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Commissioners to look at impact fees

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

They seemed like a good idea at the time, but are impact fees still practical?

During the pre-2008 boom times, impact fees seemed like a good thing. The idea behind them was for new development to pay for its impact on the infrastructure. An impact fee is a one-time, up-front payment assessed on new development and used only for capital costs to serve growth. Impact fees are a way for local government to require new development to pay a proportionate share of the infrastructure costs their development causes on the community.

The county imposes impact fees for roads, corrections, fire, and EMS. To date the county has collected a total of $1,134,640.94 in impact fees. The school board imposed impact fees for the construction of new schools. The City of Okeechobee imposed an impact fee system for police, fire and transportation. When new growth slowed, the school board and the city both suspended impact fees. The city's suspension was an effort to stimulate new growth.

While suspension of county impact fees has been discussed from time to time, in January the Okeechobee County Commission hired Clancy Mullen of Duncan Associates to conduct a study of the county's impact fee system. At the Thursday, Oct. 11, commission meeting he gave an overview of his study.

"Your fees are actually low," he said. Mr.

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Dorothy Sweazey celebrates 101st birthday

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

"Don't smoke, don't drink, and don't step out on your husband," was the advice for longevity Dorothy Sweazey gave at her 101th birthday party held Oct. 10 at The Heritage Assisted Living Center.

"I behaved myself," she added.

You only get to celebrate your 101th birthday one time so she went all out. For her 100th birthday Mrs. Sweazey celebrated for two days. The 101th birthday celebration will probably last longer. To start the celebration, her daughter, Bonnie Kemsey, her son, Noble Lee Sweazey, and

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Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Dorothy Sweazey toots her own horn in celebration of her 101th birthday. She was the guest of honor at a party held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at The Heritage Assisted Living Center by her family, friends and fellow residents.

City council to consider land use ordinances

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When they meet Tuesday evening, Okeechobee City Council members will face an agenda with several land use ordinances.

The council will hold the first reading and set a final public hearing date for three separate ordinances. The first ordinance would change the future land use map by changing zoning in five specific areas. The second ordinance deals with city initiated rezonings.

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If you go ...
What: Okeechobee City Council meeting
When: 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16
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Miss Okeechobee County plans 5K walk/run

Taylor Fulford, the current Miss Okeechobee County spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee at a recent meeting. Miss Fulford is organizing a 5K Walk/Run to benefit Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Miss Fulford was diagnosed with type one diabetes at the age of 14 and was forced to make major lifestyle changes as a result.

The Walk/Run to Cure Diabetes will be at Flagler Park #4 in downtown Okeechobee on Saturday, Nov. 17, with registration at 7:30 a.m. and the event beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Waste Management is the presenting sponsor of the event. There will be face painting, music, a bounce house, dunk tank and more for entertainment.

For more information call Taylor Fulford at 863-634-6384 or Teresa Chandler at Waste Management 863-801-4996.

The goal of the event is to raise $10,000 for Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes research.

Miss Fulford is the reigning Miss Okeechobee County and will compete for Miss Florida Teen USA in October in Hollywood, Florida.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Ken Keller**

Present at the Thursday, Sept. 27 Kiwanis meeting from left to right are: Jim Vensel – Kiwanian, Teresa Chandler- Waste Management/B.R.A.T Club President, Frank DeCarlo- B.R.A.T Club Board of Director, Taylor Fulford and Jerry Bryant-B.R.A.T Club Board of Director.

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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 86F. Winds from the NE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 68F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 84F. Winds from the North at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Monday Night: Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy. Low of 66F. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Clear. High of 84F. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear. Low of 66F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High of 82F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph.

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Chamber offers Victim Awareness class

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

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Farmers honored with CARES awards

The C.A.R.E.S. awards were given out at the 54th Annual Membership meeting on Oct. 4, at the Civic Center on Hwy 98N across from the airport. The group had over 200 people attend. A C.A.R.E.S. award went to Richard Smith Ranch with Juanet Lee and Monroe Arnold representing.

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A C.A.R.E.S. award went to Lazy JP Ranch with Bill, Nancy and Brad Phares representing.

Four Okeechobee-based agriculturists were honored for their environmental stewardship with a County Alliance for Responsible Environmental Stewardship (CARES) award on Oct. 4. The event was held at the Okeechobee County Farm Bureau.

Recipients honored were David DeLargy, Triple Diamond Ranch; Richard Smith, Richard Smith Ranch; Steve Griffin, Griffin Trees and Brad and Nancy Phares, Lazy JP Ranch.

The CARES program was established by Florida Farm Bureau and the Suwannee River Partnership in 2001 to recognize superior natural resources conservation by agricultural producers. The program relies on the voluntary action by farmers and ranchers to implement state-of-the-art natural resource management systems, or Best Management Practices, on their properties.

"It is imperative to recognize all Florida farmers who voluntarily go the extra mile in caring for the land," said Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick. "The CARES award is our way to honor these farmers and bring awareness of production agriculture's commitment to superior management of natural resources."

Florida farmers and ranchers depend upon the life-sustaining capacity of the natural resources they manage to maintain their livelihoods. More than 530 agriculturists statewide have received the CARES award since the program was established.

In partnership with more than 60 public agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource and Conservation Service, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida's water management districts, agricultural organizations, businesses and local government, CARES has become a model for the rest of the nation.

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C.A.R.E.S. award winners included Triple Diamond with David Delargy representing.

Friends of the Library seeks new members

The Friends of the Library for the Okeechobee County Library are looking for new and returning members. They sponsor the programs, funding children's programs, donating to the teen room and purchasing books and DVDs for the library. They hold 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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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!

Random drug testing

• We of Okeechobee do not question your choices. We are just trying to get you students ready for the work force where drug testing is a part of employment.

Political ads

• This year has been so bad with the political ads. If a network would promise they will not run any political ads, I think they would have the most viewers. Everyone is so sick of the negative ads.

True Lies

• I think it is great that the Sheriff's Office and Children's Services Council is bringing in Phil Chalmers to present his "True Lies" program to the students and the parents. The topics that he discusses include bullying, teen violence and drug abuse. He has a proven track record as a speaker for being able to get through to kids. He will be at school assemblies and there is also a public event that parents can attend. I hope those with teenagers, and especially those who are having trouble getting through to their teens, take advantage of this opportunity and attend this program.

Enough blame to go around

• Ever since the Democrats took over the House and Senate in 2006, everything has been going down hill.

• The Democrats haven't controlled both the House and Senate since 2006.

• We are now in the 112th Congress, 111th is history.

Reflections from the pulpit

By Mark Mayers, LMFT, CAP of Real Life Children's Ranch

People often talk about and consider how smart someone is. Modern psychology has developed testing in an attempt to determine a person's intelligence. From academics to IQ testing and college entrance exams our modern world continues to find and recognize those people who are the "smartest." Although intelligence is important and no doubt a gift from God, it is not the sole factor in making sound decisions or to be successful.

God's word talks of another characteristic that is often confused with intelligence...wisdom. Dictionaries often define wisdom as "the ability to discern or judge what is true, right, or lasting; insight; common sense; good judgment. Henry David Thoreau said this about wisdom, "It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things." God's word has much to say about wisdom. In Exodus 28:3 God says that He gives us wisdom to serve Him. Three, Tell all the skilled workers to whom I have given wisdom in such matters that they are to make garments for Aaron, for his consecration, so he may serve me as priest. Unlike the word self-centered ideas about intelligence, God gives us wisdom to glorify Him.

Regardless of what the world says, especially in higher education, knowledge and intelligence without godly wisdom is useless. In 2 Chronicles 1:10 God tell us that wisdom is necessary to be a success and a leader, "10 Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" As a nation we need to pray that we as a people will rest in God's wisdom so we will be able to discern and judge what is true, right, and lasting; to have necessary insight; common sense; and good judgment. As Henry David Thoreau so eloquently said, "Wisdom will help us not to do desperate things."

Letter to the Editor

Blood donors save lives: Charles Graves' story

This past March, I received a phone call from Charles Graves. Some of you may remember Charles from when he worked for Ace Pest Control from 1984 to 1989. He wanted me to share his story of how he received 11 units of blood that saved his life. Here is Charles' amazing story in his own words:

"February 1, 2011 started out as any other normal work day, little did I know it would not end that way. While on my way to Safety Harbor, Fla., to deliver a load of sugar, I became sick to my stomach and began vomiting profuse amounts of blood. I pulled off at the end of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Bridge and called 911. While I waited for the ambulance to arrive, I called my wife to inform her that something was very wrong and I would have the ambulance driver call to let her know where I would be taken. I was taken to Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor and by the time my wife arrived, I had lost a very large amount of blood. Later that day, I was transferred to CCU to await an Endoscopy suite to come open so the GI doctor could do an EGD to see where the blood was coming from. They had inserted a nasogastric tube to pump the blood out of my stomach so I would stop vomiting and the container was filling up rather quickly.

"Due to the large amount of blood loss, my sugar was skyrocketing. It was over 500 when they were finally able to get me to Endo but the anesthesiologist would not put me to sleep because she was afraid I would go into a coma. After 84 units of short acting insulin, my sugar barely came below 450. The GI doctor told the anesthesiologist if he did not go down soon I would bleed out so either way I would die. By this time my hematocrit was down to 8 so they gave me two units of blood before the procedure, just to hold me over.

"When he went down, he found three ruptured esophageal varices and I ended up on a ventilator so my body would have time to heal from the trauma. While I was in the OR they gave me another unit of blood and when they brought me back to CCU, I was given another unit; this is now four units. My body had suffered a lot of trauma and when they tried to wake me up, I would not respond. My blood iron levels continued to drop requiring another unit of blood. I remained on the vent for a total of 11 days and the doctors said it would be a miracle if I woke up; I am a walking miracle. During this time I had lost a tremendous amount of blood and this caused me to have a heart attack and go into renal failure, By the time I awoke fully on Feb. 12, I had received 10 pints of blood and it looked like my system was starting to even out. I was moved to a regular room on Feb. 14 and was set to go home on the 19th when I started running a fever and my blood levels dropped again, so I was given another pint of blood along with antibiotics. After 22 days in the hospital, I was sent home, but I would not be here if it were not for all the blood donors that gave me the 11 pints of blood I received to maintain my life."

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Charles Graves

Okeechobeans, you all have a chance to give the gift of life – your blood – at the Seventh Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup to be held at Hammerhead's on Nov. 17 and 18. Come join me in meeting the Round Ups goal of 600 units of donated blood.

Susan Williams

Men get breast cancer too

October is also Male Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Men get breast cancer too. Men, you have to check yourselves, have a loved one in your life help you. This is very, very important. We want you around. There is still not enough information or talk out there. Over two thousand men still get inflammatory ductal breast cancer. My son who had stage three has been through it all, now every month he checks his breast and chest area. The colors are pink and blue.

Thank you all.

Roberta Stoltzfus

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Letter to the Editor

Internet Scams Abound

I recently found myself with an 'extra' car at the house that needed to find a new home, so I posted a couple ads. Besides the paper, I also put up an ad on the Treasure Coast edition of Craigslist.

I was contacted within a day of the Craigslist ad going up by a "buyer" who, as it turns out is an internet scam artist (con man) that looked like this… Jensdnd010@yahoo.com via craigslist.org

"Is this item item still available? Get back to me know I will like to buy it from you. thank you." I replied that the car was still available and told him to contact me for directions to the house.

The reply looked like this… "Thanks for the response, the price is good and am going to buy it from you, and I would like you to consider this sold.

Please do withdraw the advert from craigslist to avoid disturbance from other buyers. I want you to know that i will be paying via bank certified check. (here he wanted my address, etc.) "You will get back to me today with your contact information for the payment and the check will be shipped to your address via UPS, USPS or FEDEX courier services and I will like you to know that you will not be Responsible for delivery i will have my mover come over as soon as you have cashed the check. My Regard."

I was already starting to smell a SCAM, but I was willing to play along for a while. I sent my name, address and telephone number. He was willing to buy the car, unseen.

Again, a few days went by and I was asked again to withdraw the ad.

I then responded that I would not withdraw the ad until I had money in my hand, as I had stated earlier, and that I was waiting to see this check. In the meantime, I sold that car to a local woman who was badly in need of transportation. As I had told him, first money got the car.

About two weeks went by, and then I received this: "Hello, I just confirmed that the payment will be delivered to your location soon with tracking #278463615000114 the check made out to you was $3140.25. Deduct money for your item with extra $100 for your patient and stress that am going to cause you during this transaction then have the remaining funds sent to the shipping agent. The over-payment is meant to cover the cost of shipping the item to me What you just have to do now is just go ahead and Deposit the check to your bank account and withdraw excess funds that was meant for the shipper immediately and have it sent to the shipping agent at the nearest Wal-Mart store to send the money Via Money-gram and get back to me with these bellow information:

"Sender's name and address, Money-gram Reference Number 8 Digits, Amount sent after charge, Your available pick up time and date. Here is the shipping agent information you are to send the shipping fund to: Petit Jo Ann, 7190 Warsaw Rd., Lutcher, Louisiana 70071.

"Alternatively, you can visit nearest western union money transfer location near to you via western union money transfer (money in minutes). As soon as you got the money sent get back to me the below information so that I can forward it to the shipper for immediate pick up ASAP. Immediately the shipper receives the above details then the shipping agent will come for the pick up. Those are the information the shipper requested for and I will really want you to complete this transaction today because I will be traveling on family trip soon and I will be glad if we can complete the Transaction before I travel."

When I received this message I sent an immediate reply that said, "Do not send any money. The car is gone to a local buyer who showed up with cash." I also told him that any money received would be provided to the Sheriff's Office for them to investigate.

When I got home from work that day, I found a FedEx envelope on the porch, with a check in it for the $3140.25. At this time I was supposed to run out and cash the check and then send forward the 'extra' money to his shipper at the address he had given me. I took a good look at the check, and it's good quality fake, good enough to pass at any bank, I suspect. The check does NOT have a watermark, and it is not a "certified bank check" that the buyer said I would receive, however, and I'm convinced that it's not real.

I contacted the Sheriff's Office and the officer there told me to simply throw it all away. She asked if I had provided any bank account numbers or social security numbers? I assured her that I had not, I had only provided what information is in the public domain. She told me again, to throw the stuff away and forget it.

I went a step farther, I did some research online and found the FBI's internet tip line, and sent them a message, asking if they wanted me to put all the stuff in an envelope and send it to them? The FBI online site didn't see this was important enough to even reply to my query. It seems to me that what we are dealing with is an interstate mail fraud at the very least, but I suppose the FBI and local police have bigger fish to fry.

So, with all of this said, I think that it's important that the word gets around to the people in the area that the scammers are running a very convincing scam, and to beware if you are contacted by one. The check looks very real, but if you cash it, and send forward the money they request, YOU will be held responsible when the check finally fails to clear the out of state bank and is found to be drawn on an account that does not exist.

I did send a final message to the scammer, told him that I was planning to forward the check and a print out of all of our mail to the FBI. I also warned him not to contact me by phone as I would record any conversations and telephone numbers to the FBI as well. To this point I haven't heard a word, so I guess he has decided to find someone easier to SCAM.

Tom Timmons, Okeechobee

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Turned to a life of crime
8 Become absorbed
14 Eugene O'Neill character?
15 Scorched
16 Order in a preschool classroom
17 NFL coach with the most career postseason wins
18 Grant, for one
19 Half of the UAR
20 Surname of 15th/16th-century Pope Alexander VI
21 Physics units
23 Not flush
25 Is wistful (for)
27 1959 winner of a record 11 Oscars
29 Debauchee
31 In imitation of
32 Kinsey Institute Library collection
34 Negligible amount
35 Summertime response to a wave?
39 Skeptic's retort
40 Searched, in a way
41 Six-time Sugar Bowl victors, briefly
42 Literary ID
43 Lineups
47 Preeminent industrialist
49 Guernsey, for one
51 Citation space-saver
52 Sidestepped
54 "Royal Pains" network
56 It had a hub at JFK
57 Took umbrage at
58 Familiarize
60 Cocktail flavored with orgeat syrup
61 "Viaducts Break Ranks" painter
62 Extra number
63 6-Down, nowadays

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28 Catering dispenser
30 Menacingly complex, as a bureaucracy
33 Murky
34 Frequent producer for Eminem
35 Highest degree
36 Volcanic glass
37 Frankfurter adjective
38 "Not stepping ___ the bounds of modesty": Juliet
42 Ready to roll
44 Fifth-century invader of Gaul
45 Hardly a moving picture?
46 Group of candidates
48 Augment
50 2009 U.S. Open champ Glover
53 Eva Marie's "On the Waterfront" role
55 Word heard after a countdown
57 Nice address: Abbr.
58 "The Simpsons" Squishee seller
59 Pedigree-tracking org.

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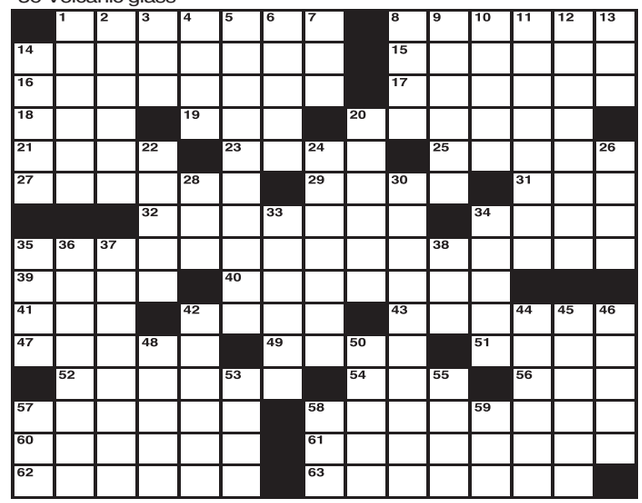

By Brad Wilber
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Clarification

An article that appeared on page 3 of the Wednesday, Oct. 10, edition of the Okeechobee News under the headline "Sheriff and BOCC balance budget" needs clarification. The article stated that the sheriff's budget comprises 60.2 percent of the total county budget. It would be more accurate to say that the sheriff's budget is 60.2 percent of the general fund of the county budget. The 60.2 percent figure comes from county administrator Robbie Chartier. According to Sheriff Paul May's calculations, his budget constitutes about 17 percent of the total county budget.

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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.

Eagles plan dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve fried chicken dinner on Sunday, **Oct. 14**, from 1 to 5p.m. Proceeds go to community charity funds. For more info call 863-467-1154.

Historical Society to meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society will meet Monday, **Oct. 15**, at noon in the Museum Building on Hwy 98N. Anyone interested in attending is welcomed, just bring a covered dish to share.

Okeechobee Garden and Orchid Clubs to meet

The Okeechobee Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, **Oct. 15.** The Orchid Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Extension Center, 451 Highway 98 N. Everyone is invited. Bring orchids to discuss or show. For more information call 863-763-6469.

Eagles plan pork dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will be serving pulled pork dinner by Dwayne on Tuesday, **Oct. 16,** starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go into the auxiliary national and local community charity fund. For more information please call 863-467-1154.

Eagles to host bingo

On Tuesday, **Oct. 16,** bingo starts at 1 p.m. at the Eagles North 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee. On Wednesday, bingo starts at 4:30 p.m. Proceed go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund.

Shrine Club to host Spaghetti Dinner

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club offers a delicious Spaghetti Dinner each and every Tuesday night including Tuesday, **Oct. 16.** Serving from 4 until 7 p.m. and 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 available for just a $6 donation. All proceeds benefit Shrine Club Charities.

Hospice Yard Sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next yard sale will be Wednesday, **Oct. 17** and Thursday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. Donations are accepted Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to noon. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on Events tab.

Democratic Executive Committee plan meeting

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, **Oct. 18** at 6 p.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Bradys. Any interested Democrat is encouraged to attend as "Get Out The Vote" plans will be discussed.

'True Lies' 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 presentation is brought to the community by the Okeechobee Children's Services Council and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office. The event is hosted by the Okeechobee County School District.

ELKS to host Chili Night dinner

ELKS Lodge #2871 will be cooking for the VFW Rt. 441 South in Treasure Island **Oct 18**. The menu will be Chili and Cornbread with yummy cake for desset. They start serving 5:30 p.m. eat in or take out just $6. Tuson Band will be playing from 6 to 9 p.m.

Chasing Bones: An Archaeologist's Pursuit of Skeletons

On **Oct. 18**, at the Okeechobee Library at 5:30 p.m. travel with Dr. Rachel Wentz from Florida through Europe and into the Caribbean as she recounts her experiences learning how to analyze human remains to better understand the cultures from which they come. For more information call 863-763-3536. Free and open to the public.

VFW to host Oktoberfest

VFW Post 9528 Buckhead Ridge, Hwy 78 West will host Oktoberfest **Oct. 20,** from 2-6 p.m. with German food including sandwiches (Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Bangers, Bratwurst patties) are just $3. A full plate with dessert is just $7. Great German music. Donations will Benefit VFW Projects.

Benefit event to help cancer victim

A benefit is planned for Saturday, **Oct. 20** for Sheila Saunders Murphy who was diagnosed with lung cancer. The event will be held at the Eagles North 4137, 9985 N. Hwy. 441, Okeechobee. There will be barbecue, pulled pork and chicken dinners available as well as silent and live auction and a drawing. All proceeds will benefit Sheila's medical expenses. For more information, please contact Tammy at 863-261-2199 or Debbie at 863-532-2199.

CCC meeting planned

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **Oct. 23**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office.

BHR Women of the Moose host 'Celebrity Server Night'

Come join us for a fall fabulous evening and meet our celebrity servers set for Saturday, **Oct. 20**. We have a great menu planned including appetizers, great wedge salads, chicken marsala, fresh peach cobbler and more! Donation for the event is just $9. The dinner is open to the public. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Please contact Malinda Wood at 317-340-6955 for tickets in advance of dinner night. There will also be an auction and 50/50 drawing to follow dinner. All proceeds will benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven Charities.

Obituaries

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Sigel 'Sig' A. Bickel, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Sigel "Sig" A. Bickel, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center in Ft. Pierce, Fla. Sig was born and lived in Indianapolis, Ind. and was employed by their fire department. After relocating to Okeechobee in 1983, he joined the County Fire Department and served as their chief mechanic for 23 years. He was a member of the Florida Fire Chief's Association. Sig was a joke teller and took delight in making people laugh. He dearly loved his cats. He was a veteran of the US Air Force.

Sig was preceded in death by his wife, Louise A. Bickel. He is survived by his son, Troy (Penny) Bickel of Okeechobee; daughter, Melissa Kay Bickel of Oakland, Calif.; five grandchildren, Dallas, Hannah, Hunter, Tatum, and Lola; two sisters, Doris Hoffman and Marsha Jo (Terry) Maddox, both of Indianapolis; and his beloved cat, Andrew.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012, from 4 until 7 p.m. at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home. Services will be held at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, at 10 a.m. with burial following at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Sig's memory be made to the Humane Society Pet Rescue FL, Inc., P.O. Box 233, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Friends may send online condolences to www.buxtonseawinds.com

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

Charles Anthony Hanvey, 81

LORIDA — Charles Anthony Hanvey passed away Oct. 9. 2012 at his residence.

He was born on June 11, 1931, in Anderson, S.C., he was a veteran of te U.S. Marine Corps and moved to Lorida, Florida in 1974. He was a truck driver for Jones Oil & Tire for many years.

Charles is the son of the late James Hanvey (step mother Cora Lee Harvey) and Winne Fay Thrasher. He is preceded in death by his son, Charles Anthony Hanvey, Jr.; and daughter, Linda Hanvey.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Carolyne Hanvey; four daughters, Wanda (Dale) Behnke of Calif., Teresa (James) Lester of Lakeland, Lisa (Fitz) Jacobs of Lorida, and Anita Fay (Mac Allan) Faircloth of Okeechobee; four sons, James Hanvey of Calif., John F. Hanvey of Japan, John D. Hanvey of Tallahasse, Samuel Garner of Sebring, Fla; 23 grandchildren; and two great grandchilden.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. followed by a service on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012, by Barry Johns and Lisa Jacobs at the Lorida Baptist Church in Lorida. Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

OCTOBER 8 &9, 2012

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

COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
800-1000	75	50.00	93.00	72.74	68.27
1000-1200	98	55.00	91.00	78.19	74.44
1200-1400	67	65.00	91.00	76.94	75.61
1400-1600	20	66.00	96.00	80.84	77.46
1600-1800	6	77.00	86.00	82.50	78.91
BULLS:					
1200-1400	7	70.00	93.00	88.33	81.67
1400-1600	5	80.00	95.00	93.00	87.60
1600-1800	3	89.00	94.00	92.33	88.86
STEERS:					
200-250	19	160.00	280.00	226.87	193.08
250-300	62	135.00	240.00	200.57	173.71
300-350	124	110.00	230.00	172.60	158.20
350-400	165	110.00	195.00	161.79	151.47
400-450	214	117.50	195.00	155.90	146.51
450-500	151	100.00	167.50	143.93	139.18
500-550	136	110.00	162.50	137.39	131.82
550-600	81	115.00	147.50	132.62	127.11
600-650	50	110.00	142.50	131.32	124.04
650-700	35	114.00	138.00	128.36	122.72
700-750	15	106.00	134.00	126.09	119.80
HEIFERS:					
200-250	30	125.00	205.00	160.00	167.12
250-300	50	110.00	180.00	143.41	140.96
300-350	100	105.00	170.00	142.01	135.98
350-400	171	110.00	190.00	136.50	129.90
400-450	155	115.00	152.50	129.36	124.85
450-500	134	105.00	140.00	122.25	121.71
500-550	96	110.00	170.00	119.73	123.97
550-600	59	105.00	135.00	117.43	121.36
600-650	31	105.00	127.00	114.62	120.93

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	809	1084
COWS	75	251
STRS	8	11
HFRS	30	14
BULLS	17	21
YRLNGS	11	17
MIX	0	0
TOTAL	950	1398

Almost every class reported this week as higher than last week except for heifers over 500 lbs. Demand is good and supply a little low, probably because people can't get to their pens on account of all the water!

Look for runs to pick up as water goes down. Prices should remain good on through the next few weeks anyway. I don't think elections will have any big effect on prices as beef demand will stay high either way.

Marvin Arnold, Okeechobee, topped the calf market with a high of $2.80 bought by Terry Bomhak. J.M. Larson Dairy #3, Okeechobee, Butler Oaks Farm, Lorida and Jim Harvey Jr. Okeechobee all topped the cow market with a high of $86 bought by Central Beef.

Oct. 12: OLM bred heifer sale and Little Springs Horned Hereford bull sale.

Oct. 19: 44 Farms Angus Bull sale;

Oct 26: Little Creek Farms Brangus Bull sale. **Todd**

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7	9	8	5	6	1	3	2	4
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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Rotary**

From left to right: Rotarian, Mike Costopolous, welcomes Victim Certified Instructor, Laurie Garner.

'Refuse to be a victim' certified instructor visits Rotary Club

By Tabitha Trent
Special to the Okeechobee News

Rotary President Jim Benton extended a warm Rotary welcome to guest speaker Laurie Garner, Refuse To Be A Victim Certified Instructor. Laurie shared with club members ways to minimize the risk of personal victimization, how to create a personalized safety plan (before it's needed), and an array of proactive personal safety strategies and prevention tips such as internet parental controls, automobile security, workplace safety, travel security, as well as ways to conduct background checks on residential care facilities for senior citizens and persons with physical disabilities. Laurie stated, "We clearly have the choice to refuse to be a victim." She shared a very startling statistic that every 23 seconds someone is attacked, and this in itself creates an urgency to think and be prepared for not "if, but when" something will happen." Laurie will be hosting a Refuse To Be A Victim seminar on Oct. 20 at the Chamber of Commerce. To learn more about the personal safety and crime prevention seminar, contact Laurie Garner at 863-634-8523.

The Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets every Tuesday at Noon at the Golden Corral Restaurant; please feel free to come join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and experience "Service Above Self" in action!

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Grand Oaks**

Biggest fish

Dave Thomas won the award for most fish and biggest fish caught while on the monthly Grand Oaks fishing trip.

Raulerson recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Even young children are beginning to know and recognized the fact that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. One of the most important factors in treating and beating breast cancer is early detection. Early detection can include self breast exams as well as annual screening mammograms.

Some women can feel nervous about the thought of having a mammogram or they may have questions about the technology used to perform this screening. Raulerson Hospital is hosting an Open House for the community to meet and greet the radiology director. Join us for this special event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The director of Raulerson Hospital's Radiology Department, Ed Nuzzello, will be available to discuss issues related to the Radiology Department, including our Radiation Right Program.

This special event will take place on Thursday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. Following the meet and greet in the cafeteria, the public is welcome to tour the mammography suite—located in the blue-roof building just north of Raulerson Hospital. During the tour, the process and details about the digital mammography equipment will be explained. This Open House is being offered as an informative and educational resource about mammography.

The public is welcome to ask questions about services, technology, and get to know the professionals at Raulerson Hospital who service the community's diagnostic imaging needs. Whether it is the first time you are considering a mammogram or you would just like to learn more information about this important screening, join us for this meet and greet and Open House. RSVP today, call 863-763-9228.

Learn about advanced directives

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: 863-763-9228.

Dine with the doctor

Dr. Benjamin Epstein, orthopaedic surgeon, will be the featured speaker at Raulerson Hospital's Dine with the Doctor event on in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria on Oct. 30. Dinner will start at 4:30 p.m. at a cost of $5 per person. The lecture, which is free, starts at 5 p.m. Please RSVP: 863-763-9228.

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Okeechobee Main Street receives Honor Award

Old Bank Building Mural Project nominated as Outstanding Display Project

In April 2012, Okeechobee Main Street proudly nominated the Old Bank Building Mural Project as Outstanding Florida Main Street Sign/Display Project from Florida Main Street and Secretary of State Ken Detzner. During the Main Street Annual Conference in Dade City, Okeechobee Main Street was thrilled to receive a coveted Honor Award for this accomplishment. Main Street President Maureen Burroughs, Art and Culture Director Bridgette Waldau, Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw, and the artist's parents, Lenny and Nancy Steiert were present to accept the award for building owners, Gil and Marie Culbreth.

Okeechobee Main Street understands the historical relevance of the old Bank Building to the culture of the city. From the Bank of Okeechobee through the windows of time to a series of other businesses, including a pharmacy, jeweler, dress store and grocer we have the ability to watch Okeechobee as it grew and developed over the decades. Local artist, Joseph Steiert utilized pictures and the memories of local residents including local historians Betty Williamson and Judge Bill Hendry, to capture images and details for the renderings.

Okeechobee residents were delighted to see the babies being weighed at the local pharmacy, and many stories have already been generated from days gone by. All total, this project included cleaning of the building and the drawing, painting and installation of over 50 individual murals. Building owner, Gil Culbreth financed the murals, which have changed the entire look of our downtown. This property, directly across from our Flagler Park System, Park 4, now looks vibrant and alive. This look and the partnerships that have been established will set the tone for other building renovations and improvements. With the completion and dedication of this mural, Okeechobee Main Street will develop a walking tour to include all other Okeechobee Main Street murals.

The unveiling of the mural itself was a momentous event which inspired the town. Okeechobee Main Street would like to extend our sincere congratulations to Gil and Marie Culbreth on this award and their wonderful gift to the residents of Okeechobee.

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Main Street President Maureen Burroughs, Art and Culture Director Bridgette Waldau, and Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw along with Lenny and Nancy Steiert accept the Honor Award from Florida Main Street for Gil and Marie Culbreth and the Old Bank Building Mural Project.

BIRTHS

STEPHEN DAVID BROWN

Danielle Arnold and David Brown are proud to announce the birth of their son Stephen David Brown. Stephen was born at 12:00 a.m. on June 8, 2012 At St. Mary's in WPB, Fla., he weighed 6lbs 13oz and was 19 inches long. He is welcomed home by four sisters, Lacey, Savannah, Madison, and Kaitlin. Maternal grandparents are the late Stephen L. Arnold and Michele Arnold-Barkley with Frank Baxter. Paternal grandparents are the late Russell Underhill and Joanna Brown-Underhill.

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The cost is $20 per day or $15 Per Day if your child is on free and reduced lunch with a discount of $5 for second and third siblings from the same family.

YMCA will offer days out of school care to Okeechobee children in partnership with the Okeechobee Children's Services Council.

The Y saw the need for quality, affordable care for children during days out of school and is proud to announce it will begin offering this service for the second year in Okeechobee.

The YMCA ran a summer camp program for the last three years and the parents asked for this much-needed service. Thanks to the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee support, the children of Okeechobee will be able to enjoy YMCA Okeechobee School's Out childcare at South Elementary. The children will participate in arts and crafts, sports, nature exploration, innovative learning programs, swimming, outdoor games, field trips, and Y's You Matter program. As part of the You Matter program, community leaders are asked to help the children achieve greater self-esteem and build their dreams of the future. As with any Y program, financial assistance is provided to those who are otherwise unable to afford to pay for this program.

YMCA School's Out Dates are Oct. 22, Nov. 21, Dec. 26, 27, 28, Jan. 2, 3, 4, 7, Feb. 18, March 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and April 1, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Students of the Week

Central Elementary School is pleased to announce the names of the Students of the Week for the week of Sept. 24 including: Ella Bostwick, Koren McDuffie, Avary Manson, Patrice Lamb, Damian Garcia, Johan Allen, Julio Leal, Rylie Tucker, Arissa Osceola, Anthony Smith, Nicholas McMillan, Cameron Runyon, Gisselle Medrano, Desel Arnold, Vicente Flores-Torres, Aiden Christensen, Jose Pineda, Alecziah Gomez, Jesshyia Swanson, Elia Martinez, Zachary Reister, Kaitlyn Shaw, Bailey Harden, Anna San Martin and Kaylen Yarborough.

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Students of the Week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of Oct. 5: Angel Delgado, Alexis Karratti, Jonathan Burns, Macie Waldron, Krystall Carter, Jordan Bobrowski, Jason Villatoro, Sabin Griffis, Destiny Tagle, Cristal Ramirez, Esmerelda Meneses, Cynthya Garza, James Hallett, Jay Thomas, Clemente Baltazar, Lourdes Hernandez, Berenice Sanchez, Brianna Villarreal, Kyla Thurman, Lauren Hill, Kailey Raulerson, Yareli Rojo, Maria Sanchez Virto, Jackie Garza, Layla Gaucin, Rocky Garcia, Rebecka Lamb and Mario Curbelo.

True Lies School Assembly set for Oct. 18

On Oct. 18, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office along with the Okeechobee County School Board and the Children's Service Council will sponsor a True Lies School Assembly.

Phil Chalmers is an American author, television personality, motivational speaker to teens, and a juvenile homicide trainer. Phil specializes in bullying and teen murder. Phil's school assembly is intense, thought provoking, and what students describes as "real," keeping students quiet and on the edge of their seats as he flies through numerous slides, moving videos, true stories, and years of his experience both with teens and with celebrities. Phil touches on drug abuse, inhalants, drunk driving, crime prevention, bullying, prison life, self-esteem, suicide, signs of suicide, school violence, Facebook safety, decision making, and much more. The most popular feedback from students are "he spoke on our level," "he kept it real," and "he spoke right to me." Presentations for students on Oct. 18 will be at Okeechobee High School from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. or 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Osceola Middle School 11:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Only students are permitted at these times.

A presentation for parents will be held at Osceola Middle School in the evening on Oct. 18, at Osceola Middle School, with a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation at 7 p.m.

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County working on area flooding complaints

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

At the Okeechobee County Commission's Oct. 11 meeting, a local resident wanted to know when something will be done about flooding from recent storms.

Gordy Peer asked when he would see results from his complaining about the flooding of his property during Tropical Storm Isaac. He said his property had been flooded again by last Saturday's rain. He showed some photographs of Clayton Moore and other movie stars he had worked with during his movie career that had been ruined by floodwater. Deputy county administrator Jim Threewitts said staff was working on the flooding complaints and would hold a workshop soon and present a list of issues. "This is the same thing I heard 10 years ago," Mr. Peer said. "I take it with a grain of salt."

"We have been proactive on this," said Commission Chair Margaret Garrard Helton. "You have not been forgotten." Mr. Peer closed his presentation by reciting one of poems.

Commissioners also approved a request for a change in zoning at 114 S.W. 18 Ave. from residential single family to residential general. This action allows N & A Construction, the property owner and applicant, to remove the mobile homes on the property and build multifamily units. They also designated the Business Development Board to be a primary partner to Enterprise Florida, the official economic development organization for the state of Florida. In addition the board agreed to join the Central Florida Regional Planning Council's Heartland Brownfields Revitalization Partnership Coalition to apply for a federal grant for environmental cleanup projects. If the grant application is successful, the county's portion of the grant would go toward cleaning up the landfill at the airport.

The vote on the environmental cleanup grant was four to one with Commissioner Ray Domer casting the lone dissenting vote. Commissioner Domer then made a motion to set aside money from the landfill host fees fund to clean up the airport landfill in case the grant application was unsuccessful. The vote on that motion was four to one with Commissioner Joey Hoover casting the lone dissenting vote.

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 Joseph Nolan, 23, of Highway 441 S., was arrested Oct. 11 on an Okeechobee County warrant on a charge of Amended Violation of Probation (VOP) - Possession of marijuana in excess of 20 grams. No bond was set.

• Margaret Nell McBride, 49, of S.E. 28th Street, was arrested Oct. 11 on an Okeechobee County warrant on five counts of VOP - obtaining prescription by fraud. No bond was set.

• Michelle Marie Hand, 41, of SR 70W., was arrested Oct. 11 on an Okeechobee County warrant and charged with Amended VOP - grand theft, more than $300, less than $5,000. No bond was set.

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

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OSCO Investigations

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

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• N.W. 89th Court
• S.E. 39th Terrace (vehicle)
• S.E. 35th Terrace (3 vehicles)
• S.E. 19th Court
• N.W. 10th Terrace (vehicle)
• N.E. 26th Avenue
• U.S. Hwy 441 S.E.

THEFT
• U.S. Hwy. 441 S.E. (two cases)
• N.W. Sixth Avenue
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Mullen recommended simplifying the fee schedule. Currently there are a variety of categories for impact fees at different fees, some low and some higher. He advocated a few broad categories with uniform fees for each category. Mr. Mullen also advocated impact fees being used for smaller projects such as traffic signals or turn lanes instead of the larger projects prescribed by the current system.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper did not agree with the presentation and was in favor of suspending the impact fees. He made a motion to suspend the impact fees and refund the fees already paid. His motion died for lack of a second.

The board decided to hold a public hearing on the impact fee system. County attorney John Cassels said the public hearing would be held as soon as possible given advertising deadlines.

Mr. Mullen stressed that an impact fee is a regulatory fee and not a tax. After examining the county's current impact fee system, Mr. Mullen proposed a simpler, more flexible, system. The current impact fee system is based on using impact fees for a list of large scale capital improvements. During this period of little growth, some of the priorities on that list may have changed. The current system uses impact fees to pay for a specific set of improvements in a master plan. Under the proposed system impact fees could be used for any capacity expanding improvements. The use of the fees can be changed quickly as needs change. Mr. Mullen's proposal is more flexible in that fees are not dependent on specific projects included in a list of improvements. Impact fees can be used on smaller projects such as lane improvements and traffic signals

The current impact fee schedule has 36 different categories based on land use. The proposed system reduces that number to 14. The study also suggested nonresidential developments be assessed the corrections impact fee as well as residential developments. The proposed fire/EMS fees would be based on population rather than the number of calls for assistance. Also fire and EMS fees could be used to help pay off the indebtedness on existing fire stations.

The proposed system uses a different methodology for calculating fees. Generally total fees will be slightly higher for residential, general office, and industrial uses, and lower, in some cases dramatically, for most retail, institutional and medical office uses. Road impact fees, under the proposed system, would be lower for residential, retail and some industrial uses, dramatically lower for banks, convenience stores and fast food restaurants and moderately higher for industrial and warehouse use. Fire and EMS fees would increase moderately in most land use categories. The residential impact fees for corrections would increase dramatically for all categories as well as being imposed for the first time on nonresidential categories.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing in the near future on the prosed study, possibly at their next meeting on Oct. 25. .

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The third ordinance would change the city's code of ordinances to change the method of calculating the amount of building signage allowable for buildings with a single business or occupant.

In other action, the council is expected to:

• consider awarding a contracts for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program;

• consider a resolution making Oct. 21 - 27, City Government Week;

• consider a construction agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation concerning turn lanes on Park Street at S.E. 10th Avenue and S.E. 13th Avenue;

• consider a resolution urging residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 4 on the 2012 General Election Ballot;

• consider a temporary street closing for First Baptist Church on Oct. 31;

• consider changing the date for a previously approved temporary street closing for First Baptist Church from Nov. 10 to Nov. 17; and,

• consider a temporary street closing request by Central Elementary School on Nov. 2.

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her friends and fellow residents gathered in The Heritage dining room to celebrate. She got her hair done for the event and wore a special birthday hat.

Mrs. Sweazey was born Oct. 12, 1911, in Freemont, Ohio, where she grew up. She and her older brother walked to a one-room school. At the age of 25 she got married, a marriage that lasted 68 years until her husband's death eight years ago.

In 1953, Mrs. Sweazey and her husband, who was a heavy equipment mechanic, moved to Florida to care for his aging parents.

Mrs. Sweazey was active in the Lutheran Church and used to enjoy cooking for church dinners. She enjoys the old hymns such as "In the Garden" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

She came to Okeechobee in 1996 from Fort Lauderdale and up until about 3 years ago she lived by herself. "I loved to bowl," she said. In her 60s this amazing lady took up bowling and bowled until she fell while bowling at the age of 97. She was not hurt by the fall, but decided to give up bowling. She drove until she was 92. Her daughter says she is still in good health.

In her younger days Mrs. Sweazey loved to dance. She also liked to sew, knit and crochet. She sometimes played cards all night. Now she plays Skipbo at The Heritage where she enjoys beating her daughter. She also plays bingo and sings.

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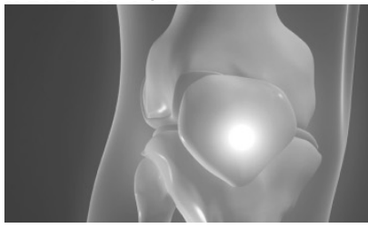

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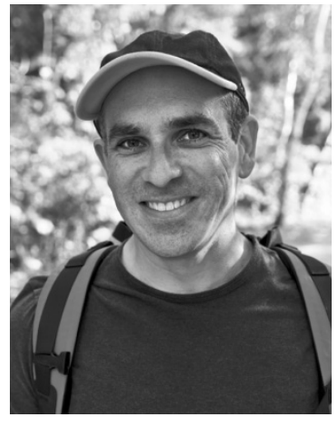

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We are seeking a responsible person to assist in building and equipment repair and maintenance for a fresh packing facility. General mechanical ability and aptitude required. Hours include some weekend and flexible shift time. Some lifting, manual dexterity and good work habits required. Bi Lingual helpful and must have reliable transportation. Please fax resume to: 863-692-0100

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ACCOUNTS CLERK

www.cityofokeechobee.com
See website for application & job description

Applications also available at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave., Rm 100, Okeechobee, Fl 34974, 863-763-3372 ext. 215. Accepted until October 22, 2012, 4:30 p.m. Successful candidates are required to pass a pre-employment substance screening/physical.

EEO/ADA/GINA/VP/DFWP

Medical Assistant
Must have 1 yr exp. Bilingual Spanish/English preferred. Fax resume to: (863) 357-2991, or apply at: Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center: 2015 Highway 441 North Okeechobee, FL., or email hr@fchcinc.org EOE/DFWP

Employment Medical

Case Manager
Need Adult MH Case Manager to provide services in Clewiston and Labelle area. Bilingual (Eng/Span) preferred due to the population being served. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology/Sociology or a related field and 2-3 years experience. For info call Dee (HR Director) at: (863) 983-1423 or send an email to hgbhc13@embarqmail.com

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Employment Part Time

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DFWP - EOE
P/T - Okeechobee

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A.S. in Early Childhood Education or Human Services with two yrs. related exp. The education requirement may be waived for a candidate with four or more yrs of related exp.. Previous work with the public in a social service setting is preferred. Knowledge of the eligibility rules, applicable laws, regulations, and procedures governing early learning programs preferred. Responsibilities include determining family eligibility for SR programs and VPK, as well as provide resource & referral services to families; Bi-lingual required.

Salary Range: $13.00-$16.00/hourly based on exp. & qualifications.
Deadline: October 15, 2012

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month for more
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Office Space starting at $350. 1200 Sq. Ft. Store Front also available.
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36 ft., 1 slide out,
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$2,200 o.b.o
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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 09000602CA

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff
VS.
ESTATE OF HARVEY L. THOMAS A/K/A HARVEY LELOIS THOMAS, C/O BERNARD THOMAS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, et at
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant:
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HARVEY L. THOMAS A/K/A HARVEY LELOIS THOMAS, DECEASED
3669 N.W. 4TH AVENUE
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
THE N 1/2 OF LOT 30, WHISPERING PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 25 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA AS DESCRIBED IN MORTGAGE BOOK 413, PAGE 644
A/K/A 3669 NW 4th,
Okeechobee, FL 34972
Has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Udren Law Offices, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 4651 Sheridan Street Suite 460, Hollywood, FL 33021 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in The Okeechobee News and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
You have 30 calendar days after the first publication of this Notice to file a written response to the attached complaint with the clerk of this court. A phone call will not protect you. Your written response, including the case number given above and the names of the parties, must be filed if you want the court to hear your side of the case. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case, and your wages, money, and property may thereafter be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065.
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the **Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370** at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 8th day of Oct. 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk
428481 ON 10/14,21/2012

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 47-2012-CA-000261

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING-PROPERTY

TO: Tenant N/K/A LEON EDUARDO 1 (AVOIDER), ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 1080 Southeast 23rd Road, Okeechobee, FL 34974.
Residence unknown, if living, including any unknown spouse of the said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendant(s) are dead, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant(s); and the aforementioned named Defendant(s) and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendants and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant(s) as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced to foreclose a mortgage on the following real property, lying and being and situated in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:
LOT 18, BLUE HERON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 50 AND 51, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1080 SOUTHEAST 23RD ROAD, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, such Morris Hardwick Schneider, LLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 5110 Eisenhower Blvd, Suite 120, Tampa, FL 33634 within thirty (30) days of the first publication and file the original with the clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court on the 10th day of October, 2012.

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: Linda F. Young
Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
428657 ON 10/14,21/2012

Public Notice

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice that Draft Permit (Permit No. 40824-85-UO) has been prepared for Mr. John F. Hayford, PE, Executive Director, for Okeechobee Utility Authority, 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida, to operate a Class I injection well, IW-1, consisting of a 24-inch diameter injection casing, and an associated dual zone monitoring well, MW-1. The purpose of the facility is for the disposal of secondary treated wastewater at Okeechobee Utility Authority Cemetery Road WWTP, Okeechobee County, Florida. . The effluent from the wastewater treatment plant injected into IW-1 shall be treated with high level disinfection as prescribed by Rules 62-600.440(5)(a) through (f), F.A.C., in accordance with federal regulation 40 CRF 146.15 and 146.16, governing Class I municipal injection wells in Florida.

Under this permit, the maximum flow rate into IW-1 shall not exceed 4.4 MGD (3040 gpm) (peak hour flow) or 2.4 feet per second (fps), which is the tested pressure of IW-1. Injection is into the Oldsmar Limestone in the open hole interval between 2770 feet and the total depth at 3205 feet bls. The confinement of the injection zone from the overlying underground source of drinking water (USDW) aquifers and fluid movement adjacent to the well bore are to be monitored by the associated dual zone monitoring well MW-1. The base of the underground source of drinking water (UISDW) is at 1825 feet bls. Monitoring intervals in MW-1 are 1820 to 1847 feet and 1970 to 2005 feet bls.

The Department has permitting jurisdiction under Chapter 403, Florida Statutes and Chapters 62 4, 62 520, 62 522, 62 528, 62 550, 62 600 and 62 601, Florida Administrative Code. The project is not exempt from permitting procedures. The Department has determined that an operation permit is required for the proposed work.

All persons interested in the foregoing permitting decision are invited to attend a public meeting to be held on November 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., at 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida. Written comments may be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection, 400 North Congress Avenue, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, until 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. All comments received within the 30-day period, from the date of publication and on the day of the public meeting, will be considered in formulation of the Department's final decision regarding permit issuance.

The application, draft permit, and fact sheet are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast District Office, 400 North Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida. Additional information concerning this project may be obtained by contacting Heidi Vandor, PG at (561)681-6687 or Joseph May, PG at (561)681-6691.
428600 ON 10/14/2012

Public Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BIDS ARE REQUESTED FROM QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS BY THE FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF:

PROJECT NO: FWC 12/13-17
PROJECT NAME: FISHEATING CREEK WMA - COWBONE MARSH CHANNEL RESTORATION
PROJECT LOCATION: GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA

FOR:
Work on this proposed Contract comprises installing a temporary access road 14-feet wide and 1.164 miles in length overlaid with composite interlocking mats, utilizing the temporary access road to transport approximately 27,000 CY of sand fill to be excavated and obtained from a borrow pit at a location shown in the Drawings, backfilling an existing channel for about 10,000 feet, stabilizing the backfilled channel with a native wetland seed prescription applied via hydro-seeding, removal of the temporary access road and restoring all disturbed areas.

QUALIFICATION:
Each bidder whose field is governed by Chapter 399, 455, 489, and 633 of the Florida Statutes for licensure or certification must submit qualification data of their eligibility to submit proposals with their bid.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:
A non-mandatory pre-bid conference has been scheduled for 11:00am EDT on Thursday, October 18, 2012, at:
Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area
1937 Banana Grove Road
Moore Haven, FL 33471
(863) 946-1194

The Commission will be providing transportation (swamp buggies and airboats) to the site. One representative of each contractor may reserve a spot by calling Ms. Patricia Lloyd at the address listed above, at least 48 hours prior to pre-bid conference. Walk-ins may join only if extra space is available or if they can provide their own transportation.

REQUIRED BONDS:
On projects where the base bid and sum of all additive alternates exceeds $100,000, bids shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid.

After award of contract, a 100% performance bond and a 100% labor and material payment bond will be required.

Sealed bids will be received, publicly opened and read aloud on:

DATE AND TIME: **November 06, 2012, 3:00 PM EST**.
PLACE:
Purchasing Office, Room 364, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600. Tel. (850) 488-3427

PROPOSAL:
Bids must be submitted in full accordance with the requirements of the Drawings, Specifications, Permits, Bidding Conditions, and Contractual Conditions.

BID PACKAGE:
Bid documents shall be obtained from the Commission, upon payment of $250.00, nonrefundable, for one set. The payment envelope MUST be plainly marked on the outside with the bid number. The bid package will be sent overnight upon receiving payment by the above-mentioned Purchasing Office. Provide contact information, phone and fax number, as well as complete return address. DO NOT PROVIDE POST OFFICE BOX FOR RETURN ADDRESS.

or by downloading at no cost from:
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CONTACT PERSON:
Direct questions to the Bid Supervisor:
Ms. Christie Clark
Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Purchasing Dept.
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600
Tel.: (850) 488-3427
Fax: (850) 921-2500
e-mail: christie.clark@myfwc.com
427919 ON 10/10,12,14/2012

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Public Notice

Contract Negotiations

The School Board and Okeechobee County Education Association #1604 will continue negotiations for the Instructional and Classified bargaining units on Monday, October 22, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 31, 2012, at 4:00 p.m., in Room 303 of the School Board Administration Building, 700 SW 2nd Avenue. Collective bargaining sessions are open to the public.

Ken Kenworthy
Superintendent of Schools
428109 ON 10/14/2012

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Notice of Hearing
Okeechobee County Code Enforcement
Special Magistrate

The Okeechobee County Special Magistrate will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, located at 1728 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. For more information, contact Faye Huffman at the Planning and Development Department, 1700 NW 9th Ave., Suite A, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972, (863) 824-3001.

All interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at this public meeting. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Code Enforcement tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Department.

Faye Huffman, Secretary to the
Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
428584 ON 10/14/2012

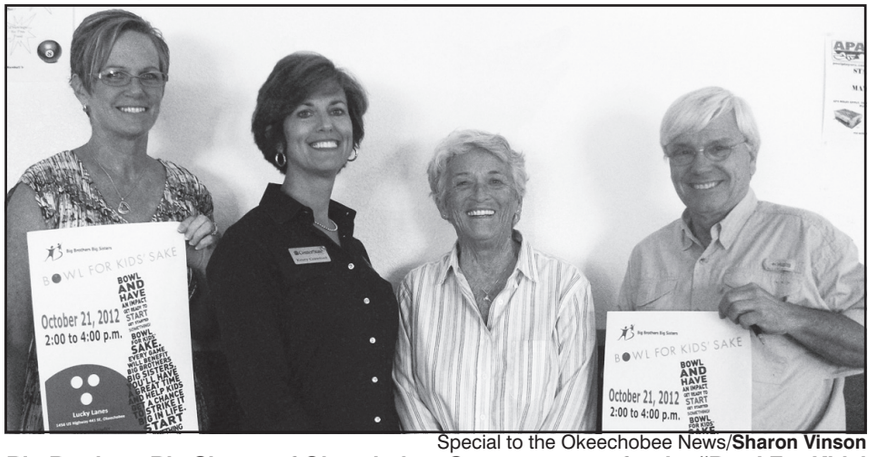
Bowling for Kids' Sake gets local bowlers off to a fun start

For over 25 years, communities across the country have come together to make a positive change in children's lives through Bowl for Kids' Sake. Thousands of bowlers come out to support this event and to raise the always-needed funds for the one-to-one mentoring programs of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

This year Okeechobee County gets to join in the fun to "START SOMETHING" great in our community!

Join the fun on Sunday, Oct. 21, at Lucky Lanes, beginning at 2 p.m. There are plenty of opportunities for bowling, fun and games at Bowl for Kids' Sake. The cost is only $25 per bowler which includes two games and shoe rental. So come out and join the fun and help a great cause. You don't have to be a great bowler to join the celebration, it's all about the kids and raising funds to support the mentoring programs offered through Big Brothers Big Sisters. They hope to make this a yearly event.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides one-to-one mentoring, reading assistance and helps turn "little moments into big magic." Big Brothers Big Sisters serves children in all five Elementary Schools. If you'd like more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Okeechobee County at 863-824-2227, or sign up via the link on their website at www.bbbsbigs.org.



Special to the Okeechobee News/**Sharon Vinson**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Okeechobee County gear up for the "Bowl For Kids' Sake," on Oct. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Lucky Lanes. Cost for bowling is $25 and includes a t-shirt, shoe rental and two games. Please call 863-824-2227 to reserve your lane! Pictured are board members (left to right): Sharon Vinson, Kristy Crawford, Gay Carlton and Wayne Cunningham.

Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• Sebastian River outlasted Okeechobee 13-6 in a defensive battle as they took advantage of several Brahman turnovers to win a hard fought junior varsity football game Tuesday night in Okeechobee. Arthur Woodruff's pass rush forced a Shark interception in the first quarter and Angel Garcia returned the pickoff 55 yards for a touchdown to account for Okeechobee's points.

Garcia, the team's top running back, was injured on the play, and didn't return. Coach Chris Hall said his team must improve on offense in order to win games, "Neither team was able to move the ball and we were unable to hang onto the football." Okeechobee had three turnovers in the first half and had a tough time opening holes for running backs and protecting their freshmen quarterback, Cory Surls. Okeechobee led 6-0 at the half. Sebastian had a scoring drive to take the lead in the third quarter. Okeechobee also gift wrapped a score for the Sharks when they fumbled at their own four-yard line in the second half. Sebastian drove in from there for the final points of the game.

Hall said his offense has failed to score in the past two games and the offensive line needs to show improvement in future games. "You can't keep turning the ball over and expect to win. We need to improve our fundamentals up front on the offensive line in order to have success," he added.

• The Yearling girls volleyball team finished their regular season with an impressive, 25-17 and 25-18 victory over Sebastian Middle on Wednesday. Rachel Bryan had two service aces, seven kills and two blocks. Carrie Wharin had two aces, one kill and 15 assists. Other strong performances were turned in by Megan Hargraves, Josie Griffin, Raylee Coleman, five kills, Taylor Amadon, Abby Ericson and Stephanie Ruiz. Coach Bruce Conrad congratulated the girls for another strong season, "I'm extremely proud of the team as we have constantly improved our "team" play throughout this season." Yearling finished the regular season at (13-1).

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County Junior Golf Championship winner announced

On Saturday, Sept. 29, Waldau's Junior Golf, Inc. and the Okeechobee Golf & Country Club held their Sixth Annual Okeechobee County Junior Golf Tournament. Junior golfers, ages 10-18 participated in the 18-hole tournament.

The tournament began with a continental breakfast where the tournament format and rules were read. All junior golfers played a qualifying round and the final 9-hole scores determined the 2012 Champions and Flight winners. There were also awards for longest drive, closest to the pin and for the putting contest.

Lunch was served to all the contestants and awards were presented afterwards to the following:

2012 Okeechobee County Junior Champion in the boys division is Kodi Stephen. Second place went to Jack Hudson.

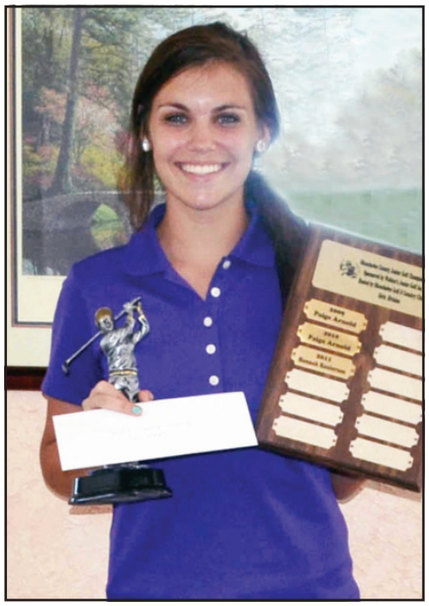
2012 Okeechobee County Junior Champion in the girls division is Cameron White. Second place went to Hannah Raulerson.

Young Junior boys division, first place went to Daniel Fulleda, second place to Preston Arnold.

Longest drive winners: Junior division, Jarred Morgan; Young Junior division, Daniel Fulleda and Girls' division, Hannah Raulerson.

Closest to the pin winners: Boys division, Caleb Bockoras; Young Junior division, Preston Arnold and Girls' division Kirston Doney.

Putting contest winners: First place, Elijah Finney; second place, Kyle Mullins and third place, Kodi Stephen.



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2012 Junior Champion - Girls Division, Cameron White.

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2012 Jr. Champion - Boys Division - Kodi Stephen.

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2012 Young Jr. First place winner - Boys Division - Daniel Fulleda.

The annual tournament was free admission for the junior golfers thanks to the Waldau Junior Golf programs, Okeechobee Golf and Country Club and the annual corporate sponsors of Waldau Junior Golf, Inc.

Waldau's Junior Golf would like to thank those who volunteered and helped with this year's tournament: Saba Curren, Terry Lanman, all the parents who helped caddie and cheer the golfers on and also to the OGCC golfers who were kind enough to play their golf around the schedule of this tournament.

Waldau's Junior Golf's next event is their annual fundraising tournament, which will be held on Nov. 10, at the Okeechobee Golf & Country Club. More photos of the Junior Golf Championship tournament and information about their next tournament can be found on their website at www.floridajuniorgolf.org and on their Facebook page.

Yearling volleyball team defeats Brighton girls 25-19, 25-21

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

There is something about Yearling Middle School versus Pemayetv Emahakv that brings out the best in both volleyball squads.

On Tuesday, lucky Okeechobee volleyball fans got to see great middle school volleyball execution as Yearling earned revenge for an early season loss to defeat the Lady Seminoles, 25-19 and 25-21.

Yearling Coach Bruce Conrad said he felt the Yearling power game at the net made the difference in the match.

"It is fun to fun and it is high quality. They played well and I felt we were a little sharper today. I think our power game is better than anybody at this level," he explained.

Conrad and Yearling honored the eighth graders for their final home match. He said it meant a lot because Brighton was undefeated this year. The two teams, in addition to Osceola Middle, will all play in a tournament at Sebastian Middle this weekend.

Josie Griffin said she said it felt amazing to defeat their rivals from the Brighton Reservation.

"I think we beat them at their own game. We covered the court very well and pushed the ball into places they weren't at."

Taylor Amadon said Brighton may have taken her team too lightly because of the way they defeated Yearling early in the year.

"We covered the court very well, we came together as a team, called the ball and had it in our heads that we could win. We tried as hard as we could," she added.

Rachel Bryan had a big game for Yearling with several kills. Yearling took leads of 10-5, 14-11, and 17-13 and never trailed in the first game.

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Raylee Coleman watches a service fault during the second game of Tuesday's match between Yearling and Brighton.

Members of the Brighton volleyball team this year include Shae Pierce, Odessa King, Courtney Gore, Sydnee Cypress, Deliah Carrillo, Sunni Bearden, Raeley Matthews, Aleina Micco and Caroline Sweat.

The second game was close throughout as Yearling jumped out to leads of 7-3 and 11-4 but saw Pemayetv Emahakv rally, as they took the lead 17-16 after a huge 13-5 run. Yearling recovered and went on to take the match.

"We did the same thing against Osceola as against good teams we get lax and let them back in," Conrad said. "Toward the end I didn't have any doubt because they played strong."

NOPE Candle Light Vigil planned

The NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education) Task Force will host its sixth annual National Candle Light Vigil on Thursday, Oct. 25, in Okeechobee County. The vigil will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 Hwy. 98 North, Okeechobee. The Okeechobee vigil is organized by the NOPE Task Force, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition. More information is available by contacting Connie Curry, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, at 863-763-3117 or by visiting the NOPE website at NOPETaskForce.org.

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