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Rec department head retires



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

On Nov. 22, Chairperson Margaret Garrard Helton presented Darrell Enfinger with a proclamation honoring him.

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At the end of this month Okeechobee County will lose the only director of parks and recreation it has ever had.

Darrell Enfinger will retire Nov. 30 after 37 years with the county.

On Aug. 12, 1974, shortly after graduating from college, Mr. Enfinger was hired as the county's first director of parks and recreation.

"At that time recreation was not a popular thing," said Tony Ard, who worked for Mr. Enfinger for over 20 years, before becoming head of the facilities maintenance department.

When the tennis courts were built in 1975, Mr. Ard said one county commissioner asked why people were playing tennis when they needed to be working.

"We had nothing," Mr. Ard said.

He said that Mr. Enfinger started from scratch to build the parks and recreation department.

In 1974 there was one adult softball field with about a dozen teams and two youth baseball fields with several dozen youth teams. Since that time the county's recreation program has grown tremendously.

Tennis courts were built in 1975 and a

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Commissioners OK county reorganization

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, Okeechobee County commissioners gave their blessing to a reorganization plan for county staff and gave the sheriff a new crime fighting tool.

County administrator Robbie Chartier presented a plan for reorganization of county departments that is in the process of being implemented. It will streamline operations and make department heads more accountable.

Currently, there are 18 department heads that report directly either to the county administrator or to the deputy administrator. Mrs. Chartier's plan reduces that number to eight.

"I think you are headed on the right track," was the opinion of Commissioner Margaret Garrard Helton.

"I would like to commend Robbie (Chartier) for making these changes," stated Commissioner Frank Irby, calling the changes a positive move.

There are three completely new department heads.

One is the budget management director, which will be funded from Mrs.

Chartier's old position of deputy county administrator. That person will be responsible for the SHIP Program, human resources and purchasing.

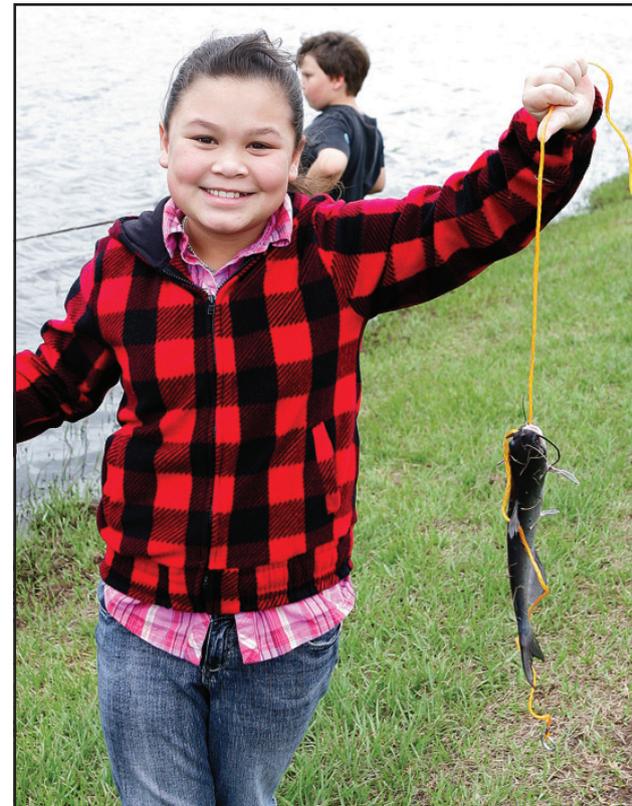
There is a community services director position that will be responsible for the library, extension services, senior services, soil conservation and veterans and indigent services. That position is unfunded and will remain vacant for the time being.

Then there is the position of public works director. That person will be responsible for the airport, engineering, roads, solid waste, surveying and stormwater. This position will be funded from the money set aside for a county engineer's salary.

The remaining department head positions in the new organizational chart are currently in existence, and most will now have expanded responsibilities.

The planning and development services will consist of the building and planning departments, E 9-1-1 and code enforcement. The parks and recreation director will be responsible for the Agri-

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Chan Garrett

Kids of all ages participated in the Lee McAlister Memorial Kid's Day Fishing Festival - 2011, organized by Taylor Creek Bass Club on Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. See page 19 for a description of the events and the winners.

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Dine with the Doctor date announced

On Tuesday, **Nov. 29**, Raulerson Hospital will host its monthly physician lecture series, Dine with the Doctor. During Dine with the Doctor, local physicians speak to the community regarding various health topics. These informative sessions are open to the public. The physicians usually have a question and answer session following their topics. Dine with the Doctor is held in Raulerson Hospital's Cafeteria. Each Dine with the Doctor begins with Raulerson Hospital serving a dinner for \$5 per person at 4:30 p.m. At 5 p.m., the physician begins his/her medical lecture. The physician lecture is free. This month's Dine with the Doctor speaker is Dr. Manual Garcia, MD. Dr. Garcia is a general surgeon, he will speak about many of the surgical services available at Raulerson Hospital and more. To RSVP for Dine with the Doctor, contact 800-449-8642.

Pregnancy Center offers free parenting classes

Free Pregnancy tests are available at the Pregnancy Center of Okeechobee. Office located at 500 N.W. Sixth Street and you may call the office at 863-467-8748. Free parenting classes available for mothers (and fathers) to be or those already with babies on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. Call the office at 863-467-8748. Come find out about the Baby Boutique!

Smoker grill goes to winner of drawing at local Blood Roundup

Peggy Lampi of Okeechobee will be "grillin'" her turkey this year, as she was the recipient of this magnificent smoker grill as a grand prize drawing winner from the Okeechobee Blood Roundup. Our local Home Depot donated the grill as part of the many in the stash of prizes given away during the two-day Blood Roundup. The Roundup was held on Nov. 19-20, at the Freshman Campus. Some 532 units of blood were collected.



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Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. East wind around 10 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. East wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West wind around 5 mph.

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OHS senior earns national scholar award

School board also honors Everglades teacher

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School senior Emily Raulerson earned the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Scholar Award and second grade teacher Kim Rathbun earned the Golden Mouse Award.

The awards were handed out at the Okeechobee County School Board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Ms. Raulerson intends to pursue a science degree at Florida State University. She scored in the top 5 percent of the 1.5 million students who competed for the scholar's award in the nation. She carries a 4.0 grade point average in her classes and also had a high score on the pre-SAT.

"I really feel good about this recognition," Ms. Raulerson said afterward, "I really want to pursue a career in science and calculus

and subjects that I enjoy."

Ms. Rathbun, a teacher at Everglades Elementary School, was honored for her use of new technology in her classroom.

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy said the district has spent close to \$5 million over the past few years to improve technology in local schools.

The policy of one-bus-per-one-student was again questioned at the meeting by parent Rodney Rucks, who requested his children be allowed to use two different buses due to a family situation. While there was some support on the board, staff contended it would be difficult to keep track of students and ensure their safety if they were allowed to ride more than one school bus.

"We'd love to accommodate parents, but if we do this it'll be a nightmare to track kids and keep up with them," board member Gay Carlton said.

Board member Joe Arnold said he'd like to see the board be flexible on these types of situations, which are becoming more common in Okeechobee. He said he is not op-

posed to a change in the policy but wanted more time to consider options.

The board did change the transportation policy for high school students last year, but kept the same policy for elementary and middle school students.

The board had two individuals nominated for chairperson but decided to re-elect Kelly Owens as the chairperson after Joe Arnold rejected his nomination by board member India Riedel. David Williams was re-elected as vice chairman of the board.

The board also voted to continue their regular monthly meeting date as the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in their meeting room.

The board also proclaimed Nov. 20 as 'Retired Educators' Day in Okeechobee County; approved a small change order for the Okeechobee Achievement Academy Construction project; and, scheduled an executive session for Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. to discuss negotiations with Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 for Race to the Top and Senate Bill 736 negotiations.

Negotiations will also be held on Nov. 28.

Facilities director Dale Barrett reported the district saved over \$121,000 on the purchase of materials during the OAA construction project by using direct purchase and the



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
OHS Senior Emily Raulerson (right) earned an award in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Superintendent Ken Kenworthy (left) gave her the award.

board's exemption from payment of sales taxes.

The school board also reset the regular January meeting date and will now meet on Jan. 17 at 6 p.m.

The 1914 Okeechobee train station will be highlighted on ornaments sold this year by the Okeechobee Retired Educators in Flagler Park on Dec. 10.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Rotary meets

Lyle Fried (left) welcomed Bill Pearl (right), Group Study Exchange Chair for Rotary International, at last week's Okeechobee Rotary Club meeting. Mr. Pearl gave a brief history of how the program began in the 1960s. The essence of the program is to exchange information and warming relationships between teams. Improved communication and relationships have benefited 69,000 young professionals. There will be four team members who will go with a team leader, which they are in the process of choosing.



President of the Retired Educators of Okeechobee Gay Carlton (left) accepted a proclamation from Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy for Retired Educators Day at the school board meeting on Tuesday.



Everglades teacher Kim Rathbun (right) won the Golden Mouse Award for her use of new technology to improve her student's school experience Tuesday night Oct. 22. Superintendent Kenworthy presented her with the award.

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Public Forum/Speak Out

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

Recycling

• It's great they are recycling the super-market food waste with a new facility at Waste Management. But when is this county going to get serious about recycling aluminum cans, plastic and paper? In the county, only a few neighborhoods have curbside recycling. There are no convenient recycling bins to take things to. You have to drive to the recycling center when it is open. The county does not make it easy for those who want to recycle because it is the right thing to do and good for the planet.

• Aluminum cans can be crushed and when you've stored enough for a trip, simply take them to a local recycling center.

• It takes 34 cans to make one pound.

• I think a lot more people would recycle if it were more convenient. It is not fair that part of the county has curbside recycling and the rest doesn't.

• Right now aluminum goes for \$ 0.50 a pound

Health care

• The government forcing people to purchase private insurance is not going to make the Medicaid programs go away. They will always be there and we will continue to pay for them. Forcing others, like me, to purchase private insurance is not going to change the indigent program costs nor eligibility. I don't see how the two tie together?

Murder

• In regard to the Medrano murder case that was in the newspaper recently, I think it is important for women to know that if they are in an abusive situation, there is help for them. They should not be afraid to leave. They should call Martha's House for advice and help.

Education

• In the old days I left high school and enrolled in what was then called trade school. Today's vocational schools are much more advanced and if you qualify, you can go on to college if you desire, or maybe go out and get a job, but later want to get a degree so you can move up the ladder. My daughter went to a vocational school and today is an office manager/dental hygienist.

• Of course what this community really needs is industry -- something to bring jobs here that will pay a decent wage. The kids grow up and have to leave because they can't find jobs here, or else can only find jobs that don't pay enough to live on.

Can the Post Office be saved?

• I see in the news that the US Postal Service lost billions last year. The Postmaster wants to cut delivery to five days a week to save money. Some people don't think we need the Post Office anymore, with most communication done by e-mail and packages sent by Fed-X or UPS. I am fine with cutting mail delivery to five days a week, but I would hate to lose the Post Office completely. Still, how can a business lose billions a year and not close the doors?

• How can a business lose billions? Look for the union label!

• I remember years ago, and probably still today, people were lining up to take the civil service exam, to hire on at the postal service because the pay and benefits were so good. There is nothing wrong with making a high wage, as long as the business will support it. When wages, and cost of operation exceed the value of your product, then you need to restructure. Problem is the unions in general won't support pay cuts and would rather see a business fail than make some concessions.

• People just do not mail as many letters as they did before email. Everything is electronic now. Many people receive no paper bills or statements at all. There is just less demand, so they obviously need to cut back on expenses. They make most of their money on those ad circulars that they stuff your mail box full of. I don't know anyone who likes getting those. If you pick up mail at the post office you will see people getting their mail and immediately throwing away all the advertising fliers. I asked if I could "opt out" of any mail that was not addressed to me by name, but they can't or won't do that.

• Some people have suggested privatizing the postal service.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to all

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the benefit for Lynn Earley on Nov. 12.

Your participation and generous donations were very much appreciated.

Thank you all,
Lynn Earley

Hospice month recognized

On Thursday, Nov. 10, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the county commission presented a proclamation by Governor Scott recognizing November as Hospice month in Florida. Receiving the proclamation on behalf of all those who dedicate themselves to the care of the terminally ill were Judi Winchester, Director of Patient Care and Paula Baxley, Community Outreach.

I want to thank the commissioners for this public display of support for the value of hospice services and for those individuals in our community who have chosen hospice care as their life's work.

All Hospice organizations depend on donations and fund raising events and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people in Okeechobee who so generously support the mission of Hospice of Okeechobee through their financial contributions.

Sincerely,
Frank Irby
Hospice of Okeechobee board member

Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant

As the Acting Chair of the Board for a local nonprofit, I understand the importance of investing in the lives and experiences of our youngest children. As the manager of a local business, I understand that the returns on such investments not only benefit individual children, but the community as a whole. The Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties is a nonprofit organization that serves as a local resource for all families with young children. Last year, we ensured that over 4,000 children received a high-quality early learning experience, setting them up for school and life success.

As of Oct. 19, Florida is competing to win \$100 million aimed at improving the programs and services for our youngest citizens. Florida successfully submitted its application for the Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge grant made available by both the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This is the largest opportunity of its kind and I'm thrilled that Florida's plan is among the contenders for the funds.

Florida's plan includes improvements for classrooms, teacher preparation and technological advancements. Child care businesses in our community will continue to work as partners with the Early Learning Coalition of Indian River, Martin and Okeechobee Counties, and will have a choice to participate in the activities set into motion by the award of funds. Grant activities will be implemented in local communities ensuring that Florida does not grow government and capitalizes on leveraging resources for the greatest return.

Offering high-quality early learning programs to children through the Early Learning Coalition, affords parents the opportunity to continue working, while their child is cared for in a developmentally appropriate environment. The positive impact on families and children is recognized through letters received from families, such as this excerpt: "I just wanted to say thank you for your services for my daughter from 2008-2011. Being a single mother can be hard and stressful, but this program eased some of that stress. It allowed me to maintain my job, which allowed me to pay other bills."

The Race to the Top grant is an opportunity for Florida to develop a first-rate education system, providing Florida's children with the foundation toward "building blocks for educational success." We will not succeed in the future, unless we start at the beginning by providing a high-quality education for our people. Education should not be looked upon as a privilege, but rather a necessity in the pursuit of strengthening the State of Florida.

Jacqueline Crighton
Acting Board Chair

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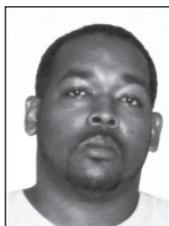
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Man allegedly robbed woman at gunpoint

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



**Gernard
Louis**

A Bradenton man is being held on bond in the Okeechobee County Jail after he allegedly pointed a gun at a woman then took her cell phone.

Gernard Romont Louis, 36, was arrested Monday, Nov. 21, on felony charges of robbery with a firearm and domestic battery. He is being held on a bond of \$52,500.

An arrest report by Officer Chad Troutman, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), stated that Louis, armed with a handgun, approached a woman as she was talking on the phone while sitting on her porch.

The officer stated that Louis pointed the gun at the woman then grabbed the phone from her hand. The report stated that the phone was valued at \$50.

Officer Troutman stated that the woman struggled with Louis in an effort to retrieve her phone, but the man got away from her and fled.

Other OCPD units, along with deputies from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), were called to the area to establish a perimeter. OCSO Deputy Matthew Hurst and his K-9 Nero reportedly tracked Louis to an alley behind the woman's home but then lost the track.

With the assistance of the other units, Louis was found a few hours later and placed under arrest without incident.

According to the officer's report, Louis denied ever having a gun. The report does not indicate if a gun was ever found.

Truck stolen from local parking lot

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local detective is putting his investigative skills to work as he tries to track down a pickup truck that was stolen from the parking lot of a restaurant on S.R. 70 E.

The truck, a black 1995 Ford F-150, was last seen around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, when its owner parked it in the parking lot of the Crossroads Restaurant. When the owner returned around 8:30 p.m. the vehicle was gone.

According to an original report by Deputy Paul Jackson, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the vehicle was unlocked and the keys were 'hidden' in the vehicle. The report also stated that there was no sign of forced entry at the scene -- such as broken glass.

The deputy's report went on to state that there was .22 caliber rifle, debit card, checkbook and a letterman's jacket inside the truck. In the diamond-plate tool box in the truck's bed were two lariats and one horse blanket.

The deputy's report indicated that the truck had a value of \$2,000, while the rifle was valued at \$100 and the jacket had an estimated value of \$50. There was also an undisclosed amount of cash in the glove box.

The truck was described as being black with dual exhaust, tint on the rear window and a dent on the left rear fender. The owner of the truck told the deputy there was also a pink decal on the upper right side of the rear window that read CW 2DV.

OCSO Detective Mark Shireman has been assigned to investigate the case.



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).

- Austin Coy Zahn, 20, N.E. 60th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 17 by Deputy John Hazy on charges of driving under the influence and possession of a concealed weapon. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- James Byron Thomas, 27, S.E. 30th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 18 by Deputy Justin Akins on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure. He is being held without bond.

- Armando Abidan Reyes, 25, Laurette Lane, Lake Worth, was arrested Nov. 22 by Deputy DeMarcus Dixon on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - trespass and failure to appear - possession of cocaine. He is being held without bond.

- Jeffrey Michael Rusinko, 33, S.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 2 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$500.

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

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Community Events

Waste Management landfill open Friday

The Waste Management landfill office will be open regular business hours on Friday, Nov. 25.

VFW Post announces its weekend plans

VFW North Post #4423, 300 NW 34th St, Okeechobee has a weekend of fun planned. Friday, the Grill will be open from 5-9 p.m., with karaoke hosted by Just-Us from 7-10 p.m. Saturday is Seafood Saturday beginning at 5 p.m., with karaoke hosted by D & K Karaoke/Music from 7-10 p.m. Proceeds go to Veteran's Assistance programs.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Friday Nov. 25, is steak or fish night at Cypress Hut Eagles. Music by Phil Eddings. Starts at 5:30 p.m. Public is welcome.

Conkerr Cancer to host benefit yard sale

ConKerr Cancer has extended its yard sale to Friday and Saturday, **Nov. 25** and **26**. It will be held at 2704 S.E. 34th Lane in Taylor Creek Isles from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on both days. There is still lots of Christmas decorations and gifts, scrapbooking and miscellaneous household items. We received a huge donation of stuffed animals, many still have the original price tags attached. If you came to the sale last weekend please come back as we have added many items. Contact Joan at 863-467-0290 for more information.

Eagles North Post will host steak night and card bingo

Eagles North will host steak night on Friday, Nov. 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Music will be by Steven until 9 p.m. Come, eat and enjoy the music. On Saturday, Nov. 26, Eagles North at 9985 U.S. 441 N. will have card bingo starting at 4 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Car wash/yard sale will benefit Pet Rescue

Come and get your car washed and help the animals of the Humane Society Pet Rescue. The event will be held at the Tractor Supply Store on Saturday, **Nov. 26**. Cars will sparkle when washed by members of the 4-H Club for a donation and you can shop the bargains at the Yard Sale while you are here.

Masonic Lodge hosts Sunday breakfast

The Masonic Lodge at 107 N.W. Fifth St. will hold their Sunday breakfast on **Nov. 27**, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. for just \$6 (Kids 12 & under, \$3). Eggs, bacon, grits, etc. will be served. The public is welcome and carry outs will be available. Proceeds from this event go to local Mason Giving.

Annual Hamfest in the Woods planned

The Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will hold their annual "Hamfest in the Woods" on Saturday, **Nov. 26**, at Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. 441 S.E., beginning at 8 a.m. Entry to the hamfest is \$5 per person and includes free parking. Tailgating (selling from your car or truck) is an additional \$5. per space. If you have radios, electronics, computers or antennas to sell in the Okeechobee area, this is the place to be and the day to be there. There will be a 50/50 drawing and several prizes given away during the event, food is available for sale, along with lots of things to see.

If you have an interest in amateur radio, a hamfest is a great way to learn more about it. For more information, contact Tom Timmons (N3RHV) at ttimmons@dtimmons.com

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Cypress Hut Eagles host dinner night

Sunday **Nov. 27**, is fried chicken dinner day at Cypress Hut Eagles from noon-4 p.m. for only \$6. The public welcome.

Orchid Club plans to meet

The Orchid Club will meet on Monday, **Nov. 28**, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office, 451 U.S. 98 N. The Garden Club will begin at 6 p.m. Please bring your favorite orchid or a problem orchid to discuss. For more information call 863-763-6469

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Jake Briles

OKEECHOBEE — Jake Briles, 89, of Okeechobee, passed away Nov. 20, 2011, at Hospice of Okeechobee.

He was born on Dec. 20, 1921, in Loveington, Ind. He moved from Lebanon, Ind., to Okeechobee in the early 1980's.

Jake served in the U.S. Army and was a World War II Veteran.

Mr. Briles was preceded in death by his wife, Naomi Woodland Briles; and one daughter, Sharon Louise Briles.

He is survived by one daughter, Delores "Dilly" Perryman of Lebanon, Ind.; two grandchildren, Joe and Tina; six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

All arrangements are entrusted to the National Cremation Society and will be interred at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, Ind. There will be no services.



Herman H. Buckhalter, 86

OKEECHOBEE — Herman H. Buckhalter, age 86, died Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2011, at the Hamrick Home.

Born in Albany, Ga., Herman relocated to Okeechobee 15 years ago. He was the eldest of 13 children.

He was an electrician for 50 years and a lifetime member of the NRA. Herman loved to spend time on the lake fishing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Buckhalter. Survivors include sons, Charles Buckhalter of St. Augustine, Max (Jeanne) Buckhalter of Lakeport, Don (Alley) Buckhalter of Penn.; a daughter, Mary (Carlton) Stone of Ga.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers; Wayne, Jerry and Jerome; and a sister Ann.

A visitation will be held at the Buxton-Sea-winds Funeral Home on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, from 1 until service time of 3 p.m. Burial will take place Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, at Vista Memorial Gardens in Miami at 1 p.m.

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

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

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FHP increases enforcement for holiday travel period

The Thanksgiving holiday is a peak travel period for families nationwide, including Florida, with its inviting climate and numerous vacation options. Because Thanksgiving typically produces a high volume of motor vehicle traffic, the Florida Highway Patrol will increase its presence on Nov. 23-27. All state troopers will patrol Florida's high-volume roadways during the five-day period. Auxiliary and reserve troopers will volunteer to augment the Patrol.

Troopers will direct their enforcement efforts toward impaired driving, speeding,

following too closely and other aggressive driving behaviors. In addition, troopers will conduct strict enforcement of safety belt and child restraint laws.

"The Thanksgiving holiday typically generates heavy traffic as people travel to spend time with their families, so we urge everyone driving on our highways, especially during the holiday season, to drive carefully," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Allow yourself plenty of time to reach your destination safely, drive sober and buckle up on each and every trip.

The holidays are a time for celebration, but we cannot forget safety behind the wheel."

The Florida Highway Patrol offers tips to help you and your family arrive at your destination safely:

- Get plenty of rest before setting out on a long trip.
- Observe and obey all speed limits.
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destinations.
- Drive sober, and only sober.
- Buckle up!
- Eliminate distractions: Texting, talking

on the phone, eating, adjusting the stereo – these are all examples of things that can take your eyes and attention off the road, which is exactly what you want to avoid.

• Prepare your vehicle: Check fluids for proper levels, i.e. oil and gas; inspect your windshield wipers for wear; and ensure your tires have adequate pressure and are in good condition.

Call *FHP (*347) to report intoxicated or aggressive drivers, or if your vehicle breaks down and you need assistance. To request immediate emergency services, dial 911.

Residents will see an increase in smoke columns

Residents will be seeing more smoke columns as we progress into the winter dry season. The Florida Forest Service provides burn authorizations to land managers, ranchers and farmers to burn for the following reasons:

• Ranchers/Dairy Farmers use prescribed burning to increase the diversity and structure of vegetation to benefit wildlife and maintain livestock production. Rancher's burn during the cold months in order to prepare the land for grazing during the spring and summer months.

• Farmers burn between crops. Fire burns the stubble of the crop after it has been harvested. The fire also enriches the soil and helps combat disease, insects and weeds.

• The ability of farmers to burn sugarcane is significant, burning before harvesting allows more efficient sugarcane harvesting in the field and improves sugar quality and recovery in the factory.

• Land Clearing companies pile the dead vegetation and burn it instead of hauling it. Burning reduces the overall cost to the home builder.

• Land Managers who manage large parcels of land for private landowners, or federal, state and local government agencies use prescribe fire to manage their land.

The fire cleans the forest floor of leaf litter allowing new growth to sprout. (for example: Water Management, State Parks, Fish, Wildlife Conservation Commission and private large parcel)

• Citrus Growers pile burns for pruning and cleaning the orange groves. Burning, as opposed to hauling the debris to landfill, reduces the product cost to the consumer.

Vegetation goes into a dormant state during the cold months turning the lush green into a dry brown. The cold and dry north wind allows land managers, sugarcane farmers and ranchers an opportunity to use the cooler temperatures and lower humidity following the front to their favor.

November to June marks the dry season for Florida. There is a brief window in these six months that allow ranchers, sugarcane farmers and land managers an opportunity to burn before burn restrictions due to wildfire activity could go into effect. If the winter cold fronts bring enough rain to temper wildfire conditions and wildfire activity remains normal or below, burn restrictions may not be necessary.

Additional information:

There are Florida Statutes and regulations for every category of burning.

The Florida Forest Service is responsible to oversee that these fire privileges are not impinging upon other's rights.

All individuals are liable for suppression costs if the fires escape.

There is a certified burner program that gives authorizations to individuals who have been trained and certified in order that they may be able to burn under more adverse weather conditions.

Since January 2011, the Florida Forest Service, Okeechobee District Authorizations for burning:

Martin County 6,694 Authorizations, 127,015 acres, 18,031 piles

Saint Lucie County 11,152 Authorizations, 37,293 acres, 38,596 piles

Indian River County 6,509 Authorizations, 79,066 acres, 15,144 piles

Okeechobee County 7,744 Authorizations, 271,601 acres, 16,240 piles

Highlands County 17,336 Authorizations, 349,780 acres, 30,392 piles

Glades County 7,932 Authorizations, 499,728 acres, 11,729 piles

Anyone needing additional information may contact the local Florida Forest Service at 772-260-0053 (St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee Counties) 863-655-6407 (Highlands and Glades Counties).

Please visit our website at www.fl-dof.com.

Jobless rates remain high in October

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Unemployment claims dropped close to one percent in October but the jobless rate remained in double digits in Okeechobee County, the state reported this week.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity said 12.2 percent of the Okeechobee workforce collected jobless benefits last month. There were 2,271 residents who received benefits. Those numbers compare to 13 percent, and 2,412 claims in September. In October, 2011, the jobless rate was 13.2 percent with 2,534 residents eligible to receive benefits.

Okeechobee had the sixth highest jobless rate last month among the 67 counties in the state.

Glades County last month. The jobless rate plunged from 8.7 to 7.9 percent. There were 481 residents who received benefits in October which compared to 529 in September. One year ago there were 537 residents eligible for benefits, a rate of 9.3 percent.

Around this region jobless rates were mostly in double digits. Martin County had 10.5 percent unemployment, Palm Beach County 10.3 percent, Osceola County 10.8 percent, St. Lucie County 12.7 percent, and Highlands County at 11.5 percent.

Hendry County had the highest jobless rate in the state at 16.1 percent. The lowest rate was found in Liberty County at 6.3 percent.

Florida's jobless rate fell from 10.6 to 10.1 percent last month.

The job market picture looked brighter in

RV heavily damaged in fire

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A travel trailer suffered approximately \$3,000 in property damage Monday while parked at 25601 N.W. 285th Drive, Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue reported.

Crews responded to the fire on property owned by McArthur Dairy around 3 p.m.

and found the 26-foot trailer fully involved in flame. It appeared that the fire started near the air conditioning unit.

There were no injuries reported. 700 gallons of water were used to put out the flames. The trailer was registered to Murlene Cleghorne of Lafayette, Ga.

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Neal's 21 leads Brahmans in home roundball win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Eddie Neal scored 21 points and three other Brahmans scored in double figures as Okeechobee defeated Berean Christian 83-62 in their home opener on Tuesday night.

It was the home debut for new coach Shawn Hays who said he felt the game almost went according to plan.

Hays said he was pleased with how the team passed the ball on offense and got into their fast break. On the negative side, he said the team made too many fouls and allowed 23 points to Berean Christian guard Ryan Lantz.

Okeechobee had a great night from beyond the three point line as players like Neal, Sylvester Butler, Trewiston Pearce, Tim Hirst and Phillip Jones were able to hit long range jumpers.

Hays said Okeechobee fans should see a lot of scoring this year.

"We shoot the ball well. I have six or seven guys that can knock down a shot from any point on the floor," he said.

Okeechobee never trailed in the game and built a 12 point lead by halftime. They were able to increase their lead to as much as 18 points, 46-28, in the second half.

Berean Christian did go on a 9-2 run in the third stanza to cut the lead to 11 points, but could never get the lead in to single digits in the second half.

Butler had 12 points and Pearce 11 points for Okeechobee. Jones had seven points and 10 assists.

"It felt pretty good to be out there and I was happy to get another chance to play again," Jones admitted, "My job is to find open players and try to get them their points, get us points and get us the win."

Jones said he continued to practice last year and said he is very motivated to bring success to the team this year.

Okeechobee got solid play off the bench from Brendon Jonassaint, Daniel Eng and Pearce. They also were able to hold their own on the glass.

Neal said he was a little rusty after playing football, but has worked hard in the past

few weeks to get his shooting touch back. He will be moved around the court to play most every position.

"We did well enough on defense to hold Berean Christian, but next week we have South Fork and our defense will have to be on point," he said.



Trewiston Pearce (#13) drives to the hoop to score two of his 11 points in the Brahmans impressive performance against Berean Christian on Tuesday night.



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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Felton Johnson (left) and the Brahmans were able to handle Berean Christian with ease on Tuesday.

Brahman sports briefs

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• Phil Jones had 12 points to lead three Brahmans in double figures as Okeechobee defeated John Carroll 62-38 at a pre-season tournament in Fort Pierce.

Trewiston Pearce had 11 points and Eddie Neal added 10 points for Okeechobee, which split two games at the pre-season tournament held last weekend at Lincoln Park High School.

• Tabatha Henry ended a great sophomore campaign with a 42nd place finish at the Class 4A State Cross Country finals Saturday in Dade City. Henry finished in a time of 20:01.35. Olivia Ortiz of Lakewood Ranch won the race with a time of 17:39.

Estero won the girl's title.

Henry finished ahead of all the other runners from the Treasure Coast this year.

• Several Brahman grapplers fared well Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Battle at the Fort Junior Varsity Tournament held at Fort Pierce Central High School.

Greg Hernandez won the 220 pound weight class, and Allen Leitner won the 170 pound weight division.

Tiffany Bowers (106 pounds), Michael Thomas (138 pounds), Trenton Moutschka (170 pounds) and Marcus Garcia (285 pounds) were the runners-up in their individual weight classes.

Todd Lanning, Trey Howard and Edwin Robles finished in fourth place in their respective weight classes.

PSL blanks OHS in soccer win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A strong defensive effort wasn't enough as the Lady Brahman soccer team fell to Port St. Lucie 3-0 on Tuesday.

Jaryaca Baker played well in the Brahman net and defensive players like Kailey Hoover and Alex Perkins did a good job of clearing the ball out of the Brahman defensive end.

Jada Donegan finally figured out the Brahman defense with a first half goal and

Cassidy Kutner and Mia Longabucco added goals in the second half for the Lady Jaguars (2-2).

The Brahman forwards had no luck in solving Jaguar goal keeper Shelby Little as they could muster only one shot on goal.

The Brahmans (1-3) continue to work on ball possession and communication on the field. They will host South Fork on Monday, Nov. 28, at 5 p.m. at Brahman Stadium.

The Brahman boys soccer team defeated Martin County with two goals late in the second half on Monday.

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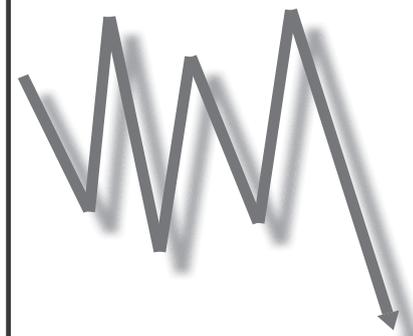
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Retired educators

Okeechobee Retired Educators' President Gay Carlton is being presented with a proclamation from the Okeechobee County School Board and Superintendent Ken Kenworthy in recognition of Florida Retired Educators' Recognition Day. The local retired educators' group is some 25 strong. One of the annual projects is the sale of the "Historical" ornament which provides the funds to give a scholarship to a deserving senior at OHS. This year's ornament will be available in the park at the Christmas Festival on Dec. 10.



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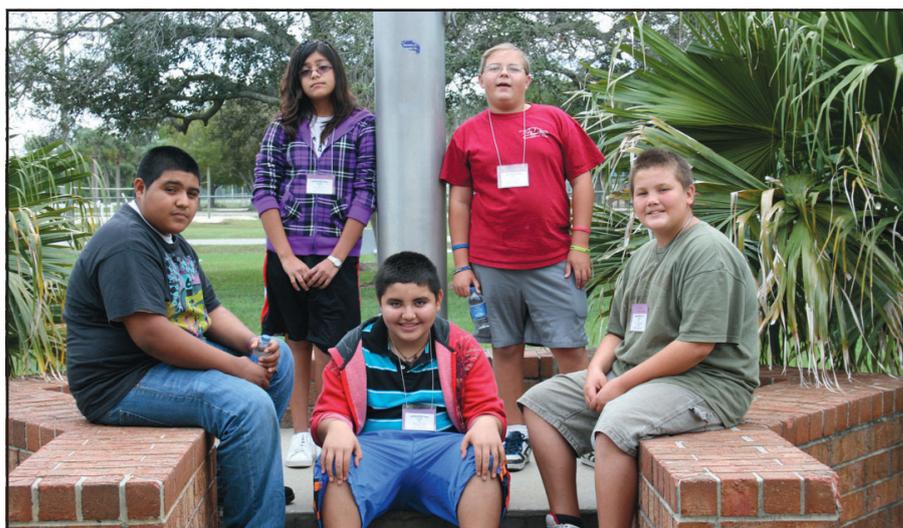




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Celebrating Thanksgiving

Mrs. Guerette's second grade class at Seminole Elementary celebrated the holidays early with their very own Thanksgiving Dinner. As part of their study unit on this American tradition, students not only learned about our history, but also made their own centerpieces, hats and bonnets.



Special to the Okeechobee News/YMS

Students of the Week

Yearling Middle School Students of the Week for the week of Nov. 3 included: (left to right standing) Cecilia Ceja, Colton Butts; (seated left to right) Sebastian Rebollo, Jose Juarez-Aguilar, Justin Rowe; not pictured are Jasmine Romero and Elizabeth Bustos.

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second softball field was completed in 1977. The Willie Alderman Civic Center opened in 1978, and the C. Scott Driver boat ramps opened in 1988.

The sports program really expanded with the opening of the sports complex, swimming pool and bathhouse in 1990. A pavilion was added to the sports complex in 1993, and a score tower was built at the complex in 1998.

The Lake Okeechobee Observation Pier was opened in 1997.

A new skate park opened in 2004 and the Okee-Tantie Bandshell opened in 2010.

“He’s really done a great job of improving the sports program,” said County Judge Jerald Bryant, a long time friend. They each served as best man at the other’s wedding. The judge had three children active in sports.

He described Mr. Enfinger as “probably the most honest and dedicated person I have ever known.”

He went on to say that Mr. Enfinger is “a stickler for following rules and doing what is right. He’s just an overall good guy.”

The judge said Mr. Enfinger was “mar-

ried to the job.” He and Mr. Enfinger have been together on many after hours social occasions when Mr. Enfinger was called in to handle a ball field emergency. Sometimes the judge went with him and in spite of his evening being interrupted, Judge Bryant said Mr. Enfinger never complained and was always courteous.

“He started with nothing to build the sports program” Commissioner Joey Hoover said, adding that he was glad to see a hometown boy come home from college to serve his community.

At their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 22, Okeechobee County commissioners passed a proclamation honoring Mr. Enfinger for his accomplishments and a reception was held in his honor at the courthouse.

In his remarks to commissioners Mr. Enfinger said he wanted to thank the present board and the many boards that came before them and made things happen. He also remembered the organizations, individuals and staff that worked with him on various programs.

While the physical facilities of the parks and recreation department stand as a visible tribute to Mr. Enfinger’s accomplishments, it is impossible to measure the positive influence he has had on hundreds of young people through the years.

RETIRE

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Civic Center, Okee-Tantie, the pool and the tourist development council. The facilities services director will be responsible for building and grounds maintenance and the cemeteries. The public safety director will be responsible for animal control, emergency management, fire/EMS and emergency vehicle maintenance.

Job descriptions will have to be written for the new department head positions and for the expanded responsibilities of the current positions.

The commissioners were given more good news when they were told that the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO) now has a new tool to fight crime and it came at no additional cost to taxpayers.

Commissioners approved the purchase of Spillman Technology software that will result in more efficient information sharing and dispatching. While the cost is \$752,077, Sheriff Paul May said it would be paid for from grants and money seized in drug raids.

“It is rewarding for me to take money from drug dealers and use it to catch more of them,” the sheriff said.

OCSO Major Noel Stephen called the present software system “antiquated.” He said the sheriff’s office looked at several systems and felt that Spillman Technologies offered more than the others.

This system tracks the booking process and provides information on inmates. Officers using laptops in patrol cars can also receive information on persons and vehicles.

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The system can also be used to compile various reports on crime statistics.

As a follow up to a recent discussion on impact fees, commissioners approved an or-

dinance to allow suspension or resumption of impact fees by resolution. They also passed a resolution authorizing the suspension of collections of school impact fees.

The school board recently suspended collection of impact fees. The county had been collecting impact fees for the school board and previous regulations did not address a suspension of collection.

Commissioners also heard a presentation from Doug Coward of the Solar Energy Loan Fund Organization.

This program provides low interest, no money down loans to help property owners overcome the high up-front cost of energy retrofits and solar products. Commissioners took no action on the presentation.

Emergency operations director Mitch Smeykal announced that he will put together a working group to catalog all county and privately operated hurricane shelters and equipment in the county.

Turning to other items, the board:

- approved an agreement for professional services with GLE Associates, Inc. for engineering services in connection with an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and authorized the chair or administrator to execute the first work order up to \$10,000;
- designated New Horizons to be the county’s mental health provider and funded that organization \$45,500;
- approved a disaster recovery memorandum of agreement between the health department and emergency management.
- issued a proclamation designating the week of Dec. 5 - 11 as Citizen Board Volunteer Week in the county;
- redrew commission district boundaries to conform to the 2010 census;
- approved the final change order for the S.W. 28th St. Drainage Improvement Project;
- approved additional time to Craig A. Smith and Associates for professional services in connection with the S.W. 28th St. Drainage Improvement Project; and,
- ratified the code enforcement special magistrate’s recommendation for a fine reduction.

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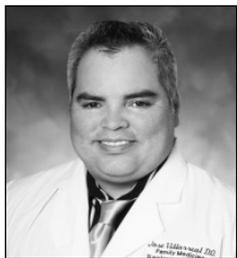
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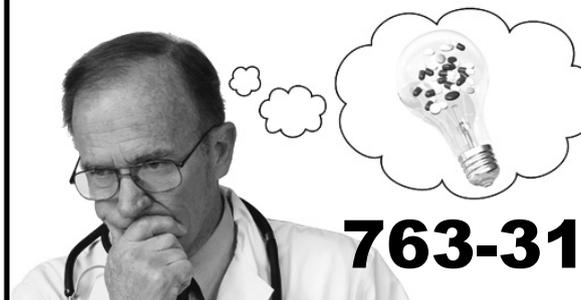
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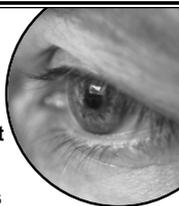


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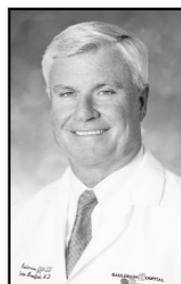
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**School Board
Executive Session
and Negotiations**

The Okeechobee County School Board will meet in closed Executive Session on Friday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. in the office of the Superintendent, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. The meeting is for School Board members, their attorney, and chief negotiator to prepare to continue negotiations with Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 concerning the instructional and classified employee contracts and Race To The Top/ Senate Bill 736.

The School Board and Education Association will begin negotiations at 4:00 p.m. on same date. Collective bargaining sessions are open to the public and will be held in Room 303 of the School Board Administration Building at 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
403309 ON 11/25/2011

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO. 2011 CA 000244

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS, INC. MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-HE 1 TRUST
Plaintiff,
VS.
LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SULLIVAN; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY;
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):
LAURA SULLIVAN (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA SULLIVAN (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 1, THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 50.01 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, S.R. #724 (100 FEET IN WIDTH); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET; THENCE S 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1089.295 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 04 SECONDS WEST PARALLEL WITH THE SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF S.R. #724, A DISTANCE OF 400.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST PARALLEL WITH SAID WEST LINE OF SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 1089.295 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH:

1) 1997 HOMES OF MERITT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME TITLE NUMBER 72663306 & AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLHMLCP39715001A

2) 1997 HOMES OF MERITT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILE HOME TITLE NUMBER TITLE NUMBER 72663305 & AND VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER FLHMLCP39715001B

a/k/a 6320 N.W 240TH STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972-

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE OKEECHOBEE NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540
Notices to Persons With Disabilities

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptaci3n para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dıas antes de que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificaci3n si es que falta menos de 7 dıas para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711. KREYOL: Si ou se youn moun ki kokobe ki bezwen asistans ou aparay pou ou ka patisipe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezwen peye anyen pou ou jwen on seri de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Co-ordinator ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 O'mwen 7 jou avan ke ou gen pou-ou par8 nan tribunal, ou immediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribuna-la mwens ke 7 jou; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 8 day of November, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

Kahane & Associates, P.A.
8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000
Plantation, FL 33324
Telephone: (954) 382-3486
Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380
402623 ON 11/18,25/2011

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2011TD094

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PLYMOUTH PARK TAX SERVICES LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: **2205** Year of Issuance: **June-01-2009**

Description of Property: **FIRST ADDITION TO PINWOOD HEIGHTS LOTS 1 & 2 15 & 16 & THE VACATED ALLEY BETWEEN SAME BLOCK 33 LOTS 8 & 9 & VACATED ALLEY BETWEEN SAME BLOCK 34 THAT PORTION OF VACATED BISHOP STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 34 & 33 NORTH OF MYRTLE AVENUE & SOUTH OF DOGWOOD AVENUE THAT PART OF DOGWOOD AVENUE VACATED IN ORB 438 PAGE 110**

1-14-37-35-0030-00330-0010

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

Name in which assessed:
**JENNIFER L DUNSON
SHELBY D DUNSON**

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, 1121 Highway 1 Street, Okeechobee, Florida **10:00 A.M.**, on the **22nd day of December, 2011.**
SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990; In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administrator no later than seven (7) days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770.
402198 ON 11/11,18,25;12/2/2011

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Okeechobee County Board of Adjustments and Appeals on **Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida to consider a Special Exception to allow an equestrian facility within an Agricultural (A) zoning district, including an equestrian arena, boarding, sale and training of horses, equestrian instruction, and other similar accessory uses associated with an equestrian facility and equestrian arena. The property owner is Phyllis Holley. The applicant is Frankie Chesim. The property address is 9045 NE 48th Street and is more particularly described as follows:

BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN A PORTION OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 36 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE BEAR NORTH 01°40'41" EAST ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, FOR A DISTANCE OF 105.09 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 105.00 FEET OF SAID SECTION 33 (SAID NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 105.00 FEET IS ALSO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF NE 48TH STREET); THENCE SOUTH 89°15'33" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 616.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89°15'33" WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1449.27 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°47'49" EAST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1209.98 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 244.38 ACRES OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 89°11'34" EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 244.38 ACRES OF THE EAST ONE-HALF (E 1/2) OF SAID SECTION 33, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1448.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°46'18" WEST, FOR A DISTANCE OF 1211.64 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING,

In the event that all items scheduled before the Board are not heard, the hearings shall be continued to Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD AT THIS PUBLIC HEARING. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Board of Adjustments and Appeals with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Planning and Development tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the department

William D. Royce, Planning Director
Petition 5-2011-0714
403609 ON 11/25/2011

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 47-2011-CA-000255

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DENNIS MYERS A/K/A DENNIS W. MYERS A/K/A DENNIS WAYNE MYERS, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: DENNIS MYERS A/K/A DENNIS W. MYERS A/K/A DENNIS WAYNE MYERS

Last Known Address:
2046 Grange Hall Road,
Fenton, Michigan 148430

Current Address:
2046 Grange Hall Road,
Fenton, Michigan 148430

ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS

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

LOT 20, BLOCK 3, LAKE MON-TAZA ESTATES SECTION ONE ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 15 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH A MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS

Public Notice

A PERMANENT FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO DESCRIBED AS A 1978 CONCORD WITH ID'S 80139978A AND 80139978B
A/K/A 145 NW 352ND CT, OKEECHOBEE, FL* 34972
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses within 30 days after the first publication, if any, on Albertelli Law, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 23028, Tampa, FL 33623, and file the original with this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney, or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint or petition.
This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the Okeechobee News.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 8th day of Nov, 2011.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk

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Tampa, FL 33623
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403189 ON 11/18,25/2011

Community Events

Shrine Club plans dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will offer a delicious spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Nov. 29** beginning at 4 p.m. The Shrine now offers SMOKE FREE dining. Music is provided from 5 until 8 p.m., for your listening and dancing pleasure. All proceeds go to Shrine benefits. For more information, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

'Think Tank' group to host meeting

Free Mastermind Group Study on "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership" by John C. Maxwell, facilitated by: Paul A. Rieck. This is for individuals who are focused on taking results in every area of their lives to a new level. The group study is for an hour a week for a period of eight weeks beginning on **Nov. 29**. Please call Paul at 863-697-9663 for more information.

Church hosts basketball registrations

Registration for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading has begun at the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. The deadline to register is Wednesday, **Nov. 30** for K5-sixth grade boys and girls. For more information or to register, please call 863-467-7625; or, go by the church or ROC office. Registration forms are also available at your child's school.

Diabetes management program offered

Living With Diabetes will be presented by Wanda Haas, RN CDE at Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility, 203 S.E. Second St. on Wednesday, **Nov. 30**, located in the dining room at 1:30 p.m. The program is being offered by the Visiting Nurses Association.

Martha's House hosting huge yard sale

Due to Thanksgiving, the Martha's House monthly yard sale will be held on Thursday and Friday, **Dec. 1 and 2**, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. at 4134 U.S. 441 N. For more information, call 863-763-2893.

OCA to host annual spaghetti fundraiser

Okeechobee Christian Academy will be having our 16th annual spaghetti lunch and Dinner **Dec. 2 and 3**. On Friday you may pick up your lunch from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Deliveries are available for 5 or more lunch orders. On Saturday, please join us for dinner and a bake sale from 3 to 7 p.m. During dinner our silent auction will be taking place from 3 until 6 p.m. Tickets are available for a \$7 donation. Please come and support our school, we look forward to seeing you.

Seminole Elementary plans Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night at Seminole Elementary is planned for Friday, **Dec. 2**, from 6-8 p.m. Come to have your picture taken with Santa. There will be games, prizes, food,= and more.

Friends of Library plans reading night

Come share a slice of your ORIGINAL fiction (short story or section of a novel), poetry, play or memoir. Material must be suitable for all ages. The reading will be from 2 until 4 p.m. on Saturday, **Dec. 3**, in the library meeting room. Each person is allotted five minutes to read. This is about 500 words or two pages typed and double spaced. Readers will be in order of registration which begins at 1:40 p.m., in the library meeting room. At the end of the event a book signing for published authors will be held. Authors are responsible for their own book sales. Everyone is invited to come read or just listen to Okeechobee authors. If you have questions please call Jan Day Fehrman at 863-357-9980.

BHR church hosting Christmas bazaar

The annual Craft and Christmas Bazaar will be held at Buckhead Ridge Christian Church, at 1167 Linda Road in Buckhead Ridge, on Saturday, **Dec. 3**, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The ladies invite you to a day filled with crafts, baked goods and a craft center available for children to make their own gifts. Plan on staying for lunch. Proceeds will go to the Ladies Fellowship Ministry.



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Give thanks for hunting opportunities

By Tony Young
FWC

November means the 2011-12 hunting season's in full swing. In this month's column, I cover most everything you need to know about general gun, fall turkey, quail and gray squirrel, snipe and the second phase of mourning and white-winged dove seasons.

The first thing you need to do is pick up a \$17 Florida resident hunting license. Non-residents pay \$46.50 for a 10-day license or \$151.50 for 12 months.

If you plan to hunt one of Florida's many wildlife management areas (WMAs), you'll also need a \$26.50 management area permit, but don't forget to study the brochure for the specific area you plan to hunt because dates, bag limits and rules differ greatly from area to area.

You can get these brochures at the tax collector's office near each WMA, or you can download them from MyFWC.com/Hunting.

You can buy your license and permits by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or online at www.fl.wildlifelicense.com. Have your credit card ready. You also can purchase them from a tax collector's office and most retail outlets that sell hunting and fishing supplies.

The general gun season runs Nov. 5-Jan. 22 in Zone C; Dec. 3-Feb. 19 in Zone B; and in Zone A, the second phase of general gun season runs Nov. 19-Jan. 1. In Zone D, it starts Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24) and lasts four days through Nov. 27. Two weeks later, the season reopens Dec. 10 and runs through Feb. 19.

Hunters can take bucks having at least one antler 5 inches or longer, but anyone hunting deer in Florida must have the \$5 deer permit. On private lands, the daily bag limit for deer is two, but during some quota hunts on WMAs, the bag limit is only one deer. In some cases, there are antler restrictions, so read the particular WMA brochure before hunting.

On private lands, hunters can take wild hogs year-round with no bag or size limits. On most - but not all - WMAs, there's also no bag or size limit on wild hogs, and hunters can take them during any hunting season except spring turkey. Again, check the WMA brochure to be certain.

The highly anticipated antlerless deer sea-



son, often called "doe week," is Nov. 19-25 (Thanksgiving week) in zones A and C, and Dec. 26-Jan. 1 (Christmas week) in zones B and D.

During doe week, the daily bag limit is one buck and one doe, or two bucks. You may not take two does in one day as you can during archery season, and spotted fawns are never legal game. By the way, WMAs do not have an antlerless deer season.

If you hunt with deer dogs anywhere in Florida, special rules and registration requirements may apply, so call the FWC for details.

Fall turkey season in Zone A is Nov. 19-Jan. 1. In zones B and C, it runs Dec. 3-Jan. 29 and Nov. 5-Jan. 1, respectively. And in Zone D, fall turkey season is Nov. 24-27 and Dec. 10-Jan. 15, except for Holmes County, where there is no fall turkey season. Only bearded turkeys and gobblers are legal game, and you must have a turkey permit (\$10 for residents; \$125 for nonresidents) to hunt them. The bag limit is one bird per day, and a total of two during the archery, cross-bow, muzzleloading gun and fall turkey seasons combined.

Quail and gray squirrel season runs statewide Nov. 12-March 4. There's a daily bag limit of 12 for each, but shooting fox squirrels is against the law.

Shooting hours for deer, turkeys, quail and gray squirrels is a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. All legal rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders, bows, crossbows and pistols are legal for taking these resident game animals during the general gun, antlerless deer, fall turkey, and quail and gray squirrel seasons.

Florida snipe hunting ranks second in the nation for the number of birds harvested each year. That season runs Nov. 1-Feb. 15 statewide. The second phase of the mourning and white-winged dove season also comes in this month and runs Nov. 12-27. Shooting hours for migratory game birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The bag limit for snipe is eight; for doves, the bag limit is 15.

You must get a no-cost migratory bird permit if you plan to hunt snipe, doves or

any other migratory game birds.

The FWC even provides an online "Dove Hunter's Hotline" that gives up-to-date information on Florida's public dove fields. The address is MyFWC.com/Dove, and it's updated every Thursday throughout the dove season. Information includes dove densities, previous week's harvests and field conditions.

Whether small-game hunting with friends and family or hunting solo, going after that monster buck, boar hog or big tom, November brings loads of great hunting opportunities.

Here's wishing you a happy Thanksgiving and a successful hunting season.

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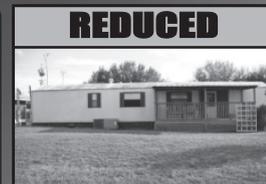


5006-H: Sunshine Ave. 3 Bd/2 Ba on 3.53+/- acres. Close to the Turnpike and SR 60. Appliances, fenced yard, animals are welcome. Short Sale. \$150,000 MLS #205327

NEW LISTING



5020-M: Larkee Lakes. Remodeled with drywall, new flooring and counter tops. Lg shed, two carports, extra septic tank & electrical meter for motor home hook up. \$80,000 MLS #205384



2001-M: Taylor Creek 2 bd/2 ba MH. New skirting, wooden dock, two sheds, furnished, new appliances, and screen porch. ~~\$64,900~~ NOW! \$49,900 Make Offer! MLS #203697

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Lee McAlister Kid's Day Fishing Festival held

The Lee McAlister Memorial Kid's Day Fishing Festival was held on **Oct. 30** at the Agri-Civic Center. Taylor Creek Bass Club with the support of many local sponsors conducted a two-part event consisting of Target Casting Tournament and a live Fishing tournament. Over 190 young anglers of Okeechobee and the surrounding area enjoyed the day. Fifty-nine anglers demonstrated their skills in the morning at the Target Casting Tournament, and over 190 participated in the afternoon live fishing tournament. Free soft drinks, hot dogs and an attendance gift were provided to all participants.

The target Casting Tournament was open to girls and boys in two age groups, 7-10 and 11-14. Following instructions given by the members of Taylor Creek Bass Club and the Okeechobee Teen Anglers, and a practice period, each participant tested their skills. Jarren Hall won the 11-14 age group competition with a score of 25. Sebasken Pugs took second and Thomas Coberly took third. After a cast-off the top anglers was presented for the age group 7-10. Rion Ernest took first, Jack Santamarina took second and Kyle Entry took third. For their efforts, Jarren and Rion took home a rod, reel, and tackle box, along with first place trophies. Sebasken, and Jack took home second place medals, and a tackle box. Thomas and Kyle took home third place medals and a tackle box. Congratulations to all!

Separately, the live fishing tournament was held at the stocked pond on the Agri-Civic Center site. Girls and boys in three age groups (4-6, 7-10, and 11-14) participated. Each participant was given a container of artificial bait supplied by Pure Fishing, and a fully-rigged cane pole (line, bobber and hook) by the Taylor Creek Bass Club. The two-hour tournament was marked with



Tristen Lewis took first place in the 7-11 age group in the fishing competition at the Kid's Day Fishing Festival.



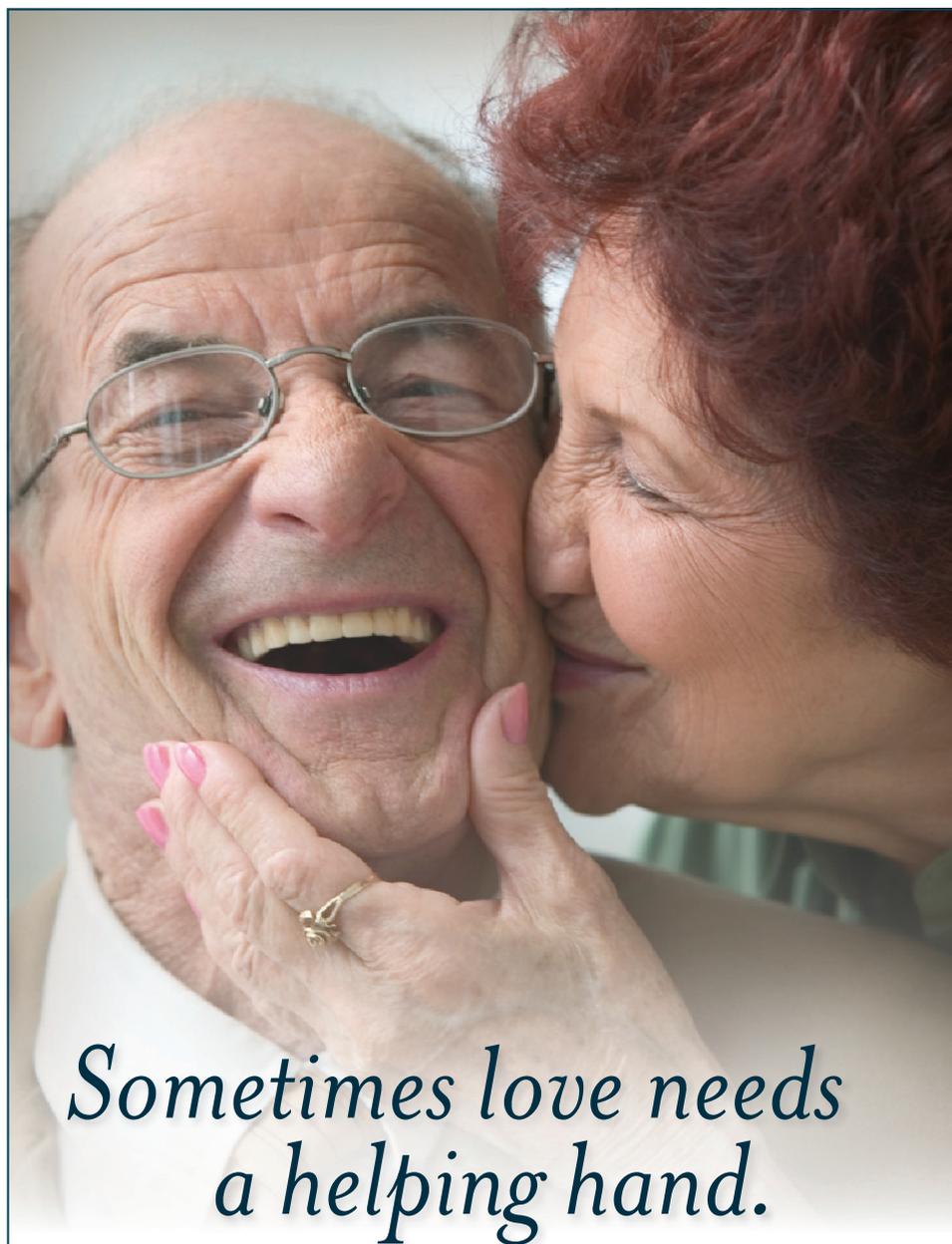
Angel Perron took first place in the 12-14 age group in the fishing competition at the Kid's Day Fishing Festival.

numerous excited shouts as over 500 fish were caught. Trophies and tackle bags were given for the first, second and third places in all three age groups. Linsey Hamilton was the 4-6 age group with 3.66 lbs. Kayla Tarichie, with 3.5 lbs., took second and Carli McPeak with 3.07 lbs., took third in the 4-6 age group. In the 7-10 age group, Tristin Lewis with 10.56 lbs. took first, Will Grace, with 6.87 lbs., and Danny Hays, with 5.85 lbs., took second and third respectively. In the 11-14 age group, Angel Perron with 11.05 lbs. took first, Jack Barnell, with 5.2 lbs., and Matt Lanning, with 4.92 lbs., took second and third respectively.

The Taylor Creed Bass Club, Inc., is a B.A.S.S. affiliated club, which was formed in 1981, is actively seeking new civic-minded members (non boaters and boaters) who love the sport of bass fishing. Regularly scheduled monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528. Meetings start at 7 p.m. Club tournaments are held on the following Saturday.



Linsey Hamilton took first place in the 4-6 age group in the Fishing competition at the Kid's Day Fishing Festival held on Oct. 30.



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