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Lake Levels

13.81 feet

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen
Four-year-old Sebastai Levesque enjoyed meeting an English Angora rabbit at the petting zoo from Coffey House Family Farm in Flagler Park on Saturday.

Labor Day weekend brings festival, rodeo and parade

By Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee News

The Labor Day weekend brings traditional celebrations to Okeechobee, with a festival in Flagler Park, a parade and a rodeo at the Agri-Civic Center.

The Labor Day festival opened Saturday featuring food, games, entertainment, a spe-

cial "kid zone" for the little ones and a variety of arts and crafts.

The festival continues Sunday (today) and Monday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day.

On Monday, at 9:45 a.m., the Boy Scouts of America open the parade by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The parade will begin at

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96 homes damaged by storm

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

As survey team reports come in, the damage total from Tropical Storm Isaac continue to rise. As of mid day Friday, the total number of homes with water damage was 96. Of that number eight homes received major damage. Bridge inspection was still in progress and no bridges had to be closed.

The rate of drainage is determined by the

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City council to vote on drug rehab center plan

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Will Okeechobee soon have its first resident drug and alcohol rehabilitation center? That is a question that will be decided at Tuesday's Okeechobee City Council meeting.

After a public hearing the council will vote on an ordinance that would change the zoning of The Heritage Assisted Living Center at 608 N.E. Second Ave. from Com-

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Something cooking in the country kitchen

Grand Oaks residents (left) Gretchen Deaton and Loraine Ackerman make Loraine's recipe for oatmeal raisin cookies. (not pictured) Activities Director Jennifer Shatto Dodd, assisted with the activity.

Chamber announces September investor luncheon

On Sept. 4, the September Chamber luncheon will be held at the IRSC Williamson Center at 11:30 a.m. This event is being sponsored entirely by the Atlantic Wealth Management Group at UBS Financial Services Inc., which is made up of Greg Thogersen, J.D. Mixon, Steve Karr, and Sean Daley. Since the luncheon is being sponsored entirely by the Atlantic Wealth Management Group at UBS Financial Services Inc. the luncheon is free to our members. However, a RSVP will be necessary. Please call 863-467-6246 to RSVP.

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Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. East wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Labor Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. East wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming east northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Wednesday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

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Lake rising as flood waters drain south

Inflows into Lake Okeechobee are exceeding 30,000 cubic feet of water per second — the equivalent of filling up an Olympic-sized swimming pool every two seconds.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) continues to take actions to alleviate flooding in areas still impacted by Tropical Storm Isaac. Field crews have installed temporary pumps in key locations, and water managers continue operating South Florida's massive primary flood control system to maximize flood relief efforts. The agency's Emergency Operations Center remains in full activation.

The district is coordinating closely with local drainage districts and municipalities to address flooded areas. Engineers are working together to direct additional flows from municipal drainage systems into the regional canals.

With the system operating at full capacity, water levels are receding in central Palm Beach County and other areas affected by the storm. Light rainfall recorded on Wednesday (District-wide average of 0.05 inches) has not impeded progress in reducing flood waters.

Since Monday, water managers have been working around the clock to maximize system operations to reduce flooding, including:

- Discharging at maximum rates from both the east and west ends of the C-51 canal, moving flood water out of the basin.

- Installing temporary pumps adjacent to the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area to divert water to the C-18 and L-8 canals. This is improving drainage from the Acreage community by moving water into Lake Okeechobee and to tide.

In other areas affected by Tropical Storm Isaac:

- Water levels in communities north of Lake Okeechobee continue to recede as the District operates pump stations around the lake at full capacity.

- Current inflows into Lake Okeechobee are exceeding 30,000 cubic feet of water per second — the equivalent of filling up an Olympic-sized swimming pool every two seconds. The lake level has increased from 12.48 feet NGVD on Monday to 13.64 feet NGVD Thursday and is continuing to rise.

- Conditions in portions of the Kissimmee River have improved, and Thursday the section of the river north of S-65E was reopened to navigation for recreational boat traffic.

District-wide rainfall from Tropical Storm Isaac on Sunday measured 3.89 inches —

the second-largest single-day rainfall total in the last 20 years, according to SFWMD meteorologists. The only higher single-day total during that time was 5.35 inches from Tropical Storm Mitch in November 1998. Isaac's two-day rainfall total of 4.76 inches on Sunday and Monday trailed only Tropical Storm Fay in August 2008 and Tropical Storm Mitch.

The heaviest rainfall from Isaac was concentrated in Palm Beach and Broward counties, with local maximum totals of more than a foot. With additional rainfall received in the days before the storm, the District-wide seven-day rainfall estimate was 6.24 inches through Tuesday morning.



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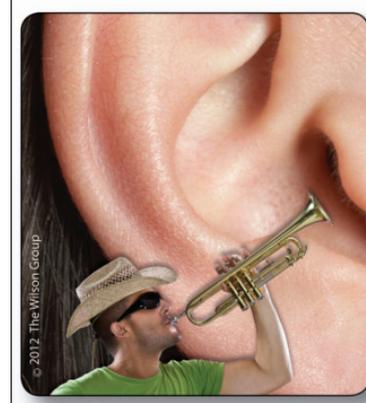
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Drug rehab

• I tried to do some research on the success/failure rate of drug rehab facilities around the country. It seems to be quite a secret. Actually, as we all know, it is up to the addict whether he stays away from the drugs or not, after having been through a rehab session. I know of one facility that admits to only a 25 percent success rate for alcoholism. I would bet that if you know two success stories it wouldn't take much looking around to discover 12 or 20 failures. Just over the past weekend I have had conversations with friends who have relatives who have been in and out of rehab facilities as many as six times. They have usually taken their relatives for a very expensive ride in the process. These people do not belong in any building with the elderly, when under certain circumstances some would kill their own grandmother for drug money.

Should the county privatize the jail?

• It's not a walk in the park to run/manage that jail! And cheap it's not. The sheriff's department has been hit hard enough by our budget cuts. The BOCC needs to review their budget and do like most normal folk do when money gets tight—cut out the extraneous stuff and rethink the less needed purchases, and sadly some county positions, but not within LEO, fire, or EMT. For example: I see those Gators that belong to the county picking up trash, and usually there are two men on each. I thought "what a waste of money," especially after I see the great job the sheriff's weekend crew from the jail does with the roadside trash pick up. Leave the sheriff's budget alone!

• Camden, New Jersey is laying off their entire police department. Scranton, Penn. reduced all the city employees to minimum wage. This problem is the same across the United States. You can't spend more than you make!

• All of the elected officials and the school board are too responsible for the state that this county is in. All the officials need to cut their budgets to get the millage rate down to attract new businesses. The total millage rate for this county is over 18 mills which is what the counties on the coast are. What does Okeechobee county have to offer a business to move here? The total millage rate here is the same as the coast, the coast has access to more major highways and other transportation, and the coast has a larger and possibly trained workforce. If a business decides to move inland then they are moving to the counties west of us because the total millage rate there is around 14 mills. The largest employer in Okeechobee county is the government which means that the non government employees are having to pay for them. The county needs to get the total millage rate down so that new businesses will move here. We need new businesses so they can get people working and increase the tax base.

• The board of county commissioners is asking all departments to make cuts. The sheriff's office is the largest chunk of the county's budget and as a taxpayer you must ask, does every employee need a vehicle? Does every vehicle need to be driven home daily? Should the sheriff follow Port St Lucie and cut some of the higher paid employees so that you can replace them with twice as many entry level positions to more deputies on the road? Is it wise to hire retired officers back instead of hiring new employees at lower wages (the DROP program)?

Storm drainage

• With all the rain the storm brought us, ditches in our area were overflowing. There was no place for it to go, since the ditches toward the lake were also full. But our neighborhood ditches drained the water out of our yards by the next day and are slowly emptying. I thought it was reasonably good drainage considering the amount of water dumped within a few hours.

Unemployment

• Who actually gives up looking for work? I am pretty sure that is not an option for pretty much anyone. Because the government does not give you anywhere near what it actually costs to survive on either jobless benefits or food stamps. So anyone thinking people are just giving up looking for work is crazy.

Reflections from the pulpit

The Question

By Allen Patterson

Okeechobee Presbyterian Church

Special to the Okeechobee News

Let me ask you a question. Why is it that if someone tells you there are a billion stars in the universe you will believe them, but if they tell you the paint on the wall is not dry, you touch it to be sure?

Questions are a critical part of life and the learning process. We tend to forget most of the conversations we have and things we listen to, but we remember questions that were asked of us sometimes for years, especially questions that penetrate deep into our thoughts and processes.

A friend told me several years ago about a conversation she witnessed where two elderly men were talking with each other. Each of them was sitting there talking out loud; one was talking about different happenings in town, while the other was talking about something totally different. Every once in awhile, they would seem to agree with each other, and then would continue talking. They were talking with each other, but not to each other.

One critical question could have changed that conversation and allowed them to connect with each other. And that question is, "Can you hear me now?"

In the third chapter of Genesis, verse eight, we find the first recorded question from God. I'm sure you remember the story. Incidentally, also recorded there is the first question opposing God. Adam and Eve were given the entire garden to live in and eat from, except for one tree. After they ate from this tree, we find them hiding in the trees of the garden, hiding from their creator.

And God came down, as he did every day in the cool of day to talk with his creation. Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord and hid themselves. And the Lord God called out, "Where are you?"

Hiding is something we learn at an early age. I remember hiding in my Mom's closet eating something I didn't want everyone else to know about when I was fairly young. When I was found out, boy did I catch it! My favorite game was hide-and-go seek - at night! There was something sinister about hiding in the dark. Sometimes we hide as children to not be caught doing something wrong. Maybe you hid, as I did, to escape from pain and emotional turmoil.

If you habitually hide things in your relationships with people who love you

and who trust you, you will destroy those relationships. You cannot have a healthy connection with another being if you're a "hider." Paul said over in First Corinthians chapter 13, that a mark of real love and maturity was putting away childish things. When you remove those things you hide behind, you have room to grow. If you don't, you become stunted and cannot grow at all, and everyone around you knows it, even if you don't.

This story in Genesis bears out another idea: God desires a daily relationship with you. God came down to the garden in the cool of the day. You know how things are in the cool of the day; it's quiet, the winds have died down, the heat is gone, or the heat has not yet started. God would come down and converse with Adam and Eve.

God wants to converse with you and I also. Psalm 139 says, "How precious are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them." We tend to avoid God and hide - but He wants to talk. Maybe we've had a bad day, we've done something we're not proud of, we're sick, tired, or angry - but he wants to talk. We hide behind the trees of our busyness, sorrow, heartbreak, and sin and think to ourselves, "Surely God won't want to talk with me today. What if He finds out what I've done? What if He asks me about that again?"

He already knows! That's really why we hide - fear of the question! We avoid people we've wronged because we're afraid of what they might ask us if they find us! You say, "But I don't even know who I am anymore, why would God want to spend time with me?" But He created you. Psalm 139 also says, "He knit you into the womb" you were born out of, he "created your inmost being", he knows you!!

He knows everything about us, and still he asks, "Where are you?"

That's a most important question. Has God been asking that in the gardens and paths of your life? Have you heard and seen the rustlings of His moving in the trees and forests of your circumstances? Are you hiding from Him?

He asks a simple question, "Where are you?"

Adam and Eve finally answered that first question from the Lord God, and the resulting conversation was pretty life changing to say the least.

I'm thinking if God asks me a question, I'd better answer. I'd encourage you to do the same.

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Community Events

North VFW to host Sunday dinner

The North VFW Post #4423, 300 NW 34th Street will host dinner on Sunday afternoon, **Sept. 2**. Lori will be offering a full Meatloaf dinner for a \$6.50 donation 2-4 p.m. this Sunday. Be sure to come in and support your local veterans. Proceeds go towards veterans assistance programs.

North VFW Labor Day plans

The North VFW Post #4423, 300 NW 34th Street will host dinner on Monday, **Sept. 3**, at 2 p.m. There will be Chicken & Ribs prepared by Jim along with side dishes for a \$5 donation, D & K Karaoke (Danny & Kathy) will be providing music/karaoke 2 p.m. - ?. Proceeds go towards veterans assistance programs.

McTeacher Night planned

Seminole Elementary will have their monthly McTeacher Night on **Sept. 4**, from 5-7 p.m. at the McDonald's on Hwy 70 East to help raise funds for the school. Please stop by and support our school.

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Mamie Sue Bressler, 88

OKEECHOBEE — Mamie Sue Bressler died peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Friday, Aug. 31, 2012. Mamie was born in Pulaski, Tenn. and resided in Okeechobee since 1957.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, flowers and children.

Mamie was preceded in death by husbands, William Bishop and Marlin Bressler; brothers, Herbert, Hubert, and Wesley Blade; sisters, Margaret Hughes and Mildred Roland.

She is survived by sons, Thomas Bishop, Wayne (Carolyn) Bishop, Rev. Joe (Belinda) Bishop; daughter, Mary Sue (Billy) Blade, all of Okeechobee; 14 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home from 9 a.m. until service time of 11 a.m. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Mamie's memory to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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.



Eagles plan meatloaf dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve meatloaf dinner on Tuesday night **Sept. 4**, starting at 5:30 p.m. for a \$6 donation. For more information please call 863-467-1154.

September Main Street Mixer announced

Okeechobee Main Street welcomes the public to the September Mixer, sponsored by UBS Financial Services. This mixer will be held at the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce, 55 South Parrott Avenue on Tuesday, **Sept. 4** from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a wonderful networking opportunity and a chance to meet local businessmen and women as well as community leaders. Join us for light appetizers and drinks, take a chance on the Main Street Mega 50/50 and, perhaps, leave with an exciting door prize. Feel free to bring a friend or coworker. For more information contact the Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdshaw at 863-357-6246 or stop in the Main Street office at 111 Northeast 2nd Street (directly north of CVS).

Tobacco Free Partnership to hold September meeting

The Tobacco-Free Partnership of Okeechobee will meet Wednesday, **Sept. 5**, at noon. Lunch will be provided, please RSVP by calling 863-447-9140. The meeting will be held in the Thompson Hall, next to the Pentecostals of Okeechobee Church, 405 S.W. 10th Avenue. The mission of the Tobacco-Free Partnership Okeechobee is to mobilize community partners to establish long-lasting system and policy changes that promote tobacco-free social norms in order to prevent usage of tobacco products by youth/young adults, encourage and support tobacco cessation, eliminate health hazards of secondhand smoke and decrease the number of deaths due to tobacco products.

Open games chess social to be held

All area chess players are invited to participate in an open games social on Saturday, **Sept. 8**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lucky Lanes Bowling Alley. For details, call Jim at 561-577-1964.

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Freedom Outreach fishing tournament

The Freedom Outreach fishing championship will be held on Sunday, **Sept. 9** (\$120). You must fish at least four tournaments to be in the championship event! All tournaments will be held at Okee-Tantie Marina Boat Ramp from safe light until 2 p.m. Food and drinks free at weigh in. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or with questions.

Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Margaret Garrard Helton on Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, from 10 a.m. – noon, and will be held in Commissioner Helton's office located at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 261, Okeechobee. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Children Services Council announces Public meeting

The Children's Services Council of Okeechobee will have their First Public Budget Hearing for the year 2012-2013 on Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, at 5:01 p.m., in the Okeechobee County School Board office, Room 303 at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

Patriot's Day

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4423 will sponsor a Patriot's Day Ceremony to honor our First Responders. It will be in Veterans Park at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, **Sept. 11**. There will be guest speakers, honored guests and special guests. These men and women put their lives on the line for us every day so please give one hour of your time to honor them. Contact the Dannye Strickland at 863-763-0589 for any questions.

Knock Out Spice lecture rescheduled

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Martha's House presents Purple and White Night

Let's have a fun night featuring T.J. and the Cruisers Rock and Roll Revue. Wear your Purple and White on Saturday, **Oct. 13**, at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post, #10539, Okeechobee. Admission is just \$15. For tickets, please call 863-763-2893.

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Essay contests for high school and for fifth through eighth grade students have been announced by the Okeechobee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. These contests are open to all public and private schools as well as home schooled student. Guidelines and rules have been provided to all History teachers in the public schools.

The Christopher Columbus Essay topic for High School is:

"How did the faith and courage of Christopher Columbus give to mankind a new world?"

Recent evidence shows that the Americas were discovered by many peoples long before 1492, but it was Columbus who was credited with the honor because he was ac-

knowledged in the histories being written in Europe. He, who writes the history, wins! This can be an interesting topic to explore.

The fifth - eighth grade students will write about; "Forgotten Patriots who supported the American Struggle for Independence."

Many who fought in battle may often be overlooked. Families, teachers, doctors, Indians, farmers, are among many who aided the cause for freedom.

Copies of rules and judging guidelines are also available from: Susan H. "Su" George, 863-763-0266, or email: fredorsu@embarq-mail.com

Deadline for submission is Nov. 30.

Alligator hunting resumes on most of Kissimmee River

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has reopened the Kissimmee River and all boat ramps leading to it from the S-65 water control structure at SR 60, south to the S-65E water-control structure about 7 miles north of Lake Okeechobee. However, the S-65E lock and the river south of the lock remain closed to navigation for public safety reasons, due to dangerous currents caused by discharging floodwater.

Hunters using the KICCO Wildlife Management Area may now access the area from the Kissimmee River. Portions of the Kissimmee Public Use Area (PUA) lying north of the S-65E structure are accessible by boat. Boating access to the portion of the PUA south of S-65E (Paradise Run) is closed.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

AUGUST 27 & 28, 2012

MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM...TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:	MONDAY	TUESDAY
800-1000	31	45.00	110.00	60.86	68.24	0	279
1000-1200	48	45.00	75.00	62.44	75.55	0	157
1200-1400	36	50.00	75.00	67.56	78.68	0	52
1400-1600	19	62.00	77.00	70.16	80.60	0	48
1600-1800	6	70.00	75.00	72.33	80.25	0	7
BULLS:							
1200-1400	2	72.00	80.00	76.00	96.33	0	5
1400-1600		-	-		96.25	0	16
STRS:						0	564
200-250	7	165.00	295.00	213.57	181.67		
250-300	16	110.00	220.00	180.31	185.15		
300-350	26	122.50	215.00	169.71	164.64		
350-400	17	125.00	190.00	154.56	150.05		
400-450	22	112.50	167.50	147.84	143.43		
450-500	30	110.00	155.00	140.13	138.61		
500-550	26	115.00	145.00	132.15	129.55		
550-600	16	118.00	145.00	129.75	124.80		
600-650	16	109.00	135.00	120.44	123.66		
650-700	10	100.00	132.50	122.30	120.46		
700-750	3	100.00	120.00	110.83	120.71		
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200-250	7	150.00	300.00	192.86	205.00		
250-300	14	100.00	200.00	156.25	155.00		
300-350	7	115.00	180.00	150.71	150.92		
350-400	19	100.00	157.50	136.84	139.15		
400-450	34	120.00	150.00	135.46	131.48		
450-500	30	102.00	140.00	130.90	126.49		
500-550	22	120.00	137.50	128.27	120.01		
550-600	13	102.00	127.50	118.89	117.03		
600-650	7	93.00	122.00	109.00	114.20		

Isaac came by and thwarted our sale on Monday, but Tuesday we ended up with a few soggy bovine! Prices were sort of mixed. Calves seemed to hold up steady considering buyers will have trouble getting them out west. Slaughter Cows & Bulls were off \$2-3. Please spread the word on our Special October Sales.

Claude Tilton, San Mateo, topped the calf market with a high of \$3 bought by Terry Bomhak. Triple G Dairy, Sebring, topped the Cow Market with a high of \$77 bought by Central Beef.

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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).

• Danny Charles Hoon Jr., 24, N.W. 56th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 30 by Deputy Raul Marrero on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to return leased property. His bond was set at \$7,500.

• Johnny Walter Hatfield, 20, Center St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 30 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of failure to appear - grand theft and failure to appear - criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

• Leanna Jean Kirkey, 27, N.W. 36th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 30 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony

of violation of probation - grand theft. She is being held without bond.

• Steven M. Williams, 20, N.E. 11th Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 31 by Officer Chad Troutman on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of grand theft auto. His bond was set at \$2,500.

• James Lavance White, 41, Broadland Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 31 by Deputy Raul Marrero on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving while license suspended, and the misdemeanors of driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident. 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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Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated the following reports of crimes last week:

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- 4200 block of S.E. 23rd Court
- 6500 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 2200 block of U.S. 441 S.E.

BURGLARY

- 7000 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 2200 block of N.W. Fifth St.
- 1700 block of Sixth St.
- 2700 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 1100 block of N.E. 29th Terrace

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FRAUD

- 12000 block of N.E. 26th Ave.
- 2600 block of N.W. 34th Ave.
- 3200 block of S.W. 18th St.

THEFT

- 3300 block of N.E. 301st Blvd. (golf cart)
- 6600 block of N.E. Seventh St. (license tag & decal)
- 400 block of U.S. 441 S.E. (medications)
- 2200 block of U.S. 98 N. (auto parts)
- 3200 block of N.W. 18th Ave. (generator)
- 4700 block of U.S. 98 N. (dog)
- 5400 block of U.S. 441 S.E. (medications)

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Labor Day pays tribute to the American worker

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Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, parades and athletic events.[1]

In 1882, Matthew Maguire, a machinist, first proposed the holiday while serving as secretary of the CLU (Central Labor Union) of New York.[2] Others argue that it was first proposed by Peter J. McGuire of the American Federation of Labor in May 1882,[3] after witnessing the annual labor festival held in Toronto, Canada.[4]

Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday in 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states officially celebrated Labor Day.[3] Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland reconciled with Reyes[clarification needed], leader of the labor movement. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.[5] The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Workers' Day because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would be associated with the nascent Communist, Syndicalist and Anarchist movements that, though distinct from one another, had rallied to commemorate the Haymarket Affair in International Workers' Day.[6] All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.



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Church to host special speaker

The Okeechobee community is urged to attend to hear a special message from Pastor Jim McCutchen on the timely topic, "It's time for America to stand up." This is not a political message but a spiritual message on how God gives our country a plan of redemption to restore our country. Pastor Jim McCutchen is heard on the radio daily on WOKC in his one-minute messages called, "Lets Talk About It." This special message dealing with America at the crossroads will be presented this Sunday, Sept. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Christian Church located at 3055 S.E. Terrace (one mile east from Home Depot).

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educational classes/programs.

Raulerson Hospital hosts a Better Breathers Support Group monthly for sufferers of COPD and other respiratory related issues. There is no fee to participate in the Support Group. Each month one of Raulerson Hospital's licensed respiratory therapists teach participants about various topics and issues associated with COPD. The group meets in the hospital's In-Service Classroom on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. If you or a loved one would like to participate in the Better Breather's support Group, RSVP to 863-824-2702. The next class meets on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Raulerson Hospital also hosts complimentary one-on-one medication review appointments with the pharmacist. If you or a loved one have questions regarding a medication, this is an opportunity for you to meet individually with Raulerson Hospital's Pharmacist to review the prescription and over-the-counter drugs that you are currently taking. The pharmacist will provide education about any potential side effects, drug interactions, and possibly even money saving tips regarding your current medications. The next medication review will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12. To RSVP for a complimentary one-on-one appointment with a Raulerson Hospital Pharmacist, call 863-763-9228. Please remember to bring a list of the name and doses of your medications.

This September, Raulerson Hospital resumes its monthly Dine with the Doctor, physician lecture series. On the last Tuesday of each month, members of Raulerson Hospital's medical staff speak to the public on various health related topics. Prior to the lecture, attendees may purchase dinner from the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria. Dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. is \$5 per person. The physician lecture is free and will begin at 5 p.m. The physicians will entertain a question and answer session following their presentations. Specific physician names and their corresponding lecture dates will be announced at a later date. The next lecture will be Tuesday, Sept. 25. To RSVP for Dine with the Doctor, call 863-763-9228.

Raulerson Hospital will honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 10, with the facility's annual Women's Health Luncheon, held at the Raulerson Hospital Auditorium on the Okeechobee Campus of IRSC. The luncheon will feature various speakers highlighting women's health issues, including Dr. James Bradfield- Raulerson GYN. A buffet lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. The presentation will begin at noon. There is no fee for this event, and space is limited. Please RSVP for the Women's Health Luncheon by calling call: 863-763-9228.

For a free physician referral or answers to a healthcare question, contact Consult-A-Nurse at 863-763-9228.



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Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

• The Okeechobee junior varsity volleyball team looked good in their first performance of the year as they dominated Lincoln Park 25-9 and 25-8. Coach Karen Cotton said the team got solid efforts from all of the girls. She noted they are a young squad this year but will improve as the season goes on.

• The Brahman boys golf team fell at Martin County by 10 strokes 166-176 Thursday. The match was played at the Willoughby Golf Club in Stuart. Kodi Stephen shot 39, Kyle Mullins 43, Zach Hudson 47 and Kutter Crawford 47 to lead Okeechobee, (0-1). Martin County was led by Dominick Vennari and Michael Franke who both shot 38. Brahman Coach Kenny Buckner said he felt the squad did well in their first match of the year due to the adversity they've faced by Tropical Storm Isaac, "It was not a bad start when you consider the weather we've had. The team hasn't had a chance to play a full nine holes in any practice this year."

• The Lady Brahman bowling team continued a two-year win streak as they swept Jensen Beach (5-2) and South Fork (7-0) in a tri match on Thursday in Okeechobee. Ashley Byrd had a 521 series and a high game of 195. Jessica Olney had a 521 series and a high game of 213 to lead OHS. Brittany Baker also played well. "Kirsten really came through for the Lady Brahman in the third game of the series as she bowled a 190 game to ensure the win for the girls," Coach Martha Bloom said. She also praised Meghen Davis and Tif-

fany Marshall who did well in their first varsity match. The Brahman boys fell to South Fork (5-2) and Jensen Beach (7-0). Team Captain Samuel Rogers had a nice afternoon as he improved his average. Brian Chapman showed great potential with a 622 series and high game of 241. Steven Alvarez, Allen Perry, Austin Walker and George Marshall also contributed. "I think all the boys worked together and supported the efforts of the other players," Bloom added. The bowling team's next home match is Thursday, Sept. 6, at 3 p.m. against Gulliver Prep.

• Due to Tropical Storm Isaac, OCRA sign ups were delayed. OCRA will sign up for football and cheerleading during the Labor Day festivities in the park on Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Just look for the OCRA booth in the park. Also, the tryouts have been moved. The following is the new schedule for tryouts: Tuesday, Sept. 4 — Pee Wee at 6 p.m., Midget at 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 5 — Mitey Mites at 6 p.m., Junior Pee Wee at 7 p.m. Boys flag football has no tryouts. A coach will contact your child after the teams have been selected. If you have any questions, call 863-634-0515.

• The Okeechobee Parks & Recreation Department is seeking coaches, sponsors and officials for the Youth Soccer League beginning play in September. Sign-ups for youth ages 5-14 are under way. Anyone interested in getting involved with the program is asked to call the office at 863-763-6950. The office is also accepting extra cleats or shin

guards that are in good condition to give to those without equipment. Please recycle any unused items by taking it to the Recreation Department in the Sports Complex, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

• Boys and girls, K-12 are welcome sign up for First and Goal Flag Football. Registration is just \$35 with signup deadline on Sept. 8. Games will be held from Sept. 22-Nov. 17. Games are sponsored by First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., Recreation Outreach Center, 310 S.W. Fifth Ave., Okeechobee. For more information, please call 863-467-7625.

Relay for Life kickoff celebration planned

Everyone is invited to join the Relay for Life group at Luncker's Sports Grill on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012 to help kick off our 2013 Relay for Life year. The theme for this year's event is "All-Star Relay: Scoring Against Cancer" so wear your favorite sports memorabilia and join the fun. If you are interested in finding out more information related to joining this wonderful cause on any level please contact Missy Fipps 863-634-8674 or Lacey Summerall 863-634-7765.

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LABOR DAY

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10 a.m. and follow the regular parade route, from the old U-Save parking lot on Parrott Avenue (U.S. Highway 441) north to State Road 70 and then west on State Road 70 to the end of Flagler Park.

At noon on Monday, park events will include a "soda chug" contest. The person who can drink the most soda in five minutes will win a Dasani Mountain Bike donated by Coca-Cola. Entry fee is \$5. At 1 p.m. there will be a hot dog eating contest. Contestants will have five minutes to eat as many hot dogs as they can. Entry fee is \$5. See the Main Street booth at the festival for contest applications and entry forms.

The Labor Day weekend also brings the Okeechobee Cattlemen's Labor Day Rodeo. This year, the event will be a "ranch rodeo" with competitions based on the skill used on area ranches by real cowboys. The rodeo started Saturday and will continue Sunday, Sept. 2 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. All seats general admission are \$5. Children ages 6 and under will be admitted free. Spectator admission to the Agri-Civic Center is off State Road 710.

Ranch rodeos are team competitions with teams from area ranches competing against each other. There are 24 teams in the Okeechobee rodeo, representing ranches in Florida. Twelve teams competed on Saturday. The remaining 12 will compete today. On Monday, the top five teams from Satur-

day and the top five teams from Sunday will compete in the ranch rodeo finals.

Events will include team branding, team tying, cow decorating/doctoring, team sorting, ranch bronc riding. For "branding" the cold branding iron is dipping chalk or paint. Cow "doctoring" also uses paint to simulate putting medicine on a wild cow. For "ranch bronc riding" the cowboy uses a regular saddle such as he would use in ranch work.

Children can compete in mutton bustin' and the calf scramble.

In mutton bustin' children ages 4 to 6 can try to ride a sheep. The child who stays on

the longest is the winner. Those who wish to compete in mutton bustin' should come about 30 minutes before the rodeo to sign up.

In the calf scramble, children from the audience under the age of 12 are invited into the arena and several calves are released into the arena. The first children to pull the ribbons off the calves' tails win prizes.

All seats are general admission.

REHAB

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mercial Professional Office (CPO) to Light Commercial (CLT). Currently the property is zoned CPO with a special exception for an assisted living center. At their July 19 meeting, the City of Okeechobee Board of Adjustments and Appeals approved a special exception allowing for a group home that would provide for an alcohol and/or drug rehabilitation center and an assisted living center within a CLT zoning district. This special exception is contingent upon the zoning change since group homes are a special exception under CLT zoning. If the council disapproves the zoning change, the current CPO zoning with a special exception for an assisted living center would remain in effect and the applicant would not be able to operate a drug rehab facility.

Both special exceptions, the one currently in effect and the one to be voted on, are specifically tied to that one piece of property.

The Substance Abuse Office of the Florida Department of Children and Families is the licensing agency for drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities. According to Steve Walsh, of that office, his organization would not be involved in deciding the suitability of the location of a rehabilitation facility. He said that would be a local zoning issue. Bill Brisson, city planner for the City of Okeechobee, said that currently the city's zoning laws do not prohibit a drug rehabilitation center and an assisted living center from both occupying

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WHAT: Meeting of the Okeechobee City Council
WHEN: 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4
WHERE: City Council Chambers, Okeechobee City Hall, 55 S.E. Third Ave.

the same location.

In his application for the zoning change and special exception, Mohammad Nooruddin, manager AMSA Holding LLC, one of the owners of the facility, proposed to use 4 to 6 beds on the first floor of the two-story building for detox purposes.

The council will also hold the first of two public hearings before adoption of the budget and the city administrator will discuss the effects of Tropical Storm Isaac.

In other action the board is expected to:

- consider adoption of commercial rates and fees for solid waste collection;
- consider approving a revised engineering services contract with Culpepper and Terpening, Inc. in the amount of \$37,735 for the Community Development Block Grant Program;
- consider approval of a sublease between the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County and Okeechobee Main Street; and
- consider a request for approval for a new welcome sign project and a new mural project.

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STORM

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level of the Rim Canal. Gary Ritter, director of South Florida Water Management District's Okeechobee Service Center, said that water management pumps had been able to keep up with the rising water. "We did a good job," he said. Members of the Okeechobee Field Office staff have been manning the pumps station 24 hours a day since Sunday. All of the north shore locks, with the exception of the Taylor Creek lock are operational with lock tenders on duty. The Taylor Creek lock is closed for major repairs. Mr. Ritter said water managers contemplated using pumps to pump water over the closed Taylor Creek lock. However, that did not prove to be necessary.

Water management pump stations around the lake are being operated to capacity.

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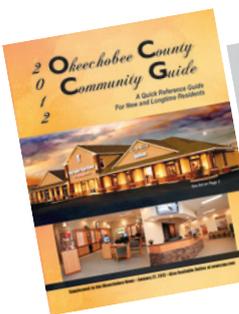
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OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

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, October 9, 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 4.82 Participation of Home Education and Private School Students in Extracurricular Activities

- II. The proposed policy implements F.S. 1006.15.
- I. The proposed policy addresses student standards for participation in extracurricular activities by home education and private school students.
- III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.43, 1006.15.
- IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 5.36 Use of Time Out, Seclusion and Physical Restraint for Students with Disabilities

- I. This policy provides descriptive and compliance criteria regarding student behavioral interventions.
- II. The proposed revision adds a requirement for having a plan to reduce the use of restraint and seclusion. The required plan is included in the District's ESE Policies and Procedures (SP&P) document.
- III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.43, 1003.32, 1003.573, 1006.07, 1006.11, 1012.75.
- IV. This policy adoption will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 6.18 Contracts: Instructional and Administrative Personnel

- I. This policy provides general requirements for contracting with Instructional and Administrative staff.
- II. The proposed amendment updates the policy in accordance with current Florida Statutes.
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- IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 6.80 Assessment of Employees

- I. This policy provides general requirements of Florida Statute for procedures for assessment of employees.
- II. The proposed amendment adds language regarding the inclusion of student learning growth in accordance with current Florida Statutes.
- III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1012.22, 1012.23. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.43, 1008.36, 1012.22, 1012.27, 1012.34.
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Case No.: 2012-DR 01.65
Division: DOMESTIC

VICENTA VITE
Petitioner
and
ARNULFO MARTINEZ
Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY AND OTHER RELIEF
TO: ARNULFO MARTINEZ
1653 SW 2nd Way
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for PETITION TO DETERMINE PATERNITY AND FOR OTHER RELIEF has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on VICENTA VITE whose address is 3681 NW 8TH AVENUE #8 OKEECHOBEE FL 34974 on or before 30 days of 1st publication, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Clerk's address) 312 NW 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE FL 34972 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter, **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request. You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /s/ BEATRICE RODRIGUEZ
Deputy Clerk
424323 ON 8/19,26;9/2,9/2012

Public Notice

RFP NO. ADM-05-00-09-12
CITY OF OKEECHOBEE HOUSING PROGRAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City of Okeechobee hereby requests PROPOSALS from qualified bidders for the rehabilitation and/or demo/replacement of up to seven (7) 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, September 19, 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-05-00-09-12 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 863-990-3070. Bids will be opened as soon after the 11:00 a.m. submission time on Wednesday, September 19, 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, September 5, 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
425264 ON 9/2/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board, serving as the Local Planning Agency, on **Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 6 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, FL. The agenda is available on the City website cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Dept, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Items to be considered are: Conflicts between the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map that involve properties currently classified as Single Family, Industrial, Commercial and no designation. A map identifying each parcel and Planning Staff Report is viewable on the City website.

The following properties are being considered to change the FLU from Single Family (SF) to Industrial (IND):

- Map ID No. 12b: All of Block 52, City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records, and unplatted property that is contiguous to Block 53 (Diamond R. Fertilizer-710 NE 5th Ave) and West of Taylor Creek, being a portion of abandoned Riverside Drive. A portion of closed NE 6th Ave, from 7th St North to the CSX Railroad. A portion of close NE 8th St, from 4th Ave East to Taylor Creek and parallel with the railroad.
- Map ID No. 12c: 0.99 unplatted acre parcel-William Mason-NE 9th St, West of Taylor Creek and East of Block 51.

The following properties are being considered to change the FLU from Industrial (IND) to Public Facilities (PF):

- Map ID No. 13a: 23.86 unplatted acres-Okeechobee Utility Authority-1200 NE 12th ST.

The following properties are being considered to change the FLU from Single Family (SF) to Multi-Family (MF):

- Map ID No. 17: 1.600 unplatted acres-Ruth G. Spradley & Gale B. Nemeck-triangular shaped parcel located West of SW 7th Ave & North of SW 6th St, contiguous to Blocks 190 & 191, City of Okeechobee.

The following properties are being considered to change the FLU from no designation to Single Family (SF):

- Map ID No. 18: 5.919 unplatted acres-Ivan D. Doverspike, Trust-1202 NW 8th Ave.

The following properties are being considered to change the FLU from Commercial (C) to Public Facilities (PF):

- Map ID No. 19: The West half of Block R of Flagler Parks, City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records-Chamber of Commerce-55 South Parrott Ave.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend and participate in said Hearing. The entire proposed changes may be inspected during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm, except for holidays.

The Planning Board's role will be to make a recommendation for approval or denial, to the City Council. The first public hearing is scheduled for October 16, 2012, 6 PM, and a final adoption scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 6 PM.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that if any person desires to appeal any decision made by the Planning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, or hearing will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. General Services media are used for the sole purpose of back-up for the department. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the General Services Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.

BY: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
425579 ON 9/2,12/2012

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M. AT 17429 NW 242ND STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 (FIELD OFFICE). A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST FROM THE UNDERSIGNED. IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING; THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PRECEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, IS MADE. ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING MUST HAVE THEIR NAME AND TOPIC PLACED ON THE AGENDA ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRECEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE BY CALLING (863)- 763-460 1 AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

NOTICE: COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS AN ONGOING AQUATIC SPRAYING PROGRAM, DISTRICT WIDE.

THE PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET WILL BE ADDRESSED AND VOTED ON.

WILLARD M. BYARS
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17429 NW 242ND STREET
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
(863)763-4601 OR (863)634-3166
425273 ON 9/2/2012

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATIONS

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the City of Okeechobee Planning Board on **Thursday, September 20, 2012, 6 PM** or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Council Chambers, Rm 200, Okeechobee, FL. The agenda is available on the City website cityofokeechobee.com, or contact the General Services Dept, pburnette@cityofokeechobee.com, 863-763-3372 x 218.

Items to be considered are: Conflicts between the Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map that involve properties currently zoned Holding. A map identifying each parcel and Planning Staff Report is viewable on the City website.

The following properties are being considered to be rezoned from Holding to Residential Single Family-1 (RSF-1):

- Map ID No. 1: all in City of Okeechobee subdivision, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County, public records: Lots 7-12 of Block 7-Ivan D. Doverspike, Trust-1202 NW 13th St. Lot 12 of Block 10-Jimmie L. Potts-800 NW 12th St. Lot 11 of Block 10-Anita Leverette-804 NW 12th St. Lots 9-10 of Block 10-Willa M. Hickson-806 NW 12th St. Lots 7-8, of Block 10-Shirley Johnson, 810 NW 12th St. Lot 2 of Block 23-Joe N. & Johnny L. Brown-803 NW 12th St. Lot 7 of Block 23-Gloria R. & Mary D. Brown-1100 NW 9th Ave. Lots 5-6 of Block 23-Shirley R. Johnson-1110 NW 9th Ave. Lot 1 of Block 23-Suzette & Harris C. Quarles-1109 NW 8th Ave. Lot 12 of Block 23-Robbie L. Ridley,ETAL-800 NW 11th St. Lot 11 of Block 23-Shirley Johnson-802 NW 11th St. Lot 10 of Block 23-Sharon Johnson-804 NW 11th St. Lot 9 of Block 23-Bruce & Pamela Snell-806 NW 11th St. Lot 8 of Block 23-Mary L. Wright-808 NW 11th St.

Map ID No. 2: all in NW Addition, Plat Book 1, Page 25, Okeechobee County public records: Lots 1-18 & West half of 19 of Block 13-Janet Mays & Rob Benz-NE 7th CT & 8th St. Lots 20 & East half of 19 of Block 13 George W. & Carol H. Moore-NE 7th CT & 10th Ave.

Map ID No. 3: Lots 1-26 of Block 68, City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records-Dowling R. Watford, Trustee.

Map ID No. 4: 9.890 unplatted acres-Frank Altobello, Charitable, located on SW 2nd St. 9.120 unplatted acres-Frank Altobello, Charitable-located on SW 6th St.13.3210 unplatted acres-Montebello13, LLC-located between SW 6th and 9th St.

Map ID No. 5: 1.725 unplatted acres-Madonna L. Arnold, ETAL-located at 517 SW 21st St. 12.210 unplatted acres-Laura M. Graisbury, ETAL-located on SW 21st St.

Map ID No. 6: 32.8 unplatted acres-Frank Altobello, Trustee, ETAL-located South of SE 8th ST & along the West side of Taylor Creek.

Map ID No. 7: 2.210 unplatted acres-Inland American ST Florida Portfolio JP3, LLC (Suntrust Bank)-815 South Parrott Ave.

Map ID No. 8: 2.0 unplatted acres-William G. Carver-1105 SE 9th DR.

Map ID No. 9: 4.710 Unplatted acres-John W. & Bonnie Thomas-802 SE 10th AVE. 9.5 unplatted acres-John W. & Bonnie Thomas-located West of SE 13th Ave.

Map ID No. 10: 0.490 unplatted acres-Rick & Bonita Lightsey-located between Block 116 and Taylor Creek.

Map ID No. 11: 51.190 unplatted acres-Javier Ordenez-located East of Taylor Creek & of CSX Railroad.

Map ID No. 12a: unplatted parcel located between Block 82 and Taylor Creek-Dale S. & Martha A. Reiss-649 NE 6th St.

Map ID No. 14: City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records: Lots 8-11 of Block 21-Bakul K. & Hina R. Patel- NE 10th St. Lots 12-13 of Block 32-William Mason-NE 10th St & 3rd Ave. Lot 20 & West 5ft of 21 of Block 32-Abdul-Khuddus & Parveen Syed-NE 10th St. Lots 21 (less West 5 ft) 22-25 of Block 32-Mark E. Barwick-NE 9th St. Lots 1-6 & 20-26 of Block 33-Dean & Carl Weidling-NE 9th St.

Map ID No. 15: City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records: Lots 1-4 of Block 1, Lots 6-10 & 21-26 of Block 2, Lots 1-4 & 25-26 of Block 15, Lots 1-11 of Block 16-Surayya Husain, Trustee-NE 12th, 150 NE 13th & NE 14th St. Lots 5-8 of Block 1, Lots 1-5 of Block 2, Lots 5-6 & 21-22 of Block 15-Muzaffar Husain, Trustee-NE 12th, 13th & 14th St. Lots 7-8 & 23-24 of Block 15-North American Islamic Trust-NE 13th St.

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No. 12c: 0.99 unplatted acre parcel-William Mason-NE 9th St, West of Taylor Creek and East of Block 51.

Map ID No. 13b: is a 0.36 unplatted acre-Recycling Concepts, LLC-triangular parcel located North of CSX Railroad & West of NE 12th Ave (East City Limits).

The following properties are being considered to be rezoned from Holding to Public Facilities (PUB):

- Map ID No. 13a: 23.86 unplatted acres-Okeechobee Utility Authority-1200 NE 12th St.

The following properties are being considered to be rezoned from Holding to Heavy Commercial (CHV):

- Map ID No.16: City of Okeechobee, Plat Book 1, Page 10, Okeechobee County public records: Lots 9-10 of Block 15-North American Islamic Trust Inc-NE 13th St.

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BY: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator
425563 ON 9/2,12/2012

OHS volleyball team sweeps Lincoln Park

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman volleyball team swept Lincoln Park 25-11, 27-25, and 25-15, in an impressive performance at the team's home opener Thursday night.

Sarah Davis had 10 assists, eight kills and eight service points. Kyla Hargraves had seven kills. Lexi Ward had nine assists and nine service points. Krista Ward had nine service points. Darby Jones added 11 kills.

Okeechobee jumped out to a big advantage in the first game, 4-0, 8-3, and 15-3. In the second game Lincoln Park rallied from a 10-6 deficit to tie the score three times at 24-all, 25-all, and 26-all. Okeechobee finally got the win on a kill by Hargraves.

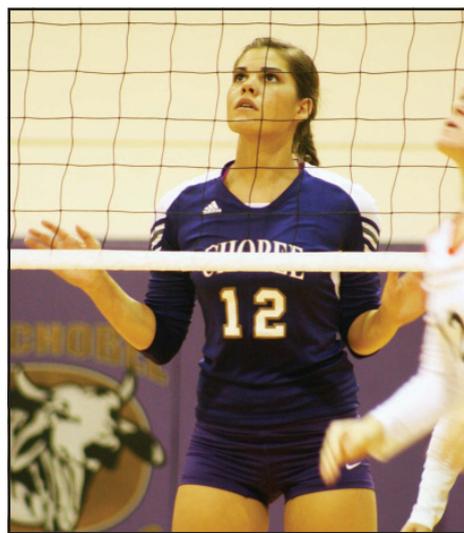
The third game was close early on as the Lady Brahman led 5-4, 10-6 and 15-11 before scoring 10 of the final 14 points. Maci Thomas was terrific in the back line with some tremendous one-handed digs. Jones and Hargraves did a fine job at the net. Taylor Williams had a solid all around game for Okeechobee.

Coach Todd Jones said his plan was to put in his strongest rotation in the first game and then mix in some of the reserves and younger players in the second and third game.

"This ensures that all of the girls can play different positions. If you have an injury or sickness and lose a player you have to be able to replace them," he said.

Jones said Lincoln Park did a good job with right side hits and his blockers will have to transition over there faster in future matches.

"I don't think we did anything great tonight so we still have a lot of work to do,"



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Kyla Hargraves gets set to defend a Lincoln Park volley during Thursday's volleyball match at OHS. The Lady Brahman prevailed in three games.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Krista Ward had nine service points in the Lady Brahman victory over LPA Thursday.

he stated.

Williams said the team wanted to win the first home match of the year and noted it was very intense on the court.

"I'm very confident in our team and we are very good. I believed we'd pull off the win," she added.

Williams said LPA did a good job with hard top spin serves. She said all of the girls must be ready to play because all of the Lady Brahman have talent.

"We always have to try our hardest when we get a chance to play. If we don't, there is somebody else (on the bench) willing to play harder," she added.

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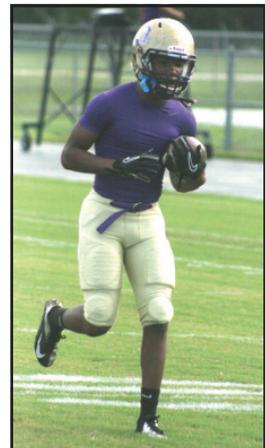
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Brahmans beat Port St. Lucie in first home game

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Elijowan Williams ran for two touchdowns and Al Morris caught a 75-yard touchdown pass as the Okeechobee Brahman defeated Port St. Lucie 28-11 in the regular season opener Friday night at Brahman stadium.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Al Morris hauled in a 75-yard touchdown pass to help lead Okeechobee to a season opening win over Port St. Lucie. (Photo from football practice.)

Okeechobee used a stingy defense and a balanced offense to get the season off to a good start as they never trailed and took advantage of three costly Jaguar fumbles.

Coach Chris Branham said the defense did their assignments and held top QB DJ Juste in check for most of the night. Juste did score on a 24-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter but didn't break any long runs. Juste had 104 yards on the night rushing and 123 yard passing to lead PSL.

"We felt if we

forced him to run inside our linebackers would start to cause him a little pain. We knew if he got to the hash marks we'd have some issues. The kids just answered the call when the time came tonight," he said.

Okeechobee took the lead 7-0, thanks to a 58-yard drive in the second quarter. LaVante Spivey caught a 19-yard swing pass, and Fabian Howard ran for 14 yards on the drive. Williams ran over two defenders on the way to the end zone to score the touchdown.

Port St. Lucie took advantage of a short Okeechobee punt late in the second quarter as Donald DeLaHaye connected on a 30-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3 at the half.

Okeechobee used the big play to take a 14-3 lead on the first series of the third quarter. QB Jack Radebaugh found Al Morris open behind the defense and led him perfectly for a 35-yard pass play. Morris outran the defense for the next 40 yards to increase the lead to 14-3.

Okeechobee had another chance to score moments later when Spivey broke loose for a 35-yard punt return to put the ball on the Jaguar 10-yard line. On the next play, Okeechobee fumbled, giving Port St. Lucie the momentum. PSL then drove downfield to the Brahman five-yard line thanks to a 40-yard catch and run by Dakota Meizinger. Okeechobee's defense stiffened and on fourth down and goal Meizinger was ruled out of bounds on a pass attempt by backup QB William Tenny.

Isaiah McFadden gave Port St. Lucie the momentum again moments later as he intercepted a Radebaugh pass and returned it

18 yards to the Brahman 23-yard line. Three plays later Juste broke loose on third and 11 to score a 24-yard touchdown. He then hit Meizinger with a two point conversion pass to cut the Okeechobee lead to 14-11.

Okeechobee then put together a 77-yard touchdown drive to build the lead to 21-11. Key plays included a 27-yard pass from Radebaugh to Spivey, a 15-yard unsportsmanlike penalty by the Jaguars, and a fourth down pass to Zach Wingfield. Williams carried the final 11 yards for the touchdown.

"We practiced all week and did our assignments and did our jobs. I had to get in the end zone tonight. It was straight muscle," he explained.

Port St. Lucie would not surrender as they drove from the 36-yard line to the Brahman six-yard line thanks to a couple of defensive penalties and a 20-yard catch and run by Tyrell Moring. On second and goal the Jaguars coughed up the ball and Wingfield.

Washington then took over from there with an outstanding effort as he ran for 92 of the 94 yards on the drive, with runs of 16, 23, and 45 yards. Washington scored the touchdown on a 10-yard run. Several times during the drive he carried defenders with him.

Spivey said the team did a good job executing plays and shared the ball well on offense. "Everyone did their part tonight to move the ball. I wanted to get yards for my team, move the chains and get the job done," he added.

Running back coach Darryl Allen said the three running backs used by the Brah-

mans, Washington, Howard, and Williams have really done the job so far this season. He singled out the effort of Washington who ran for 113 yards on the night.

"This kid has done everything in this program. He broke the defense's back with that long drive. It was absolutely special," he stated. "This couldn't have happened to a better kid or a better football team. These kids really deserve what happened out here tonight."

Branham emphasized that the team represent more than just themselves in games, but their town, the high school, and never give up on each other.

"Put everything else first and put yourself last. It is really easy to give up but these kids answered the call every time they had to tonight. I'm very proud of them and what they accomplished," he added.

Game notes

Jose Garcia ripped the ball away from Jaguar FB Lyle Messam to stop a potential scoring drive in the first quarter. A holding penalty wiped out a 25-yard touchdown run by Fabian Howard in the first quarter. EJ Neal had two QB sacks and a fumble recovery. Williams had three tackles behind the line of scrimmage and Garcia had two. Cody Walker had a tackle for loss. With place kicker Adel Elhindi injured, soccer standout Hunter Pritchard took his place and went four for four on extra points.

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