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## Middleton gets death sentence

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

"Dale Middleton, you have not only forfeited your right to live among us in society but, under the laws of the State of Florida, you have forfeited your right to live at all."

And with that, Circuit Court Judge Robert Belanger ordered on Friday, Oct. 19, that Middleton die by lethal injection for the brutal and heinous murder of Roberta 'Bobbie' Christensen.

In under 60 minutes a 12-member jury found Middleton guilty on Aug. 6 of first-degree murder, as well as armed burglary of a dwell-

ing and dealing in stolen property. That same jury also recommended by a 12-0 vote that Middleton be given the death sentence.

Judge Belanger also sentenced Middleton, 39, to life in prison on the armed burglary conviction and 15 years for dealing in stolen property.

He will receive credit for the 1,178 days he has already served in the Okeechobee County Jail.

On July 28, 2009, Middleton went into the mobile home owned by Bobbie and her husband Eric Christensen with the intention of borrowing some money from Bobbie. Her husband was in New Jersey at the time.

When the Golden Corral Restaurant server told Middleton she didn't have any cash, he didn't believe her.

High on the methamphetamine he'd been smoking all day and the roxycodone pills he'd crushed and snorted, Middleton pulled a kitchen knife from his back pocket and attacked the 49-year-old woman.

As Bobbie fought for her life, Middleton

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Dale Middleton

## Water rights questions left unanswered

Inspector General's response to local ranchers just raises more questions

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

After nearly five months, an area ranching concern has finally received a response to their request for an investigation into the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and they are not impressed.

Twin Sisters' Family Lands sent a nine-page letter to Herschel Vinyard, head of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), on May 30 that outlined some of their concerns and their battles with water managers over water in the L-59 canal in eastern Glades County.

That letter outlined the history of the Austin and Rosa Lee Pearce family and the 13,000 acres of land they owned.

On Oct. 2, Inspector General Candie M. Fuller sent her response to John Austin Collier and Byron Story, who are both members of the Twin Sisters' group. After addressing some of the questions, Ms. Fuller ends her letter by stating that the management review is now closed.

"Sometimes the only clarity you get is the sound of the judge's gavel."

— John Austin Collier

Ms. Fuller also alluded to a consumptive use permit that was issued to Austin and Rosa Lee Pearce that some now say has never existed.

When contacted about Ms. Fuller's letter, Mr. Collier said the Inspector General's investigation into the group's concerns is not only flawed, but it wasn't an investigation at all.

"The inspector general's letter and their actions in regard to this matter are childlike and immature. If (Sheriff) Paul May would have conducted an investigation like this they would have him run out of town on a rail and the governor would remove him from office," said Mr. Collier. "It's made an impossible situation even more impossible and it's done nothing but raise more questions."

"All the inspector general did was talk to the perpetrator and never asked the victim, which is us, for any documentation to support our letter. Because of the inspector's general's actions, there is no finality to this issue," he continued.

He said the Twin Sisters' group has files and electronic communications that will prove their point, but the inspector general has never asked for that documentation.

While the letter from Twin Sisters' poses several questions, the crux of Mr. Collier's angst centers around a statement made by Ms. Fuller in regard to the L-59 canal, which runs from the Indian Prairie Canal to the Kissimmee River.

The Twin Sisters' document details how, in 1963, Austin and Rosa Lee Pearce, Mr. Collier's grandparents, entered into an eminent domain agreement with the Central and South Florida Water Management Districts. That agreement provided flood protection for families along the canal, as well as the right to use water from that canal for irrigation purposes.

An eminent domain agreement allows federal, state and local governments to take private property following the payment of just compensation to the property owner.

"It means the title is transferred from a private party to a governmental entity. It (eminent domain) is intended to last forever, unless the instrument says otherwise," explained Michael Allan Wolf, a law professor at the University of

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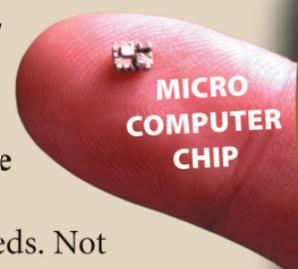
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### Politics

• It seems to me that in today's PC society, Politics is the only area left where we can disparage, spew hate, lie; and get away with it.

• The baby boomers are retiring. By 2030 there will be 77 million people on Medicare, up from 47 million today. There will be fewer working people paying the taxes to fund the benefits of this much larger retiree population. The reserves will be gone long before that, at the rate they are currently being spent. Medicare is going bankrupt. If something is not done soon to address this problem, there will be no Medicare. We need to see solutions but all we hear from the political candidates are empty promises while the nation gets deeper and deeper in debt.

• Every year since 1969, Congress has spent more money than it took in. We have been putting all kinds of extras 'on the credit card' for the past 43 years. It has to stop. We as a country are addicted to deficit spending. We don't like to do without. But it has to stop because if it doesn't stop, we will wind up like Spain and Greece. We already had our credit rating downgraded.

### Thoughts to ponder

• Some people come in your life as blessing. Some come in your life as lessons.

### Churches and voting

• Pastors and their churches broke the law by endorsing a political candidate on Pulpit Freedom Sunday. Will the government respond? Should they respond?

• IRC 501(c)(3) "prohibits an organization from directly or indirectly participating in or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements (verbal or non-verbal) made by or on behalf of the organization in favor of, or opposition to, any candidate for public office violates the prohibition against political campaign intervention."

• I think that if a church is politically involved they should lose their tax exemption and be considered a political action group. I would not attend any church that tried to tell me how to vote. The church I go to does not endorse candidates, but they do hand out a flier that goes through various issues and gives the candidates' stands on each issue. These answers come from the candidates themselves so it is not someone else assuming what the candidate will do. If a candidate refuses to answer a question, it just states "did not respond." I think this type of information is helpful in making a decision on who to vote for, without having the church give to any opinion on which way to vote.

• Did your preachers announce at the pulpit who to vote for? Thousands of evangelical preachers are doing this. Time for them teachers of silliness to start paying taxes.

• I am a Christian. I am a woman. With this said, I am married to a different faith. I want all woman to have a choice. Not let government tell her what to do. Due to my marrying a man of another faith, it angers me when I am at a public service, for example, Memorial Day at the Veterans Park, and they say "in Jesus name we pray." Not everyone there is of the same faith and they have rights too. We are all there for the same reason. To respect and remember those whom have given all.

• Some preachers have been endorsing candidates for years. The other preachers are doing it to prove a point to the IRS who try to tell them what to say to keep their tax exempt status.

• It is still unclear to many Americans why religious organizations are exempted from paying taxes, and why they merit special treatment when they provide nothing to their communities that taxpayers like community volunteers, school teachers, police officers, or firefighters provide every day without special tax exemptions. It is unconstitutional for taxpayers to be expected to do obeisance, or support financially, any religion in America and it is yet another sign religious fanatics are making up their own religious edicts and expecting taxpayers to subsidize their theocratic coup. How long before the Christian Bible replaces the Constitution and some religious maniac issues edicts that become law of the land? The IRS must take a stand and revoke the tax-exempt status from any preacher, evangelical or otherwise, who breaks their agreement with the IRS by campaigning from the pulpit, or giving money to a candidate.

## Letters to the editor

### Political forum on Monday

The Economic Council of Okeechobee together with the Okeechobee Area Agri-Council, Okeechobee Farm Bureau, Okeechobee Republican Party, Okeechobee Democratic Party, and the American Business Women's Association Women of Tomorrow Chapter are hosting the Okeechobee Political Forum for the General Election on Monday evening, Oct. 22, 2012, a free event for the Okeechobee community at Osceola Middle School located at 825 S.W. 28th Street, Okeechobee, Florida, in the Gymnasium beginning at 5:45pm until about 9:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the entire event will be broadcast live on our local radio station, WOKC 100.9FM/1570AM.

Candidates from the following races have been invited to participate in the Forum: United States Senator, United States Representative District 17, State Senator District 21, State Representative District 55, City Council, Supervisor of Elections, Property Appraiser, Sheriff, and County Commission District 1. While Judges in the 4th District Court of Appeal who are up for merit retention were invited to participate, they explained that they are not able to do so per their judicial canons of ethics and respectfully declined to participate.

Forms will be provided and written questions from the audience will be accepted and reviewed by a panel of volunteers. No verbal questions from the audience will be allowed. A concession stand benefitting Okeechobee's youth will be open during the event selling drinks and snacks. Print materials from candidates, 2012 Voter Guides and amendment information will also be available at the event.

We encourage the voting public to attend this free event, meet the candidates and learn more about their views in order to be a well informed voter in the General Election on Nov. 6.

Sincerely,  
**Tara Minton Rowley**  
Executive Director

### You or a loved one could need a blood donation at any time

I proudly serve on the Okeechobee Blood Roundup committee along with many other dedicated volunteers. I can count three

members of my family who benefitted from donated blood – my father, my mother and my step-granddaughter.

You never know when you or a family member may need the life-saving measure of donated blood. Any one of us could have:

A grandfather hurt in a farm equipment accident;

A grandmother injured in a fall at her home;

A father injured at his workplace;

A mother with a rare type of anemia;

An uncle in a boating accident;

An aunt with leukemia;

A brother in a car accident;

A sister harmed by domestic abuse;

A son injured in a hunting accident;

A daughter with complications during childbirth;

A grandchild struck by an automobile.

Many people are eligible to give blood but most of them do not donate this precious gift of life. Perhaps they would if they would just stop to think how they and every one of their family members could be just one heartbeat away from needing donated blood. If you are not sure of your eligibility, call 1-888-9DONATE to see if you can give blood.

I will be writing stories with local people who benefitted from donated blood. If you have a story or know of someone who may want to share their story, I encourage you to do so in a letter to the editor of this newspaper. If you want help with your story, you can contact me at 863 610-1290.

The Seventh Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup will be held at Hammerhead's Banquet Hall on Nov. 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Please come donate blood and help the Roundup meet its goal of 600 units that will save 1,800 lives. One of those lives could be yours or one of your family members. This is the most personal gift you can give, for blood which has actually touched your heart can touch the heart of someone in need.

**Susan Williams**

### Blood drive planned

You can donate blood and help save lives on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at Okeechobee Correctional Institute, from 2:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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# South Fork Bulldogs best OHS Brahmans

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee's defense held strong all night long but the offense couldn't break through until the final minutes as Okeechobee fell to South Fork, 10-7 in a key District 14-6A contest Friday night in Martin County.

Mike Harris capped a nine play-53 yard drive in the first quarter with a short two yard run and place kicker Taylor Ross added a 25 yard goal late in the first half to account for the Bulldogs (7-0) scoring. The game started two and a half hours late due to a lightning and weather delay.

Okeechobee was held to only two first downs in the first half and didn't score until late when QB LaVante Spivey found Al Fludd for a screen pass which he turned into a 77 yard play. Adrian Minondo dove in from the two yard line on the next play to pull Okeechobee (3-4) to within 10-7 with two minutes left in the game.

Okeechobee had some opportunities, but not many, against a tough and talented

Bulldog defense. DJ Washington caught a 25 yard pass on a fake punt in the first half but fell three yards short of a first down at the Bulldog 20. Washington coughed up the football when Okeechobee reached the South Fork 22 yard line in the third quarter.

Okeechobee had 10 tackles behind the line of scrimmage on defense as players like Juan Garcia, Mitchell Madrigal, Elijowan Williams, Minondo and others made big plays. They forced five Bulldog fumbles but four times South Fork was able to recover.

Bulldog Coach Dennis Lavelle said one of his players lost their father earlier Friday but the team didn't come out inspired. "We showed resiliency and I'm very proud of them defensively. We didn't play well offensively and in the past, we would have gotten beat. We have to fix what is wrong on offense. For two weeks in a row we've been mediocre."

Lavelle said Okeechobee was well coached, had a bunch of tough kids, and really put in a strong effort.

"We couldn't do what we needed to

do and couldn't get outside. I hope the Okeechobee community appreciates Coach Branham this time. That was one hell of a coaching job," he added.

Coach Branham said he felt the team still has things to play for which include a winning season. They were virtually eliminated from post season play as Sebastian River pounded Forest Hill 35-0 on Friday and Olympic Heights defeated Forest Hill on other district games.

"We made a couple of mistakes on defense in the first half but other than that we held one of the top offenses on the Treasure Coast to ten points. That was the game we wanted to see from our defense," he added.

Offense was a different story as Okeechobee couldn't get any rhythm or sustain any drives. He said there were some minor injuries and cramping which kept some key players on the sidelines during key points in the game.

"I'm proud we fought until the end. We executed at times but honestly I thought we would do more offensively," he said.

## Game notes

Fabian Howard had an interception for Okeechobee. LaVante Spivey caught a 45 yard pass from DJ Washington in the fourth quarter. Travis Eve, Tim Whitehead, and Zak Hernandez had QB sacks for South Fork. An interception by Spivey in the end zone was negated by a roughing the passer call late in the first half. Spivey was also whistled for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the play which gave South Fork first and goal at the seven and the field goal two plays later proved to be the margin of victory. Eddie Neal had a tackle for loss for Okeechobee. Lorenz Velasco rushed for over 100 yards for South Fork. He had runs of 20 and 27 yards in the first half.

## Okeechobee Forecast

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**Today:** Partly cloudy. High of 79F. Winds from the WSW at 5 to 10 mph shifting to the NE in the afternoon.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 63F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

## Extended Forecast

**Monday:** Partly cloudy. Fog early. High of 81F. Winds from the NE at 10 to 15 mph.

**Monday Night:** Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 66F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the morning, then overcast with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. High of 81F. Winds from the ENE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm. Fog overnight. Low of 66F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

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ANSWER:

## Community Events

### Masonic Lodge hosts Sunday breakfast

The Masonic Lodge at 107 N.W. 5th St., will host Sunday breakfast on **Oct. 21**, for \$6, from 8–11 a.m. Eggs, bacon, pancakes, grits and all the fixings. Breakfast is every other Sunday. Public welcome. Carry-outs available. Proceeds go to local Mason giving.

### Community Choir to begin holiday practice

The Okeechobee Community Choir, in its 14th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, will begin rehearsing this Sunday, **Oct. 21**, for the annual Christmas cantata and other seasonal selections. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays from 3-5 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian, 312 N. Parrott Ave. All interested singers, both locals and our Northern friends, are invited to participate. Singers should be able to match pitch and read music a smidgen. Rehearsals are stimulating and loads of fun! Music and rehearsal CDs will be provided for a nominal fee. Rehearsal attendance is suggested, but not mandatory. Last year, 55 singers representing 19 local churches participated. The cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14 and 15, & at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the First United Methodist Church, and tickets will NOT be required for admission. For more information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714. If you love to sing, you'll love singing with us!

### Bowl for Kids' Sake event

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Okeechobee County gear up for the very first "Bowl For Kids' Sake" event on Sunday, **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!

### Okeechobee Political Forum planned

A political forum will be held Monday, **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 are invited.

### Cypress Hut Eagles serve fried chicken

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve southern fried chicken dinner on Sunday, **Oct. 21**, starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds go to the community charity fund. For more info please call 863-467-1154.

### Shrine Club offers spaghetti dinner

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club offers a delicious spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Oct. 23**, and every Tuesday thereafter. Serving is from 4–7 p.m. and reservations are not required. The Shrine Club is pleased to offer Smoke Free Dining. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided 5–8 p.m. The complete dinner is available for a donation of \$6. Proceeds benefit Shrine Charities. For more information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427.

### CCC meeting planned

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Oct. 23**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the community to identify issues, collaborate, and share information regarding services for children and their families. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, Ext. 257. NOTE: we are collecting Christmas for needy children.

### Eagles plan dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve a meatloaf dinner by Carla on Tuesday, **Oct. 23**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Auxiliary charity fund. For more info please call 863-467-1154.

### Considering adoption?

Anyone interested in learning more about adoption is encouraged to join the Children's Home Society of Florida, Treasure Coast Division at our monthly Adoption Orientation session. The next meeting is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 25**, at the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County office, located at 804 S. 6th Street in Fort Pierce. This informative, casual and free, open house-style orientation will provide an overview of foster care adoption and answer all questions related to adoption and CHS' adoption process. Please help us raise adoption awareness in our community as we try to find additional permanent "Forever Families" for local children in foster care. To RSVP or for more information, contact Children's Home Society's Adoption Information Line at 772-429-2001.

### N.O.P.E. vigil set for Oct. 25

The annual Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education (N.O.P.E.) vigil will be held Thursday, **Oct. 25**, at the Okeechobee County Civic Center on U.S. 98 N. starting at 6:30 p.m. Photographs for the memorial video can be downloaded to the N.O.P.E. website—nopetaskforce.org; or, by contacting Connie Curry at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 863-763-3117. Your photos should be downloaded now to ensure their inclusion on the video. The N.O.P.E. vigil strives to raise awareness and open doors to recovery by eliminating the stigma that has followed the disease of addiction—a disease that shows no prejudice to any walk of life or background.

### OHS Class of 2003 Reunion set for October

Okeechobee High School Homecoming is Friday, **Oct. 26**, and the OHS Class of 2003 will celebrate their 10-Year Reunion. Thursday, **Oct. 25**, is the parade, and the class is invited to join in on the class float. Friday, **Oct. 26**, is the Homecoming game, and the class will watch the slideshow in the cafeteria prior to the game. The Reunion will be held at Hammerheads (202 N.E. 7th Ave, on Taylor Creek) at 7 p.m. on Saturday, **Oct. 27**. The cost is \$20 at the door and includes a private party with appetizers, music, dancing and a cash bar.

For more information, visit facebook.com/OkeechobeeHighSchool2003 or email Kristin Larson Hamilton at k.larson@yahoo.com.

### OHS Class of 1973 Reunion planned

The Okeechobee High School Class of 1973 Reunion is planned for Oct. 26 and 27. On Friday, **Oct. 26**, the group will meet at the Homecoming game at the north end of the bleachers. At 9 p.m. they will meet at Kahootz for those who want to attend. On Oct. 27, they will meet at Lunkers at 5:30 p.m. for socializing and dinner. Any questions can be directed to email at okeechobeehs73@hotmail.com or call Vickie at 864-828-2083 or Nancy at 863-467-1565.

### Crafters wanted for bazaar

The Okeechobee Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 3**. Crafters are wanted and tables are for rent for \$10 each. Please call for more information, 863-763-6928.

### American Legion Post 64 opens Sunday night bingo

American Legion 64 will once again host Sunday night Bingo beginning on **Oct. 28** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the non-smoking bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the VFW veterans' programs. The event is free and open to the public.

### Kids' Fishing Day

Taylor Creek Bass Club presents Kids' Fishing Day on Sunday, **Oct. 28**, at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center. From 10 a.m. to noon there will be a cast, pitch and flip contest for children 6 - 14. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. there will be open fishing for ages 4 - 14. Each child will receive a thank you gift for coming and all children who participate in the open fishing will take home a rod and reel combo. No personal fishing equipment will be allowed. All children must be accompanied by a responsible parent or other adult. Food and drinks will be available. All children will receive two hot dogs and a free drink. For more information contact Chan Garrett at 863-357-0028.

### County Fair Board to meet

The Okeechobee County Fair Board will meet on **Oct. 25**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office, 55 S. Parrott Avenue.

### Parks and Rec host Annual Florida Senior Games

The Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation is encouraging active seniors 50+ to participate in the 23rd Annual Florida Senior Games. The local qualifying competition is hosted by the Martin County Parks & Recreation Department **Nov. 2–12**. Pick up a brochure from your local Parks & Rec. Office in the Sports Complex for a detailed list of dates and locations for each event. You can register online at <http://econnect.martin.fl.us>. Questions can be directed to Jesse Moore at 772-221-1419.

### VFW Post announces education writing competitions

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4423 announces the kick-off of Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition. Local High School students have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars in scholarships and a trip to Washington, D.C. Nov. 1, is the deadline at the post level. Students must write and record a 3-5 minute essay on a given theme. Please contact Danny Strickland at 863-763-0589 for information and entry form.

Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 4423 announces the kick-off of "Patriot's Pen Essay Competition." Middle school student in grades 6-8 have the opportunity to compete for thousands of dollars. November 1, is the deadline at the post level. Students are invited to write a 300-400 word essay on a patriotic theme. Please contact Danny Strickland, at 863-763-0589, for information and entry form.

### Eagles North calling all local artists

Eagles North is calling artists in all categories of art to participate in the F.O.E. 4137 Auxiliary Fourth Annual Art Event planned for Dec. 1. Featuring the Florida Highwaymen Artist and other fine artists from Florida. To participate in this event, call Lynn Earley at 863-697-2443 or email at: [lynn.earley@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.earley@gmail.com). A booth is a \$65 donation which will go to the F.O.E. 4137 Auxiliary Charities Fund. Public is invited.

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1000-1200	167	45.00	87.50	75.19	78.19
1200-1400	89	72.00	86.00	78.69	76.94
1400-1600	34	74.00	84.00	78.32	80.84
1600-1800	7	74.00	85.00	77.67	82.50

BULLS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
1200-1400	7	84.00	100.00	90.17	88.33
1400-1600	20	87.00	100.00	94.53	93.00
1600-1800	18	86.00	106.00	96.36	92.33

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200-250	29	120.00	250.00	206.50	226.87
250-300	92	115.00	250.00	184.39	200.57
300-350	145	120.00	230.00	165.55	172.60
350-400	169	105.00	195.00	165.94	161.79
400-450	193	105.00	187.50	154.86	155.90
450-500	157	105.00	185.00	146.89	143.93
500-550	144	110.00	152.50	132.94	137.39
550-600	124	109.00	145.00	130.26	132.62
600-650	68	105.00	142.00	128.26	131.32
650-700	59	112.00	141.00	124.21	128.36
700-750	18	113.00	137.00	127.29	126.09

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200-250	57	110.00	240.00	168.11	160.00
250-300	67	115.00	180.00	153.18	143.41
300-350	102	105.00	175.00	143.92	142.01
350-400	126	110.00	155.00	137.99	136.50
400-450	154	115.00	152.50	133.30	129.36
450-500	139	110.00	145.00	125.41	122.25
500-550	118	107.00	141.00	120.11	119.73
550-600	60	107.00	155.00	119.90	117.43
600-650	23	105.00	120.00	113.77	114.62

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	957	1087
COWS	123	362
STRS	8	4
HFRS	6	13
BULLS	17	38
YRLNGS	46	31
MIX	0	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1157</b>	<b>1567</b>

Prices were fairly steady this week. Medium slaughter cows were \$2-3 lower, bulls were \$1-2 higher. Lighter weight steer calves were lower and lighter, heifer calves were higher. Heavier calves were mostly steady with good demand. Look for prices to continue to be good with supply low and demand high. Last weeks Heifer Sale and Horned Hereford Bull Sale went really good. Heifers averaged \$1,600 and Bulls averaged \$3,100!

Bronson Partnership, Kissimmee, topped the calf market with a high of \$2.70, bought by Terry Bomhak. Adams Ranch, Ft. Pierce and Pete Garcia, Clewiston both topped the cow market with a high of 86.00 bought by Central Beef.

See ya next week, Todd

**Free benefits for veterans and their widows**

There are VA benefits available for veterans and their widows. The benefits can be sometimes be as high \$3,000, depending on the status of the individual. There are companies advertising to assist veterans in obtaining these benefits and say they can guarantee results, usually for a price. The County Veterans' Services Office can assist veterans and their widows in obtaining these benefits - free of charge. For assistance call the County Service Officer, Betsy Grinslade at 863-763-6441 x5, or stop by the office at the historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Ave, Room 106.



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**Distinguished Service Award**

At the Tuesday, Oct. 16, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council, Mayor James Kirk, right, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Eagle Scouts Colton Brown, left, and Matthew Saucier, who is in college and was not able to be present. Matthew was represented by his father, Col. Lawrence Saucier, center. Both Scouts' Eagle projects consisted of cleaning and repairing the facilities in Flagler Park.

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# Wemmer family honored with Florida Main Street Award

Okeechobee Main Street is proud to present David and Pat Wemmer with Secretary of State Ken Detzner's Florida Main Street Award for Outstanding New Construction. The Wemmer Family Orthodontic Building, located at 2025 Highway 441 N.E. consists of 7,500 square feet of space in three separate office units, including the units for Dr. Wemmer's orthodontics practice, which he shares with his daughter and Everglades Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Melissa Kindell.

Construction of the Wemmer Building began in April of 2011 and the building was completed in November of that same year. The structure is considered high in technology and efficiency. It was constructed to ensure a low level of noise from the highway and a high-level of energy efficiency. The ellipses on the building entrances and cultured stone add to the beauty and grace of the structure. This building adds significantly to the aesthetic quality of the north side of Okeechobee.

Dr. Wemmer's orthodontist suite showcases brightly painted walls and chandeliers with multi-colored crystals. Whimsical pillows serve as a backrest and a children's play area completes the scene. Dr. Kindell's practice caters to youth and children with special needs or those that are medically compromised. TV's are mounted to distract youth during services and the office is designed with both play areas and training areas. An Everglades theme is utilized and is a haven for children and their families.

Okeechobee Main Street recognizes the importance of new construction and what it adds to the culture of the community. We congratulate the Wemmers on their accomplishment!



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Dr. Kindell and the staff of Everglades Pediatric Dentistry share in the excitement of the award from Secretary of State, Ken Detzner's Florida Main Street Award Program.



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Main Street President Maureen Burroughs congratulates David and Pat Wemmer along with the staff of Wemmer Family Orthodontics for their Honor Award from Florida Main Street.

## Investigations

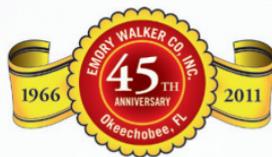
The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigated the following reports of crimes last week:

- ASSAULT
  - 7200 block of U.S. 441 N.
- BURGLARY
  - 6500 block of N.E. Seventh Lane
- THEFT
  - 3900 block of U.S. 441 N. (wallet)
  - 500 block of N.W. Fourth St. (identity)
  - 900 block of N.E. 28th Terrace (water)
  - 3800 block of N.W. 16th Ave. (identity)

## Fallen Peace Officer Bass Tournament set

Florida Annual Fallen Peace Officer Bass Tournament is planned for Saturday, Oct. 27. A \$110 entry fee goes into the big bass pot. Registration begins at 4 a.m. The tournament will take place at C. Scott Driver Park Ramp and begins at safe light. Weigh-in is at 1 p.m. at the pavilion on the Point. There will be food and drinks at weigh-in. All donations benefit Florida Fallen Peace Officer families. Teams wanting to pre-register please call Jack Fulce at 863-763-7753. The tournament is sponsored at Crappy Jack's Bait & Tackle, local, county, and State Law Enforcement Agencies, FHP, and FWC.

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### South Elementary students honored

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of October 1-5. They are: Arianna Trejo, Christian Sampson, Selina Boswell Estrella, Tori Trent, Emma Rodriguez, Kain Joles, Fernando Chavez, Kye Rivero, Kora Lemmerman, Rosalia Jaimes, Cameron Tinajero, Madison Jewell, Christian Vega, Lexy Arnold, Kendrick Forlifer and Danielle Whipple.

### CASTLE calls for volunteers for safe parenting program

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### Central Students of the Week

Congratulations to these Central Elementary School students of the week. Aiden Bigford, Alexa Tellez, Jordan Shanks, Lane Davis, Andres Gomez, Paul King, Felipe Mendoza, Crystal Garcia, Lauren Abbate, Kevious Jackson Balin Devore, Emmanual Juarez-Villegas, Emiy Johnson, Pablo Varillas, Jolina Moreno, Rosalinda Caballero, Syleena Lawson, Alejandro Liberato, Mia Barrett, Jathen Rodriguez, Luis Noel Espinoza, Isaac Watford, Isabela Calvillo, April Salvin, Elizabeth Smith, Emma Baird, Andrea Ramirez, Saint Barbosa, Jentry Griffin, Dillon Spence and Wyatt Friend.

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# Dr. Scott opens behavioral health care center

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee news

Dr. Ellisa Scott, of Changing Tree Wellness Center, operates a local behavioral health care center that provides outpatient individual and family mental health therapy, stress reduction meditation, mental health evaluations, assessment and court ordered classes. Changing Tree seeks to inspire change and empower people.

Dr. Scott, who has a Ph.D., is assisted by Dr. Susan Aery, EdD, and office manager Aneel Guillen. Dr. Scott is a certified Domestic Violence Assessor/Evaluator, Clinical Approved Supervisor and Licensed Mental

Health Practitioner with 18 years experience. Dr. Aery is a National Certified Addiction Professional, Child Behavioral Analyst, licensed mental health counselor and approved Clinical Supervisor. Ms. Guillen is bilingual and has many years experience overseeing several behavioral health practices.

Changing Tree Wellness Center is located 203 N.E. Second Ave. The hours are noon to 1 p.m. and 3 to 5:30 p.m. every day. They accept most insurance and Medicaid.

*Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at [pgawda@newszap.com](mailto:pgawda@newszap.com).*



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda  
**Dr. Ellisa Scott, a clinical psychotherapist, operates Changing Tree Wellness Center, a behavioral health care center that provides a variety of mental health services.**

# Shooter's Choice gun shop comes to Okeechobee

**By Pete Gawda**  
Okeechobee News

There is a new gun shop in town. Rick Cooper and Thom Jones, owners of Shooter's Choice, decided to open a second location in Okeechobee. The original gun shop is located in the St. Lucie Shooting Center. They recently opened a second gun shop at 122 S.E. Park St. with Rob Cunningham as the manager. The Okeechobee gun shop has more hunting rifles and shotguns.

"We focus on selling new guns at less than list prices," said Mr. Jones. Shooter's Choice offers a wide variety of brands including top of the line brands at discount prices. In addition to new guns, Shooter's Choice sells used guns and takes used guns in trade. They also carry shotgun shells and shooting clay rounds as well as Case knives. The telephone number is 863-623-4741. The hours are 10



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda  
**Thom Jones, one of the owners of Shooter's Choice shows off some of the guns and ammunition his shop sells.**

a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.  
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**Foster parents are needed - Training classes are open**  
Hibiscus Children's Center Foster Care Program recruits, trains and licenses all the traditional Foster Parents in St. Lucie, Martin and Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. The required 30 hour (MAPP) classes are held one evening a week or on Saturdays and are free. For additional information about becoming a Foster Parent or to register for a class please call: 1-800-403-9311 ext. 415.

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## Scroll Saw Class

Scroll sawing used to be the "Guy thing," but last year's best scroller was Marie Pena. From the looks of things, we may have a girl again be the best in the class. Photos with the wolf is Cheyann Schaffer. She made the wolf plaque the first week of class.

Wendy Watts, the volunteer instructor for the class, says the kids that are allowed to saw must have good grades and attendance, have no discipline problems and have some responsibility skills.



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## Custodians Day

Students from Mrs. Sickels' and Mrs. Daaku's classes presented the hard-working custodians with a handmade banner and special heart-shaped cupcake tray in honor of Custodians Day.

## Sign up for Upward Basketball - Register until Nov. 28

Upward Basketball is planned at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. Basketball and Cheerleading registration is \$65 due by Nov. 28. Forms/info are available at the church office and by calling 863-763-2171. Evaluations/orientation are mandatory and will be held Nov. 29, 5:30-7 p.m. (1st-4th grade) and Nov. 30, 5:30-7p.m. (5th-6th grade). Practices begin Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013. Games are Saturdays between Jan. 12 and March 2.



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is of utmost importance to understand the cause of your symptoms before embarking on a treatment program. If you are unsure of your diagnosis, or the severity of your condition, you should seek medical advice before beginning any treatment.

If you or a loved one are experiencing the following symptoms – consider talking

with your physician or an orthopaedic specialists.

- Stiff knees, especially in the morning;
- Pain in knees when getting up or using stairs;
- Persistent groin pain;
- Inability to bend down to tie your shoes.

Raulerson Hospital's October Dine with the Doctor lecture will feature Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr. Benjamin Epstein. Dr. Epstein is the newest member of Raulerson Hospital's medical staff. The public is invited to come and meet the doctor as well as enjoy dinner and an informative session about Joint Replacement: Hip & Knee on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Dinner will be served in the Raulerson Hospital Cafeteria beginning at 4:30 p.m. (\$5 per person). The lecture is free and begins at 5:00 p.m. To RSVP for Dine with the Doctor or for a free physician referral call Consult-a-Nurse 24 hours-a-day/7days-a-week: 863-763-9228.



Dr. Benjamin Epstein

## Health News in Brief

### IRSC hosts Nursing Student Health Fair

FORT PIERCE -- Learn how to take care of your health in a fun and engaging way at the Indian River State College Nursing Student Health Fair. IRSC nursing students, empowered by a strong desire to share the latest information about health and wellness, are bringing this free health fair to the Koblegard Student Union Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The health fair is for anyone interested in learning about ways to improve their health and wellness and is free to everyone. There will be information for every age group and free giveaways. Attendees will learn about important health topics including: Diabetes Mellitus (with free blood glucose testing), nutrition – with free healthy snacks. Information about pets and health, skin cancer detection, HIV/AIDS, ovarian cancer, alcohol and drug dependence, breast cancer, dental health, Alzheimer's disease, the benefits of exercise, smoking cessation and more will be available at the health fair. For more information, contact Margaret Johnson at 772-462-7571 or email mjohnson@irsc.edu.

### Program helps smokers quit

A program for those who wish to quit smoking cigarettes or quit using other tobacco products will be held on Wednesdays, Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5, 12, 19, at Raulerson Hospital 1796 U.S. Hwy. 441 N. (in the cafeteria). The program is free and will include a support group and help with relapse prevention. Free nicotine replacement therapy (gun, patches and lozenges) will be provided for those who qualify. To register, call 877-819-2357.

### Stroke Support group plans to meet

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will hold a "Stroke Support Group" on Nov. 14, at 5:30 p.m. at The Heritage Assisted 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 to the public, family and patients. For more information feel free to call 863-763-1700.

### 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.

### Concerned about your memory? Get a free screening

The Alzheimers Association and St. Mary's Memory Disorder Center are offering free and confidential memory screening at the Visiting Nurses Association, 208 SE Park Street, Okeechobee on Monday, Oct. 29. Appointments are required. Please call Donna: 800-861-7826 EXT 501 to schedule or for more information. www.alz.org/seflorida.

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The Okeechobee County School District Advisory Council will meet on Monday, October 29, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. in the School Board Administrative Building, Room 303, 700 SW 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. This meeting is open to the public.  
Ken Kenworthy Superintendent 429118 ON 10/21/2012

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROBATE DIVISION**  
**CASE NO. 2012-CP-109**

**IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES R. ROUP, Deceased**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of CHARLES R. ROUP, deceased, File Number 2012-CP-109 by the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972; that the decedent's date of death was June 15, 2012; that the total value of the estate is \$0.00 and that the names and address of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:  
**Charles J. Roup**  
6675 NE 4th Street  
Okeechobee, FL 34972

**Bobbie Jean Selig**  
505 West Circle  
Vero Beach, FL 32968

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The date of first publication of this Notice is October 21, 2012.

Persons Giving Notice:  
**CHARLES J. ROUP**  
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Attorney for Persons Giving Notice:  
**COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQ.**  
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429224 ON 10/21/28/2012

**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 al**  
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**  
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:  
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**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND PUBLIC TEST OF VOTE TABULATING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION**  
The Okeechobee County Canvassing Board will convene in the historic courthouse at the office of the Supervisor of Elections, 304 NW 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida, at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. The Board is convening for the testing of the ballot tabulating equipment to be used for the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election. The Board may also discuss other matters pertaining to the November 6, 2012 Presidential General Election.  
In accordance with the Sunshine Law of Florida, this meeting is open to the public.  
Gwen Chandler  
Supervisor of Elections  
Okeechobee County, Florida  
429280 ON 10/21/2012

**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 Uden 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 Plaintiff's 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 OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**  
By: Linda F. Young  
Deputy Clerk  
428481 ON 10/14/21/2012

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**CASE NO.: 47-2012-CA-000261**



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## Community Events

### First United Methodist Women sponsor bazaar

The First United Methodist Women of Okeechobee invite you to attend our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, **Nov. 3**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at 200 N.W. 2nd St. in Okeechobee. You will find a variety of Christmas ornaments, Christmas gifts, crafts, quilted items, nuts, baked goods, white elephant items and a silent auction. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to Mission Projects local, national and abroad, come and bring a friend.

### Craft Fair in the Woods planned

The 6th annual Craft Fair in the Woods will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 10**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Freedom Ranch, 11655 Hwy. 441 S.E., Come to enjoy the handmade and homemade Christmas decorations, jewelry, woodcrafts, fine art, baked and canned goods, fabric, yarn, paper and wire crafts, home and yard decor and so much more. Relax in the beautiful surroundings. Enjoy a BBQ dinner and swamp cabbage. Also swamp buggy rides and arena demonstrations along with pony rides for the kids. Interested in being a vendor? Call 863-763-9800.

### Fifth Annual Commander's Ball announced

Attend the Fifth Annual Commander's Ball on **Nov. 10**, at 6 p.m. for cocktails, door prize/drawings. At 7 p.m. Roast Beef Dinner followed by entertainment by Saxman and Posse. Tickets are \$35/Couple---\$17.50/Single. Please purchase tickets before Nov. 2, at VFW Post #10539, VFW Post #10539, 3912 Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee. 863-763-2308.

## MURDER

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continued to stab her as the struggle went from the kitchen, to the hallway and then to her bedroom. He stabbed her a total of 35 times.

"The life ebbed out of her in her own bedroom, where he had no right to be," said Chief Assistant State Attorney Tom Bakke-dahl in his closing statement to the jury.

Middleton then stole Bobbie's 42-inch flat screen television that she had won at a Golden Corral Christmas party. Carrying the television, Middleton walked back to his rented mobile home located some 139 feet from Bobbie's in the Pine Ridge Mobile Home Park.

Later that evening he sold the TV for \$200 and immediately bought more drugs.

When he addressed the court Friday morning, Eric Christensen told Judge Belanger that his wife was killed so that Middleton "could buy a few pills and a few beers

... "I hear her screams and I see him drag-

ging her down the hallway," said Eric. "So many people were hurt—not only on that day but for the rest of their lives."

Eric told the judge he last talked to his wife at 2:55 p.m. on July 28. While he was working in New Jersey, Eric would talk to his wife several times each day. At the end of their talks Eric would say "I love you" and Bobbie would reply "I love you more."

"Her last words to me were 'good bye. I love you more,'" he said through his tears Friday morning. "I never heard her voice again. My hurt is my life sentence."

He then directed a comment to Middleton, who was sitting at the defense table in his orange and white jail jump suit. While calling Middleton an animal, Eric said it was his hope that another inmate would find out about Middleton's gruesome act and then take matters into his own hands.

"What a smile that will bring to so many people," said Eric.

He then held up a photo of his wife's grave in New Jersey that looked almost out of place in the snow-covered cemetery.

"She didn't like the snow, so I shoveled off her grave," he said, finally breaking down.

## WATER

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Florida Levin College of Law in an earlier interview.

Although she doesn't say so specifically, Ms. Fuller indicates in her response that the alleged consumptive use permit supersedes the eminent domain agreement.

In her response, Ms. Fuller states: "In 1961, Austin and Rosa Lee Pearce were issued a right of way permit. This permit stood and allowed water access until the law changed in 1972. In 1972, the new law required a consumptive use permit to be issued. Austin and Rosa Lee Pearce were issued a consumptive use permit in 1978 which applied to their property until the death of the last surviving individual, Rosa Lee Pearce."

Ms. Fuller went on to state that after Mrs. Pearce's death in 1982 the property was no longer permitted for consumptive water uses because water rights permits do not automatically transfer.

And it's Ms. Fuller's reference to the consumptive use permit that has Mr. Collier up in arms.

"I have never seen a consumptive use permit in my grandfather or grandmother's name. I would like to see one," he said. "Our attorney and our engineer have never seen one."

"I have seen an application for irrigation and a permit for 7,500 acres out of the L-59 in conjunction with the eminent domain agreement. At the time those were issued, there was no such thing as a consumptive

use permit," he added.

Tommy Perry, an engineer with Johnson-Prewitt Associates Inc. in Clewiston, backed up Mr. Collier's statement.

When asked if he has seen this consumptive use permit, Mr. Perry replied: "No, I have not."

Mr. Perry, who said he's done engineering work for many years for Mr. Story, added that he is surprised that he hasn't seen that permit.

It should also be noted at this point that this newspaper has asked for a copy of that permit through public records requests. But as of late Friday, Oct. 19, those requests have not been filled.

And Mr. Collier doubts that the elusive permit will ever surface.

"I anxiously await its appearance," he said.

When asked if Twin Sisters is considering litigation over this issue, Mr. Collier said what the group is really seeking is clarity on the issue.

"We're trying to get clarification without litigation, but they're forcing us into some type of litigation. Sometimes the only clarity you get is the sound of the judge's gavel," he replied. "But if you can violate eminent domain and leave people high and dry, then what's next?"

When contacted for their comment, a DEP spokesman said they would leave their comment to what's contained in Ms. Fuller's letter.

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# Kodi Stephen advances to regional golf tournament

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Brahman golfer Kodi Stephen has met his goal of returning to the regional golf tournament. Now he wants to go one step further and qualify for the state with a strong performance on Monday in Melbourne.

Stephen shot 73, one over par, to finish sixth overall in the District 18-2A tournament this past Monday.

"I had good confidence in what I was doing. I felt good about my game," Stephen said of his round Monday. He had two bogies, but 15 pars and one birdie on the day.

It was tough to qualify as scores of 67 and 69 were posted by competing golfers. It's likely an under par score will be needed at the regional as well in order to advance to state.

Stephen did well despite some recent health issues. He was diagnosed with pneumonia on October 9 and couldn't practice much last week and prepare for the districts.

"It set me back three to four days and it was difficult getting back into it," he added.

Stephen realizes it will be tough to get to the state finals but he knows that in order to get there he has to be at his best. He planned to put in extra hours this week practicing and

fine tuning his game from tee to green.

"My strategy is to do the best I can. If I feel that I did my best and don't get a state title, I'll still be happy with myself," he said.

Stephen hasn't decided on what college he'll attend but likes Florida Gulf Coast University and would like to enter the field of golf management and coaching. If he was to get recruiting and scholarship offers, he would definitely consider them.

That is all in the future. This week his focus is on October 22 and his regional tournament effort.

"It is a once in a life time thing and I'll definitely give it my best," he added.

# Lady Brahman golfer reaches regional

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Cameron White shot 99 Monday at the Sand Ridge Country Club in Vero Beach and qualified to represent Okeechobee High in the regional Monday in Viera.

Cameron, age 15, is the daughter of Mike and Samantha White of Okeechobee. She grew up around the golf course at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club and took an interest in golf at an early age. In the past four years Cameron has worked hard to become a solid golfer.

"It wasn't until middle school that I began to take the sport seriously. I was in the middle of the pack as a freshman and worked all summer in a junior tour in Sebring to improve my skills," she said.

Her top score this year is 44. She said while she performed well at the district tournament, she feels she is capable of putting up a lower score if she makes some putts and eliminates silly mistakes. She said the fast greens in Vero Beach made it difficult on her.

"I really didn't think about advancing while I played Monday. I was proud of my performance but I know I could have done better. That makes me excited for the next round," she added.

Cameron also got a lot of help from Jim Waldau at Waldau Junior Golf since she was eight years old.

Tuesday at school, Cameron was congratulated by her classmates and teachers and the school announced she and Kodi Stephen had advanced to regional. She said it felt good to be recognized for her hard work.

Her dad, said that experience really got his daughter to improve her golf game, "I can't say enough about how much they have done for our daughter and for youth golf in general."

Cameron said her experience in the Sebring league helped prepare her for 18 holes. She admits she does well when she plays a course she is unfamiliar with.

"Golf is definitely a mind game you can't worry about the last shot. I feel like I play better when I'm matched up with better players," she added. "There will be better golfers there on Monday but I feel like I want to be like those girls. I want to be the best and I will keep working until I am."

Her dad said he felt the Brahman team was at a disadvantage this year because of the amount of rain that's fallen and the cancellation of two to three matches and a loss of practice time. He said coastal teams had better weather and more time to prepare this year.

"Her mother and I are so proud of her. I feel her hard work this summer has paid off.

She has a great attitude out there and she hits the ball a long way for a 15 year old girl. I'm the most nervous on the short putts because they are real easy to miss."

Cameron admits she'll be nervous when she hits the first tee on Monday but won't let it bother her. Her game plan will be to play a round of golf and take every shot as it comes.

"I can see myself getting better the more I go out there. In ninth grade I didn't work as hard but I've put in more time and effort this year," she added.

She also thanked her grandparents Ronnie and Juanita White for helping her with her golf game.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Brahman golfer Kodi Stephen watches a pitch during a recent golf match at the Okeechobee Golf and Country Club.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy  
Cameron White watches a fairway shot during a recent match. The OHS sophomore will represent the Brahman at the golf regional on Monday.

## NOPE Candle Light Vigil

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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 GM Courtesy Transport.....\$1,500



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$29,150**  
 LEASE FOR \$489 per month

100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### NEW 2011 MALIBU LS

MSRP When New.....\$23,180  
 Belle Glade Savings.....\$816  
 Hold Back.....\$672  
 GM Final Pay.....\$3500  
 USAA.....\$750  
 GM Courtesy Transport.....\$1,000



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$16,442**  
 LEASE FOR \$248 per month

100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### NEW 2012 CRUZE LS

MSRP When New.....\$18,755  
 Belle Glade Savings.....\$380  
 Hold Back.....\$540  
 USAA.....\$750  
 GM Bonus Cas.....\$500  
 GM Courtesy Transport.....\$500



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$15,545**  
 LEASE FOR \$232 per month

100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### OWNER DEMO 2011 TAHOE LTZ

Stock #187167  
**ONLY 8,100 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$55,790  
 Belle Glade Savings.....\$3,206  
 Hold Back.....\$1645  
 USAA.....\$750  
 GM Final Pay.....\$4,500



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$45,689**

100's to choose from at similar savings

## Plattner's CLEWISTON SUPERSTORE

### \$249 per month 2012 CHEVY IMPALA

**ONLY 14,000 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$26,900  
 Sale Price.....\$15,984  
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



**SALE \$12,984**

Stock #3280152  
 100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### \$249 per month 2010 GMC SIERRA

**ONLY 19,600 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$27,500  
 Sale Price.....\$15,984  
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



**SALE \$12,984**

Stock #5213598A  
 100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### \$239 per month 2010 NISSAN ROUGE

**ONLY 42,900 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$29,300  
 Sale Price.....\$15,884  
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



**SALE \$12,884**

Stock #3029115  
 100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### \$169 per month 2009 COBALT COUPE

**ONLY 57,000 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$18,900  
 Sale Price.....\$9,984  
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



**SALE \$6,984**

Stock #5203210  
 100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

### \$189 per month 2007 DODGE DAKOTA 4X4 CLUB CAB

**ONLY 71,000 MILES!**

MSRP When New.....\$25,700  
 Sale Price.....\$11,784  
 Any Old Trade Worth.....\$3,000



**SALE \$8,784**

Stock #3179386  
 100's to choose from at similar savings  
 Payments are based upon 72 months financing and a 750+ beacon score.

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### NEW 2012 RAM 1500 QUAD CAB ST 4X2

MSRP.....\$27,540  
 LaBelle Savings.....\$1,692  
 Hold Back.....\$796  
 VPA Bonus.....\$400  
 S E Bonus Cash.....\$3,000  
 Military Discount.....\$500  
 Cash or Trade in.....\$3,000  
 Total Savings.....\$10,888



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$16,652**  
 LEASE FOR \$385 per month

Stock #2116599

### NEW 2012 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SE AVP

MSRP.....\$21,930  
 LaBelle Savings.....\$195  
 Hold Back.....\$630  
 VPA Bonus.....\$400  
 S E Bonus Cash.....\$500  
 My FFA Bonus.....\$500  
 Military Discount.....\$500  
 Cash or Trade in.....\$3,000  
 Total Savings.....\$3,475



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$15,455**  
 LEASE FOR \$285 per month

Stock #2260297

### NEW 2012 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LARADO

MSRP.....\$28,315  
 LaBelle Savings.....\$378  
 Hold Back.....\$825  
 VPA Bonus.....\$400  
 S E Bonus Cash.....\$1,000  
 Military Discount.....\$500  
 Cash or Trade in.....\$3,000  
 Total Savings.....\$3,103



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$22,212**  
 LEASE FOR \$299 per month

Stock #2212397

### NEW 2012 JEEP UNLIMITED SPORT

MSRP.....\$27,765  
 LaBelle Savings.....\$836  
 Hold Back.....\$806  
 VPA Bonus.....\$400  
 Military Discount.....\$500  
 Cash or Trade in.....\$3,000  
 Total Savings.....\$2,542



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$22,223**  
 LEASE FOR \$269 per month

Stock #2181774

### NEW 2012 JEEP PATRIOT SPORT 2WD

MSRP.....\$18,870  
 Total Savings.....\$2,542



**YOU CAN BUY FOR \$12,612**  
 LEASE FOR \$269 per month

Stock #22613613

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