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Minimal Regatta on Saturday

The Second Annual Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta will held Saturday, Oct. 6, starting at 9 a.m. at the C. Scott Driver Park off State Road 78 (on the north side of S.R. 78, across from Okee-Tantie). The event, sponsored by the Okeechobee Kiwanis Club, features area residents paddling their own homemade boats. The event is free and open to the public. There were also be a bounce house, obstacle course and food booths. The regatta raises money for local scholarships. For more information visit www.MinimalRegatta.com for more information. Above, racers from the first regatta participated in exhibition races during the Water Fest in March.

Thieves preying on unlocked vehicles

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

After a spate of vehicle burglaries, local detectives are reminding area residents that there is one good way to stop these break-ins—lock your vehicle.

"It's gotten worse lately. In the past five days we've had nine burglaries in the county," said Detective Bryan Lowe, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). "And, all of the vehicles were unlocked."

There were three such break-ins that took

place in King's Bay sometime Monday night, Oct. 1.

"They're hitting the cars at night—anywhere from 10 p.m. on," said the OCSO investigator.

Two more unlocked vehicles were hit sometime Wednesday, Oct. 3, that were parked just off of S.W. 28th St. Detective Lowe said an unspecified amount of cash was taken as well as a compact disc player.

The suspects are primarily interested in cash, but have been known to take purses and electronics.

Lake O releases increased

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

In an effort to slow the rise of Lake Okeechobee the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has increased releases to the east and west.

On Sept. 19 the COE started releasing lake water to the Caloosahatchee River and the St. Lucie Estuary in an effort to slow the rise of Lake Okeechobee. Under the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS), which is the tool COE uses to manage lake levels, the lake level should range between 12.5 and 15.5 feet, depending on the time of the year.

"We just haven't seen the results that we wanted to since we started releases on Sept. 19," Lt. Col. Tom Greco, the COE's Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida, said in a telephone press conference on Oct. 3. "With a half-foot rise we need to work within the flexibility of LORS to stabilize the lake

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However, pointed out a detective with the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), if the purse doesn't contain cash it's normally tossed aside.

"They're looking for cash or something they can trade for drugs. That's what this is about—finding cash for drugs," said Detective Bill Saum.

He then told about three car burglaries that were reported Friday morning, Sept. 28, in the

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Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Light northeast wind becoming east 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Tonight: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the

evening. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Light northeast wind becoming east northeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Saturday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 91. North wind around 5 mph.

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Glades County Community rallies to help injured teen

Oct 6. 'Fred Day' festival to include Gator Boys show, rib cook-off, games auctions and more

Special to the Okeechobee News

MOORE HAVEN—On July 9, 2012, Kaleb "Fred" Langdale and some of his friends decided to take a swim in the Caloosahatchee River just as they had many times before. Their hometown of Moore Haven sits on the Caloosahatchee River and features picnic areas and boat docks for the public to enjoy.

The friends decided to race to the other side, when suddenly an alligator appeared. It was about 30 feet from Fred when he first saw it heading straight for him. Knowing he couldn't make it to the bank in time, the 17-year-old Florida teen dropped as low as he could in the water watching the gator, hoping it would lose sight of him, but instead the gator kept coming.

The gator was inches from Fred's face

when he grabbed it under the jaw and pushed upwards, wrapping his legs around the gator so that it couldn't bite. The gator went into a death roll, and Fred could not hold on. He pushed away and tried to swim to the bank when he felt the gator grab his right arm.

The crushing pressure from the gator's powerful jaws broke the bones in Fred's arm, as the gator went into another sudden roll. When it stopped spinning, Fred put his feet on the gator's mouth and tried to rip his arm from the gator's jaws.

Thinking he had torn free, Fred began swimming toward the bank until he realized his arm was still in the gator's mouth and still attached by a tendon—meaning he was now pulling the gator along with him.

The gator pulled him back under the water and began rolling again. When it finally stopped, Fred put his feet on the gator and pushed against him until the tendon tore.

Fred was able to get to the bank, and amazingly had the presence of mind to find spider webs in a nearby tree and used them to help stop the bleeding from what

remained of his arm. Holding his mangled arm in between his knees, the teen almost had the bleeding stopped by the time the paramedics arrived.

He was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital while police and Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) officials mounted a frantic three-hour search to capture and kill the alligator. The teenager's arm was still in the alligator's stomach, but the doctors were unable to reattach it.

On Oct. 6, Fred's hometown community will host "Fred Day" to raise money to help with medical expenses, and other associated expenses.

Fred has always been an outdoorsman. He has built his own airboat and trailer. He loves to hunt, fish, airboat, weld, wakeboard, and anything else that has to do with being outside. "Fred Day" will be held at the Chalo Nitka grounds in Moore Haven.

Activities will include a gator wrestling show at noon by the Gator Boys, live music presented by the Chris MacArthur Band, an airboat show by the Airboat and Buggy Conservation Club of Southwest Florida, buggy rides by Swamp Buggies of Florida, Cruisin' Car Show by Macogans Street Rods and possibly live broadcasting by National Geographic.

Plans also include: a 5K Run/Walk sponsored by Woodmen of the World, a corn hole tournament, live and silent auctions (for prizes such as hunting and fishing trips), live bands, slides, bounce houses, face painting, buggy rides, and a dunk tank. Barbecue dinners will be available for purchase. Booth rentals are also available. There will be a \$5 admission fee which includes one raffle tick-



Courtesy photo

Kaleb "Fred" Langdale lost part of his arm but not his spirit.

et for a prize drawing.

Festivities will also include a rib cookoff. Anyone interested in competing in the cookoff is asked to email David Hardin at dhardin@gladessheriff.org, or call him at 863-227-3381, or Kim Hill at 863-227-0191.

If anyone has any items they would like to donate for auction, please bring them the day of the event. Items can be new, gently used, big, small, expensive or cheap ... anything is greatly appreciated.

For more information about "Fred Day," contact Linda Peebles Martin at 863-227-0832, email her at linda@gatorfred.com or visit: www.gatorfred.com.



Pet of the Week

Roy is a young male Blue tick Coonhound mix who recently completed the SPIN training program. He is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104. To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.

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Popular or Electoral Vote

- The precariousness of the current state-by-state, winner-take-all system of awarding electoral votes is highlighted by the fact that a shift of a few thousand voters in one or two states would have elected the second-place candidate in four of the 13 presidential elections since World War II. Near misses are now frequently common. There have been 6 consecutive non-landslide presidential elections (1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, and 2008). 537 popular votes won Florida and the White House for Bush in 2000 despite Gore's lead of 537,179 (1,000 times more) popular votes nationwide. A shift of 60,000 voters in Ohio in 2004 would have defeated President Bush despite his nationwide lead of over 3 million votes.

- A survey of Florida voters showed 78 percent overall support for a national popular vote for president. By political affiliation, support for a national popular vote was 88% among Democrats, 68 percent among Republicans, and 76 percent among others. By gender, support for a national popular vote was 88 percent among women and 69 percent among men. By age, support for a national popular vote was 79 percent among 18-29 year olds, 78 percent among 30-45 year olds, 76 percent among 46-65 year olds, and 80 percent for those older than 65.

- The more I read, the more disheartened I become. I'm to the place that I probably won't even vote, as I have no more faith in one candidate than I do the other. Now you may label my thoughts as material for a "crazy conspiracy theory movie" ... but I can promise, I'm not the only one thinking this way. I've never been as concerned as I have been lately with a Presidential election ... I worry "where we will be in 10 short years?" I've only been retired eight years ... and in that eight years I've watched our nation get further and further down the rabbit hole.

Random drug testing?

- I think both the students and the teachers should be subject to random drug testing. A few years ago at one of the middle schools, the kids complained that a teacher was acting crazy, but no one paid attention to them because they were kids and kids always complain about their teachers. Then it was in the paper that the teacher was arrested for doctor shopping and apparently was addicted to prescription pain pills. You never know who might be on drugs. If you are going to test the students, then test the teachers too.

- I blame the judicial system for a lot of the drug problems. The system slaps the pusher on the hand and tells them not to do it again. Make the penalty extremely tough and then see how it goes. If that doesn't work, make the penalty tougher,

Taxes

- The government could take every last penny from every wealthy person in our country but it still wouldn't pay off our debt. We are in a hole which has been dug by MANY people in positions of power for a very long time. For years our proverbial roof was weakening but the politicians just kept taking our money and slapping paint on the walls—making things appear to be better. Now the roof is caving in and nobody wants to admit that all they've done all these many years is slap more paint on the walls, chipped away little by little at our very foundation and pretended there was no real problem, all at the peoples' expense. Our roof is collapsing, our government is broke and the leaders still aren't doing anything but looking for a scapegoat. It seems that certain leaders want to blame a group of people to the point of demonizing them, and turn citizens against each other.

- If people don't start stepping up and taking responsibility for themselves (when truly able), we are going to be in a lot worse mess than we already are in.

- How many people with an income of less than \$30,000 dollars hire 25 or more people? Famous Amos sold his cookies on the streets of L.A. and ended up selling his recipe to Betty Crocker for \$8 million. You tell me that Capitalism doesn't work. If the poor would quit trying to punish the rich and instead figure out how they got that way, we wouldn't be in the mess we are in today. Thank you Democrats. Congratulations on your invention of fearmongering and class warfare. Maybe in next four years, you can drive the rest of our industries offshore.

Letters to the editor

Thank you

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Thank you so much for the support and prayers.

The Daron Gregory Washington, Sr. Family

Where's the Beef?

I cannot believe that our Sheriff had to make budget cuts again. This is outrageous! Law enforcement and medical, (ambulance, rescue) and fire departments should be top priority. They are the most valuable assets our county or any county can have.

The men and women who work for these organizations have families too. They put their lives on the line daily. Why should any of them have to take a cut? Okeechobee claims to be a great tourist town for fishing, so why not raise the fees for fishing permits and boat registrations? That will help raise the budget.

Why close down Okee-Tantie when it can produce a profit for the county as a family camp ground?

The county wasted thousands of dollars building that albatross they call Agri-Center. Why can't they clean up Okee-Tantie and make it useful? Build a few cabins on it and rent them out as well as trailer and tent campsites. My husband and I spend our anniversary on Lake Moultrie every other year. It is a beautiful campground and it only costs \$64 for a 24-hour day. The cabins are fully equipped, all we bring is food and our clothes and whatever we want. The cabins are all two bedrooms and we split the cost with another couple. For \$128 the four of us get to spend a great week-end fishing and fellowshipping from Saturday morning to Monday noon.

And because it is so popular, we have to book reservations months in advance. Where's the beef with doing the same thing here for Okeechobee? And people will come to town to visit our fine dining establishments and shop the flea markets and stores.

Every time there is a budget cut, our Sheriff gets hit right between the eyes. Look at all the criminals they've busted in the last two months alone. Crime is rampant and we cannot afford to lose good men and women who are dedicating their lives to help us. And please note that crimes are being committed by young and old alike; some kids are only ten years old, some men and women are as old as 60. They are doing everything from forging checks to vandalism to shoplifting to stealing vehicles and property, prostitution, drugs, rape, child molestation.

And it's going to get worse. I know because there is too much sin in this world and God has been asked to leave the schools and we cannot display His commandments and some churches are too tolerant, they don't preach hell's fire, they only try to promote love. Love is good, God is Love, but He also tells us sinners who do not repent will go to hell. Proverbs 23:13-14 tells us "Do not hold correction from a child, for if you beat him with a rod, he shall not die, but deliver his soul from hell."

So my beef is this, leave the Sheriff's budget where he can pay his employees a decent salary and where he can afford to update their equipment, ie. radios, communicators, uniforms, protection vests, whatever else he needs. He has been the greatest Sheriff this town has had in many years.

He has made do with everything he has to work with to keep us safe and he and his 'posse' don't need to be cut back.

And for Heaven's sake, pray, pray, pray. We all need the LORD.

Jesus loves you~ and so do I,

Cheryl Gawda

October Blood Drives

While many Okeechobee residents will wait for The Blood Roundup, Nov. 17, 18, to donate, some may have their donation schedules preset. If that is the case with you, here are the upcoming dates when you can donate blood and help save lives:

- Saturday, Oct. 20 – Benefit drive at the Eagle's Lodge on 441SE, 2–6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 – Okeechobee Correctional Institute, 2:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 25 – SFWMD Field Office, 1–5 p.m.

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FWC offers exotic pet owners an opportunity to surrender pets

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will hold an Exotic Pet Amnesty Day on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tree Tops Park in Davie. This event enables people to surrender their nonnative pets free of charge and with no penalties.

The goal is to reduce the number of non-native species being released into the wild by pet owners who can no longer care for their pets or no longer wish to keep them.

“Often, pet owners don’t understand the possible negative impacts that may result from releasing a nonnative species,” said Jenny Novak, who coordinates the FWC’s Exotic Pet Amnesty program. “Pet amnesty events foster responsible pet ownership while providing exotic pet owners a legal al-

ternative to releasing nonnative animals.”

Exotic Pet Amnesty Days have had great success in other areas of the state, especially Miami. This is the first amnesty day to be held in Broward County.

“We’d like to expand the program by encouraging other agencies and organizations to participate,” said Novak. “For example, this amnesty day would not be possible without our partnership with Broward County Parks and Recreation and the Everglades Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (ECISMA).”

To date, more than 500 nonnative species have been observed in the wild in Florida, and more than 130 have reproducing populations. It is illegal to release any animal not native to Florida.

At each pet amnesty day, every attempt is made to place all healthy animals with qualified adopters. Pet adopters must be pre-qualified to receive surrendered animals. Anyone interested in adopting exotic pets can download the permit application forms at MyFWC.com/Nonnatives. Adoption applications must be received by Oct. 18 to be processed in time for this event.

Exotic Pet Amnesty Day is a free, family event. Live animals will be on display, and experts will be on hand to talk about proper care of exotic pets.

Additional information about Exotic Pet Amnesty Day and exotic animals in Florida can be found at MyFWC.com/Nonnatives.

Tree Tops Park is at 3900 S.W. 100th Avenue in Davie.

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southwest section of the city. Out of those three burglaries, the suspects got a total of \$20 in cash that was left in one of the unlocked vehicles.

Detective Saum said a purse was taken from one car but when no cash was found in it, the handbag was discarded in a nearby garbage can.

“They didn’t mess with the checks, credit cards, driver’s license—nothing,” said Detective Saum of the discarded pocketbook.

Detective Lowe said while the burglaries may be isolated to a specific area one night, as a whole they are occurring in all areas of the city and county.

“They’re just pulling doors and looking

for unlocked doors,” he said.

Detective Saum said it’s also important that people lock the windows and doors in their homes.

He told of a case being investigated by OCPD Detective J.P. Zeigler in which someone entered a home through an open window in the bathroom. When a woman in the home saw the doorknob move on the door to the room she was in she grabbed the knob, screamed and yelled to the intruder that she was calling the police. At that point, the interloper left the home the same way he entered.

“The days of leaving our windows open to let the breeze blow through may be over,” he said. “I don’t see anyone daring to leave

their windows open any more—that’s just a part of life in today’s world.”

Detective Lowe urged people to call the sheriff’s office if they see anything suspicious “and get a deputy out there.”

If you have any information on these burglaries, contact Detective Lowe at 863-763-3117 in you live in the county, or Detective Saum at 863-763-5521 if you live in the city.

Remember, if you’re going to leave your car unlocked, take out all you valuables. And, adds law enforcement, the belief that it’s better to leave your vehicle unlocked than to have a window broken out is totally wrong. It is never a good idea to your car or truck unlocked.

LAKE

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level. Our primary goal is lake safety.”

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, the level of the lake was 15.69 feet. On Thursday, Oct. 4, releases to the Caloosahatchee River were increased almost two and half times to 4,000 cubic feet per second as measured at the Moore Haven Lock. To the east the flow was doubled to 1,800 feet cubic feet per second as measured at the St. Lucie Lock and Dam near Stuart.

In response to a question as to why more water couldn’t be sent south, the colonel replied that all the water conservation areas south of the lake are at or above their regulation schedule.

When asked how much longer the releases would last, Col. Greco replied that the COE was planning it day-to-day. “To stabilize the rise in the lake is our immediate goal,” he said. “We still have a lot of inflow into the lake.”

The good news is that with the increase in the lake level, no signs of dike problems have been seen.

The colonel said the Kissimmee basin is at regulation schedule and retaining water there would not affect the lake level.

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Eagles North announces its upcoming events

On Friday, **Oct. 5**, Eagles North, 9985 U.S. 441 N., is having steak night with music by Steven. On Saturday, **Oct. 6**, at 5 p.m. the club will host card bingo; Tuesday, Oct. 9, bingo at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 11, bingo at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the F.O.E. 413 community benefit fund.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host Steak dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles will be serving shrimp, fish, or 16 oz. ribeye steak dinner on Friday, **Oct. 5**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Music by Wayne Purvis. For more information please call 863-467-1154. Proceeds from funds raised will benefit the Cypress Hut General Fund.

Putt for a Cure tournament planned

The Relay for Life Honey Do'er's Team and Dream Team will host a best ball golf tournament on Saturday, **Oct. 6**, at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Fee for 4-man team: \$200, Hole Sponsorship: \$100. The team will have 50/50 and raffle tickets. If you have any questions about participants, sponsorship, or donation of a raffle item please call Lawrence Fipps 863-801-0901 or Missy Fipps at 863-634-8674.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host Birthday Bash

Cypress Hut Eagles will be holding a Birthday Bash on Saturday, **Oct. 6**, at 5 p.m. Taco Bake by Dwayne. Music by Jimmy and Debbie Harper. For more info please call 863-467-1154. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Cypress Hut Eagles General Fund.

Shrine Club hosts spaghetti dinner

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club will host our weekly spaghetti dinner from 4 until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **Oct. 9**. Reservations are not required. The Shrine Club is pleased to offer smoke free dining. For listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided from 5 until 8 p.m. The complete dinner is only \$6. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit Shrine Charities.

Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles will be serving fried chicken dinner from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, **Oct. 7**, for a \$6 donation. Please call 863-467-1154 for more information. Proceeds will benefit local charity fund.

Eagles North to host breakfast

Eagles North will have breakfast from 9 until 11 a.m. on Sunday, **Oct. 7**. Best breakfast around. We also have a call in to Local Artists to participate in an upcoming Art Show. Corn Hole Tournament Oct. 13. Please call 863-763-2552 to participate in either one. Proceeds from breakfast go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund. The Lodge is located at 9985 U.S. 441 N.

Amateur Radio Club to hold October meeting

The Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will be holding its October business meeting on Monday, **Oct. 8**, at the Beef O'Brady's Restaurant, 608 S. Parrott Ave, beginning at 6 p.m. Meal is from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the business meeting promptly at 7 p.m. The major topic for the meeting will be continued planning of the Okeechobee Hamfest in the Woods to be held on Saturday, Nov. 24. All members are urged to attend, and anyone in the Okeechobee area who has an interest in Amateur Radio is invited to attend and join us for fellowship and a meal. For more information on the meeting or the Club, contact Tom Timmons, president, at 863-467-5435.

OREA to host their monthly meeting

The Okeechobee Retired Educators Association will have their regular monthly meeting on Monday, **Oct. 8**, beginning at 11:15 a.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. All retired educators are invited to attend. Big Brothers and Big Sisters are scheduled to present and the 2012 Historic Christmas ornament will be available for purchase.

Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Bryant Culpeper on Tuesday, **Oct. 9**, from 10 a.m.-noon, and will be held in the meeting room at the Lodge at the Lake Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott Ave. Citizens wishing to participate are urged to call 863-763-6441 for an appointment.

Relay for Life Kickoff celebration planned

Please come and join us at Lunker's Sports Grill on Thursday, **Oct. 11**, 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.

Friends of NRA plan banquet

The Okeechobee Friends of NRA plans to hold a banquet on **Oct. 11**, at 6 p.m. The banquet will be held at the Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1855 SW 53rd Street. Tickets and sponsorship information are available at The Gun Shop, Okeechobee Shooting Sports, The Hunters Den, by calling 863-634-8678, or online at www.friendsofnra.org. Please join your local business owners, friends, neighbors and community leaders as we work together to ensure the shooting sports for the next generation.

ELKS Lodge to hold October meeting

ELKS Lodge #2871 will meet on **Oct 11**, 7 p.m., at the VFW So Locate on U.S. 441 S. in Treasure Island.

OKMS plan upcoming Mixer Event

Join Okeechobee Main Street and your community partners at our October Mixer which will be sponsored by Buxton Funeral Home, 110 N.E. Fifth St. This mixer will be held on Thursday, **Oct. 11**, from 5 to 7 p.m. and is a wonderful networking opportunity! Feel free to bring a friend or coworker- this event is open to the public! For more information contact the Okeechobee Main Street executive director Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246 or stop in the new Main Street office at 55 S. Parrott Ave.

'True Lies' assembly addresses teen issues

The True Lies assembly features Phil Chalmers, leading authority on Juvenile Homicides and other teen destructive behaviors, will be visiting Okeechobee schools in October. Phil will be talking about topics such as bullying, crime prevention, teen violence and substance abuse. Also appearing with Mr. Chalmers is rap artist LG Wise, who will be performing his song, "Tonight" which is featured on YouTube. Mr. Chalmers and Mr. Wise will be at Osceola Middle School on **Oct. 18**, at 7 p.m. for a program open to the community. This event is hosted by the Okeechobee County School District and brought by Children's Services and OSCO.

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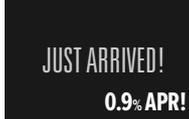
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Kiwanis Club installs new officers at banquet

By Jim Vensel

Lt. Governor District 16

Kiwanis Club

The Okeechobee Kiwanis Club installation banquet was held at the KOA with the theme "Pirates," where members were able to be creative in playing Black Beard and Captain Kid. As a pirate would express back in the pirate days their "wenches" were looking great in their pirate outfits. What was unique was the massive pirate ship built and donated by Frank DeCarlo, American Drilling which will be on display at the Minimal Regatta in Memory of Adam Byrant on Saturday Oct. 6, one our major fundraisers that will fund a student/students through Fire and Rescue School.

As usual the night was filled with fun and laughter. Greg Thogerson, outgoing president, recognized each staff member with a plaque of thanks for their contribution during his two-year commitment. One particular recognition went to Don Kelly, a charter member who attends every scheduled event and takes pride in his pancake mix for the club's pancake fundraiser on Easter Sunday. J.D. Mixon, incoming president, lit the evening up with a variety of "gag gifts." The best was a gag gift donated by Brown Cow Sweetery, Mark & Paulette where J.D. had to open 8 to 10 boxes to get to the box of chocolates for all members and quests attending. Needless to say they were finger-licking

good. Dinner was catered by Golden Coral and Charley and staff are to be commended for the outstanding dinner. Upon conclusion of dinner the installation of officers was conducted by Lt. Governor Jim Vensel.

There were many thanked but one that must be recognized is Maureen Burroughs, banquet chairperson, who year after year performs an outstanding job with the themes and selection of food.

I will close with this statement. Greg could not have expressed it better in his closing remarks. "Our club is not about me, the board or an individual. It is about the "Youth We Serve."

As Lt. Governor that is what makes our club unique/special and successful and makes members "Proud to be a Kiwanian and serve."

To anyone interested in becoming a member of an outstanding group of folks who have fun every meeting while conducting major fundraisers for the "Youth of Our Community," we meet every Thursday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at The Lodge By The Lake Restaurant. No invitation necessary just walk in and join us. You will walk away "Hooked." Come and join us before our next scheduled and most gratifying event "Santa In the Park," and you will understand why I say you will be "Hooked."

Note: The word "Wench" according to Webster is a humorous term and by no means to offend anyone.

Okeechobee Friends of the Library seeks members

The Friends of the Library for the Okeechobee County Library are looking for new and returning members. The friends assist the public library by sponsoring the programs, funding children's programs, donating to the teen room and purchasing books and DVDs for the library. They raise funds by holding twice annual used book sales, selling book bags and membership fees. The membership donations are as little as \$5 a year and application cards may be picked up at the library front desk. Members receive a 10 percent discount on books purchased at our book sales. Next book sale is scheduled for Nov. 14, 15, 16 and 17.



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Report: Teen swung at principal, spit on deputy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Andrew Haygood

A local teen is being held in a Fort Pierce juvenile facility after he reportedly walked away from school then fought with the school's principal and allegedly spat on a deputy.

Andrew Haygood, 16, N.W. Second St., Okeechobee, was arrested Wednesday, Oct. 3, on felony charges of battery on a school board employee, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of attempted battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Haygood was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center.

Deputy John Fisher, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated in his arrest report that Haygood walked off the campus of the Okeechobee Achievement Academy around 8:15 a.m. Wednesday.

The deputy, who was assigned to the school as a school resource officer, and principal Randy Weigum tried to catch up to Haygood. Mr. Weigum finally found his student in a baseball dugout at the Okeechobee Sports Complex.

When the principal tried to speak with the teen, Haygood, 5-foot-9 and 140 pounds, reportedly came at Mr. Weigum aggressively and started throwing punches. Haygood

managed to grab Mr. Weigum's hand-held school radio and threw it on top of the dugout, Deputy Fisher stated.

According to the report Mr. Weigum was able to defend himself and was not injured.

By this time OCSO Deputy Dale Hardy arrived at the scene and when he tried to place the teen in handcuffs Haygood allegedly tried to spit on the deputy. Deputy Donnie Holmes stepped in to help and was promptly spat on by the combative teenager, stated the arrest report.

When Deputy Holmes told the teen that he had just spit on him, Haygood allegedly said: "Good, I tried to."

Still fighting with the two deputies, Haygood was finally taken to the ground and held there until Deputy Fisher arrived with his OCSO patrol unit.

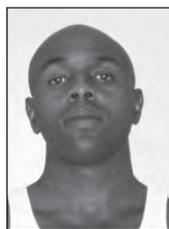
After being placed in the back of the squad car, Haygood began to scream and bang his head against a plexiglass shield separating the front seat from the back. The teen suffered a laceration to his forehead and another cut just above his hair line, stated Deputy Fisher's report.

Haygood was then taken to the county jail where nurses suggested he be taken to the emergency room for treatment. However, the teen was still "extremely violent" and had to be placed in a restraint chair for his safety as well as the safety of the staff, the arrest report stated.

After about 25 minutes Haygood had calmed down enough that he could be taken to the emergency room where the cuts to his head were treated.

Suspected crack cocaine found during car search

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Lerone Baker

An Okeechobee man was jailed when suspected cocaine and 'Spice' was allegedly found in his car after he was stopped for running a stop sign.

Lerone Baker, 32, N.W. Ninth Drive, was arrested Tuesday, Oct. 2, on a felony charge of possession of cocaine. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000. Records indicate he has since been released on bond.

According to an arrest report Baker was stopped around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday by detectives from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force after he failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of S.E. 38th Ave. and U.S. 441 S.E.

While one of the detectives was speaking with Baker, the other investigator reportedly

saw two unopened packages of 'Scooby Snax' in the open glove compartment of his 1998 Lincoln.

'Scooby Snax' is also known by the street name Spice, which is a synthetic marijuana that is commonly smoked.

The detectives asked Baker for, and received, permission to search his vehicle. During that search three small pieces of a suspected substance was allegedly found in the driver's seat.

When those pieces were field tested they indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine, stated the arrest report.

The suspected crack cocaine weighed 0.1 grams, added the report.

Baker was the only person in the vehicle. Also seized were the packages of 'Scooby Snax.' A detective said they will be sent to the Indian River Crime Lab for analysis to see if they contain any illegal substances.

The detective's report goes on to state that Baker was also issued a written warning for running the stop sign.

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The "IRSC Pick Your Path Fall Career Fair" will feature music, refreshments, demonstrations of many IRSC Quick Job Training programs, English as a Second Language

(ESL) open house, career information, and more.

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For more information about the "IRSC Pick Your Path Fall Career Fair" or programs available at the Blackburn Educational Building and IRSC, call 866-792-4772, email info@irsc.edu or visit www.irsc.edu.



Special visit

Grand Oaks residents enjoyed visiting Mimi Arnold, volunteer Debra and all the wonderful animals at Okeechobee Special Equestrian. Mimi and her volunteers work with physically and mentally challenged individuals by providing equine assisted activities. The residents enjoyed meeting and hearing about all the animals as well as interacting with them. The residents were able to pet and feed the horses and spend time with other animals including dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

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Breast Cancer Awareness is for everyone

By Brenda Williams, RN
Clinic Supervisor

Okeechobee County Health Department

Breast Cancer Awareness isn't just for women it also includes men. Awareness means to be aware, conscious, alert, watchful, mindful, and so on. All of which describes what we need to do, in the war to fight and beat breast cancer. We should all check our breasts by looking, touching, and getting regular exams.

Looking is just as important as touching. Stand in front of a mirror place your hands on your hips and look at the breasts. They should pretty much look the same. Often one may be a little larger than the other, but over all they should look the same. Notice the color of the nipple is there a discoloration? Does one nipple sink in, does it have a discharge, or is the nipple dry and scaly? Put your arms straight up over your head and repeat the previously mentioned steps. If any of these are present it doesn't mean you have breast cancer, but that a more in-depth exam may be warranted.

Monthly, we should all check our breasts for any lump (feels like a frozen pea) or any changes. If we get use to doing this, every month, it would be much easier to recognize any changes. This is your most important weapon knowing how your breasts feel and look normally. You will be able to find a lump or bump quickly which could be the difference between the beginning of chang-

es in cells and cancerous cells. The earlier a lump is found, and treated if needed, the better the outcome for that person. If cancer is found in the early stages, survival rates are increased significantly.

Here are some tips on performing a monthly breast exam: while in the shower place one hand behind your head and with a soapy hand on the opposite breast feel all the breast tissue from the top of the breast (collar bone) to the nipple using your pointer finger and middle finger, work your fingers in a circular motion, working all the way around the breast, including the under arm as well, it is also made-up of breast cells. For more information go to brightpink.org, this site has a lot of good information and other valuable links. Form a buddy system call and remind your mother, sister, or best friend to schedule their annual exam/mammogram.

Every year we should get an annual exam, which includes a complete breast exam. We should go to a doctor we trust and feel comfortable seeing. At any time a lump or change is noted an appointment should be scheduled, and not wait until the annual exam. "Better to be safe than sorry" a good motto to live by. Our doctor can also help us determine what if any other tests should be performed. The August Issue of American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists "recommends annual mammograms for women 40 and older." Women with a strong family history of breast cancer may need mammograms earlier. There is also a

blood test that can help in determining one's risk factors.

We should feel free to ask questions and get suggestions from our doctors on what can be done to live a healthy happy life. The following is a list of things we can do to decrease our risk of breast cancer: low-fat diet, regular exercise, maintain a healthy weight, limit our alcohol consumption, breast feed our babies, do regular monthly breast exams, and annual exams. All of us need to be proactive when it comes to our health,

we can't stop aging or change genetics, but with healthier choices we can alter the outcome, add years to our lives and improve our quality of life. So, schedule your annual exam with the Okeechobee County Health Department by calling 863-462-5819 today. Even if you have no insurance or money, if you need a mammogram we can assist you in applying for a mammogram voucher, and if you qualify your mammogram will be paid for.

Breast Cancer Statistics

How common is breast cancer?

Aside from non-melanoma skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States. It is also one of the leading causes of cancer death among women of all races. In 2008 (the most recent year numbers are available) 210,203 women in the United States were diagnosed with breast cancer and 40,589 women in the United States died from breast cancer.

From 1999-2008, the rate of women dying from breast cancer has varied, depending on their race and ethnicity. In 2008, black women were more likely to die of breast cancer than any other group.

White women had the second highest rate of deaths from breast cancer, followed by women who are Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Asian/Pacific Islander.

Having regular mammograms can lower the risk of dying from breast cancer.

The risk of getting breast cancer increases with age. Statistics show that 3.45 percent of women who are now 60 years old will get breast cancer sometime during the next 10 years.

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Source: Center for Disease Control

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CDC answers common questions about mammograms

From the Center for Disease Control

What is a mammogram?
A mammogram is an X-ray picture of the breast. Doctors use a mammogram to look for early signs of breast cancer.

Why should I get a mammogram?
Regular mammograms are the best tests doctors have to find breast cancer early, sometimes up to three years before it can be felt. When their breast cancer is found early, many women go on to live long and healthy lives.

When should I get a mammogram?
Women should have mammograms every two years from age 50 to 74 years. Talk to your health professional if you have any symptoms or changes in your breast, or if breast cancer runs in your family. He or she may recommend that you have mammograms before age 50 or more often than usual.

How is a mammogram done?
You will stand in front of a special X-ray machine. A technologist will place your breast on a clear plastic plate. Another plate will firmly press your breast from above. The plates will flatten the breast, holding it still while the X-ray is being taken. You will feel some pressure. The other breast will be X-rayed in the same way. The steps are then repeated to make a side view of each breast. You will then wait while the technologist checks the four X-rays to make sure the pictures do not need to be re-done. Keep in mind that the technologist cannot tell you the results of your mammogram.

What does having a mammogram feel like?
Having a mammogram is uncomfortable for most women. Some women find it painful. A mammogram takes only a few moments, though, and the discomfort is over soon. What you feel depends on the skill of the technologist, the size of your breasts, and how much they need to be pressed. Your breasts may be more sensitive if you are about to get or have your period.

Before you get a mammogram, you may want to ask the following questions:

- What will happen? How long will I be there?
- Do you have my previous mammograms?
- When will my doctor get the results?
- When and how will I learn about the results?
- When will I need to have my next mammogram?

What does a mammogram look like?
Each woman's mammogram may look a little different because all breasts are a little different. A doctor with special training, called a radiologist, will read the mammogram. He or she will look at the X-ray for early signs of breast cancer or other problems.

When will I get the results of my mammogram?

You will usually get the results within a few weeks, although it depends on the facility. A radiologist reads your mammogram and then reports the results to you or your doctor. If there is a concern, you will hear from the mammography facility earlier. Contact your health professional or the mammography facility if you do not receive a report of your results within 30 days.

Tips for getting a mammogram:

- Try not to have your mammogram the week before you get your period or during your period. Your breasts may be tender or swollen then.
- On the day of your mammogram, don't wear deodorant, perfume, or powder. These products can show up as white spots on the X-ray.
- Some women prefer to wear a top with a skirt or pants, instead of a dress. You will need to undress from your waist up for the mammogram.

What happens if my mammogram is normal?
Continue to get regular mammograms. Mammograms work best when they can be compared with previous ones. This allows your doctor to compare them to look for changes in your breasts.

What happens if my mammogram is abnormal?

If it is abnormal, do not panic. An abnormal mammogram does not always mean that there is cancer. But you will need to have additional mammograms, tests, or exams before the doctor can tell for sure. You may also be referred to a breast specialist or a surgeon. It does not necessarily mean you have cancer or need surgery. These doctors are experts in diagnosing breast problems.

Where can I get a mammogram and who can I talk to if I have questions?

• If you have a regular doctor, talk to him or her.

• Call the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (CIS) at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237). For TTY: 1-800-332-8615.

• For Medicare information, you can call 1-800 MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or visit The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has a program called the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, which works with health departments and other groups to provide low-cost or free mammograms to women who qualify. Find out if you qualify.

Health News in Brief

Women's Health Luncheon

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Raulerson Hospital will host a Women's Health Luncheon. Learn from guest speakers from Raulerson Hospital's medical staff and enjoy a delicious complimentary lunch on Oct. 10 in the Indian River State College - Williamson Conference Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please RSVP: 863-763-9228. Speakers and topics will include: Dr. James Bradford Certified Gynecologist; Dr. Gregory Sainoval - Sterotactic Breast Biopsy; Dr. Epstein - Osteoporosis; and more.

Mammogram screenings

Raulerson Hospital's Outpatient Department will offer evening hours for screening mammograms on Thursdays Oct. 11 and Oct. 25, at 1926 U.S. 441 North from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For information or to make an appointment, call 863-763-9228.

Advanced directives sessions

Raulerson Hospital will host a session with "Everything you need to know about Advanced Directives" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria at 10

a.m. Refreshments will be served. RSVP: to 863-763-9228.

Hospital hosting tour of Mammography Suite

Meet the director of Radiology and tour the Mammography Suite at Raulerson Hospital on Friday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. The program will be in the Raulerson Hospital cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. RSVP: 863-763-9228.

Relay for Life Kickoff celebration planned

Please come and join us at Lunker's Sports Grill on Thursday, Oct. 11, to help kick off the 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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Reduce your risk of breast cancer

By Mayo Clinic staff

If you're concerned about breast cancer, you may be wondering if there are steps you can take toward breast cancer prevention. Understand the lifestyle factors that may affect your risk of breast cancer and what you can do to stay healthy.

What can I do to reduce my risk of breast cancer?

Breast cancer prevention begins with various factors you can control. For example:

- Limit alcohol. The more alcohol you drink, the greater your risk of developing breast cancer. If you choose to drink alcohol — including beer, wine or liquor — limit yourself to no more than one drink a day.

- Control your weight. Being overweight or obese increases the risk of breast cancer. This is especially true if obesity occurs later in life, particularly after menopause.

- Get plenty of physical activity. Being physically active can help you maintain a healthy weight, which, in turn, helps prevent breast cancer. For most healthy adults, the Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity (think brisk walking or swimming) or 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity (such as running), in addition to strength training exercises at least twice a week. If you're just starting a physical activity program, start slowly and build intensity gradually.

- Breast-feed. Breast-feeding may also play a role in breast cancer prevention. The longer you breast-feed, the greater the protective effect.

- Discontinue hormone therapy. Long-term combination hormone therapy increases the risk of breast cancer. If you're taking hormone therapy for menopausal symptoms, ask your doctor about other options. You may be able to manage your symptoms with non-hormonal therapies, such as physical activity. If you decide that the benefits of short-term hormone therapy outweigh the risks, consider using the lowest dose that's effective for your symptoms, and plan to use it only temporarily.

- Avoid exposure to environmental pollu-

tion. While further studies are needed, some research suggests a link between breast cancer and exposure to the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons found in vehicle exhaust and air pollution.

Can a healthy diet prevent breast cancer?

Research shows that eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables doesn't offer direct protection from breast cancer. In addition, a recent study of dietary fat and breast cancer showed only a slight decrease in the risk of invasive breast cancer for women who ate a low-fat diet. However, eating a healthy diet may decrease your risk of other diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke. A healthy diet can also help you maintain a healthy weight — a key factor in breast cancer prevention.

Is there a link between birth control pills and breast cancer?

Current evidence suggests that use of oral contraceptives doesn't increase the risk of breast cancer. While older research showed a slight increase in risk, those studies included pills with higher estrogen doses than what's available today. In addition, the older research showed that 10 or more years after stopping oral contraceptives, the risk of breast cancer returned to the same level as that of women who never used oral contraceptives.

What else can I do?

Be vigilant about breast cancer detection.

If you notice any changes in your breasts, such as a new lump or skin changes, consult your doctor for an evaluation. Also, ask your doctor when to begin mammograms and other screening procedures to detect breast cancer.

Remember, it's not always possible to prevent breast cancer. By practicing healthy habits, however, you're taking an active role in breast cancer prevention.

Source: MayoClinic.com



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**By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
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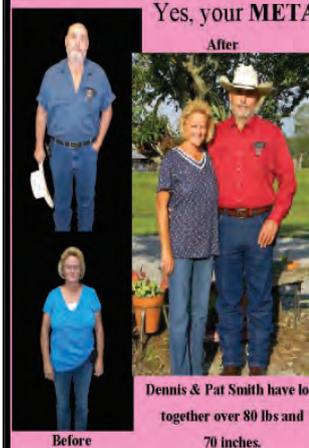
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Yearling soccer team defeats rival Osceola

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School broke loose from a tight match at halftime for the second time this week as they defeated the Osceola Warriors 6-1 Wednesday in soccer to sweep the season series between the two Okeechobee middle schools.

Osceola had some early chances which included a breakaway one-on-one chance by Jose Garcia but were unable to take advantage of the opportunities. Javier Hernandez opened the scoring 10 minutes into the match to give Yearling the advantage. Osceola made a poor clearing pass in the center of the field and Hernandez took advantage. Osceola responded with a goal from Jose Jaimes a few minutes later and trailed 2-1 at the half.

Osceola Coach Jorje Botello said he was real pleased with how the team played in the first half. He said the team still has the potential to finish the year strong as they play two matches with Gifford and a third with Oslo before the end of the campaign.

Gabriel Hernandez had two goals for the Bulls (7-1). Giovanni Garcia-Aguirre had one goal and two assists. Jose Orozco, Alberto Diaz and Jose Delacruz also had goals for Yearling.

Bulls Coach Erick Rios said he felt his team showed excellent team work and skills in this match. He praised Jesus Garcia, Ricky Perez and Miguel Ray for strong work on defense and also congratulated his goal tender Bobby Gomez. At midfield Brandon Leal and Lazaro Nunez earned praise from the Yearling Coach.

Yearling plays their final home game of the year on Monday against Oslo at 4:30 p.m.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Daniel Shelley clears the soccer ball from the Warriors side of the field as Brandon Leal (left) defends.



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Miguel Raya (left) battles Jose Jaimes for possession of the ball near the Yearling net in the second half of Wednesday's middle school soccer showdown at Osceola Middle School.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD164

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Certificate No: 1431 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT M OF TRACT 31 W1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 31 36 34S 33E

1-36-34-33-0A00-00031-M000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 1st day of November, 2012. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD162

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

Certificate No: 704 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT C OF TRACT 10 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 10 22 34S 33E

1-22-34-33-0A00-00010-C000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 1st day of November, 2012. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD157

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

Certificate No: 249 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT G OF TRACT 19 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 19 22 34S 33E

1-12-34-33-0A00-00019-G000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 1st day of November, 2012. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD155

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

Certificate No: 75 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOTS K & L OF TRACT 1 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 1 09 34S 33E

1-09-34-33-0A00-00001-K000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CFS PROPERTIES INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 1st day of November, 2012. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
Deputy Clerk

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Date & Time: Friday, October 12, 2012 - 8:00 a.m.

Place: Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast DBA, Workforce Solutions 584 NW University Blvd., Suite 100 Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986

PURPOSE: To discuss matters concerning the Workforce Investment Act, Workforce Employment Opportunities, the Welfare Transition Program, One-Stop Career Centers, and the Workforce Development Board - DBA, Workforce Solutions. A copy of the agenda and access information may be obtained by contacting:

Workforce Solutions
584 NW University Blvd., Suite 100
Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986
772/335-3030

Should any person wish to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the above referenced meeting, they will need to ensure a verbatim recording of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, in order to provide a record for judicial review. 427967 ON 10/5/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD159

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

Certificate No: 490 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: LOTS K & L OF TRACT 11 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 11 & W1/2 OF W1/2 OF N1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 11 17 34S 33E

1-17-34-33-0A00-00011-K000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CFS PROPERTIES INC

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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD156

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

Certificate No: 198 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT O OF TRACT 21 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF S1/2 OF TRACT 21 11 34S 33E

1-11-34-33-0A00-00021-O000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD161

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

Certificate No: 627 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT G OF TRACT 5 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 05 21 34S 33E

1-21-34-33-0A00-00005-G000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 1st day of November, 2012. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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Okeechobee County, Florida
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Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE

The Value Adjustment Board of Okeechobee County will convene its **Annual Organizational Meeting** on Wednesday October 17, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office no later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Commissioner Joey Hoover, Chairman
Value Adjustment Board

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Value Adjustment Board
427820 ON 10/5/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD160

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

Certificate No: 618 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT F OF TRACT 32 E1/2 OF W1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 32 20 34S 33E

1-20-34-33-0A00-00032-F000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD166

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

Certificate No: 3377 Year of Issuance: June-01-2009

Description of Property: 1ST ADDITION TO CITY OF OKEECHOBEE E 51.75 FT OF LOT 9 BLOCK 239 DESC AS FOLLOWS: COM AT THE SW COR OF LOT 2 BLOCK X SOUTH OKEECHOBEE RUN N ALONG THE W BDRY LINE OF BLOCK X DIST OF 40.66 FT TO A PT ON THE HOPKINS M/L THENCE RUN S 56 DEG 13 MIN 00 SEC W ALONG HOPKINS M/L DIST OF 9.97 FT THENCE RUN N 36.09 FT FOR A POB THENCE CONT N DIST OF 34.64 FT THENCE RUN E DIST OF 51.73 FT THENCE RUN S 56 DEG 13 MIN W FOR A DIST OF 62.30 FT TO THE POB, ALSO A PORTION OF ABANDONED 30 FT COUNTY RD DESC AS FOLLOWS: COM AT THE SW COR OF BLOCK X SOUTH OKEECHOBEE RUN THENCE N DIST OF 40.66 FT TO A PT ON THE HOPKINS M/L THENCE RUN S 56 DEG 13 MIN W ALONG HOPKINS M/L DIST OF 9.97 FT FOR A POB THENCE RUN N DIST OF 36.09 FT THENCE RUN N 56 DEG 13 MIN 00 SEC E DIST OF 89.28 FT THENCE RUN E DIST OF 52.98 FT TO A PT ON THE HOPKINS M/L THENCE RUN S 56 DEG 13 MIN W ALONG HOPKINS M/L FOR A DIST OF 153.10 FT TO POB

3-21-37-35-0020-02390-0090
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: SUSAN J SULLIVAN ESTATE

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Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Robin R. Parrish
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2012TD161

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Certificate No: 627 Year of Issuance: May-30-2008

Description of Property: LOT G OF TRACT 5 W1/2 OF E1/2 OF S1/2 OF N1/2 OF TRACT 05 21 34S 33E

1-21-34-33-0A00-00005-G000
Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: CHL HOLDINGS INC

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CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AND BE ADVISED that no stenographic record by a certified court reporter will be made of the foregoing meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at said meeting upon which any appeal is to be based. Please contact Sue Christopher, 863-763-4423, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda.

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by: Jamie Gamliota, Code Board Chairperson
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Brahmans face Forest Hill Falcons in road game

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News



Scouting Report

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Okeechobee continues district play to-night when they visit Forest Hill in a pivotal matchup for the Brahman playoff hopes.

Okeechobee (2-3) comes off an impressive 38-23 victory over Martin County while Forest Hill (1-4) lost to Inlet Grove last week, 3-0.

The Falcons have some threats on offense as running back Elgin Wilson has rushed for 368 yards and over six yards per carry this year. Quarterback Shannon Patrick has been accurate through the air as he's completed 34 of 52 passes for 418 yards and five scores.

His top targets include Shaborn Marshall who has 284 yards in receptions and Brian Bedard who has caught seven passes for 79 yards this year.

Forest Hill opened the year with a victory over Summit Christian. They have lost to Wellington, Boynton Beach and South Fork.

Brahman Coach Chris Branham said he wants his teams to avoid lulls in the game. He said his team is not used to being ahead and sometimes relax and exhale.

"We have got to finish teams off. Forest Hill is very explosive and they're dangerous," he added.

Branham said his defensive secondary must improve their pass coverage and his defensive line must do a better job keeping blockers off the linebackers.

While Branham said he feels the defense can play better, his offense has started to come together. Last week Okeechobee got 243 yards rushing from DJ Washington and

a solid passing game from quarterback La-Vante Spivey.

"We need a play maker and we felt we needed to get the ball in Spivey's hands. He has done a good job for us," he added.

Spivey will start again at quarterback but the Brahmans will also use Jack Radebaugh and even Washington in certain formations.

On the injury front Okeechobee will be without starting offensive tackle Cody Walker who suffered a dislocated knee cap against Martin County. Ethan Parriott will replace him in the starting lineup. Elijowan Williams twisted an ankle in practice but is expected to play.

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OHS JV football team falls to South Fork, 22-8

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A lack of offense and turnovers doomed the Okeechobee High School Brahman junior varsity team as they couldn't hold an early advantage and fell to South Fork 22-8 on Wednesday night in Okeechobee.

Terrence Boswell brought the partisan crowd to their feet in the first quarter when he caused a fumble, then scooped up the loose football, and ran 60 yards for an Okeechobee touchdown. Okeechobee ran in the two point conversion to take an (8-0) lead.

From there it was all South Fork who consistently moved the football on the ground behind Randall Cooper, quarterback Trevor Boyce and Dante Graham.

Brahman Coach Chris Hall said his team would learn some lessons from this game about character and discipline. He noted they made some silly mistakes that they must fix.

"When you win its easy because everybody has fun and has a good time. The question for the kids now is as they struggle a bit do they put blame on others or take responsibility. We'll mature a little bit and face some tough challenges ahead," he added.

Okeechobee held tough on defense. Cornelius Horton had a pair of sacks in the first half. Fred Bradley recovered two fumbles. John Lashley made a key fourth down hit on a goal line stand in the second half for OHS. Cameron Morris and Arthur Woodruff also had several tackles for Okeechobee.

On offense Angel Garcia led the team in rushing. He had a 22-yard burst in the first half. Wyatt Bessenbacher had a 35-yard kick return.

South Fork also scored when Boyce hit Walter Thomas on a 27-yard pass in the second quarter. He scored on a one-yard run on the next play to make the score (8-6) at halftime.

Coach Hall said he felt the Brahmans competed well in the first half but looked



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brahman QB Cory Surls was under pressure all night as the JV team fell to South Fork 22-8.

a little flat in the second half, "We couldn't move the ball and they hurt us with inside blitzes. We have adjusted to those things but we'll figure it out."

Dalton Deakins added a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown for South Fork. Their defense also ripped the ball free from QB Cory Surls in the third quarter and returned the fumble 51 yards for another touchdown. Chandler Leglighter had an interception for South Fork.

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Swim team seniors



Senior members of the Okeechobee High School swim team were honored at their last home meet on Monday, Oct. 1. Left to right are Lexi Manson, Sage Douglas (captain), Macy Gamiotea (captain), Amber Walker and coach Steve Neafsey.



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Senior members of the Okeechobee High School swim team were honored at their last home meet on Monday, Oct. 1. Left to right are Maddie Bean, DJ Nunez, Dalton Hodges (captain), Jordan Bolan (captain), Katie VanBeek (C) captain), and OHS swim coach Steve Neafsey.

Community Events

Rockin' Rod Car Show and Swap Meet

The ARC of Okeechobee will host the Okeechobee Rockin' Rod Car Show and Swap Meet on Sunday, **Oct. 14** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This car show will be at the Philippine American Cultural Foundation, 5154 SW 16th Avenue in Okeechobee. They are looking for vendors and sponsors. For more information, check out the website www.okeechobeerockinrodshow.com or contact event chair, Sid Estrada at 863-610-0515, Jeannie Bramlett at 863-261-6594, or event consultant, Chris McArthur at 863-697-8721.

Habitat for Humanity Benefit planned

On Sunday, **Oct. 14**, a Habitat for Humanity Benefit will feature a pork loin dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Native American Story Teller & Fur Trader. The benefit is at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church 312 N Parrott Ave. Tickets can be picked up at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church office Wednesday, Oct. 10, or Friday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance, they will not be sold at the door. Adults \$10, Children (age 10 and under) \$5

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Special to the Okeechobee News/J. O'Mallan

Soccer field makeover

On Saturday, Sept. 29, about 30 volunteers gave their time and talents to improving the soccer fields. Natural wear and tear on the fields has produced uneven areas that can be unsafe and an eyesore. JMC Landscaping, Inc. donated four pallets of sod to fill pot holes and dirt spots across three fields. Team members and their families of Okeechobee Club Soccer, Kassel's Construction and JMC Landscaping stayed after their soccer games to lay sod in the heat of the day. Thank you coaches, players and friends for your generous contributions.



Special to the Okeechobee News/IRSC

FLW College tournament

Indian River State College anglers, Kyle Monti and Mike Cornell, both of Okeechobee, finished third at the FLW College Fishing Southeastern Conference Championship in South Carolina, Saturday. For their efforts the team won \$3,000. Four regular-season qualifying events were held in each conference – Central, Northern, Southeastern, Southern and Western – the top five teams from each regular-season event qualified for one of five conference championships.

Real Life Children's Ranch Yard Sale extends sale days

Until further notice, the Real Life Children's Ranch yard sale will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come out for great bargains.

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 is at the Fisheating Creek WMA check-station at the FEC Campground in Palmdale on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. Individuals must be present to get a permit. Permittees will be allowed to take wild hogs with no size or bag limit.

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