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Accused murderer caught with 'shank'

By **Eric Kopp**
Okeechobee News

A man being held in the county jail on a first-degree murder charge was arrested Monday when detention deputies found a suspected shank in his cell.

Dale Glenn Middleton, 39, was charged June 18 with possession of a weapon in a county detention facility. His bond has been set at \$10,000.

Middleton is accused of killing Roberta 'Bobbie' Elizabeth Christensen, 49, in her



Dale Middleton

single-wide mobile home on July 28, 2009.

An arrest report by Detention Deputy Corporal Eric Majere stated that Detention Deputy Sergeant Randy Worth was given an inmate request form around 1:05 a.m. Monday. The form said that Middleton was having trouble with an unnamed inmate and that he had a shank in his cell, stated

the arrest report.

Sgt. Worth then searched Middleton's cell and reportedly found a shank taped to the underside of Middleton's metal cot. The report described the shank as a broken toothbrush with two metal razor blades tied to it.

The report goes on to indicate that two "strangely altered" combs were also found, along with a yellow highlighter.

All of the items were confiscated.

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Special to the Okeechobee News

Governor 'gets to work' on local ranch

Florida Governor Rick Scott was in Okeechobee County on Monday for his 10th 'Let's Get to Work' Day. The governor helped work cattle on the Williamson Cattle Company Ranch and visited the Okeechobee Livestock Market. For more on the story, see page 5.

Matthew 25 ministries must pay \$1 million

By **Charles M. Murphy**
Okeechobee News

A little over \$1 million was awarded to former residents of Pelican Lakes Village in Pahokee forced out of their homes by Matthew 25 Ministries when sex offenders moved in.

Attorney Reed Colfax said a trial was held in U.S. District Court in February in a housing discrimination claim. The property owner Austin Management filed motions to have the trial ruling overturned but the motion has been denied.

He has started the process to collect on this judgment and determine the assets the defendants possess. Matthew 25 founder Rev. Richard Witherow died earlier this year. There is some insurance in the picture but there is a dispute

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Corps studies old Avon Park Army Airfield

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

About 100 residents attended a meeting hosted at the Basinger Civic Center by the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss a remedial investigation and feasibility study for the former Avon Park Army Airfield last month.

The airfield was used during World War II to train pilots and air crews and included 218,884 acres in Highlands, Okeechobee and Polk Counties. After the war all but 106,000 acres were sold off. Some of the acreage is the present day Kissimmee Prairie State Preserve.

The study is meant to find where and what types of potential contamination continues to be present on the land like munitions, bullets, and undetonated bombs.

There are 112,000 plus acres in Okeechobee County that will be part of this study.

The military will use a digital metal detector known as a magnetometer in the survey.

They attach this to a helicopter and fly about six feet above the ground searching for the munitions. This aerial work will happen mostly in the preserve. After the ground has been mapped, technicians will analyze the data to identify subsurface items most likely to be munitions. The munitions experts will then dig the metallic items that appear to be munitions and identify them.

Options in the future include total removal of all the munitions or simply education of the public to avoid these items and report them.

The study area includes the Viking Property and areas northwest of Basinger.

Project Manager Bill Spence said the main public concern was the rights of entry to private property and how the Corps would accomplish that.

"Once we discussed the right of entry and what we were going to do I think the public felt a little easier and were more comfortable with letting us on their property," he told the

Okeechobee News. He said the Corps will work with the landowners and try to grant their wishes if possible.

All of the property owners will be notified and a request sent to enter the property which will mostly be in agriculture use or pasture. The study is expected to continue into early 2014.

Mr. Spence said he has no estimate on how many munitions will be found and noted that is the purpose of the study. The airfield was used from 1942 to 1949 and the training included air to ground bombing, landscape bombing, gunnery ranges, and position firing courses. Spence said the Okeechobee acreage was mostly used for gunnery ranges which carries less risk of finding bombs or explosives. He expects to find 50 caliber and 20 caliber casings. Most of the bomb targets were positioned in larger agriculture tracts.

The Corps could opt to remove the munitions they find, or even blow them up in place depending upon the location. "In the past a lot of munition debris has been found but right now it is hard to say what we're going to find out there."

In the meantime Spence said the public should follow the "3Rs" when they find these munitions.

"Recognize the item you find that may be dangerous. Retreat and leave the item where it is. Don't touch it and leave the area. Report it, call 911 and tell them what you found and local police will know what to do," he concluded.

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Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Thursday night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Rice Krispies Treats on the menu

Local third grader Sarah Rose Dodd taught residents at Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility how to make her favorite dessert, Rice Krispies Treats, during Country Kitchen.



(top photo) Resident Jim Lenker and guest chef Sarah Rose Dodd stir the ingredients for Rice Krispies Treats at Grand Oaks in its Country Kitchen.

(bottom) Resident Jim Lenker, special guest chef Sarah Rose Dodd and resident Gretchen Deaton are seen here working in the Country Kitchen at Grand Oaks.



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Okeechobee County ranks low in health survey

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County ranked 55th out of Florida's 67 counties in the annual county health rankings study released earlier this year with high rates of smoking, cancer, and heart disease.

The survey showed 10 percent of the county has diabetes, health care costs are higher than the state average, and 37 percent of adults are uninsured.

According to the survey, 20 percent of

those surveyed said they could not see a doctor because of the cost compared to 16 percent who gave the same response statewide.

The survey is conducted by the University of Wisconsin annually and studies all the counties in the nation.

Okeechobee County Health Department Director Erin Hess said Okeechobee is in the same position as they were last year.

"There were plenty of places where we made really good improvement however

other counties are improving too. We still have some work to do," she said.

The survey found 23 percent of the county was in poor or fair health compared to 15 percent in the state. In Okeechobee County, 24 percent of adults are smokers, 31 percent of adults are obese, 32 percent were physically inactive, and 15 percent are excessive drinkers. Except for the drinking, these were above the state average and well above the national averages.

Ms. Hess said she felt the county is healthier today than it was last year. She said the county has moved in the right direction. She praised the health department staff for their hard work and teamwork.

Smoking rates have gone down in the nation as smoking becomes less and less socially acceptable.

A key issue for the health department will be to put their resources in the right spot so

taxpayers get the biggest bang for the buck, Ms. Hess said.

"We want to focus our efforts and learn what Okeechobee really needs from their health department," she explained.

Rural counties normally fare far worse than urban areas in these surveys. Most of it is due to socio economic factors. The study found the median income here was \$35,417, about \$9,000 less than the state average. The illiteracy rate in Okeechobee stood at 24.5 percent, with 65-percent of adults holding a high school diploma. That compared to the state average of 19.7 percent for illiteracy. 79-percent of Florida adults had high school diplomas.

Okeechobee had a high rate of motor vehicle crashes which resulted in death, about twice the state average. It also had a teen birth rate twice the state average.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Bobi O'Neill

Church dedication ceremony

LIFE Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., recently had a ribbon-cutting ceremony and dedication to celebrate their newly-formed Non-Denominational Christian Church. LIFE is an acronym for Living In Faith Everyday and the church body is firmly rooted in God's Word. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening study at 6:30 p.m. LIFE is a church of second chances located in the heart of Okeechobee. Come and see.

Kenworthy gets passing grade

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee School Superintendent Ken Kenworthy appears to be getting better at his job if you consider the evaluations Okeechobee School Board members gave him this week.

Kenworthy pulled a 4.1 average on a scale of 1 to 5 from the board members, six months after he received an evaluation of 3.7 out of 5, Attorney Tom Conely reported.

The evaluation is required under his contract but does not carry with it an automatic wage adjustment.

Kenworthy said he was pleased with the evaluation but admitted he has a lot to learn about the position, "I want to bring

a lot of things to this district. I need some improvement in my own skills in terms of professional development and I'll get that."

Kenworthy will attend continued education courses supplied by the Florida School Board Association and the School Superintendents Association.

He'll also attend a seminar this month that will show administrators how to empower effective teachers, "I hope to bring back good ideas and hopefully address student achievement in a positive way. While I bring a lot to the position we have a lot to improve."

Kenworthy said an 11-percent improvement in the last six months is something he's proud of.

Pet Rescue needs volunteers

Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue needs volunteers to help with their booth at Okeechobee's National Day of the American Cowboy at the Agri-Civic Center on Friday, July 27 and Saturday July 28. Table setup will be Friday 3 p.m. Serving starts at 4:30-9 p.m. 10 p.m. Saturday table setup is 1:30 p.m. and serving starts from 3 until 11 p.m.

If you want to donate a food, drink or dessert item to sell along with the barbecue, please let Belinda know. They also need to borrow coolers for ice. Please call 863-357-1104 for information or stop in the shelter on Hwy 98 next to the Livestock Market.

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

UFO over Lake Okeechobee

• A YouTube video allegedly shows a UFO over Lake Okeechobee. Has anyone heard about any reported sightings? This one looks like a fake to me.

• It looks like an airplane to me. Maybe next time they will have a good camera.

• They need to use a tripod and stop zooming in and out. It's hard to see what the object is.

• It's a fake.

• I think we should claim it as a UFO. We could use the tourism.

• Maybe they heard that Jim Kirk is our mayor and they want to beam him up.

• Maybe the UFO was looking for the Skunk Ape.

• The scenery is all wrong and so are the accents of people talking. It's a hoax. Don't fall for it.

• I was wondering if there was work going on at the dike. Maybe a helicopter was being used to life heavy objects into place? If we knew where this was filmed it would help narrow things down.

• If this was filmed on Lake Okeechobee as the video title claims, it could be the lights from the scenic tours airplane. If the plane was flying low and toward the camera, that might be it. Or it could be the sun reflecting on the plane.

• They are all fake.

Editor's note: A link to the YouTube video can be found on the Okeechobee News forum on florida.newszap.com and on the Okeechobee News Facebook page.

Thoughts to ponder

• If there are no ups and downs in your life ... it means you are dead.

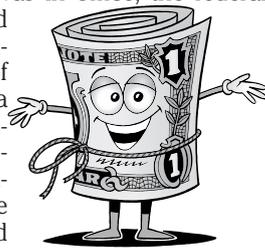
• "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." The 14th Dali Lama

• Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

• Your beliefs don't make you a better person. Your behavior does.

Deficit

• According to the U.S. Treasury Department, from 2001-2008, when President George W. Bush was in office, the federal government had receipts of \$2.2 trillion and outlays of \$2.5 trillion for a deficit of \$309 billion. From 2009-2011, under President Obama, the government had receipts of \$2.1 trillion and outlays of \$3.4 trillion for a deficit of \$1.311 trillion. And that doesn't even include the numbers for the current year, 2012. Stop the madness.



Name game

• Something everyone should research before the election: Who is Barry Soetoro?

Gov. Scott works on local ranch

• We need him in Glades County giving a lecture to the county manager, board of county commissioners and others as to how to talk to residents, employees and that women are people too!

• Why doesn't he get to work on the horrible mess of an insurance system we have in this state? He wants people getting out of Citizens Insurance by cutting our benefits but there aren't any companies to replace it. Smooth move.

• From the description of Gov. Scott's work day on Williamson Cattle Company Ranch (in the story on florida.newszap.com), it sounds like he jumped from this machine to that so fast he was more entertainment than help.

• I thought it was funny that only a select group of people were blessed with the information that the governor of our state was in town. He had a meeting last week and was in town Monday, but it seems he only wanted a few people there. Probably doesn't want to have to answer real questions.

• The hubby and grandson was at the Livestock Market on Monday and who walked in .. Govenor Scott. He stopped, introduced himself, and shook their hands. He hung around watching the sale and spoke with some of the buyers and workers ... pretty cool not knowing he was going to be there.

Letters to the editor

My wife and I write this letter to publicly thank our son's teachers during his tenth grade year. With their help and guidance, our son had a great year. He was one of the 35% who passed the dreaded FCAT 10th Grade Reading Test at Okeechobee High School. He also passed the writing portion of FCAT. So, thank you Mrs. Lunt, Mrs. Stiles, Mrs. McKee, Ms. Hord, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Buckner, Mr. Olive and Mr. Jenkins. There was not a day passed that our son did not come home with a story about one of you...all positive. Congratulations to Ms. Hord for being selected as teacher of the year for the district. We know that Ms. Hord makes Chemistry interesting. Also, a shout out goes to Ms. Sills in guidance for her insights.

Okeechobee should be proud to have professionals like those we mentioned. There are more in our school district. Keep up the good work.

**Sincerely,
Michael and Lynn Smith
Okeechobee**

Somewhat confused

There are days I just feel plain dumb. Sometimes I feel like I'm in a daze, or have woken up confused. I just can't seem to understand things. I look at something and it appears to defy comprehension. Is it me? I ask, or are things really awry in the minds of men. (I'm not sure I want to know the answer.)

Recently in our local paper we have seen, let's see, a man drag his girlfriend over a fence by her hair. Another slashed his girlfriend in the face and neck with a knife in front of her kids. A sheriff's deputy beat his wife almost to death and get out on a \$1,500 bond while a woman accused of stalking gets a \$15,000 bond. A man stabs his wife because she "dissed" him. Another strangles his girlfriend and breaks her nose. I'm sure I've missed some entries.

Then if you look to the Treasure Coast, we have a couple of women being set on fire with gasoline, a couple being shot to death in front of the kids, stabbed to death in front of the kids, some murder suicides that take out the whole family, etc. I'm hesitant to look further afield.

These are the ones that hit the news. How many don't?

Martha's House receives an average of one law enforcement report a day of alleged domestic violence. These are the cases sufficient enough for a person to have the courage or fear to call 9-1-1. From the hundreds and hundreds of victims we talk to each year, many have never called 9-1-1, or only do so after things have become intolerable.

Back to me feeling dumb, dazed and confused: maybe I just am, but I don't want to think this behavior is acceptable for our community or society. This can't be acceptable family life. Home is the safe place to be, right? We are better than this: this violence in relationships, this abject disregard for others, particularly the children witnesses, this seeming gender and maybe judicial inequality.

It doesn't have to be this way, does it? If I could be smart, alert, and of clear mind, I'd say we have the power to change this. Bottom line it starts with each of us. In our own choices and personal responsibility/accountability, then in being astute to demand the same from those to whom we give authority over us. Is it really that hard to make choices that consider the welfare of others before ourselves? Even if it is, wouldn't it be worth the effort.

All day every day, choose boldness for what is right, choose to be accountable, choose to be violence free. Choose.

**Jonathan Bean
Martha's House, executive director**

Raulerson Hospital

I recently had out-patient surgery at HCA Raulerson Hospital. I received the best of care during my stay. Special thank you to Dr. David Sigelow and Dr. Taylor. Many, many thanks especially to the nurses, Chris, Giorgiana and April. The expertise, kindness and professionalism of the doctors and nurses was of the highest quality. I would not hesitate referring our local hospital to family and friends. Thank you so very much.

**Sincerely,
Ms. Dorothy H. Schantz**

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Mom arrested after child found on highway

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A mother was arrested Monday after deputies found her small daughter walking along U.S. 441 S. near Tires Plus Total Car Care.

The mother—Sharon Lynn Bishop, 26—was located in a nearby motel where she had been staying with the child and her siblings. Bishop, S.E. 15th St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 18 on a felony charge of child neglect.

She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$1,500. Jail re-

ports indicate she has since been released on bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Corporal Chris Hans, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that around 9 a.m. three citizens flagged down OCSO Deputy Jay Smith in the area of McDonald's Restaurant and told him about a little girl walking along the busy four-lane highway.

Deputy Smith then found the fully-clothed



Sharon Lynn Bishop

5-year-old child in the parking lot of Tires Plus where a Florida Power & Light employee was attending to the girl. After speaking to the girl, Deputy Smith learned that she had walked off from a nearby motel, stated the report.

After speaking with a motel employee, OCSO Deputy Fred Bradley went to the room where the girl was staying and spoke with Bishop. Bishop, added the report, had apparently just awakened and didn't know her daughter was gone.

The woman's other children were still in the room.

According to Cpl. Hans the door to the motel room was equipped with a dead bolt and other locks, but they apparently weren't used.

Bishop reportedly told deputies that her daughter has "run off" before and she had called law enforcement to help find her.

Cpl. Hans went on to state that he placed Bishop under arrest and the children were turned over to their father. The deputy also contacted the Department of Children and Families, added the report.

Cpl. Hans stated that the child was not injured.

Gov. Rick Scott visits Okeechobee County ranch

Special to the Okeechobee News

Continuing his focus on job creation and promoting Florida's agriculture industry, Governor Rick Scott spent his tenth 'Let's Get to Work' Day as a ranch hand with the Williamson Cattle Company in Okeechobee. The multi-generational family operation is managed by the fourth generation of the Williamson family and includes many second and third-generation employees.

"Every job is important to our state's economy, and I am working to make Florida the best place for businesses to grow and expand, including the companies that make up Florida's cattle industry," Governor Scott said. "I am committed to making sure the \$4-billion economic impact of Florida's cattle ranching industry continues to be a significant part of our state's economy."

Saddling his horse around 7 a.m., Governor Scott began the day rounding up cattle from some of the operation's roughly 10,000

acres and herding them into cow pens. He helped select cattle to be sold at market later in the day, as well as weighed and administered de-worming medicine to calves. Before breaking for a lunch of barbecued beef brisket, the Governor assisted with building and mending fences.

During the afternoon, Governor Scott helped take the selected cattle to the Okeechobee Livestock Market, which has been owned and operated by the Clemons family for three generations. While at the largest livestock market in Florida, the Governor observed the auction and sale of cattle while meeting other ranchers from the area. Later, back at the Williamson ranch, he spent the afternoon assisting with disking pastureland with equipment pulled by a tractor and learning about center-pivot irrigation. He also hauled and unloaded mineral nutrients for cattle and rotated cattle from one pasture to another.

According to the Florida Cattlemen's As-

sociation, Florida's cattle industry is the 11th largest in the United States with just over one million beef cows. The cattle industry supports a vast network of associated businesses, including feed companies, heavy machinery corporations and fertilizer manufacturers. This integrated web of economic

organizations helps create jobs and business opportunities in Florida.

The Williamson Cattle Company received environmental leadership awards from the Florida Department of Agriculture in 2003 and from the National Cattlemen's Beef Association in 2004.

MIDDLETON

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When questioned, Middleton reportedly told the detention deputies that he had never seen the shank before.

Middleton, who lived across the street from Mrs. Christensen, was arrested early July 29, 2009, after investigators from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) spent the night interviewing nearly 100 people.

According to OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman, Middleton apparently went to the woman's home to ask for a loan.

"When she turned him down, he lost it," said the detective in an interview shortly after the arrest.

Middleton was charged after a local grand jury handed down a true bill on Sept. 9, 2009. A true bill means the grand jury found sufficient evidence to charge him with the

capital offense of premeditated first-degree murder.

He was also charged with grand theft, dealing in stolen property and armed burglary of a dwelling.

Middleton is accused of taking Mrs. Christensen's 42-inch LCD flat screen television that he supposedly sold for \$200.

The weapon used to kill Mrs. Christensen has not been found, according to the reports.

Middleton also made news last year after he was beaten unconscious by another accused murderer, Matthew Paul Morris. Morris is charged with the Nov. 15, 2007, killing of John Melvin Hall. He was indicted by an Okeechobee grand jury on Oct. 13, 2009.

Besides a number of bruises, Middleton suffered a black eye and a cut over his mouth that had to be closed with stitches.

Morris was charged with the felony of battery by a detainee on a detainee for his alleged part in the fight.

never get them back. Some of the residents had lived there for their entire lives and have had to reestablish their life in other places," he added. Each of the 14 plaintiffs will receive a portion of the settlement that could range from at least \$10,000 to over \$100,000.

Local woman reportedly caught with pills in jail

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

After being arrested on charges of obtaining pills without a prescription, a woman was allegedly found to have over 68 pills in her purse as she was being booked into the county jail.

Trina Annette Marion, 49, S.E. 26th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Monday, June 18, on nine felony counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. She was later charged with the felonies of introduction of contraband into a county detention facility, possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), possession of a controlled substance (methylphenidate), possession of a controlled substance (temazepam) and possession of a legend drug (clonidine).

She is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on a total bond of \$37,500.

An arrest report by Deputy William Jolly, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that Marion was initially arrested on a local warrant.



Trina Annette Marion

As she was being booked into the jail, she kept complaining that she had to use the restroom, stated the deputy. Marion was then taken to the bathroom by a detention deputy and as she was being searched a small white pill fell on the floor, stated the deputy's report.

According to the deputy, that pill matched 41 other small white pills (clonidine) found in Marion's purse. Along with those pills, Deputy Jolly said a search of the woman's purse turned up 16 yellow capsules (temazepam), 7.5 yellow round pills (methylphenidate) and three large white round pills (oxycodone) were found.

The deputy stated that a total of 68.5 pills were found in the woman's purse.

Marion reportedly told the deputy that she had prescriptions for the pills but, added Deputy Jolly, she was unable to produce a valid script.

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with the insurance company over coverage.

"It's difficult to say right now what the likelihood of collections will be and how quick those collections will be," he admitted.

Before moving to Pahokee, Matthew 25 was embroiled in a housing and zoning dispute with Okeechobee County when they created residences for sex offenders in Dixie Ranch Acres and near the former Red Top Dairy.

Mr. Colfax said there was testimony about the issue in Okeechobee in the trial. The opposition to the homes in Okeechobee County was one of the reasons they moved the offenders into Pahokee. "They weren't very public about it and certainly didn't tell the residents about what was going on until the deal was done," he added.

"The victims lost their homes and can

Have 'Coffee with the Commissioner' July 10

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Frank Irby on Tuesday, **July 10**, from 10 a.m. to noon and will be held in Commissioner Irby's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. Second Street, Room 241, Okeechobee.

Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Obituaries

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

Charles 'Bob' Roup, 82

Charles "Bob" Roup passed away at the Hamrick Home on June 15, 2012.

Mr. Roup was born February 23, 1930, in Pottstown, Pa. During his life, Mr. Roup was a mechanic by trade, now retired. He was proud to be a veteran having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He loved to fish on Lake Okeechobee.

He is survived by his son, Charles Roup (Nancy) of Okeechobee; daughter, Bobbie Jean Selig (Mike) of Vero Beach; six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at the Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held today, Wednesday June 20, 2012, at 10 a.m. at Evergreen Cemetery with Pastor Mark Smith of the Okeechobee Church of God officiating.

Donations may be made in Bob's memory to Okeechobee Hospice, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may sign the guest book and leave a message of condolence at www.bassokeechobee.com

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

Donald L. Carrico, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Donald L. Carrico died at Raulerson Hospital on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Donald was born in Greensboro, N.C. on Feb. 5, 1938.

He proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the VFW.

Formerly a resident of Ocala and Port St.

Lucie, Donald moved to Okeechobee six years ago. He loved his Skipper, his little Man, golf, fishing, doing lip sync shows and the Tarheels. Don was a thoughtful, caring, opinionated person who never met a stranger and was always ready to lend a helping hand. He will be missed and remembered by many.

He is survived by his fiancé and love of his life, Marian Merrill of Okeechobee; a son, Donald L. Carrico II of Ocala; brother, Ronald Carrico of Reidsville, N.C.; niece, Ronda (Eddie) Bullock of Randleman, N.C.; and a nephew, Steven Carrico of Jamestown, N.C.; and a special friend who lives next door, Traci Grimes.

A memorial will be held at a later date.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

Arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Fla.



George Washington Marshall, Sr., 71

OKEECHOBEE — George Washington Marshall, Sr. died June 19, 2012, at Raulerson Hospital. He has been a resident of Okeechobee since 1985, and enjoyed bass fishing, poker, and traveling.

Mr. Marshall is preceded in death by his wife, Edna; daughter, Lavinia; and his brothers, William and James.

He is survived by two sons, John J. Marshall (Mary Anne) of East Millsboro, Pa. and George Marshall, Jr. (Brenda) of Okeechobee; as well as his three daughters, Bernice Marshall (Eddie) of Carmichaels, Pa., Thelma Marshall Ball of Okeechobee and Georgia Marshall Price (Chris) of Cedartown, Ga.

Mr. Marshall is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren; his brother, Raymond Marshall (Cathy) of Richeyville, Pa.; sister, Sarah Swaney of Smithville, Pa.; brother-in-law, John Smalley of Okeechobee; and his beloved dog, Snow Ball.

A visitation will be held at the Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 21, 2012, from 4 to 5 p.m. with a service to follow at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee P.O. Box 1548 Okeechobee, FL 34973 or the American Cancer Society

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



William 'Bill' J. Murrish, 66

OKEECHOBEE — William 'Bill' J. Murrish died at home on Thursday, June 14, 2012.

Born in Rochester, Mich., Bill moved to Okeechobee in 1958 with his family.

He managed the family owned Williamson Dairy on Highway 98 in Okeechobee for 34 years and drove for Walpole Feed for the past 12 years. He enjoyed a lot of family time and the outdoors; fishing, hunting, airboating, and loved to ride his motorcycle.

His brothers, Richard and Bob Murrish preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, LaVon Murrish of Okeechobee; sons, Keith (Stephanie), Brian Knaby, both of Okeechobee; daughters, Lesley Watford of Okeechobee, Kimberly (Jason) Elliott of Bryant, Ala.; 11 grandchildren; sisters, Mary Ellen (Tom) Hilborn of Atlanta, Ga., and Barbara (David) Thomas of Okeechobee.

He will be dearly missed by everyone; family, grandchildren, friends and his beloved dogs.

Graveside services will be at Basinger Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 21, 2012.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

William 'Bill' Marvin Jenkins, 80

SEBRING — William "Bill" Marvin Jenkins passed away Wednesday, June 6, 2012, at his home.

He was born September 29, 1931, to Estus John and Lettie Golden (Green) Jenkins, in Cairo, Ga. and had been a resident of Florida since 2000. He was a truck driver and had sung with the Singers for Jesus Gospel group.

He is survived by his beloved Kathleen of Sebring; sons, Marvin (Pam) Jenkins, Ft. Myers, Fla and Ray (Emma) Williams of Tenn.; daughters, Donna (Seller) Prescott, Lake Placid, Fla. and Janice E. Messer, S.C.; step-children, Connie Beagles of Sebring, George R. (Lori) Hayes, Okeechobee, Fla., Sandra (Randy) Barnhill, Okeechobee, Susie (Scott) Major, Okeechobee; 12 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; three step-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at graveside in Evergreen Cemetery in Okeechobee, Fla. on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at 11 a.m.

Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Sebring, Florida 33870, 863-385-0125 www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

See radio Hams from Okeechobee demonstrate crisis readiness

On the weekend of **June 23-24**, the public will have a chance to meet and talk with Okeechobee's ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. Their slogan "When All Else Fails, Ham Radio Works," is more than just words to the hams as they can provide messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. The Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will demonstrate the Amateur Radio at the Walmart Parking Lot, north end, on Saturday and Sunday, **June 23 and 24**, starting at 2 p.m. Saturday and ending at 4 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license before the next disaster strikes.

Community Events

Parks and Rec opens adult softball registration

The Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation Department is accepting team registration for the Adult Softball Summer League. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 20**, at 7 p.m. at the OK Softball Fields. All interested managers, officials and players are encouraged to attend. The deadline to register is Friday, July 6. League fees are: Men--\$375, Women--\$325, Co-ed--\$325. For more details, call 863-763-6950.

Democratic Executive Committee set to meet

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Committee will be having their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 21, beginning at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. Any interested Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Free football camp opens next week

Chaka's Stars Foundation presents John Grace's Proskills Football Camp on Friday, June 22. Check-in starts at 8:15 a.m. Camp starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee High School football practice field. Ages 5-18 are encouraged to attend this fun camp to learn the fundamentals of football. No experience in football is needed.

Eagles North hosts steak night

Come and join us for steak night on Friday, June 22, starting at 5:30 p.m. Music by Lisa. Card bingo is on Saturday, June 23 at 5 p.m. Treat yourself to some fun! All proceeds to benefit the Community Benefit Fund. 9985 U.S 441 N.

Shenanigan's holds chicken wing eating contest

Come for the all you can eat chicken wing eating contest, to be held at Shenanigan's on Saturday, **June 23**, at 2 p.m. There will be live music provided by Jake Hair and the Flatland Band. Barbecue plates of park, baked beans, cole slaw and a roll for \$8. Fifty/fifty tickets will be sold with proceeds to buy the Okeechobee Track Team uniforms. Bring the family and lawn chairs. Rules and regulations will apply for the wing eating contest. Contact Karen or talk to management at 863-357-6100.

Summer Teen Dance planned

Come to the B.R.A.T. Club Summer Teen Dance set for Saturday, **June 23**, from 7-10 p.m. at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, 610 S.W. Second Ave. Admission price of \$7 includes pizza, soda, chips, entertainment. 'Tweens and teens from 12-16 are invited. For more information, contact Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

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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).

• Kelley Danielle Haight, 23, S.E. Eighth Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 13 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (roxycodeone). Her bond was set at \$5,000.

• Sheretta Shelet McNeil, 30, N.E. 11th St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 14 by Deputy Joseph Hall on felony charges of possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

• Kelly Jo Harper, 48, N.E. 11th Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested June 15 by Deputy John Fisher on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - giving false information to a pawnbroker. She is being held without bond.

• Kim White, 42, S.W. 40th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested June 15 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on felony charges of burglary of a structure and grand theft. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. Her bond was set at \$15,500.

• Todd Vernon Yennard, 40, S.W. 40th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested June 15 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on felony charges of burglary of a structure and grand theft. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. His bond was set at \$31,000.

• Nelson Dewitt Ross, 47, Poinsettia Ave., Sebring, was arrested June 15 by Deputy Raul Marrero on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving under the influence with priors and the misdemeanor of refusal to submit to breath, blood or urine test. His bond was set at \$125,000.

• Julio Cesar Luna, 27, Ohland Ave., Lorida, was arrested June 15 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• Randy Ammons, 49, N.W. 42nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 15 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a felony charge of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and a misdemeanor charge of disor-

derly conduct. His bond was set at \$2,000.

• William J. Cabello, 22, N.E. 48th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 16 by Deputy Bryan Holden on a charge of aggravated battery on a pregnant person. His bond was set at \$25,000.

• Agustin Garcia, 18, S.E. 46th St., Okeechobee, was arrested June 17 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of cannabis with intent to sell/deliver within 1,000 feet of a school (two counts). He is being held without bond.

• Jeffrey Keith Stone Jr., 32, S.W. 177th Ave., Homestead, was arrested June 18 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a charge of driving under the influence. His bond was set at \$750.

• Thaddeus L. Terrell, 26, N.W. 33rd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, was arrested June 18 by Deputy Ronald A. Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with lewd and lascivious exhibition in the presence of a correction facility employee. His bond was set at \$100,000.

• Carlton H. Salmon, 31, Christopher St., Winter Garden, was arrested June 18 by Deputy Ronald A. Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with lewd and lascivious exhibition in the presence of a correction facility employee. His bond was set at \$10,000.

• Thomas Juarez Hiligua, 32, N.W. 12th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 18 by Deputy Kari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at \$100,000.

• Ronald William Feldpusch, 41, N.E. 31st Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested June 18 by Deputy Kari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with burglary of a dwelling with an assault or battery. His bond was set at \$75,000.

• Christopher Roundtree, 37, Staten Road, Hahira, Ga., was arrested June 18 by Deputy Kari Arnold on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with dealing in stolen property. His bond was set at \$10,000.

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

Calves stolen from area dairy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputies are searching for the person or persons involved in the theft of five young calves from an area dairy.

A report by OCSO Deputy Matthew Hurst indicated the five, 1-week-old calves were taken during the nighttime or early morning hours of Monday, June 18, from a Bishop Dairy Barn located on U.S. 98 N.

The deputy's report stated that three holsteins, one brown swiss and one bull were taken from their pens located near a milking barn. Deputy Hurst indicated the calves are valued at \$200 each.

A sixth animal had been released from its pen but it was not taken.

All of the calves, except for the bull, had yellow ear tags.

Owner Hamilton Lee Bishop reportedly told the deputy that the gate to the dairy was closed but not locked.

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Area churches host Vacation Bible School programs

Cowboys for Christ of Basinger will meet Thursday, June 21, at the Basinger Community Center. A potluck supper will begin at 6 p.m., followed by services at 7 p.m. Rev. Arlund Cook will be the featured speaker. For more information, call Doyle McDuffie at 863-763-2285.

Sky Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 18-22, at **Peace Lutheran Church** and School, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane, Okeechobee. It will be from 6-8:30 p.m. Children three years of age through fifth grade will have fun imagining what it would be like to bounce among the clouds, soar with eagles, and reach the stars! The Bible comes to life as children explore why nothing is impossible with God! Join the fun activities, crafts, music and more! Register by calling 863-763-5042 or register on-line at www.tinyurl.com/PeaceVBS2012.

Oakview Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School – Amazing Wonders Aviation Camp from June 18-22, at 6-9 p.m. for ages 3 years thru adult. Those interested may print a registration form from their website, oakviewbaptist.com, under “Forms” or you may register at the door. For more information, please call 863-763-1699.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon to **Fountain of Life Church**. Registration is for students 5-12 years old. Call 863-763-8945 and leave a message with your child's name and phone number. The focus will be the Amazing Desert Journey, where Jesus leads us home. Fountain of Life Church Vacation Bible School runs from June 25-29, from 6 to 8 p.m. If you have any questions, please call 863-763-8945.

Haven of Rest Church in Cedar Plaza would like to invite the youth of Okeechobee and surrounding areas to attend a Youth

Revival on Thursday, June 21, Friday, June 22, and Saturday, June 23 at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 24 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Evangelist Mark Hall, Jr. Come join in praise and worship. Everyone is welcome.

Church of God of Prophecy has an Open Arms Ministry, at 102 N.W. 10th Street. The Hurting Women's Ministry meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. This is a ministry for women of all ages who are going through or have been through crisis in their lives. For more information, please call 863-254-8304.

There is a Community Gospel Sing at the **Seventh Day Christian Church**, at 912 N.W. Park St. (S.R. 70) every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Anyone can participate in singing or playing guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, dobro, and harmonica—come and enjoy!

A “Faith Community Nurse” basic preparation course and retreat will be offered by the **Interfaith Health and Wellness Association** this summer. Developed within an interfaith model, this educational course and personal growth retreat prepares Registered Nurses to deliver wholistic care in faith communities. The program provides 33.5 contact hours and includes materials, lodging, meals, snacks, International Parish Nurse Resource Center (IPNRC) pin and certificate of attendance. Participants develop the knowledge necessary for practice & have an experience of a life-time. For more information, call 561-379-1972 or go online to www.ihwassoc.org.

Upcoming local Blood Drives

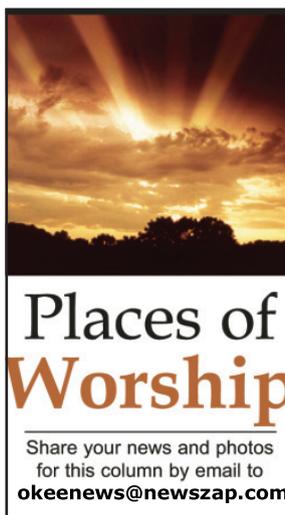
Come and give the gift of life to someone in your own hometown. The Big Red Bus will be at the following locations through the end of June and into the month of July.

June

- Friday, June 22 - Publix, 1-6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 23 - St. Stephen's AME Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 26-Wal Mart, noon-5 p.m.
- Friday, June 29 - Publix, 2-6 p.m.
- Saturday, June 30 -- Wal Mart, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

July

- Friday, July 6 – Publix, 1-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 8 – More to Life Ministries, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Friday, July 13 – Walgreen's, 2-6 p.m.
- Sunday, July 15 – Golden Corral, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Thursday, July 19 – SFWMD, Hwy 70 Sta., Noon-5 p.m.
- Saturday, July 21 – Publix, Noon-5 p.m.
- Sunday, July 22 – Lodge at the Lake, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



Places of Worship

Share your news and photos for this column by email to okeenews@newszap.com

Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave., will have an indoor garage sale in the fellowship hall located behind the Okeechobee Christian Academy on Saturday, June 30 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. If you would like to donate goods for the sale, tax-deduction receipts will be available. You can bring items to the fellowship hall Thursday, June 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or call 763-7800 for more information.

Big Lake Church of God by Faith, 1002 NW Ninth Avenue will host a program entitled, under the leadership of Elder Patrick Silos on Saturday, June 30, at 2 p.m. The public is

invited.

The **Peace Lutheran School** is now accepting enrollment for 2012-13 school year, ages 2 through Kindergarten. There are limited scholarships for Preschool available, as well as Step Up for students and McKay Scholarships for Kindergarten. Call 863-763-7566 for more information.

Peace Lutheran Summer Camp is now accepting summer campers ages 2 through 5th grade. There are limited scholarships available and Summer VPK is offered.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** Quilters meet every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who loves to quilt or wishes to learn is welcome to join the group at 11 a.m. Bring a snack for lunch break. Dessert and coffee is furnished.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** Frontline Warriors, a group of men dedicated to loving Jesus and serving others, meet weekly on Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. For additional information, call 863-763-5042. Seasoned Seniors, anyone 50+, meet the fourth Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and interesting programs.

The **Peace Lutheran Church** has a wonderful ministry to youth called CRAVE Youth Ministry. Senior CRAVE is for high school students in 9-12th grades and meets on Mondays from 6-8 p.m. Junior CRAVE is for junior high students in 5-8th grades and meets on Tuesdays from 4-6 p.m. There are all kinds of great activities for CRAVE youth groups, including trips and family camp-

outs. All youth are welcome! If you would like to know more about Peace Lutheran Church, our faith and fellowship, you are invited to join the Discover Peace Class. For more information, call 863-763-5042.

St. Theresa's Catholic Church, on State Road 78 at Chobee Loop in Buckhead Ridge, is one of the meal sites for the Glades County School District Summer Food Service Program from June 18 through August 9. Meals will be provided Monday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All children ages 2 to 18 years old are eligible for meals and activities at no charge. No pre-registration or paperwork is required. All children are welcome!



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Watford to serve fourth term

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News



Celeste Watford

Because no one else qualified to run for the office, Okeechobee County Tax Collector Celeste Watford will soon be serving her fourth term. In the previous three elections she was unopposed.

Mrs. Watford would like to thank the citizens of Okeechobee for the faith and trust they have put in her. She says it has been an honor to serve them.

The biggest challenge she sees in the coming term is taking over the issuance of driver's licenses from the state. That is scheduled to take place July 1, 2013. The tax collector's budget is controlled by the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR). Mrs. Watford is hoping the DOR will fund three new employees to help with the new task. She is planning on training her current employees to issue driver's licenses also.

Then all her employees, regardless of their other duties will be able to issue driver's licenses.

Since the fees from issuing driver's licenses will not pay the entire cost of performing that additional duty, Mrs. Watford said she will have to tighten her belt in other operating areas in order to be able to fund that additional duty. She said that last year the Okeechobee driver's license office conducted over 14,000 transactions. So that is the anticipated increase in the tax collector's work load.

The contract has not been awarded for the construction of a new building for the tax collector. However, it is hoped that construction will be completed in time for the tax collector to move in before taking on the additional responsibility of issuing driver's licenses.

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

Pet Rescue hosts dog behaviorist, Tibor Feigel

Dog Training Seminar with Dog behaviorist, Tibor Feigel of ZEN K-9 is returning to the Okeechobee Pet/Rescue shelter by popular demand on July 15, from 1 until 3 p.m.

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By Dr. Ron Woody
Okeechobee Cancer Center
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City to hire public works director

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The City of Okeechobee may soon have a new employee filling a new position. Not long ago the Okeechobee City Council approved the creation of two new positions, public works operations supervisor and director of public works.

Long time city employee Donnie Robertson, who has been serving as head of the public works department, was named public works supervisor.

The city advertised for the position of public works director which city administrator Brian Whitehall envisions as a hybrid between Mr. Robertson's old job and the position of city engineer, which the city no longer has.

Mr. Whitehall said the city sent out 32 applications packets. Of the number, 12 were returned and four of those 12 were from Okeechobee. Mr. Whitehall is hoping to present his candidate for the job at the city council meeting on July 17.

Mr. Whitehall sees the new position of public works director as freeing up Mr. Robertson from some of the engineering tasks he has been performing and allowing him to have more hands-on supervisory time over public works crews. The public works director will take over some of Mr. Robertson's old duties as well as some engineering duties. While technically the director of public works will be Mr. Robertson's boss, Mr. Whitehall sees them as working together closely.

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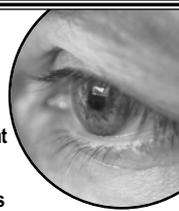
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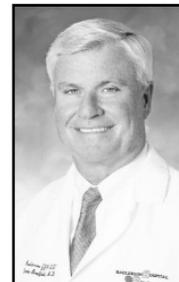


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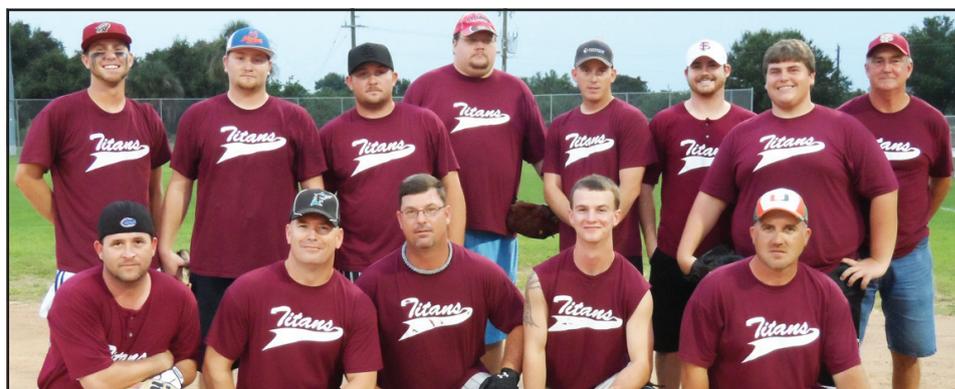
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Faith Farm Bulls

Okeechobee Parks and Recreation League 2 Runnersup are the Faith Farm Bulls (2-9). Team members are: Jeff Birbeck, Derek Brooks, Chase Chandler, Dale Efflandt, Sean McKenna, Robbie Frazee, Mark, Wayne Wright, Jesse Williams, Glenn, Tim Bechard, Andrew Fredenburg, Zenen Ramos and Steve.



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The Titans

Okeechobee Parks and Recreation League 2 Champions are The Titans (6-5). Team members are: Will Jackson, Chance Murphy, Mike Bennett, Brian D., Greg Bennett, Brice Buckner, Jason McClanahan, Wayne Ripperdon, Kyle Buckner, Chris Craig, Jesse Herrera, Walt Esser and Tommy Comfot.

Gold Tee Winners

Okeechobee Golf Country Club Gold Tee Golf winners for June 15 were: first place tie, Vern Johnso and Bob Meyers; second place, Chet Hendren; third place tie, George Guydosh and Dan Birdshaw.

Warm weather means active alligators, crocodiles

As the weather has heated up, so too have Florida's alligator and crocodile activities, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds Floridians and visitors to be cautious when having fun in and around water.

Florida is home to two native crocodilians: the American alligator, which is found in all 67 counties; and the American crocodile, which may be found in coastal areas of the Keys and in southeast and southwest Florida. Both species have shared Florida's waters with people for centuries.

The FWC recommends keeping pets away from the water. There are other precautionary measures people should take to

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The Cowboys

Okeechobee Parks and Recreation League 1 Runnersup are the Cowboys (8-4): Jeb Chandler, Camren and Harry Tewksbury, Budgie Daugherty, Jake Davenport, Tim Higgins, Travis Conrad, Brian Ward, Neal Crawford, Cody Story, Justin Rodriguez and Freddy Love.



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 By: Sandra L. Creech
 Deputy Clerk
 418651 ON 6/20,27/2012

Public Notice

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CASE NO. 47-2011-CA-000156

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP
 Plaintiff,

vs. ANNA HINES UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANNA HINES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/ OWNERS,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on May 2, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Okeechobee County, Florida described as:

LOT 19, BLOCK 1, SECOND REVISED PLAT OF WILCOX SHORES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 16, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

and commonly known as: 825 SE 4th ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash. **Sales are held in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, on July 25, 2012 at 11am.**

Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2012.

Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Sharon Robertson
 By: Sandra L. Creech
 Deputy Clerk
 417026 ON 6/20,27/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 2009-CA-00633

KONDAUR CAPITAL CORPORATION,
 Plaintiff,

vs. MARTIN J. FRENCH, ET AL.,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated and entered on MAY 15, 2012, Civil Action No. 2009 CA 00633 of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein the above captioned Plaintiff and the above named Defendants were parties thereto, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash which will be conducted July 18, 2012 in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972 beginning at 11:00 a.m., the following described real estate property:

PARCEL NUMBER 41 OF QUALI WOODS UNIT IV, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 63 AND 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address:
13855 S.E. 38 STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974

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DATED: May 2, 2012.

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CASE NO. 2009-CA-00663

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Public Notice

RFP NO. ADM - 02-00-06-12
CITY OF OKEECHOBEE HOUSING PROGRAM
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Okeechobee hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation of up to five (5) single family housing units located in the City as a part of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 11DB-H08 project.

Proposals are due no later than 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 and delivered or mailed to: City of Okeechobee General Services Department, 55 S.E. Third Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 (the City will not assume any responsibility for proposals received past the bid opening time). Any and all proposals received after this time and date will not be opened or considered.

Proposals should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope marked "RFP No. ADM-02-00-06-12 CITY OF OKEECHOBEE HOUSING PROGRAM" in accordance with the instructions distributed at the mandatory walk-thru meeting. All bids must be accompanied by copy of license and proof of insurance if not already provided to City. Each contractor must satisfactorily complete one job through the Housing Rehabilitation Program before receiving any additional contracts. No contractor will be awarded more than five (5) homes unless they are able to demonstrate that they have the financial capacity, staffing, and ability to finish projects within the specified completion time.

For specific project information, contact Mr. Clint Hines at 863-558-9454. Bids will be opened as soon after the 11:00 a.m. submission time on Thursday, July 25, 2012 in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, at City Hall located at 55 S.E. Third Avenue in Okeechobee.

A mandatory meeting and contractor walk-thru for review of these projects will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, Second Floor at City Hall located at 55 S.E. Third Avenue in Okeechobee. Any firm not represented at this meeting will be unable to bid. All potential bidders must be in the Council Chambers no later than 10:05 a.m. in order to participate in this RFP.

City of Okeechobee reserves the right to accept or reject bids. City of Okeechobee is an Equal Opportunity Employer, actively seeking Minority Contractor Participation and promotes Fair Housing.

JAMES E. KIRK, Mayor
 420226 ON 6/20/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2009 CA 000681

BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP Plaintiff

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DATED this 15th day of May, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
 Okeechobee County, Florida
 By: Sandra L. Creech
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 418638 ON 6/20,27/2012

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION
CASE #: 2007 389 CA

Wells Fargo Bank, NA
 Plaintiff,

vs. James Suggs and Kimberly Suggs, his wife; Kissimmee Prairie Enterprises, Inc.; Unknown Parties in Possession #1; Unknown Parties in Possession #2; If living, and all Unknown Parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant(s) who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said Unknown Parties may claim an interest as Spouse, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or Other Claimants Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in Civil Case No. 2007 389 CA of the Circuit Court of the 19th Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff and James M. Suggs and Kimberly Suggs, his wife are defendant(s), I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the **Jury Assembly Room, on the Second Floor, of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 N.W. Third Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972** beginning at **11:00 A.M. on July 25, 2012**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment to-wit:

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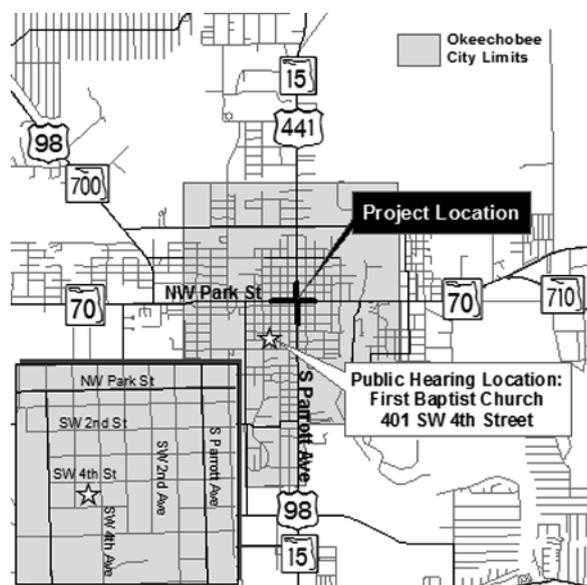
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**PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
STATE ROAD (SR) 70/US 441 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS**
From NW/SW 4th Avenue to NE/SE 3rd Avenue (SR 70) &
from SE/SW 3rd Street to NE/NW 3rd Street (US 441)
Okeechobee County, Florida
Financial Project Identification No.: 425846 1 52 01
Federal Aid Number: 1503 047 P

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District One, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed improvements to State Road (SR) 70/US 441 Intersection from NW/SW 4th Avenue to NE/SE 3rd Avenue (SR 70) and from SE/SW 3rd Street to NE/NW 3rd Street (US 441), in Okeechobee County, Florida. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the First Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 401 SW 4th Street, Okeechobee, Florida in Okeechobee County. The public hearing will begin as an open house at 5:00 pm, with a formal presentation at 6:00 pm, followed by a public comment period. The proposed improvements include widening and resurfacing the existing SR 70/US 441 intersection to add dual left turn lanes in all directions. The proposed improvements will help to alleviate traffic congestion at the intersection of SR 70 and US 441.



This public hearing is being conducted to give interested persons an opportunity to express their views concerning the location, conceptual design, and social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvements and in accordance with Federal Executive Orders 11990 (Protection of Wetlands) and 11988 (Floodplain Management).

This project is presently in the design phase. The intersection improvements will also involve access management changes with the installation of a raised traffic separator within the limits of the project.

Persons wishing to submit written statements or other exhibits, in place of or in addition to oral statements, may do so at the hearing or by sending them to Kevin Ingle at the contact information below. All exhibits or statements postmarked on or before July, 6, 2012 will become part of the public hearing record.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Kevin Ingle, Project Manager, at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

Contact information: Kevin Ingle, P.E., Project Manager, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33831, or by telephone at (863) 519-2740 or toll-free at 1-800-292-3368 Ext. 2740, or by e-mail at Kevin.Ingle@dot.state.fl.us.

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PUBLIC HEARING
DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012
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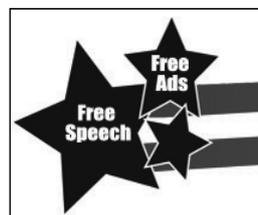
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Good fishing for Big O Teen Anglers May tourney

Story and photos by Big O Teen Anglers

The Big O Teen Anglers May tournament was held on May 26 out of Clewiston Public Boat Ramp. It was a tough day but all the anglers brought fish to the scales and 7 had a five-fish limit. Sixteen anglers weighed in a total of 62 fish for a total weight of 64.09 lbs.

Winners in the 11 -14 age group were:
1st - Kenny Whaley 5.17 lbs. and big fish 1.56 lbs;
2nd - Luke Farmer 4.49 lbs;
3rd - Danny Hays - 3.90 lbs. (tie);
3rd - Josh Hiler - 3.90 lbs.

Winners in the 15 - 18 age group were:
1st -Keith Chamberland 7.87 lbs;
2nd - Logan Bohannon 6.10 lbs. and big fish 4.21 lbs;
3rd - Ty Riva 5.55 lbs.

Big O Teen Anglers would like to thank our boat captains: Ernie Johnson, Richard Stiglitz, Robert Haff, Mike Jones, Ben Carroll, Rober Bohannon and Bob Stafford. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Stigliz for the sodas and pizza. The Big "O" Teen Anglers, Inc. will compete June 23 and 24 in the FBFN 2012 Junior State Championship out of Clewiston. Weigh-in will be at 2 p.m. each day.



Danny Hays shows off his fine catch which brought him a third place spot in 11-14 age group which he shared with Josh Hiler. Both anglers reeled in 3.90 lbs.



Tied for third was Josh Hiler, who shared the spotlight with Danny Hays in the 11-14 age group in the Big O Teen Anglers May Tournament.



First place in the 15-18 age group in the May Big O Teen Anglers Tournament was Keith Chamberland with 7.87 lbs. at weigh in.



First place in the 11-14 age group in the Big O Teen Anglers Tournament held on May 26 was Kenny Whaley with 5.17 lbs. and a Big Fish at 1.56 lbs.



Ty Riva had third place locked up with his catch of 5.55 lbs. at weigh in at the Big O Teen Anglers May Tournament.

Yard sales planned for Children's Ranch

Real Life Children's Ranch Yard Sale will be open Tuesday - Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the month of June. The ranch welcomes all donations that are in good condition and can be sold, including clothing items.



Logan Bohannon took second place win with 6.10 lbs. at weigh in and a Big Fish at 4.21 lbs.



Second place in the 11-14 age group was Luke Farmer with his 4.49 lbs. at weigh in.

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