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**Big fish**

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**Christian Team Trails anglers Keith and Irene Jones may have taken fourth place overall in the final tourney but their single largest catch earned them the award for Big Fish weighing 8.10 lbs. For more on the tournament, see page 19.**

## Locks to close Monday due to low lake level

The navigation locks along the north shore of Lake Okeechobee will be closed beginning on Monday due to declining water levels.

The following locks will close:

- S-135 at J&S Fish Camp, Martin County;
- S-127 at Buckhead Ridge, Glades County;
- S-131 at Lakeport, Glades County;

and,  
• G-36 at Henry Creek, Okeechobee County.

While the navigation locks are out of operation, boaters will be able to continue to access Lake Okeechobee from its north shore at local boat ramps. The locks will reopen when the lake sufficiently rises for

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## SFWMD passes lease resolution

New rule still may not comply with Florida State Statute

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Even though the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) governing board voted Thursday to revise its leasing policy one question remains: Are they in compliance with state statute?

It does not appear so.

"I am extremely disappointed. They've (SFWMD) taken one of the simplest Florida statutes ever written and made it so convoluted—and it doesn't change anything with all the problems," said former Florida state representative Ralph Poppell in a phone interview Friday, April 13. "Herein lies part of the reason people do not respect or trust the water management district—it's like game playing.

"This (resolution) is an apparent attempt to legitimize recent actions taken by the board in reference to leases," he added.

Mr. Poppell served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2002 until 2010. In his last two years in the House he chaired the Natural Resources Appropriations Committee. He is currently in agriculture and manufacturing.

A Thursday, April 12, SFWMD press release states how the revised policy will now "enhance transparency" and "strengthen the agency's leasing program by increasing opportunities for agricultural operators..."

The release goes on to say how the new policy will clarify "... conditions for public noticing and competition for leases."

But does it?

While it does mandate that the district advertise their intention to lease, as required by Florida state statute 373.093, it leaves the governing board some wiggle room when it comes to putting their leases out to bid. The resolution states: "The district shall

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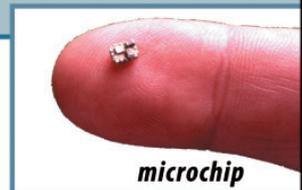
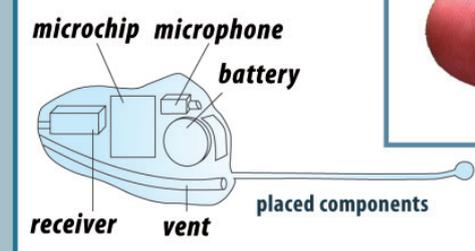
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### Friggatriskaidekaphobia

• The fear of Friday 13. Are you superstitious? I heard on the news this morning that 25 million people in the U.S. claim to be afraid of this day. Do you do anything different on Friday 13 than any other day? It is just another as far as I am concerned as I am not superstitious. Common sense tells me that you just don't do things like walk under ladders and such.

### Land spreading of bio-solids

• I see the county has revised the rules regarding the land spreading of septage. The county rules used to be more strict than state law. They have relaxed them so they are the same as state law. County staff said it was too expensive and labor intensive to enforce the county rules. No one in the audience even commented one way or another. What a change from hearings in the past when people were yelling about health hazards. Did the people who thought this was a big deal leave?

• There's probably a new company paying to come to town.

### Zimmerman

• Let's try criminal cases in court, not online by gossip and hearsay.

• The prosecutor said in her news conference that this case would be treated as any other case. Does that mean that all cases will be preceded by a press conference?

• I really wonder how Zimmerman could ever get a fair trial now, which so much publicity. Are there 12 unbiased people who have not heard about this case already? Do they live in a cave? Even with a change of venue, I don't see how they can seat a fair jury. This thing has been on the T.V. news nonstop. It has already been tried in the court of public opinion. I really hope they keep the identities of the jurors secret. There will be those who will try to intimidate jurors if they can.

### School dance prices

• Is it just me or does \$25 a kid seem a little pricey for an 8th grade dance? What ever happened to making your own decorations and getting moms to donate cookies and punch to keep the prices down?

• Oftentimes things like that are used as fund raisers for some other activity.

• It just seems that they price so many kids out of the activities that should be open to all students at the school. Many years ago when I was in middle school, dances were free to all who had at least a C average and no suspensions. We had fund raisers like car washes to raise the money for a band or DJ, the art classes made decorations and the moms provided the refreshments.

• Ridiculous isn't it? Go to a dance, money. Join a club, money. Go to the prom, money. To park, money. You used to go on field trips, now, no field trips. What are we paying tax dollars to schools for? School should be totally free. With gambling (Lotto) along with tax dollars there is no reason it shouldn't be. I remember back this past year they charged \$25 a head to the homecoming dance. I'll never pay it.

• In the past the school system did not put on this dance. Parents put on the middle school prom and it was not a school event. If so the money is for renting the venue and for food and cleanup.

• Prom used to be for high school juniors and seniors only. It was something to look forward to, a rite of passage. Having a middle school "prom" is rushing things. Kids are growing up too fast already. I am curious why parents would organize a "prom" for 13 year olds. A school dance is fine, with school dress codes enforced. I think we should encourage kids to stay "kids" as long as possible.

• This is not a prom, it's an 8th grade dance.

• Look at the high rate of teenage pregnancy in this county if you don't think kids are growing up too fast.

• I have seen on the news recently that many schools across the country are cracking down on the dress codes for high school proms. The low cut dresses, high slits up the side and backless dresses are not allowed. I hope Okeechobee follows this trend. I could not believe how some parents allowed their teenage daughters to leave the house in something that would be considered racy even on a 25-year-old. But some parents give the kids no boundaries.

## April is Child Abuse Month

(photo at right) County Commission Chairwoman Margaret Garrard Helton presents a proclamation to Jamie Adcock (left) of the Children's Home Society of Florida to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Okeechobee. The

presentation was during the April 12 meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners.



## Water conservation important

(photo at right) South Florida Water Management District Okeechobee Service Center Director Gary Ritter accepts a proclamation from Okeechobee County Commission Chairwoman Margaret Garrard Helton to name April as Water Conservation Month in Okeechobee County. The presentation was during the April 12 meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of Commissioners.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

## Okeechobee Weather Forecast

East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Monday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

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**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 63.

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### MEMBER



# Woman uses ash tray to ward off attacker

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An ash tray became a valuable weapon for an Okeechobee woman as she used it to beat off a man who was allegedly armed with a gun as he tried to assault her.

Daniel Dean Lamb, 31, N.E. 30th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Friday, April 13, on felony charges of aggravated assault with a weapon, burglary of an occupied dwelling with assault and battery and armed burglary

of a dwelling.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a \$110,000 bond.

An arrest report by Detective William Suggs, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that the victim was in bed asleep around 1 a.m. on April 5 when "... she thought she was having a dream about a man on top of her."

When she awoke she realized it wasn't a dream.

According to the detective's report Lamb was allegedly on top of the woman and was holding a gun to her neck. The investigator's report stated that Lamb told the woman to "be quiet, I have a gun."

She told the detective she did not see the weapon but felt the barrel when she tried to



Daniel Dean Lamb

push it away from her neck.

At some point she began fighting with her attacker and grabbed a wooden ash tray from the nightstand next to her bed. She reportedly told the detective that she hit the suspect in the head with the ash tray and that it hurt him enough that he got off the bed.

At that point she got up, but the man apparently grabbed her and started to choke her. The detective's report stated that there were red marks on the woman's neck.

She then began to hit him about the head until he released her and left.

Detective Suggs said the victim had blood on her ear and what appeared to be bloody fingerprints on her arm. These areas were swabbed and those swabs will be used for DNA analysis, added the detective.

The arrest report also indicates that Lamb couldn't explain several scratches and cuts on his body.

## Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated reports of the following crimes this week.

### ASSAULT

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- 1500 block of N.W. 43rd Ave
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- 12000 block of S.E. 52nd Lane
- 2300 block of S. Parrott Ave.
- 2300 block of S.E. 33rd St.

### THEFT

- 2000 block of S.E. 27th St. (gun)
- 4700 block of N.E. 10th Lane (riding lawn mower)
- 2600 block of N.W. Second St.
- 200 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 43000 block of U.S. 441 N. (compressor)
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- 600 block of S.W. 85th Ave. (identity)
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- 20000 block of N.W. 272nd St.

## Okeechobee Arrest Report

The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

• Gary Ray Abel, 42, S.E. 21st Court, Okeechobee, was arrested April 12 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a Department of Corrections amended warrant charging him with violation of probation - sale or delivery of a controlled substance and violation of probation - possession with intent to sell or deliver oxycodone. He is being held without bond.

• Gerardo Ramirez, 42, N.E. 207th St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 12 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with failure to appear - driving under the influence and failure to appear - no valid driver's license. 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.**

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### BHR VFW Auxiliary hosting Sunday breakfast

Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary 9528 will have their monthly Sunday morning breakfast on **April 15** starting at 9 to 11 a.m. They will have sausage, biscuits and gravy, eggs any way you want them, juice and coffee for a donation of \$5. The event is open to the public. Any questions please call the post at 863-467-2882.

### Parks and Rec to hold Shockwaves registration

The Okeechobee County Recreation Department will hold registration for the Shockwaves competitive swimming team on **April 16** and **17** at the Sports Complex Pool, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the league fee and \$60 for the team fee. This is a competitive swim league for ages 5-18 practice is held three days a week in the afternoons until summer and then goes to five days a week with morning practice. Meets are held on Saturdays. The team does travel to meets in other counties and to the regional finals.

### VFW Post #4423 and auxiliary meetings

VFW Post #4423 & Ladies Auxiliary to VFW #4423, 300 N.W. 34th St., will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, **April 15**, at 11 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Historical Society to meet

The monthly meeting of the Okeechobee Historical Society will be Monday, **April 16**, beginning at noon. Anyone is invited to attend the meeting in the Historical Society museum on U.S. 98 N. Just bring a covered dish to share!

### Orchid Club welcomes guest speaker on April 16

Bill Ross, owner of Awesome Orchids of Lake Placid will be the speaker for the Okeechobee Orchid Club on Monday, **April 16**, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Center. Mr. Ross will present a program on Phalaenopsis cultivation and answer questions on other types of orchids. Guests are welcome. The Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. For more information call 863-763-6469.

### Chobee Idol auditions open

The First Chobee Idol competition will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Shrine Club. Auditions for the contest will be held Monday, **April 16**, from 9 a.m. until noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. Those who wish to be in the contest should call 863-801-2941 for an audition time. The event is sponsored by the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

### Eagles North to host BINGO night

Eagles North will have BINGO Tuesday, **April 17**, beginning at 1 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund. 9985 U.S. 441 N.

### Shrine Club to host spaghetti dinner

Join your friends and neighbors this Tuesday night, **April 17** at the Okeechobee Shrine Club for a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings. Dinner is served at 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. with music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 5-8 p.m. Dinners are just \$6 per person. Proceeds will benefit Shrine Club activities. For information, contact Mac Simpson at 863-484-0427, the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378 or Kip Gardener at 863-610-6659.

### Hospice to host April yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee is having a yard sale on **April 18** and **19**, from 8 a.m.-noon.

### CAA meeting announcement

The quarterly meeting of the Treasure Coast Community Action Agency Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, **April 18**, at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Community Services Office located at 437 North Seventh Street (on the corner of Seventh Street and Ave. D) in Fort Pierce. For information call 772-462-1777.

### Democratic Executive Committee will meet

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Committee will be holding a very important meeting on Thursday, **April 19**, beginning at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. At this meeting we will be accepting delegate applications for the Florida Democratic Convention being held in Tampa the first weekend of June. If any Okeechobee Democrat is interested in running for the two slots, this application must be filled out and submitted prior to April 27. There will be a state wide caucus voting on Saturday, May 5, at the Okeechobee Public Library from 9 a.m. until noon for the purpose of electing these delegates. We will also be trained and certified to be able to register voters, so if anyone wants to be able to volunteer to register voters, you need to be at this meeting. Hope to see all interested Democrats at this meeting!

### Chamber Concealed Weapons Permit Class

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee is hosting a Concealed Weapons Permit Class on Thursday, **April 19**, at the Hampton Inn from 7 to 9 p.m. Range training will be conducted on the following Saturday morning. The cost of the class is \$30, and a concealed weapon permit package will be provided to each participant. You do not need to own a gun to attend class. Preregistration and prepayment is required at the time of registration. Register online at [www.OkeechobeeBusiness.com](http://www.OkeechobeeBusiness.com). Go to calendar of events and click on the April 19, 2012 Concealed Weapons Permit Class. Then follow instructions to register online. You may also complete a registration form at the Hampton Inn. If you should have additional questions, please contact the Chamber at [terry@OkeechobeeBusiness.com](mailto:terry@OkeechobeeBusiness.com) or 863-467-6246.

### 'Fake' marijuana use a growing problem

Paula Friedrich, delinquency prevention specialist with the Department of Juvenile Justice, will share information about the growing problem of "fake marijuana" use among teens. She will speak at the Okeechobee Juvenile Justice Council meeting on Friday, **April 20**, at noon at Beef O'Brady's. The presentation was put together by the St. Lucie County Sheriff's office.

### Golf tourney to benefit scholarships

Bubba's Redneck Yacht Club's fourth annual golf tournament will be held **April 21** at Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. Registration 7 a.m. with a tee time of 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit local charities and OHS scholarships. For more info call 863-634-0577.

## Obituaries

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

### Helen D. Oliver, 82

OKEECHOBEE — Helen D. Oliver, 82, of Okeechobee, passed away April 12, 2012.

She was born June 12, 1929, in Greenville, Ohio, and came to Okeechobee 16 years ago. She was a member of the Eagles in Greenville, Ohio and enjoyed camping.

Mrs. Oliver is survived by her husband, Gene Oliver; two daughters, Faye Henninger, Sandra Henninger; son, Richard Oliver (Kimberly), all of Greenville, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will take place at a later date in Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice, 1201 SE Indian ST, Stuart, FL 34997.

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

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 N.E. Second Street, (863) 763-2111.

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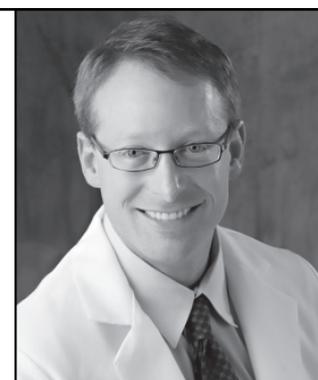
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# Livestock Market Report

APRIL 9 & 10, 2012					
MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM....			TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM		
<b>COWS:</b>			<b>MED #1</b>	<b>STEERS</b>	<b>HEIFERS</b>
BREAKING	78.00 - 93.00		200-250	255 - 285	220 - 230
CUTTER	74.00 - 80.00		250-300	220 - 260	200 - 220
CANNER			300-350	205 - 230	180 - 198
			350-400	195 - 220	170 - 180
			400-450	185 - 205	160 - 170
			450-500	175 - 190	150 - 165
			500-550	172 - 176	145 - 152
			550-600	160 - 165	142 - 147
<b>BULLS</b>					
1000-1500	99.00 - 101.00				
1500-2000	95.00 - 107.00				
			<b>MED #2</b>		
	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	200-250	200 - 240	190 - 200
CLFS	233	423	250-300	200 - 215	175 - 185
COWS	130	285	300-350	185 - 202	160 - 175
STRS	4	24	350-400	175 - 192	150 - 168
HFRS	1	22	400-450	165 - 180	140 - 153
BULLS	15	12	450-500	155 - 170	135 - 145
YRLNGS	12	18	500-550	145 - 160	132 - 140
MIX	0	0			
TOTAL	395	784			

Cattle numbers have really backed off, typical for this time of year but a little scary! Prices are still high and you would think if there was anything out there for sale, people would be selling! I saw some good little black steer calves weighing around 400# bringing around \$2 a pound! Most calves were steady to \$2 lower. Cows & Bulls were mostly steady too.

Ruth Heckelman, Avon Park, topped the calf market with a high of \$3.05, bought by Terry Bomhak. Corrigan Ranch, Vero Beach, topped the cow market with a high of \$93, bought by Central Beef.

We have some really good Angus Bulls on hand...Call Us!

Okeechobee Livestock Market Day Workers Ranch Rodeo this Saturday, April 14, at Old Arena, all day!

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## Former Avon Park Army Airfield

The US Army Corps of Engineers is conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at Avon Park Army Airfield, a Formerly Used Defense Site in Okeechobee County. The Army used the site during World War II to train pilots and air crews. The purpose of the study is to determine what type of contamination may be present as a result of past military activities and where it might be. This notice is to let you know we are:

- ▶ Conducting a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.
- ▶ Soliciting interest in a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).
  - ▶ Holding a community meeting.

It is important for the public to participate in the remedial process, so the Corps is considering establishing a RAB. RABs include people from the community, government, environmental regulators and the Corps. Members review and comment on materials related to restoration activities and serve as voluntary liaisons between the community and the Corps. They receive no compensation. Call 866.279.4880 or email FUDS.Florida@usace.army.mil if you are interested in serving.

We are holding a community meeting on April 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Alton Chandler Civic Center. We will describe how the military used the site and explain previous and current investigations.

Project documents are available for review at the Okeechobee County library located at 206 SW 16th Street in Okeechobee.

**Attend:** Community Meeting, April 24, 2012 at 6:30 pm  
Alton Chandler Civic Center

**Visit:** <http://fuds.saj.usace.army.mil>

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# Become a home health aide with quick job training at IRSC

Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) who are looking for new opportunities and quick job training in the health care field should consider registering for the Home Health Aide course (HCP V330C) offered by Indian River State College. IRSC is now accepting applications for the Home Health Aide course. Classes are May 21 to July 16, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 10 p.m.

Most home health aides help older adults, people who are disabled or chronically ill patients who may need assistance with everyday tasks. They provide this help in the home of the patient, instead of in a health facility or institution.

The course teaches topics including the home health industry, responsibilities of the home health aide, understanding client behavior in terms of basic human needs, food selection and preparation, household management, care of the client's environment, personal health, observation and recordkeeping. The 75-hour course is \$220. Students must have completed the Nursing Assistant (HCP V40C) course to register.

The class will be held at the IRSC Blackburn Educational Building located at 3002

Avenue D. The Blackburn Educational Building is a community resource to provide the training needed for rewarding careers, good pay and a bright future. For more information about programs available at the Blackburn Educational Building, call 772-462-4772. For information on the Home Health Aide course or other health care related programs, contact the IRSC Nursing Department at 772-462-7570, email [info@irsc.edu](mailto:info@irsc.edu) or visit [www.irsc.edu](http://www.irsc.edu).



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### Special visit

“Lily” the Therapy Bunny and Miss Mimi Arnold from Okeechobee Special Equestrian visited the students in Mrs. Sickels’ class at Seminole Elementary. Everyone learned all about the care and feeding of rabbits and then took turns petting the bunny. Each child had their picture taken with Lily and put it in a special frame they made their parents for Easter.

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# OHS gets non-district diamond win over Vero Beach



**By Charles M. Murphy**  
Okeechobee News

Timmy Farrell allowed one earned run over five innings and the Brahman offense exploded for five runs in the second inning as they defeated Vero Beach 8-4 in a non-district baseball game Wednesday night at Okeechobee High School.

Tyler Finney went 2 for 4 and Tyler Barber went 2 for 3 to lead the Brahman offense. Dalton Murray added a two-run single in the second. Jesse Stebbins had a two-run double in the second and added an RBI groundout in the first against Vero Beach starter Alex Germody who was charged with six runs in two innings of work.

Brahman coach Jeff Blackstone said a win over a quality Class 8A School like Vero Beach means a lot for his program, "It's a big win for us and gives us a little momentum. We have played good baseball lately and it couldn't be at a better time for us with districts approaching."

The Brahman hitters, while disciplined, have been more aggressive at the plate in recent games. They were able to plate five runs after two outs were recorded in the second inning which was the difference in the game.

"We have some pretty quality pitchers ahead of us. The guys have rethought their approach at the plate. It has paid off. When we get a lead we must try to put a team

away," he explained.

Farrell kept the Brahmans in the game and left two men on base in the first inning. He kept his composure despite a few errors which helped the Indians score three unearned runs.

"Timmy did a good job. He pitched better than his line would indicate. We talked to him about getting back on the horse, taking it to the hitters, and being aggressive," Blackstone added.

Stebbins was all smiles with his night as he drove home three big runs. His second inning blast hit the top of the fence in left center field. He said he was relaxed and ex-

pected to get a 0-2 off speed pitch. "I was kind of happy there. The dugout had told me that an off-speed pitch was coming and I cranked it out there."

Alex Estremera earned a save as he entered with the bases loaded in the seventh inning. He got the Indians to hit three fly balls to end the game. "It was nerve racking but I just threw strikes and let the defense do the work. I try to keep my composure and let my teammates do the work for me."

Okeechobee improved to (11-11) on the season.

Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
**Layton Thomas looks at a strike during the second inning of Wednesday's game at OHS. Okeechobee defeated Vero Beach 8-4 in the non-district game.**

## Rotary selects student of the month

**By Tabitha Trent**  
Rotary Club

Congratulations to OHS Senior Kayla Harrison for being selected as Rotary's Student of the Month. During her presentation to Rotary members Kayla spoke of her passion for serving others, especially when it comes to children with physical challenges. In addition to being recognized for her 360+ hours of community service one of Kayla's teachers summarized her commitment to "Service Above Self" by writing "I have had the distinct pleasure of having Kayla as a student in my AP Pre-Algebra II class her sophomore year. Having kept in touch with Kayla in the intervening years, I am confident in my knowledge of her. Kayla has been more than the ideal student. In order to achieve the highest grades and my deepest respect, she has demonstrated outstanding leadership and maintained a clear sense of purpose. Kayla has always pursued the challenge of honors and advanced courses. She gives her best to whatever she commits to, in and out of the classroom. She has been part of the top 4% of her class for the duration of her high



Special to the Okeechobee News/Tabitha Trent  
**Rotary Club presented the Rotary Student of the Month award to OHS Senior Kayla Harrison. With her are Lisa and Howard Harrison; and, OHS Career Specialist Heather Gillis.**

school career. Kayla is a person of integrity and represents the best of Okeechobee High School." Lastly, Kayla shared with the club her love for the medical field and her aspirations to be an occupational therapist for children. Her lifetime dream is to start a non-profit organization that focuses on providing housing and medical services to both children and the elderly with disabilities.

The Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Golden Corral Restaurant; please feel free to come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and experience "Service Above Self" in action!

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## Easter baskets donated

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# Raulerson Hospital recognizes Occupational Therapy Month

April is Occupational Therapy Month, and a great opportunity to learn the answers to some common questions about occupational therapy.

### Question: What does an occupational therapist do?

Answer: An occupational therapist is a trained professional who helps people, young and old, perform necessary tasks in home or work environments, through the aid of therapeutic activities. Occupational therapy follows a holistic approach, which focuses on the patient as a person, as opposed to simply treating a condition.

### Question: Who can benefit from occupational therapy?

Answer: A variety of people can benefit from occupational therapy for a variety of reasons. For instance, an occupational therapist may help:

- a child with autism function to his or her fullest ability in a school setting
- an injured worker regain abilities and transition back to work safely
- a victim of stroke work to regain the

mobility necessary to perform everyday tasks

- someone who suffers from chronic pain learn how to perform daily activities in ways designed to limit pain and promote healing
- an older adult adapt home life to new age-related limitations
- a person with mental health concerns learn skills to aid in stress management and independent living

### Question: How does occupational therapy work?

Answer: Typically, occupational therapy begins with an evaluation, followed by an assessment of the patient's skills and environment. After which, a personalized treatment plan is created and implemented, including prescribed modifications designed to help a patient achieve his or her goals. Follow-up is done to monitor the progress of meeting set goals.

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## Learning about business

Okeechobee High School Academy of Finance students have been learning about business from local companies. Mike Ford discusses the car buying process with students at Gilbert Chevrolet.



(Photo at left) Roxanne Durham (far right), Branch Specialist, provided a tour of Seacoast National Bank. (Photo below) Lowell Pritchard (far left) and Michael Waninger (far right) discussed insurance and business issues with students at Pritchards and Associates Inc.





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## Students of the Week

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## Students of the Week

Central Elementary School Students of the Week are: Lauren Abbate, Heav- en Bast, Patrice Lamb, Aiden Scalf, Thomas Wigfall, Jessie Merry, Logan Gil- strap, Chloe McCullers, Logan Bottari, Autumn Melear, Hunter Collins, John Martz, Tyler Hyslope, Jathen Rodriguez, Beautiful Smith, Faith Simmons, Ja- nine Grant, Alicia Pacheco, Ariana Merchant, Maria Perez, Emanuel Ramirez, Seena Fawzy, Brighton Bauman, Eric Vallejo, Daniel Pineda, Jorden York and Elana Rodriguez.

## 'Idol' fundraiser to benefit Substance Abuse Coalition

The very first "Chobee Idol" competition invites local and surrounding area ama- teur vocal talents to tryout for this fundraiser competition. The event will be held on April 21, at the Okeechobee Shrine Club, at 1855 S.W. 153 Street. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition. A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to the first place winner of the competition. For more information on try- outs, please call 863-801-2941.

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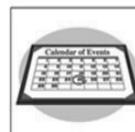
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# SFWMD

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conduct a competitive bid process when it determines that it will lease district land and upon termination of an existing lease term unless the governing board approves a waiver of competition."

The statute, however, does require that leases be put out for bid unless there is diminutive value. Diminutive value generally results in a reduced purchase price the district has to pay as the value of a lease is deducted from the cost of the land. The district has several such leases in effect.

Questions surround the term "waiver of competition" because the resolution does not define or offer guidelines on when the board could grant the waiver.

The district's leasing policy came under fire last year when articles published in the Okeechobee News pointed out how an Okeechobee cattle company was able to have their lease of district land in eastern Glades County extended without ever going out for bid.

Ricou Hartman has leased that property since 2006. The Old River Cattle Company joined with him in that lease in 2008. Then, in December of last year, their lease was extended for an additional 10 years.

When the resolution was first discussed by the governing board on March 15, West Palm Beach attorney Chester Brewer expressed his concern over the board being able to waive the competitive bid process.

"The statute demands competitive bidding with notice. The statute does not provide any exemption for the mandate that requires competitive bidding," he told the board. "That language must be taken out if you're trying to comply with the statute."

As pointed out in earlier stories about this

issue in the Okeechobee News, the Florida Attorney General's Office as well as the 1st and 4th District Courts of Appeal all say that state law must be followed.

"State law has to be abided by and it does prevail over any rule or policy. In general, laws need to be followed," said Jennifer Meale, communications director for the AG's office in an earlier interview. "As far as our applications we can't speak to the specifics but, generally, state law trumps policy or rule."

The 4th DCA issued a 2004 ruling that stated: "A rule cannot change the statute simply because it would be in the public interest to do so."

The new SFWMD resolution also states that:

- minimum bids will be established at an appraised market rent;
  - annual rent adjustments will be based on standard economic indices.
- For agricultural leases:
- maximum 10-year lease term that the lessee may end after five years;
  - SFWMD will retain a six-month termination option;
  - no automatic lease renewals;
  - to transition existing tenants to the new policy, current lessees in good standing (as of April 2012) may renew for up to five years, provided the overall term does not exceed the 10-year limit; and,
  - when multiple competitive bids are received, existing tenants in good standing may exercise a first right of refusal, provided they submit a responsive and responsible bid during the competitive process and pay 10 percent above the highest responsive bid.

At that March 15 meeting, governing board member Glenn J. Waldman questioned that final part of the policy.

"They (existing lease holders) will have to overbid—it may be too much money," he

said. "Maybe we ought to think again about the right of first refusal. This may cause someone to overpay."

The policy passed Thursday nonetheless.

According to that SFWMD press release the district currently has more than 100 leases, totalling 129,011 acres, or 9 percent of fee total lands held by the district. These leases generate about \$4 million annually for land management purposes.

Mr. Poppell can't understand why the district continues to stick to their lease policy instead of following state statute.

"They've had years to go back to the legislature, as recently as this past session, and have the legislature clarify it for them. But, no attempt has been made to do that," he said.

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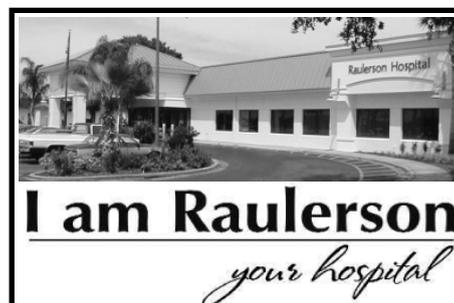
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Ken Kenworthy Superintendent of Schools 414296 ON 4/8,15/2012

**School District Advisory Council Meeting**

The Okeechobee County School District Advisory Council will meet on Monday, April 23, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Office, Room 307, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. This meeting is open to the public.  
Ken Kenworthy Superintendent 414827 ON 4/15/2012

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**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES**  
In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Okeechobee County School Board will consider amendment/adoption of the School Board policies listed below at their meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administrative Office at 700 S.W. Second Avenue, Okeechobee. A copy of the proposed amendments/policies are available in the Superintendent's office, Room 307, located at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue.

**ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICY 2.35 Strategic Planning**  
I. The proposed policy is recommended to address the District's strategic planning process.  
II. This policy includes guidelines for development and implementation as well as goals and objectives of the strategic planning process.  
III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41 and 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.42, 1001.43, 1001.452, 1008.385.  
IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

**AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 6.216 Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP)**  
I. This policy provides guidelines for administering the Deferred Retirement Option Program.  
II. The proposed amendment adds language for computing terminal pay for sick leave for instructional staff, educational support personnel, and administrators.  
III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42, 1012.22, 1012.23. Laws implemented are F.S. 121.091, 1001.43.  
IV. This policy adoption will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

**AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 8.20 Purpose and Functions of the Transportation Program**  
I. This policy provides general direction for administration of the Transportation Program.  
II. The proposed amendment adds language to comply with current statute and practice regarding reciprocal agreements with other school districts.  
III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.43, 1006.21, 1006.21(3), 1006.22, 1006.23, 1011.68.  
IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Ken Kenworthy Superintendent of Schools 414338 ON 4/6,15/2012

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NOTICE: COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS AN ONGOING AQUATIC SPRAYING PROGRAM, DISTRICT WIDE.  
WILLARD M. BYARS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 17429 NW 242ND STREET OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 (863)763-4601 OR (863)634-3166 414911 ON 4/15/2012

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Faye Huffman, Secretary to the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate 414727 ON 4/15/2012

**Crossword Puzzle**

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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# Lady Brahmans hoopsters earn all-state recognition

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Carley McCoin and Ami Edwards of Okeechobee High School have been named to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association All State and Academic All State girls basketball teams.

McCoin, only a freshman, averaged 13.5 points, 3.2 steals, 1.8 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game for the Lady Brahmans. Edwards, a junior, averaged 13.3 points, 12.7 rebounds and 2.2 steals per game for Okeechobee, which finished (10-14) this past season.

Other local girls on the team included Brittany Jackson, Miah Shephard, Merkeyia Jones, and Kiandre'a Pound of state champion Sebastian River, who played in Okeechobee's District this year.

Coach Erin Morrow said she was very impressed with her girls and that they deserve this recognition, "They put in a lot of hard work this season and really stood out. Other teams put these girls into their game plans because they knew they had to stop them to stop our team."

With both girls due to return next year Coach Morrow expects a strong team at OHS. She said the girls should be encouraged and become better leaders now that they are all state players.

"I'm proud of them. I know the school and the town are very proud of them. Both made the academic team so they are great kids off the court with great support systems at home."

McCoin said she felt great about the honor and called it a big accomplishment for her, her parents, and her family. She

explained the award should give her more confidence on the court, but won't take away from her work ethic. McCoin will be busy in the off season with basketball tournaments planned in South Carolina, Disney in Orlando, all over Florida and in Tennessee. She said the competition in these tournaments are very tough and really challenge her skills.

"It's really good competition. I want to leave a print of my name at Okeechobee High when I graduate and I want people to remember me. I always will try my best," she added.

Edwards called the all state team awesome. She said a lot of the girls named to the team are probably more talented than her but she still is glad she earned the honor.

"I just go out there and play my best and hope for the best," she added.

Edwards will also be busy this summer with travel ball tournaments in Jupiter, Greensboro, N.C., Atlanta, Ga., and Ohio. She plays for the Treasure Coast Lady Ballers. Edwards said academics come first and then basketball.

"I have no choice. My mother insists that I get good grades. I have some good colleges in mind for when the time comes next year," she noted.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

From left to right are: Carley McCoin, Brahman coach Erin Morrow and Ami Edwards.

## Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

• Brad Coleman had three hits while Alex Estremera, Dalton Murray and Jesse Stebins had two hits apiece as the Brahmans clinched fourth place in District 12-7A with a 7-1 win over Fort Pierce Central on Tuesday afternoon. Okeechobee improved to (10-11) on the season.

• The Sailfish Strides running club and the Martin County Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual Lake Okeechobee seven mile run on Saturday, April 21, in Port Mayaca. Race time is set for 7:30 a.m.

• The Lady Brahman flag football team secured a berth in the District Tournament

with an 18-13 victory over Pahokee on Tuesday night. Okeechobee improved to (5-4) on the year. The District Tournament will be held at Seminole Ridge on April 23 and 25. Coach Bruce Jahner said the team got two touchdown receptions from EJ Edwards. Carley McCoin and Edwards had interceptions in the game. "We are playing great football in the last two weeks. Kyla Hargraves has thrown accurate passes and the Brahman receivers are pulling them down," Jahner said. Edwards scored on a five-yard pass reception and a 55-yard screen pass. The Lady Brahmans ended their home season with senior night on Friday night at 7 p.m. against Martin County.



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# CTT anglers reel in the 'big ones' at final tourney

Fifty-one teams qualified for the end of the season Christian Team Trails tournament held on Saturday, April 7. Teams set out at 7 a.m. from Okee-Tantie under very windy conditions.

Conditions remained blustery throughout the tournament until boats began returning for the 1 p.m. cutoff time. Fishing teams were not hindered by the winds from reeling in some hefty catches for weigh-in.

The largest "single" catch of the day was pulled in by Keith and Irene Jones. The Big Fish prize winner weighed 8.10 lbs. and pushed their total weight hauled in at 18.89 lbs. enough to earn them a fourth place overall spot and a total prize winning amount of \$500.

The Joneses' largest catch wasn't the only Big Fish in the pond. Top winners, Danny and Blake Marsocci brought back a bounty of good-sized fish including one weighing in at 7.55 lbs., giving them the Second Big Fish Award. Their total weight of fish at weigh-in earned them a Christian Team Trails Tournament record for this year of 31.36 lbs. and a total cash prize of \$1,550.

Coming in at second place overall were Jim Hurlock and Justin Schwier with a weigh-in total of 24.30 lbs. of fish. Pastor John Garrison awarded the two a split of the \$500 prize.

Third place winners, Rich Stieglitz and Mike Cornell took home a share of the \$350 prize after weigh-in with 19.95 lbs. of fish.

The season's end tournament event also brought quite a few extras to those attending. Oakview Baptist Church Pastor Garrison and Darrell Marlow gave out gifts donated by individuals, businesses and organizations including tackle bags and boxes to all and a grand prize drawing of an all expenses paid fishing trip out of Clearwater Beach.

Deacons of Oakview Baptist prepared a barbecue lunch and provided cold drinks for everyone to celebrate the end of a great season of fishing.

Christian Team Trails fishing tournaments will be gearing up and getting back out on the water again this coming fall.



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**Third place winners, Rich Stieglitz and Mike Cornell enjoyed a split of the \$350 prize awarded for their 19.95 lbs. of fish caught at weigh-in.**



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**Top tourney winners, Danny and Blake Marsocci took home the big money for their large haul of fish at weigh in of over 30 lbs., a season record for the Christian Team Trails circuit. The team also brought in the second single largest catch weighing in at 7.55 lbs.**



Special to the Okeechobee News/Kevin Williams/Pat Ziegler  
**Second place winners, Jim Hurlock and Justin Schwier were awarded a cut of a \$500 cash prize at weigh-in. The two fished in the final Christian Team Trails Tourney on April 7 at Okee-Tantie and hauled in 24.30 lbs. of good-sized fish.**

## Request for Proposals

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) will receive proposals for the purpose of securing Engineering Services for the following:

- Pine Ridge Park Wastewater Treatment Facility Operating Permit Renewal

Detailed RFP documents are available upon request from the office of the Executive Director, 100 S.W. 5th Avenue, (Tel.) 863-763-9460, (Fax) 863-763-3746. The OUA intends to review the submitted RFP's, and reserves the right to reject any or all RFP's.

The RFP's must be delivered in a sealed envelope to the Executive Director's office, located at Okeechobee Utility Authority Administrative Office, 100 S.W. 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974, on or before 4:00 PM on May 2, 2012.

John F. Hayford  
 Executive Director

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