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Voter registration closes Oct. 9

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Florida residents who are not registered to vote have two more days to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election.

The Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8 and Tuesday, Oct. 9. Those who have never voted, moved from another state or allowed their voter registration to lapse must register by 5 p.m. on Oct. 9 in order to be eligible to vote in the election.

Voters can also register to vote by mail, explained Supervisor of Elections Gwen Chan-

dler. She said the registration must be post-marked by Oct. 9 to qualify.

She said if possible they encourage new voters to register in person rather than by mail.

"If they register at the office, we will do our best to make sure the voter registration is complete," she explained. "If they register by mail and it isn't complete, it won't count."

She said registration must be done either in person or by mail because they must have an original signature on the form. They cannot accept registration by email. Those who want to save time can go online and print out the application and fill it out before they stop by the

Supervisor of Elections Office, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 144 in the old courthouse.

She said those registering before Nov. 6 do not have to declare a political party if they don't wish to. All registered voters will vote in the general election.

Mrs. Chandler advises all prospective voters to check their voter status. If you moved and did not give the Supervisor of Elections Office your new address, your voter registration may have lapsed. "We are required to send out mailings to registered voters," she explained. If

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Seminole Elementary

Johnny Appleseed Day

The students in Mrs. Sickels' class at Seminole Elementary celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day by dressing up like the legendary apple pioneer and traveling the school to plant hundreds of apple trees throughout the campus. Their "core" curriculum for the day included a lesson in apple fractions and a scientific "Five Senses" apple tasting of six different varieties of apples.

Code board to consider foreclosure

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When they meet Tuesday evening the City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board will consider imposing fines in four cases and possibly recommending foreclosure in a fifth case.

Properties at 206 S.W. Ninth Ave. and 1018 N.W. Fifth Ave., both owned by Alumni Partners II, have been cited for public nuisance and general cleaning and beautification.

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If you go ...

WHAT: City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board
When: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9
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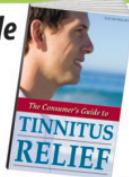
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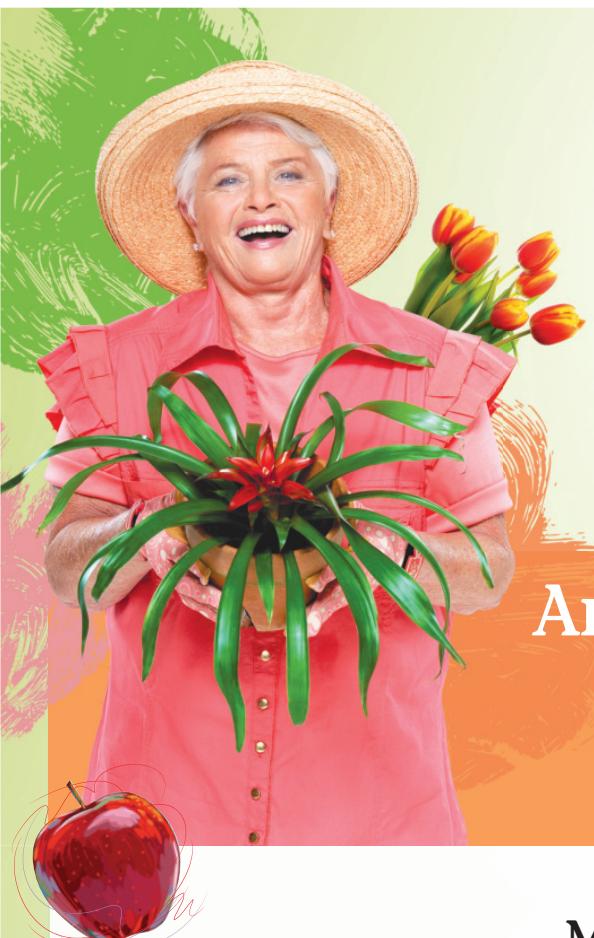
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Public Forum/Speak Out

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

Taxes

- This is fact. The top 1 percent wage earners in America pay 40 percent of the taxes. The top 5 percent pay 70 percent of taxes. The bottom 46.8 percent pay no federal income tax. How much do you want the highest earners to pay? Take a close look at Spain, Portugal and Greece where only the top 5 percent pay income taxes. How is that working out? By the way, 100 percent of the people in Germany pay taxes. Amazing. They are doing pretty well. Imagine that. They got it figured out and now we're following the rest of Europe's example. I am amazed at the ignorance of a large portion of the country. The left media in the U.S.A. is to thank for our demise.

Drug testing

- I am saddened that our school system is to the point of considering random drug testing. School should be a safe place for learning. But certainly kids who are on drugs are not ready to learn and are disruptive to the whole classroom.

- I think they should drug test all students and all teachers. It's not fair to single out a few. Start with the principal and test the whole school. Treat them all exactly the same.

- How about if they only use testing like they would in worker's comp cases - in case of incident and spend the money on education where it belongs.

Politics

- What difference does it make what a political promises during the campaign? None of them ever keep their promises. Many of the promises they make depend on other people's cooperation which they cannot control. A county commissioner cannot do anything such as raise deputy's salaries, because he is one person and it takes a majority vote. The only politicians who can make and keep promises by themselves are

constitutional officers such as the sheriff, but even they are limited the restrictions of the budget.

- I heard there was a drinking game associated with the political debate. People pick certain catch phrases to trigger various drinks. Apparently the political debates make more sense when you are not sober.

- Count me among those who hit the mute button every time ANY political advertisement comes on. I was changing the channel, but the ads seem to be nonstop on every channel. What a shame they are throwing away millions of dollars on these television ads that people just find annoying. Think of the good they could have done with that money. Think of the hungry children they could have fed, the people's homes they could have saved from foreclosure. Instead they throw millions on television ads that no one wants to watch.

- This has been a particularly ugly campaign season on every level. I cannot believe the wild accusations going back and forth in so many races. Instead of attacking the other guy, they should be explaining what they will do to help this community, state or country. But none of them do that. They just attack, attack, attack. And there are no rules about truth in advertising. They are all misrepresenting the facts, if not downright lying. Instead of staying above the dirt, they are all rolling around in the mud together. None of them deserve any votes, but what choice do we have.

Hazardous roadway

I do a lot of driving between Okeechobee and West Palm Beach on SR 710, between Okeechobee county line and Indiantown there are Brazilian pepper trees growing out almost to the edge of the road, it makes it impossible to pull off the road if you have a flat tire and really bad for the people that live there in Martin County. My mother in law lives there in Indiantown, she has almost been hit twice in the last month coming off her road. You have to pull almost out on 710 to see around the over growth. Something needs to be done before someone gets killed there along 710. I know I have had a few close calls coming back to Okeechobee after leaving her house to come onto SR 710. I know at one time the DOT had prisoners out there clearing it back, but don't know if they still do that or not, but it would be a good way to clear it back, with all the recent rain it makes it grow quick, also the undergrowth causes the ditches to drain slower.

Reflections from the pulpit

The Pearl of Great Price

By Calvin Fryar, pastor
Brighton Baptist Church

Matthew 13:44—"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. 45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: 46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

In this parable, a man finds some treasure and immediately buys the field in order to gain the treasure therein. Since the field represents the world, you may ask, "Why was the field (the world) purchased? Did the Lord want the planet?" My answer to your question would be, "No, He already owned it—He made it! He wanted the treasure that was buried in the world. He wanted you."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field": the Lord entered the world and he found faith in a Roman soldier; He found faith in Gentile women; He found faith in a Samaritan woman; He sought and found faith in that little man up a tree called Zacchaeus; He found faith and courage in a crude fisherman called Peter; He found faith in Saul of Tarsus the persecutor (Who later became the great apostle Paul.) and the list goes on. As great and wonderful as this list is, it is not complete without the addition of your name—and remember, Jesus paid the price because to Him you are the greatest of treasures.

THIS PRICELESS TREASURE found in the world is the church of the Lord Jesus. Jesus based this parable on a fact that was understood by those living in the day of His ministry. Many people would hide their treasure in the ground to protect it from invaders. And according to Jewish law, if man found treasure in loose coins among the corn, it would certainly be his, if he bought the corn.—Edersheim.

Based upon the customs of the day and this parable, Jesus entered the world to gather treasure for the Father. There is a most interesting verse in Malachi 3:17: "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Jesus came to gather the Jewels for the Father—Jewels that have been hidden in the world among men. However, the men of our day do not easily see or understand this treasure but it will soon be revealed for all to see.

THIS PEARL IS TREASURED above all other treasures. But like an earthly pearl that begins as a pain in the oyster's stomach, the Lord Jesus suffered untold agony to purchase this pearl of great price. To Him it is priceless. We do not understand the worth of the church

in the eyes of our God but when the bride of Christ appears in all of her glory, we will understand.

Buying the box and returning the pearls: this Chinese idiom means grasping the shadow and letting go the substance, or taking the wrong thing. To relate this truth they tell a story; a jeweler from the state of Chu came to the state of Zheng to sell his pearls. He made a box of high-quality wood, decorated it beautifully and treated it with high-quality perfume until it gave off a rich, pleasant fragrance. He then placed the pearls in the box. When a man in the state of Zheng saw that the box was so beautiful, he paid a high price for it, took the box, but returned the pearls to the jeweller. The man of Zheng knew that the box was beautiful, but he did not know that the pearls were many times more valuable than the box.—Chinese Idioms—Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations

A pearl is made the following way: A grain of sand is sucked in by clams with their food. Every nine months the clam throws off a milky secretion, which forms a new coating of mother-of-pearl inside the shell—white, blue, or pink. A coating of this substance forms around the intruding grain of sand, which must be a constant annoyance to the clam, and thus in the course of time the pearl is formed.—Practical Bible Illustrations.

Again, the church may be compared to a pearl because it is hidden within the field (the world), the church may be compared to a pearl because of her formation around an injury—the cross of Christ and the church may be compared to a pearl because of its priceless beauty before the Lord. The priceless nature of the church is not found within the nature of the church but in her Lord.

For many centuries genuine pearls commanded a high price because of their scarcity. Great quantities of oysters had to be examined before a few could be found that contained the coveted treasures. Then suddenly the market became flooded with them. After some investigation the mystery of the abundant supply was revealed. Enterprising individuals had discovered that if a foreign object is lodged in its tender flesh, the oyster will form a glistening pearl around the source of discomfort. Deciding to help nature along, these men artificially induced the process by inserting irritants such as tiny beads and buckshot into the shells. When the pearls had formed, they were carefully harvested. Wealthy patrons became suspicious, however, and insisted that the lustrous jewels be subjected to special tests. Though outwardly they seemed perfect, the x-ray showed their impurity, for they had "false hearts" of lead or glass. The true heart of the church is the Lord Jesus Christ.—Encyclopedia of 15,000 Illustrations

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Community Events

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.

Grand Oaks to host Diabetes seminar

Living with Diabetes will be presented by Wanda Haas, RN CDE at the Grand Oaks Assisted Living Community, 203 SE 2nd Street in the Activities Room at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, **Oct. 10**. The seminar is offered by Visiting Nurses Association.

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.

Obituaries

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

Noah Edgar Taylor, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Noah Edgar Taylor, passed away Oct. 4, 2012 in Okeechobee.

He was born Jan. 21, 1939 in Douglas, Ga. to George and Cora Mae Taylor. He came to Okeechobee in 1981 from Cortez, Fla. where he was a Pastor. He was the Pastor of North Okeechobee Church of God for 23 years.

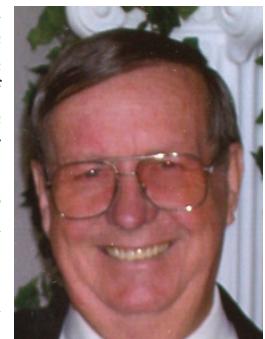
Pastor Taylor was preceded in death by his three sisters, Doreen Bennett, Aleine Harper and Bernice Day.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret Emily Taylor; two sons, Gary Taylor (Cheryl) and Danny Taylor (Lisa); two daughters, Pamlyn Taylor (Craig) all of Bradenton, Fla. and Sandy Winkler (Ron) of Concord, N.C.; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; three brothers, Junior Taylor of Douglas, Ga., Eugene Taylor (Grace) of Ellenton, Fla. and Carroll Taylor (Diane) of Douglas, Ga.; three sisters, Evelyn Roberts of Apopka, Fla., Ruth Jones of Douglas, GA and Barbara Jean Dykes (Clyde) of Needham, Ala.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012 at the Buxton Chapel, 110 NE 5th ST, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 8, 2012 at North Okeechobee Church of God with Pastor Don Leon, Rev. Clyde Dykes and Rev. James Brewer officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family at P.O. Box 1136, Okeechobee FL 34973. Friends may sign the guest book at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com

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



Donald Lovesee, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Donald Lovesee of Okeechobee passed away October 3, 2012.

He was born April 10, 1939 in Warren, Ohio. Mr. Lovesee proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He came to Okeechobee from Youngstown, Ohio in 1987. He was a retired electrician, avid fisherman and member of Life Community Church. He married Karen Lovesee June 7, 1969.

Mr. Lovesee is survived by his wife of 43 years, Karen Lovesee of Okeechobee; sisters in Ohio; brother-in-law, Randy Bulmer (Billie Rae) of Aetna, Ohio; many loving nieces, nephews, close friends and church family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Life Community Church Memorial Fund, 701 S Parrott AVE, Okeechobee FL 34974.

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Stroke Support group offered

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will be host a Stroke Support Group on Wednesday, **Oct. 10**, at 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage, Assisted Living Facility, located at 608 N.E. 2nd Avenue. The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, Physical Therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. Refreshments will be served and day care services will be provided during session at no cost. There is No charge to attend and it is open for public, family and patients. For more information call 863-763-1700.

Coffee with the Commissioner

Coffee with the Commissioner will be hosted by Commissioner Bryant Culpepper 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, Okeechobee. Citizens wishing to participate are encouraged to call 863-763-6441 to schedule an appointment.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve liver and onions dinner by Carla on Tuesday, **Oct. 9**, at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Jimmy Durante Child Abuse Fund. For more info please call 863-467-1154.

Autism Support Group to meet

The Autism support group meets the second Tuesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Public Library. The speaker for the **Oct. 9**, meeting will address helpful behavior strategies used to gain the cooperation of children and adults with autism. Upcoming speakers will deal with social security and guardianship issues. For more information please contact Linda Pierce, FAU Center for Autism & Related Disabilities, at 772-873-3422, or e-mail her at lpeirce@fau.edu.

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Rabies vaccinations important to control disease

Special to the Okeechobee News

The first known case of rabies in Florida was recorded as "hydrophobia" on a death certificate of a 38-year-old man from Key West in 1881. Since then, a total of 73 human cases of rabies have been reported as Florida-Acquired. By the beginning of the Twentieth Century severe outbreaks of canine rabies were occurring in most major Florida cities. Resulting in 14 human cases reported between 1911 and 1913. The last case of human rabies acquired in Florida was reported in 1948 when a man from Tampa was bitten by a neighbor's dog.

The disease in dogs was finally brought under control in the early 1950s as public

concern lead to passage of rabies vaccination and animal control ordinances in many Florida cities and counties. Vaccination of cats was not included in many local ordinances. However, in 1994 the State Legislature passed a state-wide law to include vaccination of cats. Ferrets were mandated to be vaccinated in 1998.

Rabies in raccoons and other wildlife is considered to be endemic throughout the state. Raccoons, foxes and bats represent the greatest number of cases in wildlife. Cats lead the list of domestic animals with reported rabies. Outbreaks of rabies in raccoon populations often affect foxes, bobcats, otters and unvaccinated cats, dogs, horses and livestock.

Human exposure to rabies most often involves the bite of a rabid animal. The threat of rabies transmission from animals to humans requires a state-wide surveillance system with thorough investigation and follow-up of all persons exposed to an animal bite.

Successful control of this disease in any community relies on citizens to have their animals vaccinated for rabies. Avoid direct human and domestic animal contact with wild animals. Do not allow your animals to run free. Never feed or attract wild or stray animals. Feed your pets indoors.

If your animal is attacked by a wild, stray or unvaccinated animal, DO NOT examine your pet for injuries without wearing rubber gloves. DO wash your pet with soap and water to remove saliva from the attacking animal. DO NOT let your animal come into contact with other animals or people until the situation can be assessed by local animal control and the county health department.

Remember human acquired rabies is a fatal, but highly preventable disease. Report all animal bites of any kind to your local county animal control who in-turn will notify the county health department for follow-up of all persons exposed to an animal bite.

Contact the Okeechobee County Health Department at 863-462-5805 for assistance.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2012

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

LAST WEEK						
COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	Avg:	WEEK:	
800-1000	111	50.00	- 85.00	68.27	72.29	
1000-1200	184	57.00	- 87.00	74.44	76.60	
1200-1400	95	65.00	- 83.00	75.61	79.18	
1400-1600	37	65.00	- 85.00	77.46	82.00	
1600-1800	11	72.00	- 84.00	78.91	89.00	

BULLS:		LOW:	HIGH:	Avg:	WEEK:	
1200-1400	7	75.00	- 95.00	81.67	91.00	
1400-1600	18	75.00	- 103.00	87.60	85.29	
1600-1800	19	78.00	- 101.00	88.86	88.83	

STEERS:		LOW:	HIGH:	Avg:	WEEK:	
200-250	56	100.00	- 280.00	193.08	201.00	
250-300	71	130.00	- 220.00	173.71	192.96	
300-350	140	115.00	- 195.00	158.20	165.41	
350-400	194	105.00	- 185.00	151.47	153.28	
400-450	261	105.00	- 175.00	146.51	145.38	
450-500	222	110.00	- 162.50	139.18	139.97	
500-550	191	110.00	- 152.50	131.82	130.42	
550-600	112	110.00	- 141.00	127.11	127.07	
600-650	60	110.00	- 137.50	124.04	124.52	
650-700	37	109.00	- 136.00	122.72	122.64	
700-750	19	105.00	- 130.00	119.80	122.00	

HEIFERS:		LOW:	HIGH:	Avg:	WEEK:	
200-250	47	132.50	- 220.00	167.12	155.00	
250-300	73	105.00	- 195.00	140.96	155.11	
300-350	106	112.50	- 172.50	135.98	141.53	
350-400	161	115.00	- 155.00	129.90	133.24	
400-450	199	105.00	- 145.00	124.85	131.32	
450-500	154	100.00	- 150.00	121.71	126.53	
500-550	115	90.00	- 150.00	123.97	124.31	
550-600	50	90.00	- 150.00	121.36	116.57	
600-650	28	112.50	- 145.00	120.93	110.70	

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In Honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Raulerson Hospital presents:

Women's Health Luncheon

October 10th, 2012

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Williamson Conference Center (Raulerson Hospital Auditorium)

2229 N.W. 9th Ave. Okeechobee, FL 34972

Lunch - 11:30 a.m.

Presentations - Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Learn from members of our medical staff about the latest prevention, detection and treatment for medical issues facing women.

Speakers and topics will include:

Dr. James Bradfield, Board Certified Gynecologist

Dr. Gregory Sainval - Stereotactic Breast Biopsy

Dr. Benjamin Epstein - Osteoporosis

And more!

The lunch and the lecture are complimentary. Invite your sister, your mom and your friends. Space is limited.

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Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming east northeast around 5 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. East northeast wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Columbus Day: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 91. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. Northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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. 9th Ave., from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please RSVP: 863-763-9228. Speakers and topics will include: Dr. James Bradfield Certified Gynecologist; Dr. Gregory Saino - Stereotactic Breast Biopsy; Dr. Epstein - Osteoporosis; and more.

Raulerson Hospital offers minimally invasive treatment for bladder control issues

More than 33 million people in America—1 in 6 adults—suffer from bladder control issues. This embarrassing issue can prevent people from enjoying life.

Finding relief from the symptoms of overactive bladder can be a long journey. Raulerson Hospital offers a minimally invasive procedure called InterStim Therapy to help those affected, regain their sense of control and get back to living!

InterStim Therapy treats urinary retention (inability to completely empty the bladder) and the symptoms of overactive bladder, including urinary urge incontinence (leakage) and significant symptoms of urgency-frequency. InterStim Therapy should be used if other treatments such as medications and behavioral therapy have not worked or could not be tolerated.

InterStim Therapy works by targeting the miscommunication between the brain and the sacral nerves using mild electrical pulses. InterStim therapy is often referred to as a 'pacemaker' for the bladder. It has been FDA approved since 1997 for urge incontinence and since 1999 for urinary retention and urgency-frequency.

People suffering from overactive bladder can even participate in a trial assessment of

InterStim Therapy to test it without making a long-term commitment. If bladder control issues are affecting your life and other treatments have been unsuccessful, talk to your doctor about whether you are a good candidate for InterStim Therapy.

To learn more about InterStim Therapy at Raulerson Hospital or for a free physician referral call Consult-A-Nurse at 863-763-9228.

Blood drives planned

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.
- Saturday, Oct. 27 – Wal Mart, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

There are 12 months in the year, and hundreds of organizations and causes claiming a month to highlight their specific issue. October has its share of great causes. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence (DV) is a plague to our community, and our society in general. It impacts hundreds of families in Okeechobee. Hundreds! Statistics tell us one part of the story, but not the most important part.

Many injuries treated in the emergency room are the result of domestic violence. This causes a diversion of funds, either the individual's or the tax payer's, from other productive uses. But that is not the most important part either.

People take days off work, or don't work productively, when they can't present themselves either physically or emotionally prepared for work, causing large losses

in economic productivity. This is a serious problem, but it's just money.

The welfare rolls often swell as families are devastated, divided, and become in need of different help. We are a rich nation and we can afford to help, and I don't think anyone would begrudge a little help given when needed.

Our law enforcement officials risk their lives going to DV calls, which can be the most dangerous calls of all. But that's their job, so gut it up, right?

So is Domestic Violence really an important cause worthy of a month of its own?

Perhaps it is when: I hear the quiet sobbing of child hiding under a bed, covering ears, wondering if mommy is ok, and when will it be safe to come out? Perhaps you hear it too.

Perhaps it is when: I see a sleep deprived

pair of child's eyes, innocence gone, questions unanswered. You see them. Can you answer, "Why is this happening?"

Perhaps it is when: I notice the child in school, unable to relate or trying too hard, or bullying a perceived lesser, or looking for love in all the wrong places. I know when you look around you notice her too.

Perhaps it is when: I catch the glance of a woman with a lowered countenance, she turns away hoping I didn't notice too much. Was she is nursing an injured arm, was that a bruise on her neck? or was I imagining that?

Perhaps it is when: I don't notice the woman who never gets out much. She isn't allowed to drive the car. She doesn't have money of her own. She's been told no one wants to see her; she is too valueless to be of

interest. Over time she has come to believe it. Now with no life of her own, diminished, embarrassed, swallowed by her own pain, she dies a quiet and lonely death that takes decades.

Is domestic violence worthy of its own month? No, I don't think so. No single month can contain what needs to be said about Domestic Violence. No single month of awareness will prevent the next woman or child from becoming a victim.

Domestic Violence needs every month, no, every day, to be on the forefront of our minds, then perhaps if each one us is saying "no, this can't be tolerated," then it will end.

Jonathan Bean,
Executive Director
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Shop with a Cop donation

The Okeechobee Fraternal Order of Police was the recipient of a very generous donation from a local business owner who wanted to help with the FOP's Shop with a Cop Christmas event. Doug Ward (second from right) and family, owners of W&W Equipment & Sod, presented the donation to the FOP on Sept. 6 at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). Accepting the donation was (left to right) Sheriff Paul May, OCSO Deputy Lieutenant Gary Bell and OCSO Deputy Corporal Michael Hazellief, who is also the president of the local FOP. Mr. Ward, a former law enforcement officer himself, made the donation to not only help local law enforcement but the Okeechobee community as well. The donation will help the FOP provide a happy Christmas experience for many local children this year.

525 vehicles pass through DUI checkpoint

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Law enforcement officers were kept busy at last week's DUI checkpoint as 525 vehicles were checked when they entered the intersection of S.R. 15 S. and S.W. Fourth St.

Although there were no arrests for driving under the influence at the Sept. 28 checkpoint, law enforcement personnel did issue 35 infraction citations. Those in-

fractions could include such things as failure to produce a driver's license or proof of insurance.

Besides those citations, 25 warnings were issued along with six faulty equipment cards.

A total of 28 members of law enforcement—representing the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, the Okeechobee City Police Department and the Florida Highway Patrol—took part in the one-night checkpoint.



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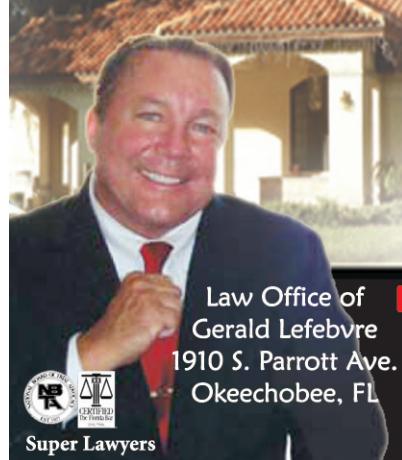
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Arrest Report

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

• Brandon Lee Williams, 18, was arrested Oct. 1 by Deputy Yamil Astacio on a felony charge of battery on a staff member by detainee. He is being held without bond.

• Jody Clinton Underhill, 50, N.W. 33rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 1 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear on bail. He is being held without bond.

• James Michael Bonea, 33, S.E. 27th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 1 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

• Willie Joe Harris, 34, N.W. 10th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 2 by Detective Javier Gonzalez on a warrant charging him with the felony of dealing in stolen

property. His bond was set at \$15,000.

- Sebastiana Lopez, 27, N.E. 207th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 2 by Deputy Raul Marrero on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of battery. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Kimberly Kay Lyons, 28, S.E. 66th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 2 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC amended warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure and violation of probation - grand theft. She is being held without bond.

- Amber Lynn Koebernik, 20, S.W. 19th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 2 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - child neglect. She is being held without bond.

- Brian G. Cooper, 44, S.E. 578th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 3 by Deputy Matthew Hurst on a Palm Beach County warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument (two counts) and violation of probation - grand theft (two counts). His bond was set at \$18,000.

- Nancy Lynn Smith, 27, of Hines Road, was arrested Oct. 4 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon (motor vehicle). Bond was set at \$100,000.

- Shelby Rmon Willis, 29, of N.E. 15th Avenue, was arrested Oct. 4 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a felony charge of grand theft and a misdemeanor charge of battery. Bond was set at \$7,500.

- Juan Carl Monterroso-Guiterez, 34, of N.W. Second Street, was arrested Oct. 4 on an Okeechobee County warrant and charged with failure of a sex offender to register with the sheriff's office. No bond was set.

- Tiffany Michelle Platt, 26, of U.S. Highway 441 N., was arrested Oct. 5 on a charge of violation of probation-fraudulent use of

a credit card. She was also charged with a misdemeanor county of VOP-petit theft. No bond was set.

- David Dean Beagle, 32, of U.S. Highway 441 S.E., was arrested Oct. 4 by OCSO Deputy Joseph Hall and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$2,500/

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.

OSCO Investigations

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

BURGLARY

- 100 block of S.W. 20th Terrace
- 2100 block of S.W. First Way
- 2200 block of N.E. Fifth St.
- 100 block of S.W. 20th Terrace
- 2400 block of N.W. Fifth St.
- 5600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3500 block of S.E. 25th Terrace
- 1200 block of S.E. 38th Trail
- 9900 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 4200 block of S.E. 49th Court (vehicle)
- 4200 block of S.E. 49th Court (vehicle)
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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- 3700 block of S.E. 25th St.

FRAUD

- 1700 block of S.R. 70 W. (check)
- 1700 block of N.E. Fourth St. (bank card)
- 400 block of N.W. Third St. (check)
- 1900 block of S.E. Ninth Ave

THEFT

- 2600 block of S.E. 44th Ave. (identity)
- 6300 block of S.E. 128th Ave. (4-wheeler)
- 1600 block of N.W. 42nd Ave.
- 4300 block of S.W. 13th Ave. (identity)
- 5000 block of U.S. 441 S.E. (vehicle)

VANDALISM

- N.E. 80th Ave.

Pet of the Week

Haley is a young female Dalmatian mix who was pulled from a "kill" shelter. She completed the SPIN training program. She 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.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Pet Rescue



THE RACE FOR U.S. SENATE

Florida voters face an important decision in the race for U.S. Senate. Read continuing coverage in this newspaper and tune-in to the statewide debate to learn more about the candidates and where they stand on the issues that matter the most to you. For more information visit www.beforeyouvote.org.

U.S. Senate Debate

Wed., Oct. 17, 2012

7:00 - 8:00 pm ET

Broadcast live from Nova Southeastern University



Connie Mack (R)

Bill Nelson (D)

Watch the LIVE debate on these stations on Oct. 17: Ft. Myers - WBBH 2 (NBC) / WZVN-HD 7 (ABC) • Gainesville - WCJB 20 (ABC)/CW 10 • Jacksonville - WTLV 12 (NBC) / WJXX 25 (ABC) • Miami - WTVJ 6 (NBC) • Orlando - WKMG 6 (CBS) • Panama City - WJHG 7 (NBC) • Pensacola - WEAR 3 (ABC) • Sarasota - WWSB 7 (ABC) • Tallahassee - WCTV 6 (CBS) • Tampa - WFTS 28 (ABC) • West Palm Beach - WPTV 5 (NBC)

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IRSC to host Health Sciences Alumni Dinner

The Indian River State College Health Sciences Department, in conjunction with the IRSC Foundation and Alumni Association, will host a Health Sciences Alumni Dinner. The event will be on Tuesday, Oct. 30, starting at 6 p.m. in the new IRSC Brown Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Room Y102, on 35th Street at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

The theme for the evening is, Pioneer Alumni Transforming Health Care with the

purpose of bringing alumni together to celebrate the "Pioneer Spirit of Caring." Proceeds from the event will be designated to health sciences student scholarship support. The keynote speaker for the evening will be IRSC alumna, Donna Vocelle, R.N., C.H.P., C.N.N.

Tickets are \$50 per person for an evening filled with a "healthy dose" of dinner, games, prizes, and more! All IRSC alumni are invited to return to The River and reconnect with

IRSC and fellow Pioneer graduates.

RSVPs must be received by Friday, Oct. 19, and attendance is limited to the first 75 who respond.

Reservations can be made online at: www.irscfoundation.org/p/144/events by clicking on the Health Science Alumni Dinner event or by contacting Terrea Cinkovic at 772-462-7254 or tcinkovi@irsc.edu.



Special to the Okeechobee News/EES

Students of the Week

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of Oct. 1-5 include: kindergarten students, Francisco Iberra-Bernal, Javier Diaz-Bucio, Adrian Zamora, Savannah Meeks; first graders, Blane Boyer, Iris Ramirez, Richard Druckenbrod, Jaedon Gilbert, Vicot Lopez, Nathaly Brandt; second grade, Cameron Ames, Taylor Elgin, Zarina Judilla, RJ Isales, Dasha Williams, Kaylee Stevens, Trinity Reynolds; third grade, Zane Hicks, Jessica Cordell, Ahdonna Harper, Charles Stevens, Tiadora Sontay-Perez; fourth grade, Balin Webb, Maddox Quinlin, Lanie Jarriel; fifth grade, Kara Hawk, Zoe Croft, Chelsea Burgos. Congratulations! to our many outstanding students.

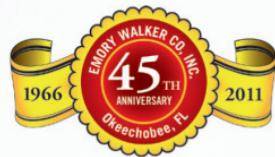


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Students of the Week

Yearling Middle School is pleased to announce the names of Students of the Week for the Week of Oct. 4, including: Standing left to right, Benito Espinoza, Edgar Luviano, Tim Nettles; sitting left to right, Janet Ramos, Rosa Norales and Zack Jackson.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SEACOAST NATIONAL BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BIG LAKE NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff, VS.
RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH; DEBORAH D. WAYTOVICH A/K/A DEBORAH D. EASTRIDGE; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORAH D. WAYTOVICH A/K/A DEBORAH D. EASTRIDGE; FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY, LLC; UNKNOWN TENANT #1; and UNKNOWN TENANT #2, the names being fictitious to account for parties in possession, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To: **RUSSELL D. WAYTOVICH**, and all other parties claiming by, through, under or against them, and the several and respective unknown assigns, successors in interest, trustees, or any other person or parties natural or corporate, or whose exact legal status is unknown, claiming under the above named defendants or parties claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereafter described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Okeechobee County, Florida:

LOT 78, OUSLEY ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 36 AND 37, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH 1990 GLEN HIS VIN#FLFLK79A08794GL & #FLFLK79B08794GL.

has been filed against you and you are required to copy a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Devin R. Maxwell, the plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 405 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, on or before Oct. 30, 2012, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

DATED on Sept. 19, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF COURT
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk
427149 ON 9/30/10/7/2012

Public Notice

**IN THE CIRUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 08-CA-78**

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,
VS.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SHEILA DIANE UTT A/K/A SHEILA UTT A/K/A SHEILA A. HALL, DECEASED, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated September 20, 2012 and entered in Case No. 08-CA-78 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for OKEECHOBEE County, Florida wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NA is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST, SHEILA DIANE UTT A/K/A SHEILA UTT A/K/A SHEILA A. HALL, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF SHEILA DIANE UTT A/K/A SHEILA UTT A/K/A SHEILA A. HALL, DECEASED, RONALD LEE UTT, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF SHEILA DIANE UTT A/K/A SHEILA UTT A/K/A SHEILA A. HALL, DECEASED; SHEILA DIANE STOKES, AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF SHEILA DIANE UTT A/K/A SHEILA UTT A/K/A SHEILA A. HALL, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; PALM VILLAGE RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER, 312 N.W. 3RD STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972 at 11:00AM, on the 5th day of December, 2012, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 180, PALM VILLAGE RANCH, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 34, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MOBILE HOME LOCATED THEREON AS A FIXTURE AND APPURTENANCE THERETO: 2005 CLAYTON, VIN# WHC013996GAA & 2HC013996GAB

A/K/A 4350 12TH WAY SW, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on September 21, 2012.

Sharon Robertson
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: Sandra L. Creech
Deputy Clerk

Ronald R. Woltz & Associates, P.L.

P.O. Box 25018

Tampa, Florida 33622-5018

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427388 ON 11/7/12/2012

NOTICE OF ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT INTENDED DECISION(S)

The District intends to approve of the Compliance Report(s) of the following permittee(s) and to make no change to the terms and conditions of the existing Consumptive Water Use Permit(s) described below at the District's Governing Board meeting on November 13, 2012.

The Okeechobee Partnership, PO Box 849, Wauchula, FL 33873, application #7167. This is a ten year compliance report review. The District proposes to authorize the continued use of 0.596 million gallons per day of groundwater for pasture irrigation, livestock watering, and household use. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of groundwater from the upper & lower Floridan aquifer via 12 active wells in Okeechobee County, located in Section: 6, Township: 33 South, Range: 35 East; Sections: 1, 2, 11-14, 23, 24, 26 and 35, Township: 33 South, Range: 34 East, known as 441 Ranch.

If you wish to receive a copy of a Technical Staff Report (TSR) that provides the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) staff's analysis on the above-listed compliance report(s) and associated permit(s), please submit your request to: Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178-1429. Once a TSR becomes available, you may also review it by going to the Permitting section of the District's website at floridawater.com/permitting/index.html. To obtain information on how to find and view a TSR, visit https://permitting.sjrwmd.com/ep/permitting/html/EP_FAQs.html, and then follow the directions provided under "How to find a Technical Staff Report (TSR) or other application file documents."

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected has the right to request an administrative hearing by filing a written petition with the District. Pursuant to Chapter 28-106 and Rule 40C-1.1007, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the petition must be filed (revised) either by delivery at the office of the District Clerk at District Headquarters, P.O. Box 1429, Palatka, Florida 32178-1429 (4049 Reid St., Palatka, FL 32177) or by e-mail with the District Clerk at Clerk@sjrwmd.com, within twenty-one (21) days of newspaper publication of the notice of intended District decision (for those persons to whom the District does not mail or email actual notice). A petition for an administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt of the complete petition by the District Clerk at the District Headquarters in Palatka, Florida during the District's regular business hours. The District's regular business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding weekends and District holidays. Petitions received by the District Clerk after the District's regular business hours shall be deemed filed as of 8 a.m. on the next regular District business day. A petition must comply with Sections 120.54(5)(b)4, and 120.569(2)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 28-106, F.A.C. The District's acceptance of petitions filed by e-mail is subject to certain conditions set forth in the District's Statement of Agency Organization and Operation (issued pursuant to Rule 28-101.001, F.A.C.), which is available for viewing at floridawater.com. The District will not accept a petition sent by facsimile (fax). Mediation may be available if you meet the conditions stated in the full Notice of Rights (see last paragraph).

The right to an administrative hearing and the relevant procedures to be followed are governed by Chapter 120, F.S., Chapter 28-106, F.A.C., and Rule 40C-1.1007, F.A.C. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Failure to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the requisite time frame shall constitute a waiver of the right to an administrative hearing. (Rule 28106.111, F.A.C.).

If you wish to do so, please visit <http://floridawater.com/nor/intdec/> to read the complete Notice of Rights to determine any legal rights you may have concerning the District's intended decision(s) on the compliance report(s) described above. You can also request the Notice of Rights by contacting the Director, Bureau of Regulatory Support, P. O. Box 1429, Palatka, FL 32178, tele. no. (386) 329-4268.

42808 ON 10/7/2012

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS	63	White man's makeup?	34	Carrot or cassava	45	Birch of "American Beauty"	
1	Explorer Vasco da __	5	Mongolian desert	35	Has title to	46	Mortise's mate
5	Political channel	10	Congregational yes	37	Tiny Yukum's big brother	49	Galway's land
10	Blabbers	14	Broom rider of comics	38	Pictures of perps	50	Driver's decision point
14	Actor Sharif	15	Brother of Daniel, William and Stephen	40	Elect	51	Bassoon kin
15	Broom rider of comics	16	17	41	Bona __	52	Server's edge, in tennis
16	Brother of Daniel, William and Stephen	18	Titanic bane	42	Curl beneficiary	53	Court plea, for short
17	18	19	Alaskan native	43	Hardly ever	54	Depicted
18	19	20	"Battle for __": Peter Yates WWII book	44	Etching supplies		
20	21	22	2 Mongolian desert	23	7 Fellow suspect of Mustard		
21	22	23	2 Congregational yes	24	8 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit		
22	23	24	3 Wonderful, in slang	25	9 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit		
23	24	25	4 Mythical sailor	26	10 Stove nozzle		
24	25	26	5 Affectionately elegant	27	11 Hitching post?		
25	26	27	6 Trig function	28	12 Prove false		
26	27	28	7 Fellow suspect of Mustard	29	13 Bawl out		
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30	31	32	11 Hitching post?	33	23 Greeting from a deck		
31	32	33	12 Prove false	34	24 Grave robber		
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33	34	35	14 Highest ordinal number?	36	26 'Hood pal		
34	35	36	15 " __ have to do"	37	27 Hayride seat		
35	36	37	16 Camera eye	38	28 Grave robber		
36	37	39	17 Highest ordinal number?	39	29 False		
37	38	40	18 " __ have to do"	40	30 Theme		
38	39	41	19 " __ have to do"	41	31 Sister of Meg, Jo and Amy		
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Yearling Middle sweeps Osceola in volleyball

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Yearling completed a sweep of the season series with Osceola with a hard-fought 25-17 and 25-21 win Wednesday at the Lady Warriors gym in front of a large crowd of fans.

Yearling played especially well down the stretch. They were neck and neck with Osceola in both games but found a way to control things in the final five points.

"We got into a bit of a funk in the second game and didn't play well but this was fun to watch," Yearling Coach Bruce Conrad said. "They made a ton of saves and we made saves. It was great volleyball to watch."

Yearling has worked on coverage of the court and defense. Earlier in the year opposing teams were able to get cheap points against the Lady Bulls. In recent matches, however, those opportunities to score have been eliminated by Yearling.

"We covered most of the tonight. We have worked on that and I was pretty pleased with our play," he added.

Conrad said he was very proud of Osceola because their program is starting to rebound. He said once they start to win

matches consistently, they will be a tough match for his girls.

Osceola Coach Kati Lawson said the score might be a loss for Osceola but she felt it was the best match her team has ever played.

"I have never been as proud as I was tonight. They continue to play better and better every match," she said.

She said the Warriors weren't intimidated like in the first match with Yearling. She noted they had some jitters but really improved on their serve receive and their defense.

"This is by far the scrappiest match we've played. We worked on covering the back row and tips and being at the right place at the right time," she explained.

Setter Andee Garcia said she felt her team played an awesome game and have made a lot of progress this year. "We worked harder on our serve receive but still need work on serves. We played really hard and got to most of the balls. We fought to get the ball over the net," she added.

Rylie Norton praised her teammates for the effort they put in. She said the Warriors did their best and that is what counts, "We had a lot of support at school with posters

everywhere. We also had a lot of fans here to cheer us on."

Michaela Myers had some nice blocks at the net. She got the group to their feet as the Warriors rallied from a 13-5 deficit to make the second game competitive. Osceola held their last lead at 20-19.

"I thought it was a really good game. I had my hopes up and I was excited. We didn't play as a team early in the season but now we know each other and we play well together," she added.

Osceola traveled to Brighton on Thursday while Yearling hosted West Glades. Yearling hosts Brighton in a big match on Tuesday in Okeechobee at 4:30 p.m.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Michaela Myers (14) is congratulated by teammates Andee Garcia (center), Cassie Weldon (2), after a block at the net. Osceola fell short in their upset bid of crosstown rival Yearling.

Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman golf team finished third at the Hawkins-Crutchfield Tournament held in Highlands County on Monday. Indian Rocks Christian shot 181 as a team to win the tournament. Frostproof shot 201 to finish in second place. OHS shot 205 as a team. Hannah Raulerson shot 47, Cameron White 48, Danielle Sheffield 53, and Bethany Stuart shot 55. Kristin Higgins shot 59 for OHS. Golf Coach Brent Stuart said the weather shortened the tournament from 18 to nine holes. He said it was a good accomplishment for all of the team members to shoot under 60 on a tough course with windy and rainy conditions.

The Lady Brahman volleyball team had an easy time as they swept the Lady Cobras of Fort Pierce Central on Tuesday night to even their season record at (8-8). Okeechobee prevailed 25-16, 25-17, and 25-12. Sarah Davis had six kills and 14 assists. Maci Thom-

as had 13 service points and nine digs.

The OHS boys golf team finished 8th at the Hawkins-Crutchfield Tournament in Highlands County on Monday. Kodi Stephen had a strong round with a 78, Kyle Mullins shot 84, Kutter Crawford 90, and Zach Hudson 91. There were 49 teams from around the state competing in two different classifications in 18-hole matchups. Sam Horsfield of Ridge Community had the low round of the day at 68. Arch Bishop McCarthy won the team championship with a score of 321. Sebring finished seven strokes behind in second place. Okeechobee shot 343 as a team. Other teams in the tournament included Bartow, the King's Academy, West Orange, Lake Wales, Auburndale, Clewiston, Hardee, Indian Rocks Christian, Gainesville High, Ridge Community, All Saints, Canterbury, Lake Gibson, Winter Park, Northside Christian St. Petersburg, Ester, Gainesville-Buchholz, St. John Neumann, Labelle, West Orange and Frostproof.



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VOTE

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mail sent to the voter comes back undeliverable and it has been more than two years since the office was able to reach that voter by mail, the voter registration is taken off the rolls.

Prior to the primary election, all voters were sent new voter identification cards in the mail. If you did not receive a card, there is a chance there is a problem with your voter registration status and you should contact the Supervisor of Elections Office.

"We have had some people try to get an absentee ballot and we found they were no longer registered voters," she continued.

"If you moved and we haven't heard from you for more than two years and we can't reach you by mail, your name is taken off the list," she said.

You can check your voter registration at the Supervisor of Elections Office. There's also an "app for that" on smart phones.

"If you haven't voted in a while you might want to check your voter registration status," she said.

Mrs. Chandler said that in recent weeks they have seen quite a few new voters registering. Currently Okeechobee County has 19,040 registered voters, including 8,787 Democrats, 7,046 Republicans and 3,207 others.

She said if you are already registered to vote, you can make updates, such as a change of address or a name change, at any time.

Early voting

In Okeechobee County, early voting starts Saturday, Oct. 27, and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 3. During the eight days of early voting, registered voters may cast their ballots at the Supervisor of Elections Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mrs. Chandler said she is encouraging early voting and absentee voting this year because there are 11 Amendments to the Florida Constitution on the ballot. She said she is concerned that voters who attempt to read the amendments for the first time in the voting booth will slow down the election.

Sample ballots, including the amendments, will be mailed out next week. Mrs. Chandler encourages voters to read, study and research the amendments prior to the election so they can be informed voters before they vote.

On Nov. 6, don't be surprised if there is a line to vote at the polls, she said. If time management is a consideration, consider taking advantage of the early voting days.

She said if there are lines on Nov. 6, everyone who already is in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote, but anyone who arrives at the polls after 7:01 p.m. will be turned away.

Before the election, voters are encouraged to check their voter information card or Supervisor of Elections web site to make sure they know where to vote. Many of the polling places have changed since the 2010 elections. One polling place—Precinct 5—has changed since the primary, moving

to Gracious R.V. Park, 6500 Hwy. 441 S.E.

She said the precinct information will also be on the sample ballots the voters receive by mail.

Okeechobee County voters can learn more about the candidates at a political forum planned for Oct. 22 in the Osceola Middle School Gymnasium, 825 S.W. 28th Street, from 5:45 to 9 p.m. Candidates for U.S. Representative District 17, State Senator District 21, State Representative District 55, District Court of Appeal District 4, Okeechobee City Council, Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections, Okeechobee County Property Appraiser, Okeechobee County Sheriff and Okeechobee County Commission District 1 have been invited.

For more information

More information on voting or the election, contact the Supervisor of Elections Office, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 144, Okeechobee, FL 34972, or call 863-763-4014 or email Elects@voteokeechobee.com. The Supervisor of Elections web site is www.voteokeechobee.com.

The Okeechobee Democratic Party headquarters address is P.O. Box 2845, Okeechobee, 34973. The phone is 863-357-8680. The web site is okeechobeedemocrats.tripod.com. Email is okeebeedemocrats@hotmail.com.

The Okeechobee Republican Party headquarters address is 401 N.W. Fourth Street, Okeechobee, 34972. Phone numbers are 863-532-9623 and 863-634-3525. Web site is [OkeechobeeGOPclub.tripod.com](http://okeechobeeGOPclub.tripod.com). Email is okeegop@embarqmail.com.

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the property at 805 S.E. Sixth Court and Reynaldo Esquivel, owner of property at 1108 N.W. Seventh Court, have also been cited for public nuisance and general cleaning and beautification.

In addition, the board will consider recommending that the city council foreclose on the 407 N.E. Ninth property owned by Kurt Kelpinger because of the accumulation of code violation fines.

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