considered.

A person who sees that he or she can get to his or her job by public transportation with a moderate cost, saving in gasoline, insurance and a maintenance fee. Instead of all the cost related to having a car in good condition to be able to drive to work every

day; such person would be well served by public transportation. Certainly, the people will be more than happy to keep their jobs and use his or her car as little as possible.

Consequently, people will have alternatives to save money in gas and keep their job. Also, this is a new opportunity for an innovative business in small towns of America that can be successful and very profitable to the owner. Even the government can receive benefits from any governmental assistance. In conclusion, everyone will win from the decision of establishing public transportation in small towns of America.

Cordially,  
**Mrs. A. Vasquez**  
**Okeechobee**

### ConKerr Cancer

ConKerr Cancer has one simple mission: "Giving sick kids a reason to smile - one pillowcase at a time." On behalf of ConKerr Cancer I would like to thank the Okeechobee community for its awesome support. The majority of our pillowcases are donated to St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach and that is where most of Okeechobee's sick children are taken.

Okeechobee started sewing for ConKerr Cancer at the end of May and, as of this date, has made 495 pillowcases! We have two ladies, Anna Wilson and Frankie Russell, who have each sewn over fifty pillowcases. That is an outstanding achievement in itself. "Thanks" also goes out to the ladies who have contributed fabric to make more pillowcases and to the ladies who have volunteered to help wash, iron and bag the pillowcases.

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and our local group sewed and/or turned in 103 pillowcases at our September 6 meeting alone. ConKerr Cancer's goal is to make 44,000 pillowcases this month, one for each child in care for cancer.

Girl Scouts can earn a ConKerr Cancer badge for sewing pillowcases and our local troops are already sewing and making plans to help. Thank you girls!

Thanks again to a wonderful and giving community!

**Joan Rueff**  
**ConKerr Cancer Co-coordinator**

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# David Reed sentenced to nine years in prison

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A circuit court judge adhered to a negotiated plea agreement and sentenced a former youth minister and volunteer with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to prison.

Judge Robert Belanger reserved comment Thursday, Sept. 22, in finding David Luke Reed guilty of having sex with two underage boys.

As agreed upon, Reed was sentenced to nine years in prison to be followed by two years on sex offender probation. Those sentences will run concurrently.

Upon his release from prison, Reed will have to register as a convicted sex offender.

Reed, 24, had entered a plea of guilty at a change of plea hearing held Friday, Sept. 2, to two counts of lewd and lascivious molestation on a victim 12 to 16 years of age. By entering the plea, he avoided going to trial and the possibility of receiving a maximum sentence of up to 90 years in prison.

Another condition of the plea deal was that Reed had to enter a plea of guilty.

"I am very satisfied with the overall outcome of this case. The victims will not have to go through a very difficult trial and there will not be any appellate issues to drag the case out," said Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright. "The defendant will serve a lengthy prison sentence and be a registered



David Luke Reed

sex offender for the rest of his life so that he can never again be around young children." Reed, who was arrested Jan. 15, 2010, engaged in sex acts with a 12-year-old and a 15-year-old boy. Reed was an adult volunteer for the Sea Cadet program, sponsored in part by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office. He was also a member of the OCSO Search and Rescue Unit, and had been a youth minister with the Dunn's Creek Baptist Church in Palatka.

The acts between the three occurred during the week of the annual OCSO summer Water Safety Camp. Reed and the two boys would reportedly meet in the OCSO Marine Unit building at Okee-Tantie after everyone else had left for the day.

The boys were not forced or coerced into performing the acts. However, the acts are still illegal due to their ages.

After the incidents came to light, Reed was terminated from the sheriff's office programs on Jan. 11, 2010.

Once he learned he was being sought by law enforcement, OCSO arrest reports indicate that Reed went into hiding. As detectives searched around the Kissimmee River on Jan. 13, 2010, they found Reed's clothing and two guns in the woods on S.W. 99th

Drive, which is along the river just north of the bridge at Okee-Tantie.

OCSO Detective Rosemary Farless then traced Reed to Putnam County. As she was speaking to him on the telephone two days later, deputies from the Putnam County Sheriff's Office entered the home where Reed was staying and arrested him on Okeechobee County warrants without incident.

By agreeing to the plea agreement, Reed forfeits his right to a jury trial and he cannot file an appeal in relation to the judgement.

Terms of his probation require him to submit to random and warrantless searches of his home, vehicle and person. Also, he: can't have any contact with the victims; can't live

within 1,000 feet of a facility where children congregate; can't have any unsupervised contact with any child under the age of 18; can't work or volunteer at a facility where children congregate; and, he can't view or possess any pornographic material.

"It is troubling in today's society to see so many sex offenders who seemingly place themselves in a position of trust and authority over young persons, only to take advantage of them," said Mr. Albright. "This defendant will never be able to do that again."

Reed, who was represented by defense attorney William B. Fletcher, will receive credit for the 615 days he has already served in the Okeechobee County Jail.

## 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).

- Robert Powell, 29, 20th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Marcus Collier on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - lewd or lascivious exhibition by a person over 18 years of age on a victim 16 years of age or younger. He is being held without bond.

- Michael Maurice Bird, 26, Broadland

Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 20 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a Highlands County warrant charging him with violation of probation - theft from a person 65 years of age or older. He is being held without bond.

- Rogelio Ocampo, 30, Mill Run Court, Greenacres, was arrested Sept. 21 by Deputy Greg Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving while license suspended - 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.*

## Hardest Hit fund offers help to those in foreclosure

The federal government has allocated funding to help pay the mortgages of qualified homeowners who are unemployed or underemployed through no fault of their own. Homeowners who qualify for financial assistance may receive up to six months of monthly mortgage payments and/or funds to pay past due mortgage payments to bring the mortgage current. These funds are paid directly to the lender (bank or mortgage company). To determine if you qualify, log onto the official web site at [www.FLHardestHitHelp.org](http://www.FLHardestHitHelp.org); or, you may meet with an advisor at Okeechobee Non Profit Housing, 863-467-5525.

## 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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## Community Events

### Community events sought

**Editor's note:** The community events column runs news from local organizations and clubs at no charge, on a space available basis. To qualify for this column, the event must be open to the public.

If there is any charge or fee, the organizers must be raising money for a charitable cause or non-profit organization. Starting next week, if there is a charge, the event notice must explain where the money is going. For example, proceeds might be for a local scholarship, to benefit the Shrine Children's hospital, etc.

Email items for this column to [okeenews@newszap.com](mailto:okeenews@newszap.com). For advertisements for events that are "members only" or if proceeds are not going to a charitable cause, please contact the newspaper's advertising department for the ad rates.

### VFW announces plans

Join the good folks at VFW Post 4423 (300 NW 34th St.) on Friday, **Sept. 23**, where the kitchen will be open 5-9 p.m. with Karaoke 7-10 p.m. Don't miss Saturday Seafood Night (5-7 p.m.) and karaoke 7-10 p.m. Sunday they will have Lori's Oven BBQ Chicken 2-4 p.m. and there will be karaoke 6-9 p.m. Be sure to stop by for lots of fun, good food and great people.

### Eagles to host steak night

Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Eagles, #4137, U.S. 441 N., will host steak night on Friday, **Sept. 23**, from 5 until 8 p.m. Dinner includes terrific steaks, sides and dessert.

### Moose holds Jukebox

#### Saturday Night on Sept. 24

The Okeechobee Moose Lodge, #1753, at 159 N.W. 36th St., will serve burgers/fries or wings, for a \$4 donation on Saturday, **Sept. 24**, from 5:30-7 p.m. The Queen of Hearts Drawing will be held at 7 p.m. They will have a Jukebox Saturday Night.

### 4-H club hosting 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.

### Raulerson Hospital to host

#### Dine with Doctor lecture

Raulerson Hospital's Dine with the Doctor Lecture series will resume Tuesday, **Sept. 27**. Dinner will be available for \$5 per person beginning at 4:30 p.m. Board Certified Gastroenterologist Dr. Albert Bravo will be discussing the Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-Pancreatography (ERCP) procedure he performs at Raulerson Hospital. Dr. Bravo will begin his presentation at 5 p.m. There is no fee for the presentation. To register for this event, call 1-800-449-8642.

### Teen dance party planned

The B.R.A.T. (Building Relationships Among Teens) Club of Okeechobee will host the September edition of the Teen Dance Party on Saturday, **Sept. 24**, at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus from 7 until 10 p.m.

Admission of \$7 includes pizza, soda and chips along with entertainment, music, games and lots of great music to dance to. The party is open for teens and 'tweens ages 12-16. Proceeds from the dance party will benefit B.R.A.T. Club events. For more information, please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

### Orchid and Garden Clubs to meet Monday, Sept. 26

The Okeechobee Orchid Club will meet on Monday, **Sept. 26**, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Center, 451 Highway 98 N. Bring your favorite orchid or a problem to discuss. The Garden Club meets at 6 p.m. A 50 minute video on Vegetable Gardening will be shown. For more information please call the extension center at 863-763-6469.

### CCC plans meeting

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Sept. 27**, at 10 a.m., in the board room of the Okeechobee School Board Office. Spotlight Speaker: Lenora, Treasure Coast Food Bank and Angela Lowe, Mary's Shelter.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and their families.

The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, Ext. 257.

### Shrine Club to host spaghetti dinner

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club offers a delicious spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, **Sept. 27**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. Music will be provided from 5 until 8 p.m. For more information please call 863-763-3378.

### Martha's House will host yard sales Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

Martha's House, at 4134 U.S. 441 N., is holding a yard sale on Friday, Sept. 30, and Saturday, Oct. 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 863-763-2893.

### Fall softball sign ups slated

Registration for the Fall Adult Softball League is being conducted by the Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation Dept. at 640 N.W. 27th Lane (Sports Complex). Team fees are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 30**. Fees are as follows: men--\$375 (plus \$30 ISA fee if not registered in 2011 season); women--\$325; co-ed--\$325. For more information, call the office at 863-763-6950.

### Colour Me Crazy Salon plans Locks of Love event

Colour Me Crazy Salon (next to Domino's Pizza and the Okeechobee News) is the location of the next hair donation event for "Locks of Love," a public, non-profit organization that provides vacuum fitted hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term, illness-caused hair loss. Hair cuts will be done on Saturday, **Oct. 1**, from 12-3 p.m. Local resident, Lonnie Yates, lost his daughter to cancer a year ago this October. In honor of her life, we ask you to donate your cut hair to benefit children. Free lunch for those that donate hair. This haircut is tax deductible—women \$14, men \$10. Call 863-467-3031 for information.

### County Legislative delegation to meet Wednesday, Oct. 12

The Okeechobee County Legislative Delegation will host a public hearing on Wednesday, **Oct. 12**, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the commission chambers of the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second Street, second floor. For more information, please call State Representative Mike Horner's office at 407-943-3077.

### Citizens invited to Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Ray Domer on Tuesday, **Oct. 11**, from 10 a.m.-noon and will be held in Commissioner Domer's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 245, Okeechobee. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

### VNA to offer 'Living with Diabetes' seminar on Oct. 13

Are you "Living with Diabetes?" Come and find out more about how you can better live with it. The Visiting Nurses Association will offer a seminar - presented by Wanda Haas, RN CDE on **Oct. 13**, at 1:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility, 203 S.E. Second St.

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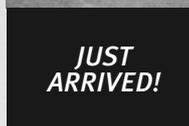
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# Women face felony theft charge

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News



**Wanda Jean O'Shields**



**Nikki Lee Yates**

Two women are facing felony theft charges after their arrest for allegedly trying to leave a local department store with over \$400 in stolen items.

Arrested on a felony grand theft charge each was Wanda Jean O'Shields, 25, S.E. 37th Ave., and Nikki Lee Yates, 22, Center St.

Records show that O'Shields is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond, while Yates has been released on \$2,500 bond.

An arrest report by Officer P.C. Eddings, of the Okeechobee City Police Depart-

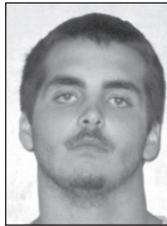
ment (OCPD), stated that the women were being watched on store surveillance at Walmart as they went through the store placing items in their shopping cart.

According to the officer's report, the women were seen placing items from the store's electronics department into empty bags. They then passed by the registers and were taken into custody as they were leaving the store without paying for the items, added Officer Eddings.

Officer Eddings went on to state that Yates had her 6-year-old daughter with her at the time. The child was reportedly released to an adult guardian.

# Burglars accused of stripping home of copper

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News



**Garrett E. Egan**



**Ralph H. Buchheit**



**Charles R. Hardison**

Three men have been arrested and accused of breaking into a vacant home with the apparent idea of stripping the house of copper then selling it.

Arrested Monday, Sept. 12, were: Garrett Eugene Egan, 18, N.W. Second St., Okeechobee; Ralph Henry Buchheit, 18, S.E. 26th St., Okeechobee; and Charles Robert Hardison, 38, N.E. Ninth Lane, Okeechobee.

Egan and Buchheit were both charged with the felonies of burglary, attempted grand theft, criminal mischief and possession of burglary tools.

Egan is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$6,000 bond, while Buchheit is being held on \$25,000 bond.

Hardison was charged with principle in the first degree (burglary) and his bond was set at \$5,000. He has been released on bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Matthew Crawford stated that he responded to a suspicious person complaint around 7:09 a.m. Monday. When he approached the home he saw a man inside the vacant home, added the report.

At that point Deputy Crawford and his K-9 Nero took cover and waited for backup. But before that backup arrived a door opened and the deputy stated that he warned the two suspects to "get on the ground or be dog bit."

K-9 Nero was released and engaged one of the men, who reportedly gave up almost immediately.

The second man ran out the back door and continued running until he reached a canal, Deputy Crawford stated. This man allegedly jumped into the canal and swam across it. But when he reached the other side, OCSO Deputy Paul Jackson was waiting for him and placed him under arrest, added Deputy Crawford.

According to Deputy Crawford's report, the two men had reportedly already started cutting some copper tubing from an air conditioning unit.

When interviewed by OCSO Detective M.D. Faulkner, Egan and Buchheit reportedly stated that Hardison drove them to the home and dropped them off. They were then to strip the home of its copper and Hardison would sell it, continued the arrest report.

Deputy Crawford's report went on to indicate that he found bolt cutters in the bathroom along with an open pocket knife with two screws lying beside the air handler inside the home.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The St. Johns River Water Management District has tentatively adopted a budget for 2011-2012.  
A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Tuesday, September 27, 2011  
5:05 p.m.  
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District Headquarters  
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## BUDGET SUMMARY

ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ARE 22.78% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund - Other	Special Revenue - Water Protection & Sustainability	Debt Service Funds	Capital Projects Fund	Total All Funds
<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>						
Fund Balance, beginning of year	\$ 133,839,761	\$ 11,147,029	\$ 18,747,695	\$ 6,396,362	\$ 16,291,467	\$ 186,422,314
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>						
Ad Valorem Taxes						
Millage per \$1,000 - .3313						
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 85,355,619					\$ 85,355,619
<b>District Sources</b>						
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,800,000					\$ 1,800,000
Regulatory Permits	1,000,000					1,000,000
Other District Sources	400,000					400,000
Land Management Revenue	1,164,805					1,164,805
Sale of capital assets	-					-
<b>Total District Sources</b>	\$ 4,364,805	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,364,805
<b>Local Sources</b>						
Counties	\$ 217,450					\$ 217,450
Cities	217,450					217,450
Other Local	59,626					59,626
<b>Total Other Local Sources</b>	\$ 494,526	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 494,526
<b>State Sources</b>						
Federal Through State	\$ 383,524					\$ 383,524
Water Management Lands Trust Fund	676,289			\$ 6,516,850		7,193,138
Florida Department of Transportation	590,082					590,082
Ecosystems Management Trust	6,326,418					6,326,418
Water Protection & Sustainability Trust Fund			22,803,709			22,803,709
Other State Sources	669,979					669,979
<b>Total State Sources</b>	\$ 8,646,271	\$ -	\$ 22,803,709	\$ 6,516,850	\$ -	\$ 37,966,830
<b>Federal Sources</b>						
Environmental Protection Agency - EPA	\$ 731,823					\$ 731,823
Other Federal	25,000					25,000
<b>Total Federal Sources</b>	\$ 756,823	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 756,823
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 89,720,424	\$ 9,897,620	\$ 22,803,709	\$ 6,516,850	\$ -	\$ 128,938,603
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>						
Transfers In from General Fund					\$ 11,357,628	\$ 11,357,628
Transfers Out	\$ (11,357,628)					(11,357,628)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	\$ (11,357,628)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,357,628	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BALANCES</b>	\$ 212,202,557	\$ 21,044,649	\$ 41,551,404	\$ 12,913,212	\$ 27,649,095	\$ 315,360,917
<b>ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES</b>						
Water Resources Planning and Monitoring	\$ 12,857,885	\$ 197,500				\$ 13,055,385
Acquisition, Restoration and Public Works	42,055,503	9,387,385	41,551,404	6,516,850	27,649,095	127,160,237
Operation and Maintenance of Lands and Works	14,224,334	353,000				14,577,334
Regulation	13,818,768	55,212				13,873,980
Outreach	1,325,460					1,325,460
District Management and Administration	34,891,283					34,891,283
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 118,873,233	\$ 9,993,097	\$ 41,551,404	\$ 6,516,850	\$ 27,649,095	\$ 204,683,679
<b>Reserves and Designations</b>						
Legal Restrictions		\$ 9,907,184		\$ 6,396,362		\$ 16,303,546
Committed to Economic Stabilization Reserve	\$ 6,900,000					6,900,000
Assigned to Land Management / Land Acquisition	5,346,025	1,144,368				6,490,393
Assigned to Canal-1/10 Rediversion	11,471,000					11,471,000
Assigned to Groundwater Resources Assessment - Aquifer Performance Testing, Modeling and Data Enhancements	8,000,000					8,000,000
Assigned to Rough Fish Harvesting to reduce phosphorus levels	1,912,299					1,912,299
Assigned to Alum treatment for stormwater control to protect lake water quality	1,800,000					1,800,000
Assigned to Flood control structure rehabilitation USJRB	2,000,000					2,000,000
Assigned to MFL Prevention -Recovery Strategy Projects (WRD and/or AWS)	20,000,000					20,000,000
Assigned to Water Quality & Ecological Restoration Projects	20,000,000					20,000,000
Assigned to Water Conservation & Demand Management Projects	10,400,000					10,400,000
Unassigned	5,400,000					5,400,000
<b>Total Reserves and Designations</b>	\$ 93,229,324	\$ 11,051,562	\$ -	\$ 6,396,362	\$ -	\$ 110,677,238
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES</b>	\$ 212,202,557	\$ 21,044,649	\$ 41,551,404	\$ 12,913,212	\$ 27,649,095	\$ 315,360,917

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

The District's budget hearing will be conducted by means of communications media technology at District Headquarters. One or more Governing Board members may attend and participate in the meeting via telephone or web conferencing. Public should attend in person at the District Headquarters. For more information, or if you wish to submit written or other physical evidence, you may contact the District at 4049 Reid Street, Palatka, FL 32177, (386) 329-4500. Written and physical evidence must be submitted at least 48 hours before the workshop/meeting.

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## Farm Bureau to hold Annual Membership meeting

Okeechobee County Farm Bureau Annual Membership meeting is being held Thursday, Oct. 13, from 6-8 p.m., at the Civic Center on Hwy. 98N. Members are being asked to bring a covered dish of salad, vegetable or dessert. Steaks, drinks and rolls are being provided by the Okeechobee County Farm Bureau. Please RSVP by Oct. 5, to the Farm Bureau Office by calling 863-763-3101.

# Prairie rental cabins were built without permits

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

The case of Florida Prairie, Inc. which has been ongoing with the Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Board since May will probably not be settled soon. The latest details were made public at the Tuesday, Sept. 20, hearing held by Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Lois Nichols.

In the May hearing it was brought out that there were rental cabins on the company's Viking property that were built without building permits and the company was advertising rental of the cabins. Concern was expressed that the cabins might not be safe for human habitation since certificates of occupancy were never issued. The special magistrate decreed that the cabins should be inspected and there would no occupation of the property and advertising should cease. Since that time all advertising has ceased.

The special magistrate tabled the case while the company petitioned the planning

board for a special exception to allow for commercial use of residential property. The planning board tabled the request in July and at the August planning board meeting the request was denied.

Two of the buildings on the property could be classified as sheds. The third building consists of an RV with rooms added on to it.

David Swart, agent of the company, stated that the three structures were present on the property when he bought it.

Builder G. M. Whorley said he had been hired by Florida Prairie. He said he intended to remove the RV and enlarge the remaining structure to become a legal dwelling with the required minimum of 1,000 square feet. With a legal dwelling on the property, the two sheds would be legal. The company was given until Oct. 10 to apply for a building permit and the permit must be issued by Nov. 10.

The case will probably be monitored by the special magistrate until final inspection of the reconstructed dwelling.

In the only other case heard that day Sauternes V, LLC was given until Sept. 21 to come into compliance or pay a fine of \$40 a day for every day of noncompliance. At last month's meeting it was determined that there was a condemned structure on the

company's N.E. 13th Avenue property. The company was given until Sept. 15 to remove the structure with all required permits and remove reaming debris. Code enforcement officer Beth Albert stated that the property was still not in compliance. Hence the fine.

## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

**The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners has tentatively adopted a budget for fiscal year 2011-2012. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:**

**Thursday, September 27, 2011**

**6:00 P.M.**

**at**

**304 NW 2nd Street**

**Okeechobee, Florida 34972**

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### BUDGET SUMMARY

County of Okeechobee, Florida - Fiscal Year 2011-2012

General Fund **8.5470**  
Jail Loan Repayment Fund **0.3255**

<b>ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY FUND</b>	<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>	<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>	<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>
Taxes:	Millage per \$1000							
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes</b>	<b>8.5470</b>	<b>12,753,297</b>						<b>12,753,297</b>
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes</b>	<b>0.3255 (voted debt)</b>			<b>479,266</b>				<b>479,266</b>
Sales & Use Taxes	1,918,114	0	7,369,087	0	0	400	0	<b>9,287,601</b>
Charges for Services	1,016,520	1,500	1,596,115	0	0	440,400	0	<b>3,054,535</b>
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,392,120	0	8,366,196	0	2,991,057	316,850	0	<b>17,066,223</b>
Licenses & Permits	56,000	0	453,500	0	0	0	0	<b>509,500</b>
Fines & Forfeitures	85,300	38,600	65,750	0	0	0	0	<b>189,650</b>
Franchise Fees	360,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>360,000</b>
Miscellaneous Revenue	2,077,695	0	2,711,875	1,400	15,000	75,300	705	<b>4,881,975</b>
<b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$23,659,046</b>	<b>\$ 40,100</b>	<b>\$ 20,562,523</b>	<b>\$ 480,666</b>	<b>\$ 3,006,057</b>	<b>\$ 832,950</b>	<b>\$ 705</b>	<b>\$ 48,582,046</b>
Transfers In	5,343,799	-	207,165	-	77,335	-	-	<b>5,628,299</b>
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	1,362,066	4,028,094	17,919,651	234,484	7,363,351	144,820	217,908	<b>31,270,373</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$30,364,910</b>	<b>\$4,068,194</b>	<b>\$38,689,338</b>	<b>\$715,150</b>	<b>\$10,446,743</b>	<b>\$977,770</b>	<b>\$218,613</b>	<b>\$85,480,718</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>								
General Government	6,409,723	0	646,128	0	1,245,533	31,205	0	<b>8,332,590</b>
Public Safety	15,792,540	0	6,426,961	0	0	0	0	<b>22,219,501</b>
Physical Environment	234,163	0	2,682,156	0	223,513	0	0	<b>3,139,832</b>
Transportation	0	0	7,814,907	0	500,000	0	0	<b>8,314,907</b>
Economic Environment	80,280	0	1,316,575	0	0	0	0	<b>1,396,855</b>
Human Services	1,753,686	0	293,513	0	0	0	0	<b>2,047,198</b>
Culture & Recreation	1,167,895	0	24,700	0	405,000	884,175	0	<b>2,481,770</b>
Debt Service	0	0	221,761	493,429	0	0	0	<b>715,190</b>
Court Related	0	207,806	37,353	0	0	0	0	<b>245,159</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$25,438,286</b>	<b>\$207,806</b>	<b>\$19,464,054</b>	<b>\$493,429</b>	<b>\$2,374,046</b>	<b>\$915,380</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$48,893,002</b>
Transfers Out		\$3,750,000	499,706		-			<b>4,249,706</b>
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	4,926,624	110,388	18,725,578	221,721	8,072,697	62,391	218,613	<b>32,338,011</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES</b>								
<b>TRANSFERS, RESERVES &amp; BALANCES</b>	<b>\$30,364,910</b>	<b>\$4,068,194</b>	<b>\$38,689,338</b>	<b>\$715,150</b>	<b>\$10,446,743</b>	<b>\$977,770</b>	<b>\$218,613</b>	<b>\$85,480,718</b>

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above reference taxing authority as a public record.

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# Convicted drug dealer faces new drug possession charges

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested when suspected marijuana and cocaine, along with a large amount of cash, were reportedly found in his pickup truck.



Wendell O. Bradley

Wendell Octavius Bradley, 39, S.W. 28th St., was arrested Monday, Sept. 19, on felony charges of possession of cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of marijuana over 20 grams. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bradley was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$25,500. A check of jail records Tuesday afternoon indicated that he has been released on bond.

An arrest report by an Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force detective also indicated that \$577 in cash was found on Bradley's person, and an additional \$136 was found in the console of his truck.

Bradley, added the report, is unemployed.

The report states that when members of the task force encountered Bradley on N.E. 14th Ave. shortly after noon Monday he was sitting in his white Chevrolet pickup and another man was standing outside the vehicle. When one of the detectives approached the vehicle, continued the report, the investigator immediately smelled the odor of green marijuana coming from inside the truck.

According to the report, the detective could readily see a small amount of suspected pot lying on a \$1 bill on the center console. The detective could also easily see the top of a plastic sandwich bag sticking out of a purse on the seat, added the report.

During a search of the truck, the detectives reportedly found:

- a pill bottle containing 11.3 grams of suspected crack cocaine (59 rocks);
- 69 individual baggies containing suspected powder cocaine that weighed 16.2 grams;

- 36 individual plastic baggies containing suspected marijuana that weighed 28 grams;

- 11 individual baggies of suspected marijuana that weighed 87.5 grams and was packaged for resale;

- 55.8 grams of suspected marijuana in a bowl on the truck's floor;

- a package of plastic baggies commonly used in the sale of drugs;

- .7 grams of suspected marijuana laced with suspected cocaine wrapped in a \$1 bill; and,

- .1 gram of suspected powder cocaine in a small plastic baggie.

The detective stated in his report that all of the suspected marijuana was field tested, and the test indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. The suspected cocaine was also field tested, and that test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine, the report added.

When asked about the large amount of cash, Bradley reportedly told the detective he had earned the money washing cars.

During a taped interview, Bradley refused to provide detectives with any information. Instead, he reportedly told them that his "blood line" wouldn't let him do that.

He allegedly told the investigators that when a person is in the drug business they have to accept the risk of getting caught.

"And if you get caught, you take your punishment," he reportedly told the detectives.

Records indicate that Bradley knows what he's talking about. On Nov 1, 2000, he was sentenced to prison after being convicted in Okeechobee County for the sale/delivery of cocaine.

Department of Corrections (COD) records show that although he was sentenced to a term of two years, he was released June 9, 2001, from the Fort Pierce Work Release Center.

The man standing outside the truck talking to Bradley was released at the scene, the detective added.

## Men caught with 260 baby alligators

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) Officer David Straub and FWC Reserve Officer John Parrish surprised two Sumter County men Sept. 16 as the men came ashore in their airboat on Lake Apopka with a couple of sacks full of recently hatched alligators.

Robert "Bo" Martin Duval, 32, and Christopher Cork Scroggins, 22, both of Bushnell, were booked into Lake County jail early Thursday on felony possession/capture of hatchling alligators and misdemeanor conspiracy charges.

FWC officers were on surveillance at the Montverde boat ramp when the two men returned from their night of capturing the hatchling alligators on Lake Apopka in Lake County.

"Unfortunately, there is an illegal market for hatchling alligators, and people who participate in this type of poaching have no regard for our resources or the laws that protect them," said Straub. Officers returned the hatchlings to the lake alive. Duval and Scroggins later bailed out on \$13,000 and \$3,000 bonds, respectively.

Possessing/capturing hatchling alligators is a third-degree felony, which, on conviction, carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

To report alligator and other fish, wildlife or boating violations, please call the 24-hour Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

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## Kiwanis guests

The Thursday, Sept. 15, Kiwanis meeting was held at The Lodge at the Lake Family Restaurant. In the first photo is Lonnie Kirsch, Kiwanis member who introduced her speaker, Russ Brown, provost at Indian River State College (IRSC), Dixon-Hendry Campus. Mr. Brown talked to the Kiwanis members about IRSC's dedication to providing a positive atmosphere. He said typically A.S. degree students have jobs in their chosen field upon graduation.



Okeechobee News/Diana Whitehall  
To the left are Greg Thogersen, Kiwanis president and Teresa Chandler, founder/president of the B.R.A.T. Club (Building Relationships Among Teens). Teresa talked to Kiwanis members in great detail about the club, that it is very well supervised and their members range from ages 12 to 16 years old. Their goal is to relax and have fun which they plan to do at their next teen dance scheduled for Sept. 24. These youth are very active in the community and the club itself is growing substantially. They are in need of a permanent meeting location.

## Historical Society meets

Vice president Elder Sumner receives an antique railroad switch key donated to the Historical Society by Johnny McCullers, during the September meeting of the Okeechobee Historical Society. Below, Zelda Mixon, a Historical Society director and Wanda Haas, RN, show off a collection of school supplies that the members of the Historical Society are donating to a local school.

Mrs. Haas was speaking to the members at the monthly meeting on the risk factors associated with diabetes and the health implications. Members completed a "risk assessment test" for the disease.



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## Constitution Week

Okeechobee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution celebrate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23. The display is at the library to honor the 224th Anniversary of the signing of our Constitution. From left to right are Marie Culbreth, Kenna Noonan, Bobbie Lee Wilson and Su George.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

## Employee recognition

Joshua O'Berry (left) of the Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) construction crew, is congratulated by OUA board of directors chairman Steve Nelson (right) for five years service to the utility. The recognition came during the Sept. 13 OUA board of directors meeting.

## Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Okeechobee County from the National Weather Service

### Local Forecast

**Today:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. Heat index values as high as 101. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

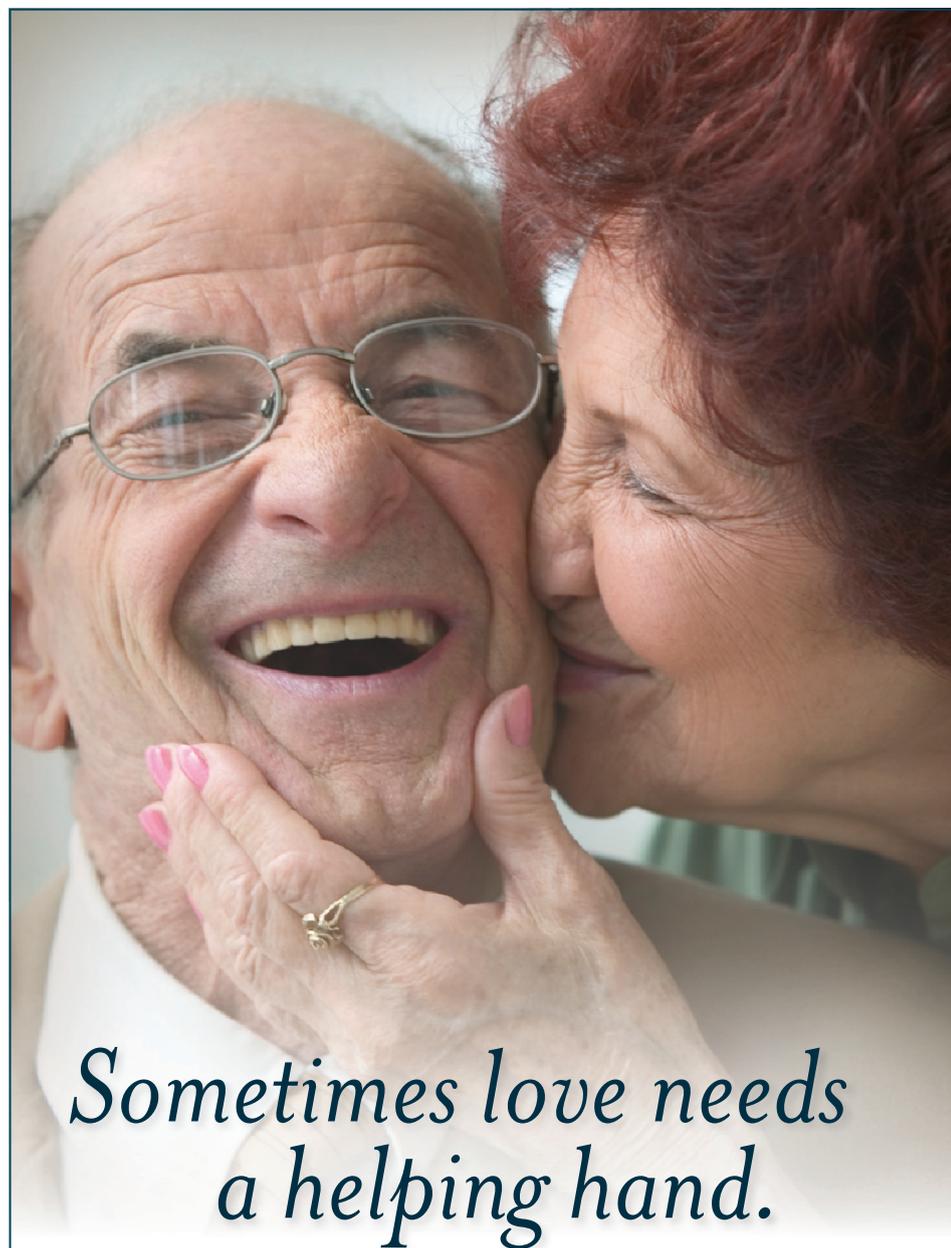
**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

### Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming south southwest around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

**Saturday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

**Sunday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.



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## Retired educators show off awards

Shown here are Marion Davis and Gay Carlton with some of the awards OREA received at the Regional Meeting for having over 68 percent participation in Literacy Volunteer Hours and Membership Recruitment. OREA will have their next meeting on Monday, Oct. 10, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Lodge Restaurant. Any retired educator is invited to join the fun!

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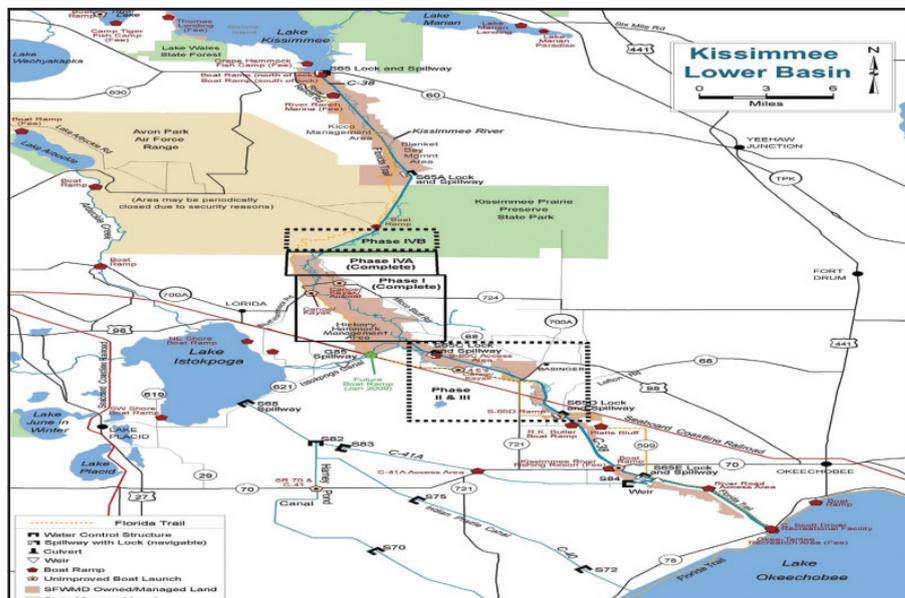
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## Kissimmee River locks to re-open

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) plans to place the S-65A navigation lock back in service in October after replacing hardware needed to operate the gates. The navigation lock has been closed for this work since Aug. 15. The S-65A lock is located on the Kissimmee River about 11 miles south of State Road 60 and Lake Kissimmee.

## Foster parents needed

Hibiscus Children's Center Foster Care Program recruits, trains and licenses all the traditional Foster Parents in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. There is a tremendous need for loving and nurturing Foster Parents. For additional information about becoming a Foster Parent or to register for a class please call: 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415.

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# Medical center uses latest communications technology

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

Lakeshore Medical Center, located on N. Parrott Avenue, is part of Florida Community Health Centers which also has medical centers in Port St. Lucie, Pahokee, Clewiston, Fort Pierce and Indiantown. The Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center is also part of Florida Community Health Centers.

The goal of Florida Community Health Centers is "to provide accessible, cost-effective, high quality, comprehensive primary and preventive health-care to all persons regardless of their socioeconomic circumstances."

Lakeshore Medical's staff of 25, which includes one medical doctor and an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner with a PhD,

are able to rapidly and courteously provide a full range of lab work, family medical services and ob-gyn service except for child delivery. The center is housed in an 8,000 square foot building that is clean, professional looking and provides for security and efficient service.

The center treats about 1,200 patients a month. Director Tim Fulford estimates that 60 percent of the patients are low income which means that they pay on a sliding scale based on income.

Using the electronic equipment in the tele-medicine room, patients are able to see and be seen by and talk back and forth with medical specialists at the Florida Community Health Centers in Fort Pierce and Indiantown.

Currently the center maintains thousands of paper medical records however, they are in the process of going paperless.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at [pgawda@newszap.com](mailto:pgawda@newszap.com).



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

When patients first come into Lakeshore Medical Center, they are greeted by these three ladies. They are, left to right, Moe Queen, Brandy Ellis and Yolanda Gonzales.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

These ladies, left to right, Karla Parriott, Elia Suarez and Wanda Martinez, maintain the medical records at Lakeshore Medical Center.



Tim Fulford, director of Lakeshore Medical Center, and Brandy Ellis, nurse manager, demonstrate the equipment of the tele-medicine room. Using this equipment patients are able see and talk with medical specialists at the Florida Community Health Centers in Indiantown and Fort Pierce.



Special to the Okeechobee News

## Scrapbooking class

Wednesday, Sept. 28 is the first meeting of the Scrapbooking class. Class will be held @ 5:30, in the studio of Photography By Bobbi, 106 SE Park St. Please call 801-0015 for instructions or information on the first project. Each child will need to bring 4-5 snap shots of themselves, or family to work on this beginners craft. There will be enrollment forms for 4-H to be filled out, please bring \$1.00 for this. The other scrapbooking items are for sale here to complete this project as well. Parents are welcome to stay with their child to assist them in cutting, shaping, gluing their work.

## Businesses invited to seminar

An upcoming USPS-SBDC workshop to help businesses save money and time, energize their business and generate new customers. This is a joint effort between the US Postal Service, Indian River State College and the Small Business Development Center. The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County is assisting with handling reservations for this Tuesday morning, Continental Breakfast Workshop. The event is planned for Oct. 11 from 8 to 10 a.m. For information or to register online, go to <http://www.okeechobeebusiness.com>.



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# Invasive animals cause problems to increase

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida has the world's worst invasive amphibian and reptile problem, and a new 20-year study led by a University of Florida researcher verifies the pet trade as the No. 1 cause of the species' introductions.

From 1863 through 2010, 137 non-native amphibian and reptile species were introduced to Florida, with about 25 percent of those traced to one animal importer. The findings appear online Sept. 15, 2011 in Zootaxa.

"Most people in Florida don't realize when they see an animal if it's native or non-native and unfortunately, quite a few of them don't belong here and can cause harm," said lead author Kenneth Krysko, herpetology collection manager at the Florida Museum of Natural History on the UF campus. "No other area in the world has a problem like we do, and today's laws simply cannot be enforced to stop current trends."

Florida law prohibits the release of non-native species without a state permit, but offenders cannot be prosecuted unless they are caught in the act. To date, no one in Florida has been prosecuted for the establishment of a non-indigenous animal. Researchers urge lawmakers to create enforceable policies before more species reproduce and become established. The study names 56 established species: 43 lizards, five snakes, four turtles, three frogs and a caiman, a close relative of the American alligator.

"The invasion of lizards is pretty drastic considering we only have 16 native species," Krysko said. "Lizards can cause just as much damage as a python. They are quicker than snakes, can travel far, and are always moving around looking for the next meal."

Defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as organisms "whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health," invasive species are a growing concern for residents and policymakers. Only three species were intercepted before reaching the wild and researchers documented 137 introductions. The study also shows no established, non-native amphibian or reptile species has been eradicated.

Floridians have experienced some of the damage these animals can cause, from iguanas that destroy cement walls to Burmese pythons released in the Everglades that eat protected species. While the impact of many of the introduced species has not been determined, the study provides new information about how, why and when they entered the state.

The first introduction in 1863 was of the greenhouse frog, native to the West Indies. One of the most easily recognized species is the brown anole, the first introduced lizard, which reached Florida from Cuba via cargo ships in 1887. Until about 1940, nearly all non-native species arrived through this accidental cargo pathway, but the boom in popularity of exotic terrarium animals in the 1970s and 1980s led to the pet trade being accountable for 84 percent of the introductions, Krysko said.

"It's like some mad scientist has thrown these species together from all around the world and said, 'hey let's put them all together and see what happens,'" Krysko said. "It could take decades before we actually know the long-term effects these species will have."

Other pathways include biological control, in which an animal is intentionally released to control a pest species, and accidental introduction through the zoo or plant trade. The study will serve as a baseline for establishing effective policies for control or eradication, said Fred Kraus, a vertebrate biologist at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu who helped establish policies for invasive amphibians and reptiles in Hawaii.

"This paper by Kenney and company I think is a good example of the approach that needs to be taken, providing the detail and being rather cautious in making immediate claims that things are established until there is evidence for it," Kraus said. "There is a lot more work going on now, but for years it was just ignored. For years, climate change was ignored, too. You know, humans just tend to ignore bad news until you can't ignore it anymore."

One of the greatest obstacles pet owners face is how to feed and house an exotic animal that has become too large or difficult to handle, Krysko said.

"The biggest example is the Burmese python," Krysko said. "It's a large constrictor and has definitely shown impact on native species, some you just can't even find anymore."

The study uses fieldwork data from 12 co-authors throughout the state and research primarily using specimens in the Florida Museum of Natural History collections.

"This is a global problem and to think Florida is an exception to the rule is silly," Krysko said. "The Fish and Wildlife Commission can't do it alone - they need help and we have to have partners in this with every agency and the general public. Everyone has to be on board; it's a very serious issue."

## Brahman linksters split in tri-match

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Richard Donegan shot a 2-over 38 and Kutter Crawford shot 3-over 39 at the Vero Beach Country Club Wednesday as the OHS boys golf team split a match with Benjamin and St. Edwards High Schools.

Benjamin shot 145, Okeechobee shot 163, and St. Edwards shot 186 in the match

on the par 36 course.

Jaylen Ledger of Benjamin was the low golfer of the day with a score of 1-under par, 35.

Tyler Finney shot 42 and Billy Childers shot 44 to finish off the Okeechobee score as OHS fell to (3-4-1) on the year.

It is a busy week for the boys golf team. They travelled to Port St. Lucie on Thursday and travel to Sebastian River on Saturday.

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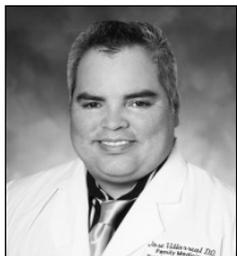
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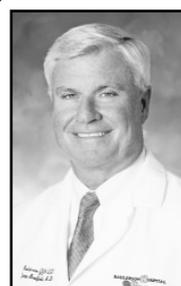
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# Junior Golf championship winners announced



**2011 Jr. Champion – Boys Division, Tyler Finney. 2011 Little Miss Okeechobee County Fair Hope Wisener and 2010 Jr. Champion Kodi Stephen presented the awards.**

On Saturday, Sept. 17, Waldau's Junior Golf, Inc., and the Okeechobee Golf & Country Club held their Fifth Annual Okeechobee County Junior Golf Tournament. Junior golfers, ages 10 -18 participated in the 18-hole tournament.

The tournament began with a continental breakfast where the tournament format and rules were read. All junior golfers played a qualifying round and the final 9 hole scores determined the 2011 Champions and Flight winners. There were also awards for longest drive, closest to the pin and for the putting contest.

Lunch was served to all the contestants and awards were presented afterwards.

The 2011 Okeechobee County Junior Champion in the boys division is Tyler Finney, 17. Second Place went to Kutter Crawford, 15.

The 2011 Okeechobee County Junior Champion in the girls division is Hannah Raulerson, 14. Second Place went to Emily Raulerson, 17 and Third Place to Rachel Rabon, 18.

In Young Junior Boys division, First Place went to Zach Hudson, 13, and Second Place went to Elijah Finney, 13. In Young Junior Girls division, First Place went to Hannah Boshell, 10.

The longest drive winners were: Junior division, Tyler Finney; Young Junior division, Zach Hudson; and Girls' Division, Hannah

Raulerson. Closest to the pin winners were: Boys division, Trenton Hickman; and Girls division, Sam Harrell.

Putting contest winners were: First Place, Tyler Finney; Second Place, Rachel Rabon and Third Place, Kyle Mullins.

Tournament admission was free for the junior golfers thanks to the Waldau Junior Golf programs, Okeechobee Golf and Country Club and the annual corporate sponsors of Waldau Junior Golf, Inc.

Waldau's Junior Golf would like to thank those who volunteered and helped with this year's tournament: Saba Curren, Terry Lanman, Don Watt, Kristy Crawford, Danny Busbin, Kodi Stephen, all the parents who helped caddie and cheer the golfers on and to the OGCC golfers who were kind enough to play their golf around the schedule of this tournament.

A special thanks is extended to 2011 Little Miss Okeechobee County Hope Wisener, for volunteering and presenting all the awards.

Defending champion Kodi Stephen was unable to compete due to an injury but came out to volunteer and to present the award to the new champion. Waldau's Junior Golf, Inc., appreciates his support and good sportsmanship. Kodi is an example of the character the sport of golf builds.

Waldau's Junior Golf's next event is their annual fund raising tournament, which will be held on Nov. 5, at the Okeechobee Golf &

## O.G. & C.C. Golf Results

Okeechobee Golf and Country Club Gold Tee winners included:

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Country Club. More photos of the Junior Golf Championship tournament and information about their next tournament can be found

on their website at [www.floridajuniorgolf.org](http://www.floridajuniorgolf.org) and on their Facebook page.



**2011 Jr. Champion – Girls Division, Hannah Raulerson.**



**2011 Young Jr. First Place winner – Boys Division, Zach Hudson.**



**2011 Young Jr. First Place winner – Girls Division, Hannah Boswell.**

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## BUDGET SUMMARY Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Millage 1.000	General Fund
<b>Revenues</b>	
Revenue balance forward for last year	\$ 148,852
Ad Valorem Taxes	62,390
State	9,198
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 220,440</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Personal Services	\$ 52,000
Capital Outlay	46,440
Chemicals	45,000
Operating Expense	24,000
Contingency (Current Year)	19,000
Insurance	8,000
Repairs and Maintenance	4,000
Personal Service Benefits	3,500
Other Charges	3,000
Gasoline/Oil/Lube	3,000
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Publication and Dues	1,500
Training	1,000
Protective Clothing	1,000
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,000
Tools and Implements	1,000
Utility Service	500
Reserves	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$220,440</b>

The tentative, adopted, and/or final budgets are on file in the office of the above referenced taxing authority as a public record.

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## NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District Fiscal Year 2011-2012

The Buckhead Ridge Mosquito Control District has tentatively adopted a budget for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on September 27, 2011, at 6:00pm at 30052 Hwy 78 West.

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# Brahmans host Sharks in grid matchup

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee and Sebastian River have a lot of the same problems this year. Tops on that list are the fact that neither team has won a game as both teams stumble into Brahman stadium tonight with (0-3) records.

The Sharks lost a deep senior class last year but still feature some weapons in fullback Nikko Finnegan, who has averaged seven yards per carry this year with 395 yards rushing and six touchdowns in the three games. WR Tay Brown has caught nine passes for 108 yards and a touchdown.

The Sharks have lost to Maynard Evans High School, Centennial and Fort Pierce Central while Okeechobee has fallen to Gulliver Prep, DeSoto and Centennial.

Brahman coach Myron Jackson went back to fundamentals this week. He wants



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his team to do a better job tackling and knowing their role on defense.

"We asked the kids this week why are you here? We did some soul searching. I feel tough times and pressure can develop some diamonds," he noted.

He also urged the kids to take accountability for their responsibilities and be mentally ready to go at kickoff. Another goal will be to limit mistakes and play with 100 percent effort.

Jackson said the Sharks and Brahmans both like to run the football and neither team has a dominating defense. He said special teams could decide the winner of the game.

"Their tailback is strong and we'll have to pack a lunch and put our hard hats on and get downhill on him," Jackson added.

Jackson doesn't expect the Sharks to throw the ball a lot but noted they have a

tendency to throw the ball deep to make big plays when the defense isn't prepared.

In the injury report Al Morris was lost for the season with a broken leg in the game versus St. Lucie West. Thor Harden could miss at least two weeks due to a concussion. Jose Santibanez remains sidelined with a broken ankle. Starting quarterback from 2010, Jack Radebaugh returned to practice earlier this week and should see some action tonight. D.J. Washington has a hand injury and Daniel Nunez has recovered from an ankle sprain.

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# Lady Brahman swimmers split in tri-match; OHS boys go winless

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School boys swim team lost to Martin County and American Heritage while the girls squad managed a split in their tri-match with those schools on Monday at the community pool in Stuart.

Martin County defeated the Okeechobee boys 82-16 while American Heritage defeated the Brahman boys 66-28.

In the girls meet Martin County defeated Okeechobee 83-18 and the Brahman girls defeated American Heritage 63-30.

Highlights for the boy's squad included the 200 freestyle relay team which set a career best time of 1:47.86. Team members include Dustin Houston, Ryan Reister, Dalton Hodges and Jason Rucks.

Coach Brian Turner said he felt this relay team was really making some positive progress, "One of our main goals this season was to have two of the boys relays reach regional

and this is very close to the time they need."

The 400 freestyle relay finished in third place with a time of 4:11.57.

Highlights for the girl's squad were Jessica Wackler who finished second in the 200 freestyle, Katie Van Beek who finished third in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle, and Sage Douglas who finished in second in the 500 freestyle. Emilie Lege added a third place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

Coach Turner said he was impressed with Van Beek's performance. Her time of 28.70 seconds in the 50 yard free was a personal best.

The 400 freestyle relay team of Wackler, Savannah Whitlock, Jessica Bolan and Van Beek finished in second place and the 200 freestyle relay comprised of the same girls finished in second place.

Coach Turner said the 400 freestyle relay team has approached the time they will need to post to make the regional meet.

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2011TD088  
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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**  
**LISA 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

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
2011TD077

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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.**  
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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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2011TD086  
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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**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING**  
**A CITY ORDINANCE**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida will on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave., Okeechobee, FL conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on and thereafter to consider final reading of the following Ordinance into law: Ord No. 1075: **AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING AND ABANDONING THE STREETS, RIGHTS-OF-WAY OR EASEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, BEING THAT A PORTION OF NORTHWEST 3RD AVENUE (FORMERLY KNOWN AS MIAMI STREET) EXTENDING FROM THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SEABOARD AIRLINE RAILROAD COMPANY, NORTH, TO SOUTH BOUNDARY OF NORTHWEST 9TH STREET (FORMERLY KNOWN AS FIFTEENTH STREET) IN THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 10, PUBLIC RECORDS, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA, LYING BETWEEN BLOCK 47 AND BLOCK 48, CITY OF OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO RECORD THE ORDINANCE IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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](http://www.cityofokeechobee.com), to obtain a copy of the agenda.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.  
by: James E. Kirk, Mayor  
Lane Gamiolea, CMC, City Clerk  
398453 ON 9/23/2011

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**  
2011TD083

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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**  
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed:  
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2011TD078  
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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.**  
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2011TD091  
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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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2011TD087  
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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**  
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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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.**  
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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:  
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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE**  
On **October 08 2011,** there will be sold to the highest bidder At the premises of **SABAL PALM SELF STORAGE, 14040 Hwy 441 N, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 (Landlord)** the contents of storage spaces rented by Tenants, for failure to pay rent due on the spaces. Sealed bids will be accepted until the day of the sale. The contents of the spaces consist of personal property including household goods, furnishings, clothing, boxes, bags, and totes, and other miscellaneous property. The names of the tenants whose property will be sold are:  
**1. Ann Gett, Unit #C-CC36 - Minimum Bid \$280**

**Sabal Palm Self Storage**  
863-357-1110  
398466 ON 9/23,30/2011

**NOTICE**  
There will be a meeting of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) of Okeechobee County on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Tourist Development Council Office located at 2800 N.W. 20th Trail (Airport Terminal Bldg.), Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the TDC with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Kathy Scott, Tourism Coordinator  
Tourist Development Council  
Okeechobee County  
398370 ON 9/23/2011

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW**

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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 ROSELLA 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

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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

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2011TD081

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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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD082

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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

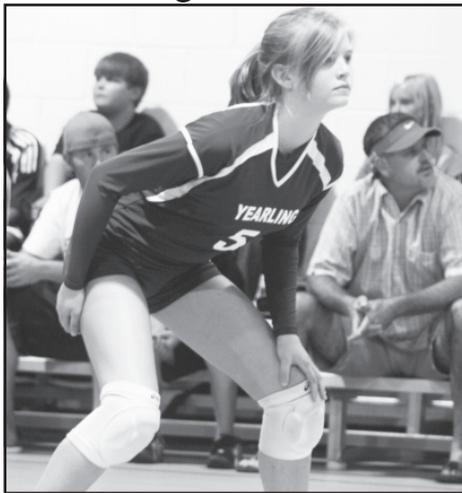
1-24-37-35-0010-00060-0050 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

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

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy Defensive specialist Jenna Thomas awaits a Wildcat serve during the volleyball match between YMS and Oslo on Wednesday.

By Charles M. Murphy Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School showcased a dominant service and net game Wednesday as they responded from their first loss in 45 matches with an impressive sweep of the Lady Wildcats of Oslo Middle School 25-13 and 25-10 at the Lady Bulls' gym.

Coach Bruce Conrad said he wasn't concerned that his team would suffer any kind of doubt or hangover from their loss to Pemayetv Emahakv Middle School on Monday.

"No not at all. I thought we would come back and play well which we did. I have a lot of experience and club players and they stepped up," he added.

Conrad saw his team struggle early as Oslo built a 4-1 lead in the first game. Yearling responded with four straight points and built leads of 10-5 and 16-7. Cheyenne Nunez was at the service line for six consecutive points for the Lady Bulls.

Conrad said he played a lot of the sixth and seventh graders together in the second game to get them some work.

"They have a lot of talent and I wanted to see how they played together. They performed well too."

Conrad said the Lady Bulls still need to work on the start of matches. He said he doesn't understand why the team gets off to slow starts. Another area of improvement would be the service game. Conrad said the team is very sporadic with serves.

"When we played the Charter School we'd have one good serve and then serve one out. You have to get your serves in against good teams," he noted.

Yearling will host Sebastian on Monday, Sept. 26, at 4:30 p.m. Rain and thunderstorms cancelled the soccer game between Yearling and Oslo on Wednesday.

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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

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2011TD079

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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

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2011TD080

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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

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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

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2011TD093

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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

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