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School celebrates Western Day

Seminole Elementary celebrated Labor Day by sponsoring "Western Day" at the school.

Students dressed in their best western outfits and competed to win the "Spirit Award" and an ice cream party for the class with the

greatest percentage of participation. Miss Hixson's class and Mrs. Sickels' class (pictured) tied with 100 percent of their students dressed for the occasion. Miss Hixson's class

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Sheriff's budget gets tentative approval

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

One hurdle down - one more to go.

Although county commissioners have tentatively approved Sheriff's Paul May's 2012-13 spending plan, the sheriff still has to wait until county leaders give their official OK later this month.

The sheriff initially offered up a budget of \$15,784,869 on Aug. 28. When that was met by the board's disapproval, the sheriff made some more cuts and offered up an amended plan of \$15,204,473.

But, that still wasn't enough. So, Sheriff May told the board they could have the county jail which would cut over \$5 million from his estimated expenses.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the commissioners and sheriff faced off at another budget workshop. After discussing different scenarios, an agreement was reached whereby the county

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School board approves \$64.9 million budget

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School Board ended the annual budget process as they voted (4-0) to ratify the local millage rate of 5.65, a discretionary local effort millage rate of 0.748 mills, and a capital outlay millage of 1.5 mills at the final public hearing on the spending plan Thursday. This represents a slight decrease of 0.028 mills from 2011-2012. Close to \$11.8 mil-

lion in local tax dollars will be collected this year. This is an 8.87 percent decrease in local property taxes for schools.

The board also approved the operations budget of \$64.9 million, a reduction from \$67.7 million in 2011-2012, or \$2.9 million. The general fund was decreased by \$1.66 million and the capital projects budget by just over \$1 million.

The annual financial report for 2011-2012

shows the district continues to spend more than they receive in revenue. In June, 2010, the district had a fund balance of \$9.5 million. As of June 30, 2012, the fund balance was set at \$6.99 million. In the past year, \$2.8 million was taken from reserves to fund the schools.

The report showed the amount of revenue spent on instruction decreased from \$32.7 mil-

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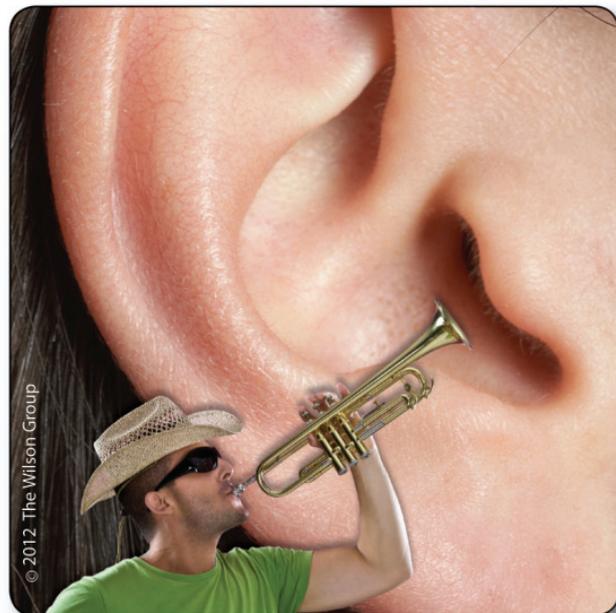
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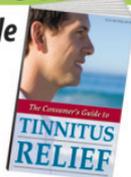
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Technology may answer questions about 1928 hurricane burials

By Jose Jesus Zaragoza

Special to the Okeechobee News

PORT MAYACA—In the immediate wake of the Storm of 1928, a storm that also killed thousands of people on its trajectory through the Caribbean Islands and Puerto Rico, surviving residents and state officials arrived to the areas around Belle Glade, South Bay, Pahokee and Canal Point to a ghastly scene of decimated towns and bodies strewn across roads, inside homes, and around the agriculture fields of the day.

As the natural effect of decomposition began to set in, the workers scrambled to recover the bodies and bury them. Thousands of people had perished.

As the director of the Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens, Art Ivester still fields questions about the Storm of 1928 that took the lives of mostly migrant Glades workers. One of the bigger questions surrounding Port Mayaca and its connection to that fateful day is exactly how many people who died from the resulting flooding were actually buried at that site.

Mr. Ivester latches on to the idea that about 1,600 people—men, women and children—were buried at the site. There is little other information to justify the number, or even how the mass burials were conducted.

The number is in question, and a recently awarded grant may be just the thing to find out the answer.

“We’re going to find out,” said Mr. Ivester.

According to him, an announcement is scheduled to be made at this year’s Remembrance of the Storm event, which will be held on Sept. 14, at Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens just outside of Canal Point. The city of Pahokee, which maintains the site, and the East Stuart Historical Society will be announcing a grant awarded by the state of Florida for ground penetrating radar to be performed at the location.

While the technology certainly cannot pinpoint the number of bodies, it can attest to the magnitude of any burial, mass or minor, at the location. In the fevered rush to bury the bodies, there was little in the way of systematic record-keeping to account for all who perished, or even where they may have been buried.

“This will show if something happened there,” said Mr. Ivester. “The state liked the idea, and we will determine once and for all if something happened here. We’re excited, no matter what.”

In the meantime, the remembrance event will continue. A tradition that celebrated major milestones, including the storm’s 60th anniversary, and later it’s 75th and 80th, has now become a yearly event. Amateur historians make the trek to the little spot in Port Mayaca each year to recall the events of that September day 84 years ago.

A wall of photos is displayed that shows the various scenes in the wake of the storm. Plans by the city and the historical society are to mount a permanent structure at the location. The public is invited to attend the event, which begins at 10 a.m. on Sept. 14.

Port Mayaca Memorial Gardens is located on Highway 76 in Port Mayaca.

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Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. West southwest wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. West wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Monday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. North northeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny. A high near 90. North-east wind 5 to 15 mph, gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

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County budget

• It seems to me as though our County Commissioners with the exception of Mr. Culpepper, don't understand the need for and the risk for those who are employed by public safety. Government is "for the people by the people," not a select few. They don't want to raise the millage rate, because it would affect business owners. They don't want to pay higher taxes. But who does? But is it worth risking the safety of our community?

• The issue is a double-edged sword. You want your government services and some of you will even pay more in taxes to get. Myself I feel that I'm paying a lot more than the value of what I receive from the county. The county needs to attract new businesses here, the kind that pay a large sum of tax money. Some of the new businesses that have located in Highlands county are paying several millions in taxes every year which definitely helps the county budget. If the total millage is not reduced then new businesses will continue to locate to the counties to the west for cheaper taxes. The county can't afford to get itself out of this situation by raising taxes because it will only hurt itself even more. The taxpayers need to figure out what they are willing to give up to attract new businesses to the county so they can add to our tax base. Once the tax base is increased then we can afford more government because right now we can't afford what we have.

• Someone stated, not everyone pays taxes. ... But churches in this town should ... It helps the fellow man, is this not what churches are to do? Help the community. I have seen a church go from a medium size building, to a huge building with a lot of land. I thought the donations were to be given back to the community.

• Why would any business move here and build a building if it was only protected by a Volunteer Fire Department? The county has to offer certain basic services such as police and fire protection to attract new businesses as well as an up-to-date infrastructure and good schools. Why doesn't the BOCC have a Pro-Growth Agenda?

• I don't know what the answer is to getting new businesses to our county, but I know the total millage is definitely hurting us. I see new businesses opening up around the state. Some people say that not only are the higher taxes an issue but it is difficult dealing with the government in Okeechobee county. Not the BOCC but the governmental departments. Some builders refuse to come to this county to work.

• I see it like this. We have a small group of wealthy business people here who only want their business to thrive, therefore, they keep all the other business out so we have no choice. Of course we would all like to have lower taxes, but when we call for help we want that as well. You say you would be willing to wait a little longer. Here is an example for you to think about, say your spouse was put in jail and had a heart attack, the jailers had to wait longer for EMS and your spouse died because of the wait. Would you say, well my taxes are lower so be it, or would you be in the yellow pages looking for an attorney? Now be honest with yourself when you answer that and you will have the answer as to why we need the services of the EMS and the sheriff.

Zombie for president

• On the morning news I saw a report about A. Zombie who is now running for president. It makes perfect sense, considering reports that more than 1 million dead people voted in the 2008 election.

One minute to pray

• Do you believe we can take God at His word? Call upon His name, then stand back and watch His wonders unfold. This scripture gives us, as Christians, ownership of this land and the ability to call upon God to heal it. I challenge you to do that. We have never been more desperate than now for God to heal our land. During WWII, there was an advisor to Churchill, who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every night at a prescribed hour for one minute, to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America. The United States of America, and our citizens, need prayer more than ever!!! If you would like to participate, each evening at 9 p.m. Eastern Time (8 p.m. Central, 7 p.m. Mountain, 6 p.m. Pacific), stop whatever you're doing, and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, for peace in the world and the upcoming election.

Reflections from the pulpit

Upside down and inside out

By Nancy Vaughan, D.C.E.

First United Methodist Church

Did you ever wonder why a good portion of the world hates America? I mean, we're really the good guys, aren't we? We give more than any other country to those in need. We are one of the first there when disaster strikes no matter where it is or what the philosophy of the particular government is. We put the precious lives of our best youth at risk for freedom and human rights. After winning a war, we spend billions rebuilding the countries we conquered and then turn everything over to them to self govern. Our language is the international language of business and trade. Our currency is the standard for the world. Is the rest of the world just jealous? Maybe, maybe not.

I have been blessed to spend a lot of time traveling outside of the USA. The average person in, say, England, Italy, France or especially in the third world, doesn't understand how we Americans can live such a "disposable" life. Styrofoam cups and plates are virtually unknown outside the U.S. Why can't we just wash our coffee cups out on Sunday mornings? Our kids complain about homework when children in Southern Sudan wish they had a school. We get upset when the line is taking too long in Wal-Mart when they have to walk five miles and then stand in line for over an hour to get water for the day.

We are suffering from "affluenza." I really believe it is a disease and it is contagious. It may eventually be our downfall. Every major civilization has lasted only about 200 years. How long have we been a nation? Is the current economic crises a symptom of affluenza? I believe it is. And what happens here because of our greed may be the undoing of the whole Western structure as we know it. If ever the time was right for those forces opposed to us to take control, now is about as good as it gets.

How did we get so upside down and inside out? Moving away from God's best for us is a good place to start looking. Culture today has taken everything that Christianity should be and "twisted" it slightly, so that the subtle changes look enlightened, educated, and tolerant. Definitions of institutions given to us by God are changing: family, commit-

ment, honesty, worth, authority, intimacy, responsibility and charity. Attitudes change ever so slightly toward these things when a promotion is at stake, an opportunity to make a good deal of money or a relationship is involved. It doesn't take long until these little deceptions add up and we think we are striving to climb up, when we are really digging our own grave.

Everything that is good for us we can find in the pages of the Old and New Testaments. This living document is God's love letter to us; a road map of what to do and how to live; the source of all the consolation, encouragement and forgiveness we need. God made us. He knows our weaknesses. Time and time again we have put ourselves in bondage and He has bailed us out. The instruction comes not from a controlling parent who wishes to see us suffer and struggle, but from a loving one who knows what's best for us. But the Bible does not list the "10 suggestions," but commandments, yet we twist and bend the meaning. Surely God understands that some of the laws are outdated! You know all about that "consenting adult" stuff. After all, we will lose our deceased spouses Social Security if we marry! So, surely God understands our living together. Or, "we're engaged to be married" that makes it OK, right? And what about our consumerism? Don't we give to GoodWill the old shoes that aren't worn out yet, just out of style? What's wrong with eating fast food three, four, five times a week? We've got a busy schedule, after all. And who really observes the Sabbath? The weekend is so short and Saturday is filled with practices, games, shopping and chores. So, if we sleep in on Sunday, isn't that observing the Sabbath? Pleease! Stop, already. We can rationalize just about any behavior if we really want to...and society will back us up!

News flash, folks! Heads up! Society just wants to make a buck!

While it is easy to throw up your hands and say that we cannot make even a drop in the ocean of cultural influence, we concluded that we can make a difference in our own "personal" world. Start by praying for guidance as to how you can respond to God's amazing grace. Ask God to make you an instrument of His wisdom and grace. Who has God put in your life that you can mentor?

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Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

At the September School Board meeting from left to right are, Karen Guthrie, Jennifer Fulwider, Ruth Yielding, and Rose Waldron, who were honored by the Okeechobee School Board for their efforts on behalf of the Jump Start Program for first graders at Seminole Elementary School.

SCHOOL

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lion to \$31.2 million in the past two years. The district did cut the amount spent on administration from \$1.17 million to \$720,871. A survey last year from the Florida Department of Education showed Okeechobee Schools were higher than the state average for administrative expenses. The percentage of the budget spent on administrative costs has been reduced in the past 24 months from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent.

School Board member India Riedel said eventually programs will have to be cut due to the decline in district assets and revenues.

The five-year district facilities work program does not include any new schools. Director of Operations Dale Barrett said the district has to deal with what funds they have and no major projects are planned. Student enrollment is not expected to rise in the next few years. Each year the district purchases six school buses. They also plan ahead for flooring, and heat and air conditioning replacement projects.

The board confirmed the appointment of Tuuli Robinson as the Coordinator of Information Technology effective Aug. 27. Superintendent Ken Kenworthy said Robinson is an outstanding individual and he predicted she would do great things for the districts

technology needs.

The board changed the instructional calendar to add November 19-20 as make up days missed due to Tropical Storm Isaac that closed schools on Aug. 27-28.

The board also scheduled an Executive Session for Monday, Sept. 10, at 5 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office, Room 308 of the School Administrative Offices at 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue to discuss future contract negotiations with the Okeechobee County Educators Association #1604. The first negotiation session is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m.

Student enrollment has increased in recent days. They are only 51 students lower than original projections. The district will fully comply with class size requirements. They have budgeted funds to hire five additional teachers to meet these state requirements.

"I think it will be costly to do this," he explained. He estimated the cost at \$250,000.

Four employees of Seminole Elementary School volunteered several hours of their time this summer to get first graders more prepared for school. The staff of the Jump Start Program is comprised of Jennifer Fulwider, Karen Guthrie, Rose Waldron and Ruth Yielding. The group was honored at the Okeechobee School Board meeting Thursday.

Chairperson Kelly Owens was absent from the meeting.

back to the Wild, Wild West. After being "deputized" as U.S. Marshalls, students had a real "Round-up" in their "Old West" classroom where they feasted on Chuck Wagon Beans, drank Sasparillas and ate cow patties. Then they had a rootin' tootin' good time as they sat around the old campfire and told "tall tales!"

Okeechobee Extension Office taking strawberry plant orders

Are you looking for a fruitful fall and winter? Orders for strawberry plants are now being taken at our Extension office. Our office will make arrangements with a local grower to have strawberry plants available at 50c per plant if you want to include strawberries in your garden.

Strawberry plants need to be planted in during the fall so that they will produce these luscious fruits during our cooler winter climate. It is often hard to locate sources of strawberry plants, so we make this annual offer to help local gardeners.

If you want to learn how to grow strawberries, plan to attend the September meeting of the Okeechobee Garden Club. It will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, to be followed by the monthly Orchid Club meet-

ing at 7 p.m.

Last year our office coordinated the sale of nearly 500 plants to home gardeners. The varieties of strawberry plants offered will be Treasure or Festival. The plants are typically grown in Canada or North Carolina, and are planted in the fall in Florida.

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Fallen Peace Officer Bass Tournament set

Florida Annual Fallen Peace Officer Bass Tournament is planned for Saturday, **Oct. 27**. A \$110 entry fee goes into the big bass pot. Registration begins at 4 a.m. - Cash only. Drawing tickets will be sold for door prize drawings. Tickets are 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10 and 15 tickets are \$20. The tournament will take place at C. Scott Driver Park Ramp and begins at safe light. Weigh-in is at 1 p.m. at the pavilion on the Point. There will be food and drinks at weigh-in. Donations will be accepted. Payout is based on a 50-boat field. All donations benefit Florida Fallen Peace Officer families. Teams wanting to pre-register please call Jack Fulce at 863-763-7753. Tournament is sponsored at Crappy Jack's Bait & Tackle, local, county, and State Law Enforcement Agencies, FHP, and FWC.

SHERIFF

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would balance its \$85.1 million plan for the upcoming fiscal year. But, to do that, the sheriff would have to lop off an additional \$379,862 from his fiscal estimate.

Sheriff May agreed and will now wait for the commissioners to formally approve his new budget of \$14,824,611 million. He will also continue to run the jail as well as security at the Okeechobee County Judicial Complex.

"We're happy it's over," said Sheriff May in a Sept. 5 interview.

He went on to say he's confident he'll be able to pay all his bills and still provide taxpayers with the level of service they've come to expect from the sheriff's office.

While there will be no personnel layoffs, the sheriff is still going to have to make some deep cuts.

Among those cuts, the sheriff:

- will buy two cars this year instead of 10. Fully equipped and ready for use, each vehicle will cost about \$25,000. The vehicles will be purchased via a state contract.
- will not fill a vacant road deputy position;
- will not fill a clerical position in the jail that will soon become vacant;
- will reduce law enforcement training by \$29,000;
- will reduce the law enforcement ammunition account by \$15,000;
- will reduce the jail ammunition allotment by \$5,000;
- will reduce jail utilities by \$10,000;
- will reduce the jail capital outlay budget by \$28,400; and,

- will reduce the estimated spending for courthouse ammunition by \$3,000.

These cuts bring the sheriff's law enforcement budget to \$8,051,504; the jail's estimated expenses to \$5,641,144; and, the courthouse allocation to \$902,965.

Okeechobee County Jail Administrator Ronnie White said to reduce his capital outlay budget he will forego the purchase of a new washing machine and a new vehicle for transporting prisoners.

"When you go into a year with a budget that's less than what you actually spent the year before, you must first find some money in that budget to help make it through," said Sheriff May. "If we anticipate a position becoming vacant, it will not be filled. But, that's better than laying people off."

To help "find some money" the jail charges new inmates an initial subsistence fee of \$25. Sheriff May said this brings in an estimated \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year.

Mr. White explained that each time someone is booked into the jail on a new charge they incur this fee. If the inmate is unable to pay when they are booked in, an account is set up. Then, when money is put into that inmate's canteen account, the first thing that comes out of the canteen account is the subsistence fee.

He went on to say the fee can stay on an inmate's account for up to three years.

The sheriff won't know for sure if his new budget has been accepted until commissioners take their final vote on Thursday, Sept. 27. The county's plan must be approved before the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed county budget Thursday, Sept. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. in the county commission chambers.

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created their own cowboy hats and learned all about cowboys and cowgirls. Mrs. Sickels' class had a ropin', ridin', brandin', and hoopin' and hollerin' day as they took a trip

Community Events

Amateur Radio Club to hold September meeting

Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will meet on Monday, **Sept. 10**, at Beef O'Brady's Restaurant in the Club Room. Meal time is 6-7 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7 p.m. The major topic of discussion for the meeting will be planning for the Hamfest in the Woods to take place on Saturday, Nov. 24. All club members and anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Tom Timmons, Club President at 863-467-5435.

Freedom Outreach fishing tournament set

The Freedom Outreach fishing championship will be held on Sunday, **Sept. 9**. 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 will be provided free to tournament participants at weigh-in. Please call 561-719-5989 or 863-634-8127 to register or for more information.

Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Margaret Garrard Helton on Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Commissioner Helton's office in the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 261, Okeechobee. Citizens who wish 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.

Patriots' Day ceremony planned

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4423 will sponsor a Patriots' Day Ceremony to honor First Responders, 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 Danyne Strickland at 863-763-0589 for any questions.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 U.S. Hwy. 441 S. will host a baked chicken dinner on Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, at 5:30 p.m. For more information please call 863-467-1154.

Eagles North plans bingo

Eagles North will have bingo on Tuesday, **Sept. 11** at 1 p.m. Co On Wednesday, Sept. 12, bingo at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the F.O.E. 4137 Community Benefit Fund, 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee. The bingo games are open to the public.

Fancy ME - Machine Embroidery Group

Do you have an embroidery machine, or want to learn about them? Then join this club for their monthly meeting on Saturday, **Sept. 15** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the local Red Cross office at 323 N. Parrott Ave. Call Corry 863-467-2231, Linda at 863-697-2450 or Mary 863-697-1920 for more information.

Habitat ReStore announces upcoming sale

The Habitat ReStore (at the Trading Post Flea Market) will have a sale of 50 percent off all merchandise on Saturday, **Sept. 15**, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elks meeting announced

Lake Okeechobee Elkse will meet on Thursday, **Sept. 13**, at 7 p.m. at the VFW South Rt 441 South in Treasure Island. They will discuss their upcoming installation and the charter.

Chamber to host

Enterprise Zone seminar

The Chamber of Commerce will host a seminar on Enterprise Zone tax credits for both new and existing businesses that reside in the Enterprise Zone on Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chamber member Tom Johnson of Ryan Tax Service will conduct this seminar. To attend this seminar, please register on-line by accessing the event calendar on the Chamber web site, search for Sept 18, click on the event name and use the register online tab to register for the event. This is a free event sponsored by the Chamber. Seating is limited to 25 attendees.

Knock Out Spice lecture rescheduled

Attention, public servants, parents, students, community members, civic organizations, grandparents, business owners and community leaders: Do you know what SPICE is? The kids do. On Tuesday, **Sept. 25**, from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall you can learn how to protect our children and community from these dangerous drugs. Learn what synthetic drugs are and about unknown dangers and consequences.

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.

William Collins "Mudcat" Duke, 63

OKEECHOBEE — William Collins "Mudcat" Duke, died unexpectedly at Raulerson Hospital on Monday, Sept. 3, 2012.

Collins was born in Pahokee to Perry and Lily Padgett Duke.

He relocated to Okeechobee 27 years ago. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee. He was a member of the Elk's Lodge in Pahokee and Okeechobee. Time spent with his grandchildren was a highlight in his life. He was a Miami Dolphin's fan and enjoyed hunting and riding buggies with his friends.

Collins is survived by Kay Duke, his wife of 27 years; sons, William Cody (Beth) Duke of Vero Beach, John Perry Duke of Okeechobee; a daughter, Erin Duke (Todd) Warren of Stuart; five grandchildren; and a brother, Charles Duke of Pahokee.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, at 3:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Collins' memory to The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, 51 Children's Way, Enterprise, FL 32725 or to Real Life Children's Ranch, 7777 Highway 441 South, Okeechobee, FL 34974.

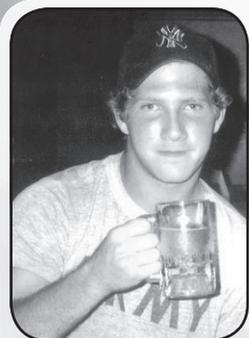
Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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



In Loving Memory of Tim Clay

July 27, 1981 - September 8, 2002



It has been...
 10 years
 120 months
 520 weeks
 3,562 days
 87,648 hours
 5,258,880 minutes

...and not one second has passed without you in our hearts.

We love and miss you more with each passing day. Our comfort comes from knowing we will all be together again when we reach Heaven's gate.

We have created a Facebook page for Tim. It's a place his friends and family can go to share their memories, stories, photos and videos. We look forward to seeing pictures and reading stories of Tim we may never have known about. Feel free to post just let us know that you still think of Tim. His page on Facebook is Tim Clay Rip.

Tim has a memorial page on the Nope Task Force website. Please take a look at the website and then check out his memorial and feel free to light a candle or make a donation to the cause. www.nopetaskforce.org

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West Nile Virus infections carried by mosquitoes

By Pat Dobbins

Special to the Okeechobee News

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of Sept. 4, 2012, 48 states have reported West Nile virus (WNV) infections in people, birds, or mosquitoes. The CDC has received reports of 1,993 cases of West Nile virus disease in people, including 87 deaths. Over 70 percent of the cases have been reported from six states (Texas, South Dakota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Michigan). A total of 28 cases have been reported in Florida this year (Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, and Okaloosa counties).

Symptoms of West Nile Virus

People typically develop symptoms of WNV between 3 and 14 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms may include fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks. Eighty percent of people (about 4 out of 5)

infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all. Some people infected with WNV may develop severe illness. Severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. Talk with your healthcare provider if you have concerns or show symptoms of WNV.

Prevention is key. Being outside means you're at risk. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time working or playing outside. Everyone can take basic precautions to avoid getting mosquito bites by following the recommendations of the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments in the "Drain and Cover" prevention message listed below.

Drain and cover

To prevent mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business:

- Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.
- Discarded old tires, drums, bottles,

cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.
- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated and empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.
- If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.
- Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin

and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with 10-30 percent DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.

- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.
- Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

For more information about West Nile Virus visit: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/medicine/arboviral/WestNileVirus.html> or <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/Prevention.html>.

Deadline for disaster loans in Florida is fast approaching

ATLANTA—The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private non-profit organizations of all sizes that Oct. 9 is the application deadline for federal economic injury disaster loans available in Florida as a result of excessive rain, flooding and high winds on Oct. 7-9, 2011.

The SBA's disaster declaration includes the following counties: Brevard, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Osceola and Saint Lucie in Florida. "When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration help to eligible entities affected by the same disaster," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East in Atlanta.

Under this declaration, the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 3 percent for private non-profit organizations of all sizes and 4 percent for small businesses, with terms up to 30 years. The SBA determines eligibility based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred.

The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms may also be obtained by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing) or by sending an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can be downloaded from www.sba.gov. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. Completed loan applications must be returned to SBA no later than Oct. 9, 2012.

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2012 MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM....TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

| | | | | | LAST | | | |
|-----------------|------|--------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| COWS: | QTY: | LOW: | HIGH: | AVG: | WEEK: | | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
| 800-1000 | 32 | 47.50 | - 79.00 | 59.77 | 60.86 | CLFS | H | 1186 |
| 1000-1200 | 50 | 45.00 | - 85.00 | 65.02 | 62.44 | COWS | O | 172 |
| 1200-1400 | 45 | 46.00 | - 88.00 | 70.28 | 67.56 | STRS | L | 5 |
| 1400-1600 | 14 | 50.00 | - 80.00 | 69.71 | 70.16 | HFRS | I | 36 |
| 1600-1800 | 4 | 69.00 | - 82.00 | 75.75 | 72.33 | BULLS | D | 50 |
| | | | | | | YRLNGS | A | 53 |
| | | | | | | MX | Y | 0 |
| | | | | | | TOTAL | 0 | 1502 |
| BULLS: | | | | | | | | |
| 1200-1400 | 4 | 74.00 | - 82.00 | 77.00 | 76.00 | | | |
| 1400-1600 | 8 | 72.00 | - 81.00 | 76.75 | - | | | |
| STEERS: | | | | | | | | |
| 200-250 | 11 | 135.00 | - 290.00 | 220.91 | 213.57 | | | |
| 250-300 | 36 | 100.00 | - 245.00 | 184.72 | 180.31 | | | |
| 300-350 | 49 | 125.00 | - 230.00 | 188.37 | 169.71 | | | |
| 350-400 | 74 | 110.00 | - 210.00 | 157.12 | 154.56 | | | |
| 400-450 | 71 | 115.00 | - 177.50 | 141.99 | 147.84 | | | |
| 450-500 | 108 | 100.00 | - 162.50 | 133.95 | 140.13 | | | |
| 500-550 | 111 | 100.00 | - 152.50 | 128.94 | 132.15 | | | |
| 550-600 | 75 | 110.00 | - 139.00 | 124.52 | 129.75 | | | |
| 600-650 | 52 | 110.00 | - 137.00 | 123.60 | 120.44 | | | |
| 650-700 | 35 | 110.00 | - 134.00 | 122.40 | 122.30 | | | |
| 700-750 | 18 | 100.00 | - 126.00 | 114.11 | 110.83 | | | |
| HEIFERS: | | | | | | | | |
| 200-250 | 10 | 130.00 | - 280.00 | 175.50 | 192.86 | | | |
| 250-300 | 30 | 110.00 | - 190.00 | 148.25 | 156.25 | | | |
| 300-350 | 63 | 90.00 | - 190.00 | 142.22 | 150.71 | | | |
| 350-400 | 67 | 90.00 | - 167.50 | 132.87 | 136.84 | | | |
| 400-450 | 79 | 95.00 | - 162.50 | 131.85 | 135.46 | | | |
| 450-500 | 82 | 100.00 | - 150.00 | 128.84 | 130.90 | | | |
| 500-550 | 55 | 97.50 | - 137.50 | 121.26 | 128.27 | | | |
| 550-600 | 36 | 94.00 | - 137.00 | 118.32 | 118.89 | | | |
| 600-650 | 25 | 90.00 | - 126.00 | 113.84 | 109.00 | | | |

Prices pretty steady on most cattle. Calves were a little higher on light and heavy weights and steady on mid weights. Slaughter cows and bulls were pretty steady to \$1 lower. Please spread the word on our Special October Sales.

Ricky Durrance, Lake Placid, topped the calf market with a high of \$2.90 bought by Terry Bomhak. Adams Ranch, Ft. Pierce, topped the cow market with a high of 84 bought by Central Beef, Brown Packing and Dairymens Marketing.

Oct 12: OLM Bred Heifer Sale and Little Springs Horned Hereford Bull Sale

Oct 19: "44 Farms" Angus Bull Sale

Oct 26: Little Creek Farms Brangus Bull Sale
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 School Information Guide: <http://specialsections.newszap.com/SS/Page.aspx?&secid=68371&pagenum=1>

IRS can provide copies of back tax returns

Taxpayers should keep copies of their tax returns, but if they cannot be located or have been destroyed during natural disasters or by fire, the IRS can help. Whether you need your prior year's tax return to apply for a loan or for legal reasons, you can obtain copies or transcripts from the IRS.

Here are 10 things to know if you need federal tax return information from a previously filed tax return.

1. Get copies of your federal tax return via the web, phone or by mail.

2. Transcripts are free and are available for the current and past three tax years.

3. A tax return transcript shows most line items from your tax return as it was originally filed, including any accompanying forms and schedules. It does not reflect any changes made after the return was filed.

4. A tax account transcript shows any later adjustments either you or the IRS made after

you filed your tax return. This transcript shows basic data including marital status, type of return filed, adjusted gross income and taxable income.

5. To request either type of transcript online, go to IRS.gov and use the online tool called Order A Transcript. To order by phone, call 800-908-9946 and follow the prompts in the recorded message.

6. To request a 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ tax return transcript through the mail, complete IRS Form 4506T-EZ, Short Form Request for Individual Tax Return Transcript. Businesses, partnerships and individuals who need transcript information from other forms or need a tax account transcript must use Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return.

7. If you order online or by phone, you should receive your tax return transcript within five to 10 days from the time the IRS receives your request. Allow 30 calendar days

for delivery of a tax account transcript if you order by mail.

8. If you need an actual copy of a previously filed and processed tax return, it will cost \$57 for each tax year you order. Complete Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, and mail it to the IRS address listed on the form for your area. Copies are generally available for the current year and past six years. Please allow 60 days for delivery.

9. The fee for copies of tax returns may be waived if you are in an area that is declared a federal disaster by the President. Visit IRS.gov, keyword "disaster," for more guidance on disaster relief.

10. Forms 4506, 4506-T and 4506T-EZ are available at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

To automatically receive IRS tax tips, visit IRS.gov, click on "News" and select "e-News Subscriptions."

OCSO Investigations

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

ASSAULT

- 4100 block of S.E. 28th St.
- 7900 block of S.E. 59th Circle
- 400 block of N.W. 36th St.
- 800 block of N.E. 14th Ave.
- 4200 block of N.E. 144th St.

BURGLARY

- 3500 block of S.E. Fourth St.
- 6700 block of S.R. 70 W.

- 3700 block of S.E. 18th Terrace
- 4200 block of S.E. 27th St.
- 3100 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 300 block of N.W. 12th Ave.
- 4500 block of S.E. 28th St.
- 1800 block of S.W. 37th Ave.
- 8100 block of S.E. 57th Drive
- 20000 block of N.W. 294th

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

- 4100 block of U.S. 441 S.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- 4700 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 8100 block of U.S. 441 S.E.

THEFT

- 3400 block of N.W. Eighth Ave. (tag decal)
- 4100 block of S.W. 13th Way (identity)
- 500 block of N.E. 29th Ave. (golf cart)
- 200 block of U.S. 441 S.E. (money)
- 300 block of S.E. 14th Ave. (electrical wire)
- 7400 block of N.W. 90th Court (golf cart)
- 500 block of S.E. 34th Ave. (car wheel)
- 2700 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 4600 block of N.W. 30th St. (bicycle)

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).

• Lamonda Patricia Dardy, 20, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Ronald A. Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - battery on a detention officer. She is being held without bond.

• Kelly Brian Burns, 43, S.E. 36th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy William Jolly on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - boating under the influence with serious bodily injury. He is being held without bond.

• Andrew J. Kennedy, 36, Coconut Drive, Delray Beach, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Ronald A. Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of grand theft (two counts). His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Susan Roach, 61, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Cari Arnold on a felony charge of worthless check. Her bond was set at \$486.32.

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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NEW 2012 Impala LS

Stock #3118951



MSRP When New.....\$29,875
 Sale Price.....\$15,984
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$12,984

Many others to choose from at similar savings

NEW 2012 Chevy Cruze

Stock #3280152



MSRP When New.....\$24,900
 Sale Price.....\$19,984
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$16,984

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NEW 2012 Ram 1500 Regular Cab Express

Stock #2173909



MSRP.....\$26,080
 LaBelle Savings.....\$1,846
 Hold Back.....\$753
 Southeast Bonus Cash.....\$2,500
 FFA Member.....\$500
 Trade Assistance.....\$1,000
 Military Discount.....\$500
 Total Savings.....\$7,099
 Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000

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\$15,981

NEW 2012 1500 Silverado

Stock #3127572



MSRP When New.....\$26,786
 Sale Price.....\$16,584
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$13,984

Many others to choose from at similar savings

2010 GMC Sierra

Stock #5213598A



MSRP When New.....\$27,500
 Sale Price.....\$19,784
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$16,784

Many others to choose from at similar savings

NEW 2012 Wrangler Unlimited 4x4

Stock #2286188



MSRP.....\$28,110
 LaBelle Savings.....\$868
 Hold Back.....\$816
 Military Discount.....\$500
 College Graduate.....\$500
 Total Savings.....\$2,684
 Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000

YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$22,426

NEW 2012 Nissan Sentra

Stock #3631500



MSRP When New.....\$26,766
 Sale Price.....\$14,884
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$11,884

Many others to choose from at similar savings

2010 Nissan Rouge

Stock #3029115



MSRP When New.....\$29,300
 Sale Price.....\$18,884
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$15,884

Many others to choose from at similar savings

NEW 2012 Chrysler Town and Country

Stock #2252621



MSRP.....\$30,930
 LaBelle Savings.....\$1,157
 Hold Back.....\$900
 Southeast Bonus Cash.....\$1,750
 Minivan Conquest.....\$750
 Military Discount.....\$500
 Total Savings.....\$5,057
 Trade or Cash Down.....\$3,000

YOU CAN BUY FOR
\$22,873

NEW 2012 Chevrolet Aveo

Stock #3134605



MSRP When New.....\$16,762
 Sale Price.....\$10,984
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$7,984

Many others to choose from at similar savings

2009 Honda Civic

Stock #3360973



MSRP When New.....\$22,600
 Sale Price.....\$16,284
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000

SALE
\$13,284

Many others to choose from at similar savings

NEW 2012 Ram 1500 Quad Cab

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MSRP.....\$27,540
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Best in parade

Teresa Chandler presented the 2012 B.R.A.T. Club Labor Day Parade best float trophy to the Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta float. The theme was a pirate ship with pirates aboard. Judges for contest were: Donny Arnold, Tony Bishop, Mary Sperry and Lori Anderson. Labor Day Parade sponsor Frank DeCarlo, American Drilling and B.R.A.T. board member along with Teresa Chandler, president B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. presented the award to JD Mixon, Adam Bryant chairman.

Annual Boots and Pearls Gala planned

The Seventh Annual Boots and Pearls Gala will be held on Friday, **Oct. 12**, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Okeechobee KOA. The following are the various sponsorship opportunities and how to order tickets.

Please join the party for fun, fellowship, good food and dancing to the music of "Chris Macarthur and the Florida Cracker Boys."

This is the main fundraising event of the year for Hospice of Okeechobee and there are many ways for you to participate in this event:

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Sassy Sweetheart Pageant

On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Sassy Sweetheart pageant was held in the Holiday Inn Express. Winners from left to right are: Janliz Monndlis, Miss Sweetheart - orange gown; Alexis McKenna, Little Sassy, Analja Gomez, Jr. Princess and Grand Supreme, Kathleen Crum, Princess. In the top row, left, LeAni Solis, Tiny Queen; Ana Kuechenmeister, Tiny; Ally Kemp, Baby Sassy Sweetheart.

Medical experts offer tips to help prevent Prostate Cancer

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

The American Cancer Society estimates that over 240,000 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year alone. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, a time to learn more about the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men in this country and help spread awareness to others. Prostate Cancer: Help Reduce Your Risk.

Because its exact cause is not known, it's just about impossible to prevent most cases of prostate cancer. However, medical experts recommend that men take the following steps:

- Eat a healthy diet. A diet high in fruits, vegetables and fish yet low in red meat may help reduce your risk of developing prostate cancer.
- Have a prostate cancer screening. Your doctor should offer a digital rectal exam and PSA blood test to screen for prostate cancer starting at age 50 (before age 50 if you have close families members who were diagnosed with prostate cancer at a young age).
- Ask your doctor about certain medicines that may lower your risk. A daily aspirin regimen and some other medications may lower the risk of prostate cancer.

It's also a good idea to maintain a healthy weight or lose weight if you are overweight or obese, quit smoking if you are a smoker, and get enough regular physical activity each day. Learn more about prostate cancer at Raulerson Hospital's Health Information library at Raulerson-hospital.com

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Prayer Walk

Visiting Osceola Middle School during the recent Annual Prayer Walk were from left to right: (Front row): Blanco Gaona-COOS, Valentina Gaona-COOS, Maria Gaona-COOS, Victor Gaona-COOS, Diana Gaona-COOS and John Gaona-COOS. in the back row are: Tim Gillis-First Baptist, Pat Hall-First United Methodist (FUMC), Assistant Pastor Rev. Jim Dawson-FUMC, Diana Gaona-Church of Our Saviour (COOS), Emmanuel Gaona-COOS and Dennis Crady-First Baptist.

Chamber of Commerce offers Victim Awareness class

The Chamber of Commerce will host a "Refuse to be a Victim®" crime prevention seminar on Saturday, **Oct. 20**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the chamber building. This class is designed primarily for women by the National Rifle Association to provide common sense information geared toward awareness and avoidance of criminal attack. The class will be conducted by Laurinda Garner who is a certified NRA instructor. The cost of the class is \$35 which includes the workbook and the instruction on carjacking prevention, self-defense training options and other helpful hints for personal security. To sign up for this class, you can access the chamber web site at www.okeechobee-business.com. Click on the event calendar, search for Oct. 20, then click on register on-line. You may pay via credit card on-line or via cash or check prior to the date of the class. For information or assistance in signing up, call Mariah at 863-467-6246.

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Three compete for two seats on Okeechobee City Council

James Kirk seeks 7th term

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Mayor James Kirk has announced that he will seek a seventh term on the Okeechobee City Council.

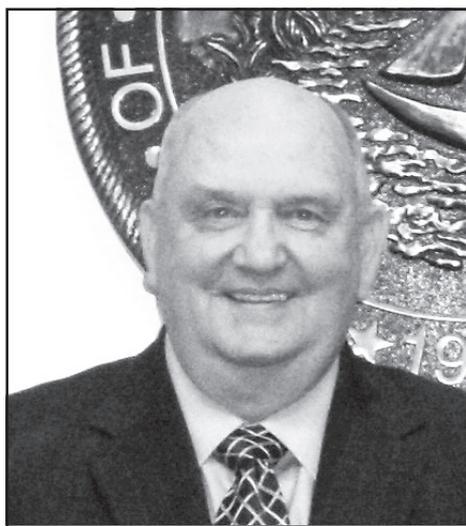
In the City of Okeechobee, the office of mayor is not an elected office. City councilmen choose a mayor from their fellow council members.

Mr. Kirk has served six, four-year terms on the council and 11, two-year terms as mayor.

"I gave it a lot of thought," Mr. Kirk said of running again. "It was not an easy decision."

He said he made his decision to run again after receiving encouragement from many people.

When asked about his accomplishments as mayor, he first replied, "We do things together in the city." He went on to mention the commerce park which had been vacant property. He also said a lot of sidewalks had been built. The Mayor said it was his goal to have sidewalks built over the entire city. He called the formation of the Okeechobee Utility Authority from the city water works and a private company "a good accomplishment." The mayor also mentioned beautification



James Kirk

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projects in the city such as the downtown lampposts.

"I've been proud of what the city has done," Mr. Kirk said.

After retiring from the school system 9 years ago, Mr. Kirk said he has been more actively engaged in city affairs. "I'm very hands on with the budget," he said. He feels the city has held the line on expenses.

The main problem the Mayor sees facing the city in coming years is providing an adequate level of service without raising taxes in spite of falling property values.

O'Connor runs for re-election

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

"I enjoy what I do," was City of Okeechobee Councilman Mike O'Connor's reply when asked why he was running for re-election. He also said he would like to see the completion of projects he is currently working on. The councilman is currently served his second term. He served one term as city councilman in the 1990s.

Mr. O'Connor has been in Okeechobee for over 40 years. He worked at several jobs before opening a gun shop in 1982. "I've sat on every board," Mr. O'Connor asserted. His civic duties have included terms on the city code board, the city planning board and the council on aging.

Supporters noted that his sense of responsibility to the city was demonstrated after the recent tropical storm when he was seen with a shovel cleaning out culverts.

Councilman O'Connor said that building sidewalks was one of his priorities. He is also concerned about the condition of city streets.



Mike O'Connor

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City council seats are at large and bipartisan. There are two city council seats up for grabs. In addition to Councilman O'Connor's seat, the seat currently held by Mayor James Kirk is up for election.

In addition Ray Worley is running for city council. The ballot will have all three names on it. Voters will vote for two candidates and the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected.

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

Ray Worley to run for seat on city council

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Ray O. Worley, a person long involved in Okeechobee civic affairs, has decided to run for Okeechobee City Council. Mr. Worley graduated from Lake Worth High School and in the past he was involved in the operation, sales and rental of cranes.

Mr. Worley is the founder of the Florida Consumer Action network, a consumer lobbying group. He was the founder and first executive director of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Sub Contractors Association. He was a founder and vice president of Okeechobee Main Street. As a member of the Kiwanis Club he has played Santa Claus. Mr. Worley has served on the Okeechobee County Construction Industry Licensing board and he currently serves on the City of Okeechobee Police Pension Fund Board.

In 2008, he unsuccessfully ran for the Florida House of Representatives.

"I think creating jobs in Okeechobee is the number one thing," Mr. Worley said when asked his priorities.



Ray Worley

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As councilman he would strive for honest and fair evaluations for staff members.

There are two at-large nonpartisan seats on the council up for election. In addition to Mr. Worley, the two incumbents, Mayor James Kirk and Councilman Mike O'Connor are running for re-election.

All three of their names will be on the ballot. Voters will vote for two of them. The two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected.

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Corps to close sections of Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will close additional sections of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail while maintenance and rehabilitation work continues on the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Effective Monday, Sept. 10, the Corps will close the section of trail between Clewiston and South Bay to facilitate delivery of stone used for shoring up the dike in emergency situations. This closure will only be in effect during the workweek (Mon.-Fri); the trail will be open on weekends and holidays at this location.

In addition to this new closure, the trail remains closed between Lakeport and Moore Haven for trail improvements, between Moore Haven and Uncle Joe's Fish Camp/Liberty Point to accommodate replacement of Culverts 1 and 1A, and between Belle Glade and Port Mayaca for replacement of

Culverts 11 and 16, as well as cutoff wall construction in the dike itself.

Contractors are using heavy construction vehicles and large equipment within all of these areas. Truck traffic on the roads is a constant flow, and any additional traffic on the narrow trail or dike crest poses a safety hazard for recreationists and equipment operators.

"We recognize the inconvenience caused by these additional closures," said Robert Schnell, assistant chief of the Corps' South Florida Operations Office (SFOO) in Clewiston, "however, safety for our workers and the general public is something we take very seriously. We want to keep people out of harm's way."

For additional information, please visit the Jacksonville District website at www.saj.usace.army.mil.

FWC announces plans for Wild hog hunt

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission would like to announce that they will be issuing permits for two wild hog hunts on Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area, west of U.S. 27. The two hog control hunts will be on Oct. 20-21 and Oct. 27-28. Twenty-five permits will be issued for each hunt. Permits will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to individuals 16 years of age or older. Permit distribution will take place at the Fisheating Creek

WMA check-station at the FEC Campground in Palmdale on Saturday, Oct. 13, beginning at 10 a.m. Individuals must be present to receive a permit. Permittees will be allowed to take wild hogs with no size or bag limit. The use of dogs is prohibited. Firearms will be limited to a shotgun with #1 buckshot or larger. For additional information you may contact the Fisheating Creek WMA office at 863-946-1194.

Adam Bryant Memorial Mini Regatta sets sail Oct. 6

OKEECHOBEE—Come out and see the wildest boat race you will ever lay eyes on in Okeechobee's Second Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta Homemade Boat Race. This year's regatta will be held at C. Scott Driver Park, 10100 West Hwy. 78, Okeechobee on Saturday, Oct. 6, with races set to start at 9 a.m. Sponsors/racers dinner and mandatory check-in will be held on Friday, Oct. 5, beginning at 4 p.m. with dinner to start at 5 p.m. Additional dinner tickets will be available for purchase for only \$5 and the public is encouraged to come and enjoy the fun.

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For more information, contact J.D. Mixon at 863-634-1778. Visit www.MinimalRegatta.com for more details.

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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.

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SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /S/ BEATRICE RODRIGUEZ
Deputy Clerk
424323 ON 8/19,26;9/2,9/2012

School Board Executive Session and Negotiations

The Okeechobee County School Board will meet in closed Executive Session on Monday, September 10, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the office of the Superintendent, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. The meeting is for the School Board members, their attorney, and chief negotiator to prepare for negotiations with Okeechobee County Education Association #1604.

Bargaining sessions will be held on Friday, September 14, and Thursday, September 20, 2012, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in Room 303 of the School District Administration Building, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. Collective bargaining sessions are open to the public.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
425178 ON 9/7,9/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2012 DR86

Donna J. Kellman,
Petitioner and
Lloyd E. Kellman,

Public Notice

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.

AMENDMENT OF BOARD POLICY 4.20 Student Progression Plan
I. This policy includes the Student Progression Plan.
II. Proposed revisions include those required by statute as well as updates from the Florida Department of Education.
III. The legal authority for this policy is F.S. 1001.41, 1001.42. Laws implemented are F.S. 1001.43, 1003.4156, 1003.428, 1003.429, 1003.43, 1003.437, 1003.49, 1008.25.
IV. This policy amendment will not affect individuals from an economic standpoint.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
425439 ON 9/9/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED ZONING RECLASSIFICATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

NOTICE: A PUBLIC HEARING will be held before the Okeechobee County Board of Adjustments and Appeals on **Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida to request a change in zoning from the existing classification of Residential Single Family (RSF) to the proposed classification of Residential General (RG) and to consider a Special Exception to allow for single family attached or multi-family dwellings at a density of 12 units per acre in a Residential General (RG) zoning district. The property owner is N & A Construction Inc. The applicant is Naser Abueqab. The property address is 114 SW 18th Avenue and is more particularly described as follows:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 20, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 20, THENCE S 00°04'02" E ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 246.75 FEET; THENCE N 89°54'24" W, A DISTANCE OF 20.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00°04'02" E, PARALLEL WITH AFORESAID EAST LINE OF SECTION 20, A DISTANCE OF 130.62 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF CLAY DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 19 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE N 89° 54'24" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID CLAY DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 637.71 FEET TO THE EAST R/W LINE OF S.W. 18TH AVE. (BEING 20 FEET IN WIDTH); THENCE N 09°02'26" W ALONG SAID EAST R/W LINE, A DISTANCE OF 130.62 FEET; THENCE S 89°54'24" E, PARALLEL WITH AFORESAID NORTH LINE OF CLAY DEVELOPMENT SUBDIVISION, A DISTANCE OF 637.61 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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In the event that all items scheduled before the Board are not heard, the hearings shall be continued to Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 NW 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida.

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

William D. Royce, Planning Director
Petition R-2012-0692 and S-2012-0719
425828 ON 9/9,16/12

Respondent
AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: **Lloyd E. Kellman**

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Donna Kellman, whose address is PO Box 2794, Okeechobee, FL 34973 on or before 10-9-2012, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Court Operations 1st Floor, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 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.**

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 - 4 Shaq on the court
 - 9 Beat ___ to one's door
 - 14 Vietnam Veterans Memorial architect
 - 15 Ramadi resident
 - 16 Local cinemas, colloquially
 - 17 Whip-cracking cowboy of old films
 - 19 Weight room sound
 - 20 Venetian arch shape
 - 21 Ethel, to Lucy
 - 23 Canyon-crossing transport
 - 26 Fridge raider
 - 28 Hong Kong harbor craft
 - 29 Field for the fold
 - 31 Remote power sources?
 - 32 Thing to blow off
 - 34 Sign before Scorpio
 - 35 Sky blue
 - 38 Postgrad hurdle
 - 40 "Cosmos" host
 - 41 Lotto relative
 - 42 Assure, with "up"
 - 43 Titan is its largest moon
 - 48 Most foxy
 - 50 Landmass encompassing the Urals
 - 51 Wax-filled illumination
 - 54 Bombast
 - 55 Artist's topper
 - 56 Victor's chuckle
 - 59 Conductor Previn
 - 60 Came up
 - 61 Sargasso or Coral
 - 62 Parks and others
 - 63 Zellweger of "Chicago"
 - 64 Prince Valiant's son
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 - 18 Rope fiber
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OHS Brahman football loses to Bulldogs in Arcadia

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Desoto broke loose for 16 unanswered points in the second half to break a half-time tie and defeat Okeechobee 23-7 in high school football action Friday night in Arcadia.

Terrell Gordon rushed for 88 yards and a touchdown after halftime, and Desoto survived eight fumbles behind a staunch defensive effort to improve to (2-0). Okeechobee committed two costly fumbles, one that led to a Desoto score, and scored just one touchdown in four trips inside the Desoto red zone.

Okeechobee passed for 70 yards and rushed for 98 yards in the game. Desoto rushed for 227 yards.

Gordon said his team came out a little slow in the first half but executed well on defense, "We hit all the gaps and the defense shut them down. We filled the holes, our corner backs shut down their wide receivers and we did what we do."

Gordon got better as the game wore on as the Okeechobee defense appeared to tire in the second half. In the first half Desoto had trouble with fumbles but each time the ball was loose, they found a way to recover the pigskin.

Okeechobee did recover an early fumble around midfield and appeared poised to take an early lead. Okeechobee moved into the red zone and appeared to score on an 11-yard run by D.J. Washington. The touchdown was called back by a penalty and Okeechobee couldn't convert on a fourth-down pass. Okeechobee again was without

place kicker Adel El Hindi who continues to nurse a hamstring injury. It ended up costing Okeechobee a chance at points on three drives.

Desoto responded with a 77-yard touchdown drive in the first quarter as they overcame three bad snaps. QB Reggie Jones broke loose for 23 yards and Tajahs Jackson ran for 34 yards on the drive. He ended the 14-play drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

Okeechobee tied the score in the second quarter after a mistake on special teams by the Bulldogs. The center snap eluded the punter and by the time he completed a short pass, the defense had converged. Okeechobee took over at the Desoto 25-yard line and scored on a third and long when QB Jack Radebaugh hit Al Morris with a 30-yard touchdown pass.

Okeechobee committed a cardinal mistake early in the third as Fabian Howard fumbled at the Brahman 20-yard line giving Desoto a short field and the momentum. Four plays later Jones boot legged his way for an 11-yard touchdown run to put Desoto up for good.

Okeechobee caught a break when Desoto botched a punt return and GW Jarriel recovered at the Bulldog 30-yard line. Okeechobee threw three incomplete passes and couldn't take advantage of the scoring opportunity.

Desoto drove 68 yards for a field goal by Rosario Zavala to go up 17-7. Key plays on the drive included a 41-yard run by Gordon.

Okeechobee put together a good drive early in the fourth as Elijowan Williams, 59 yards rushing, broke loose for a 12-

yard gain, Radebaugh ran for 24 yards and Desoto was flagged for a 15-yard personal foul. The Bulldog defense stiffened though and Radebaugh was intercepted by LaQuav Hightower on fourth down.

Desoto put the game away late in the fourth quarter as Gordon ran for a six-yard touchdown run to cap a four-play, 35-yard drive.

Branham Coach Chris Branham said he felt his team didn't play with confidence like they did against Port St. Lucie. He said the team must bring intensity to the field if they are to win week after week.

"I saw a lot of hesitation out there tonight. I feel we were the better team but we were out executed in the second half tonight," he explained.

Branham said he'll have to do a better job of getting the kids prepared in future games because they didn't execute what he asked them to do in this game.

Desoto Coach Matt Egloff said he felt the Brahman defense got tired in the second half as the tackles started to get lower and his running backs had more success.

"The frustrating part is we continue to make the common mistake over and over again. Gordon is a good running back and he's one of those kids that refuse to go down," he added.

Game notes

Al Morris almost made a diving touchdown reception in the end zone in the third

quarter for the Brahmans. He added a 35-yard punt return in the first half. LaVante Spivey recovered a fumble and had a tackle for loss for Okeechobee. Arcadia completed just one forward pass in the game. Cade Stokes recovered an offensive fumble by Okeechobee. McHale Harvile had several tackles and a QB sack for Desoto.

Statistics

Passing. Okeechobee. Jack Radebaugh (6-19, 70 yards, one touchdown, one interception)

Rushing. Okeechobee. Elijowan Williams (11-59). Fabian Howard (7-26). Desoto County. Terrell Gordon (11-103, TD), Tajahs Jackson (16-70, TD), Reggie Jones (8-37, TD).

Receiving. Okeechobee. Al Morris (2-41), Zachary Wingfield (1-12). DJ Washington (2-13).

Team statistics: First downs, Okeechobee 10, Desoto 10. Third Downs: Okeechobee (4-10), Desoto (4-9). Penalties: Okeechobee (5-31), Desoto (3-35). Rushing yards: Okeechobee 98, Desoto 227. Passing yards: Okeechobee 70, Desoto (-10). Punts: Okeechobee (4-127), Desoto (3-101). Punt returns: Okeechobee (2-31), Desoto 1- (-6). Kick returns: Okeechobee (5-100), Desoto (2-17). Interceptions: Desoto (1-25). Fumbles/lost: Okeechobee 4-2, Desoto 8-2.

FWC makes it easier for Florida veterans to become commercial fishermen

Florida veterans wishing to enter the commercial fishing industry may soon be able to do so more easily thanks to changes made today at the Sept. 5-6 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) meeting in Tampa. These changes are anticipated to take effect on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2012.

The Commission implemented a new program that will modify income requirements for Florida veterans seeking a commercial restricted species endorsement license.

The restricted species endorsement allows commercial harvesters to fish for and sell species that are designated as restricted.

Spanish and king mackerel, flounder, shrimp, dolphin and several reef fish are among the list of species that require a restricted species endorsement.

Currently, commercial harvesters attempting to qualify for a restricted species endorsement license must have a Florida Saltwater Products License, which is Florida's commercial saltwater fishing license, and be able to attribute \$5,000 or 25 percent of their total annual income during one of

the past three years to sales of saltwater products.

With the new changes in place, restricted species endorsement income requirements will be waived for one license year (July 1-June 30) for Florida veterans who were honorably discharged between Sept. 11, 2001, and June 30, 2014. After June 30, 2014, this income requirement waiver will continue to extend to Florida veterans so long as they apply within four years of an honorable discharge. The one-license-year waiver also extends to honorably discharged veterans with service-connected disabilities. After the one-year waiver expires, veterans with service-connected disabilities will have a reduced income requirement of \$2,500 instead of \$5,000. To qualify for these exemptions, veterans must be certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United States Armed Forces to have at least a 10-percent disability that is service-connected.

To learn more about commercial fishing requirements, visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater" and "Commercial."

Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• For the second time in three days an Okeechobee swim team meet was interrupted by rain and thunderstorms. Okeechobee had gotten off to an excellent start in the meet with Port St. Lucie and John Carroll at the Okeechobee Sports Complex pool before the poor weather arrived. The meet has been rescheduled for Oct. 1, at 4 p.m.

• The Brahman boys golf team defeated Port St. Lucie, Centennial and South Fork High Schools in a four-way match on Thursday in Port St. Lucie. Okeechobee shot 166, South Fork 168, Port St. Lucie 174, and Cen-

tennial 225. Kodi Stephen shot 34 and Kutter Crawford shot 37 for Okeechobee. Coach Kenny Buckner said the team continues to go through some growing pains in the early part of the year, "The future looks bright as our young group of freshmen has improved. They are getting comfortable playing high school golf." The Lady Brahman golf team enjoyed a practice round Wednesday with two other schools that struggle to get girls interested in golf. Okeechobee had 21 girls try out for the squad last year. Centennial and Fort Pierce had just three golfers on their teams this year. Okeechobee would receive credit for forfeit wins in those matches.



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Special to the Okeechobee News/Big Lake Eye Care

Contest winner

Dr. Bartels congratulated Gavin Cracchiola, age 6, on winning the Big Lake Eye Care back to school contest. All patients, ages 5 to 24 who had an eye exam during June, July and August were automatically entered in the drawing. Gavin's winning ticket was randomly drawn from approximately 500 entries on Aug. 31. Gavin was extremely excited about his new iPad and told Dr. Bartels that was the gift on the top of his Christmas list this year!



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