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Special to the Okeechobee News/OCC

Agriculture program growing

Okeechobee Christian Academy's Agriculture and 4-H program is growing! The students have planted ornamental pumpkins in the Gratitude Garden which will be harvested for Thanksgiving decorations. They are also testing out a new growing system called H2O Grow Bags; patented by a local farmer. The students are learning first hand, the important role that Agriculture plays in our lives. The instructor, Lauralee Bryan, believes that "agricultural literacy" will lead to a greater understanding and appreciation of the industry.

Undercover coke operation leads to six arrests

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Six people are being held in the county jail following their arrests by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force in an ongoing drug operation being staged locally.

A detective with the task force said the majority of the Nov. 15



Casey Torria Casen



Alexis M. Crowell

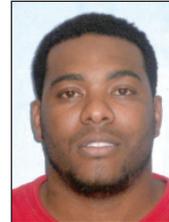
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Ronald Lee Jackson



Kenneth B. McQueen



Pardell K. Rembert

Local voters show humor, imagination

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Local voters not only showed their sense of humor while filling out their ballots last week, but also a variety of choices for sheriff of Okeechobee County and the president of the United States.

Even though Republican Mitt Romney actually carried Okeechobee County, voters nationwide, chose to give Barack Obama

another four years. But those choices apparently didn't appeal to some local voters and they, instead, elected to write in their own choices.

Although Supervisor of Elections Gwen Chandler said she didn't have the actual number of tallies, former Republican candidate for president Ron Paul re-

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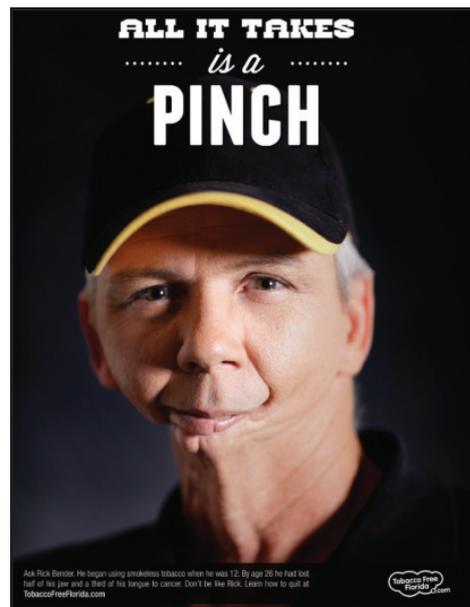
OAA Students learn dangers of tobacco

He is sometimes called the man without a face, national speaker Rick Bender visited Okeechobee Achievement Academy on Monday, Nov. 12. An oral cancer survivor and former user of spit tobacco, Rick travels the United States educating thousands of elementary, middle and high school students about the dangers of tobacco use. A former minor league baseball player, Rick started using tobacco at the age of 12 and was diagnosed with cancer when he was 26. He shares his story to encourage teens to say no to tobacco and to bring awareness to the issue.

The 2012 results of the Florida Youth Tobacco survey show that 20.6 percent of Okeechobee County youth ages 11-17 reported to have used tobacco in the last 30 days. This is much higher than the state average of 11.2 percent. There is a great need to educate the youth in our county and to prevent the next generation from becoming addicted to this deadly drug called nicotine. For more information on how you can be involved, contact the Tobacco Free Partnership of Okeechobee at 863-447-9140.



Special to the Okeechobee News
Speaker Rick Bender visited Okeechobee Achievement Academy on Monday to encourage Okeechobee students to avoid spit tobacco and the disfiguring results.



Rick Bender poster shows how dangerous all kinds of tobacco use are including spit tobacco.

OREA offers holiday ornaments for sale

The Okeechobee Retired Educator's Association has their 2012 Historical Christmas Ornament for sale. This year the ornament honors the historic Okeechobee City Hall and is available for \$15 from any OREA member or contact Gay Carlton, President of OREA at 863-763-5755. Proceeds benefit scholarships that we award to an OHS student planning on going into education. Previous year ornaments are also available in limited numbers for \$10. The 2008 edition features the Okeechobee County Court House, the 2010 is of the Tantie School House and 2011 was of the FEC train station. Get them while they last!

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Extended Forecast

Monday: Partly cloudy in the morning, then clear. High of 79F. Winds from the North at 5 to 10 mph.
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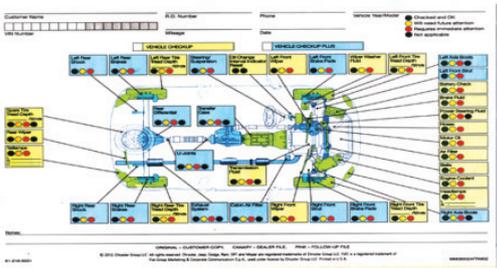
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Letters to the editor

Blood roundup under way

The Seventh Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup is underway today at Hammerhead's Banquet Hall on State Road 70 East from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Roundup's goal is to collect 600 units of blood this year. In order to bring attention to the need for an adequate blood supply in our community, I have written stories of local people who have received donated blood for various reasons and one thing is common among them: they sincerely appreciate those who donated the most precious gift they could ever receive—blood.

In many instances, the donated blood saved the lives of many of the people who shared their stories in the hope it will inspire others to give blood. Rebekah, Frances and Ma Tante Laurette received blood transfusions because cancer treatments depleted their red blood cell count. Steve and Charles had internal bleeding and would have bled to death had it not been for an adequate supply of blood when they were in the hospital. Chris and George suffered trauma as a result of vehicular accidents and, without blood transfusions to replace that which they had lost, they may not have lived to tell their stories. While childbirth is a joyous event, Heather, Jamie and Misty nearly lost their lives due to severe loss of blood arising from complications during the birth of their children.

Many of these recipients of donated blood give blood now as their way to give back and help someone else in need of a blood transfusion. You can be a hero to someone by coming out this weekend and joining us at the Blood Roundup.

Florida's Blood Centers recently said that they are grateful for The Roundup because it is the single biggest supplier of blood during the holiday season when blood donations normally are very few. Let's keep them supplied.

I hope to see you there,
Susan Williams

Farewell, our friend, farewell

What a morning it was Thursday. Saying goodbye to one of our own City Firemen, after his being in service to the City of Okeechobee for 28 years. His retirement was to be in

March of 2013. My goodness, what a life of service to his community.

A puppeteer to the school system when Fire Safety Week was held in our schools, entertaining and educating children about what to do in the event a fire occurs.

To hear Chief Herb tell us all about the instances of Mr. Bill with the vacuum cleaner will be a memory I have for a long time, and of his antics in the Fire Station.

He will be so missed at the Department as he was second in command. He did the payroll each time it was to be completed, and so much more. He was a father figure to the younger Firemen, as they come "up the ranks."

As Pastor Mike Brown stated today, Bill was launched into Eternity on Nov. 9, 2012, as his ticket was purchased into Heaven, as he took himself into account, and received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. As he decided this life is not all there is.

As all the firetrucks drove in somberness from the funeral location of "The Gathering," I looked and looked for comfort in all of this. It is not easy to see such a large group of family, Firemen, Police officers, county dignitaries, city officials, and visiting Firemen with their beautiful red fire trucks saying goodbye. My comfort comes in knowing how Bill loved his community, how he dedicated his life to the service of being a Firemen. How much he loved being a family man. How Heaven is where he lives now.

The last song was played today, "Rest High On the Mountain,"—until we all see each other face to face again.

Many blessings to the Douglas family,
Bobbi Poole



Reflections from the pulpit

I Have A Dream...For Okeechobee

(Adapted from excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech

By Pastor Jim Benton),

Faith Tabernacle, on the Campus of Faith Farm

When the rights of women and the freedom of individuals were at stake all across our great nation, Okeechobee was a part of that struggle. The battle for individual rights was fought and won in this country, but Okeechobee was never immune to both the good and bad of those struggles.

Today we need not focus on an elections nor politics; but on the realities of everyday life that shape our community; both secular and ecclesiastical. The goal of this command is love! Love God and love your neighbor!

"It would be fatal for us to overlook the urgency of the moment. This winter of my discontent will not pass until there is an invigorating spring of freedom, deliverance and a deep love that overflows from each of us to one another. Yes, although we are a diverse community of believers, there are those who do not yet know the love of God!

We have nothing to fear! God has promised to be with us. "A new militancy which we must embrace will not produce in us a distrust of all sinners but a willingness to demonstrate love in the midst of their indifference and sometimes hostility.

"I have a dream that one day the Okeechobee church community will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, as developed by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association: that we as a people, believe that we are a Christian fellowship who are devoted to prayer and to facilitate the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in Okeechobee! That is why we exist!

"This is our hope. This is the faith that I stand on. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our community into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, knowing that we will one day join others in heaven for eternity."

"And when this happens, and when we allow our faith in God, the knowledge of His will—we will boldly share the message from every corner and every pasture and every secret place, from every business, church building and courtroom, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children will be able to join hands as we are caught up together to meet Him in the air. But we must understand the times! We have been called by name! We have been empowered and now as Christ's ambassadors, we must share His love. Share it in words! Share it in deeds! But whatever you do, show love! For although we have achieved some measure of success in our nation for equality of all, the final frontier where we all fight, and fight hard, is the arena of love. Are you in the battle or are you out?

I have a dream!

Donations needed for annual Thanksgiving dinner for needy

Big Lake Missions Outreach will once again be serving Thanksgiving dinners for the homeless and needy on Thanksgiving Day at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St., from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. eat in or take out.

Donations of cooked food or monetary donations are needed. They also have dinners donated from Christ Fellowship in Palm Beach Gardens to be delivered out in the community. If you know families, neighbors or an area that will need a meal, be a servant and come and pick up meals and deliver them to those who need them. For more information, call 863-763-5725 or 863-610-1815.

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Manatees moving to warmer waters

Now that the weather outside is chilly, Florida manatees are migrating to warmer waters. They swim in search of a warm winter refuge such as freshwater springs or canals adjacent to power plant outflows.

An adult manatee may weigh 1,000 pounds or more but is susceptible to cold. Water temperatures dipping to 68 degrees or below can produce cold stress in these aquatic mammals, and even cause death.

With many of the seasonal manatee protection zones going into effect on Nov. 15, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) cautions boaters to be vigilant about slowing down and watching out for manatees. In Broward County, some slow speed zones formerly active only on weekends are now in effect every day during the cold season. November is designated as Manatee Awareness Month because of this seasonal migration.

"Many manatees in Florida have scars from run-ins with boats. We can do our

part to help by complying with slow-speed and no-entry zones that indicate manatees may be in the area," said Kipp Frohlich, who leads the FWC's imperiled species management section. "Boaters should slow down where manatees like to congregate, such as seagrass beds and warm-water sites."

How to spot Florida's official marine mammal?

Boaters and personal watercraft operators should scan the water near or in front of their vessels and look for signs that manatees are close by, including repetitive swirl patterns called a manatee footprint, a mud trail, or a snout or fluke (tail) breaking the water's surface.

Here are some other steps boaters and personal watercraft operators can take to help manatees migrate safely:

- Keep vessels in marked channels;
- Wear polarized sunglasses to improve your vision;
- Obey posted boat speed zones;

- Use poles, paddles or trolling motors when close to manatees;

- Have someone help scan the water when under way.

Besides following manatee-safety recommendations, people can help manatees survive by reporting sick, distressed, injured, orphaned or entangled manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or text Tip@MyFWC.com. Florida residents also can call #FWC or *FWC via cell phone.

Manatee conservation is supported by Floridians who purchase the state's manatee license plate. Funds from this specialty tag go directly to manatee research and conservation.

Copies of complete individual county waterway rules are available at www.flrules.org. Visit MyFWC.com/Manatee or call the FWC at 850-922-4330 for more information.

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COCAINE

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arrests centered around the street-level sale of crack cocaine. However, he added, confidential sources used in the operation also purchased some powder cocaine.

Those arrested and their charges are:

- Casey Torria Casen, 33, N.E. 14th Ave., Okeechobee: one count attempt to sell cocaine, one count sale of cocaine and one count possession of cocaine with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$90,000.

- Alexis Melinda Crowell, 22, N.W. Seventh St., Okeechobee: two counts sale of cocaine and two counts possession of cocaine with intent to sell. Her bond was set at \$120,000.

- Dejah Rennard Jackson, 21, N.E. 15th Ave., Okeechobee: one count sale of cocaine and one county possession of cocaine with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$60,000.

- Ronald Lee Jackson, 45, N.E. 16th Ave., Okeechobee; one count sale of cocaine and one county possession of cocaine with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$60,000.

- Kenneth Burton McQueen Jr., 28, N.W. Ninth St., Okeechobee: two counts sale of cocaine and two counts possession of cocaine with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$120,000.

- Pardell Keyon Rembert, 20, Harold Ave., Lehigh Acres: one count sale of cocaine and one count possession of cocaine with intent to sell. His bond was set at \$50,000.

McQueen was also arrested by the task force on a warrant charging him with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription (hydromorphone). His bond on that charge was set at \$2,500. That arrest, said a task force detective, was not in conjunction with the other operation and is a separate offense.

"Every time they sell to someone on the street they have to be lucky and hope it's not one of us. But, we only have to be lucky one time," said Sheriff Paul May of the arrests. "These arrests will continue until these sales drop off or stop."

A records check shows that several of those arrested Thursday have prior drug arrests and have spent time either in the Okeechobee County Jail or prison as a result of those arrests.

total of 10,605, with Mr. Higgins getting 582.

But, as with the president's race, voters were not afraid to let their imaginations run rampant when they entered the voting booth. In fact, all but four of the names cast as write-ins are current employees of Sheriff May and the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO).

Among those write-ins receiving votes were: Barney Fife; Scooby-Doo; Chuck Norris; former candidate for sheriff Tom Levins; Major Noel Stephen, the current undersheriff to Sheriff May; current head of the OCSO Criminal Investigations Division Detective Captain John Rhoden; current OCSO Deputy Adrian Rogers; current OCSO Deputy Sergeant Brian Hagan; and, current OCSO Special Investigator Dale LaFlam.

"I congratulate all those people on a well-run campaign and welcome them to the political arena," said Sheriff May.

Ronald Lee Jackson has drug convictions dating back to 1989. In 1990 he was sentenced to 30 months in prison, with two of his convictions being for selling cocaine.

He was again sent to prison in 2003 after being found guilty for possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. As a result of those convictions, Jackson was sentenced to five years in prison.

Rembert has a history of drug arrests dating back to 2009. In 2011 he was convicted on cocaine charges and sentenced to 10 months in the county jail.

As for McQueen, although he has no history of drug arrests he was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in 2006 and sentenced to 18 months in prison. In 2008 he was sentenced to three years in prison after he was found guilty of possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Crowell was found guilty earlier this year on felony cocaine charges and was sentenced to a short time in the county jail.

As stated, all were being held on bond in the Okeechobee County Jail as of newspaper deadline.

The investigation is continuing.

He went on to add that even though a few voters chose some of his employees over him, Sheriff May said each of them are still employees of the sheriff's office.

In other races with local interest:

- Independent candidate Naomi Craine received one write-in vote in the race for the U.S. Senate. Democrat Bill Nelson won with 5,972 of the 11,939 votes cast locally in that race. He also won the election statewide.

- Independent candidate Tom Baumann received one vote in the race for representative to the U.S. Congress from District 17. Current U.S. Representative Tom Rooney carried Okeechobee with 7,112 of the 11,941 votes cast. Rep. Rooney also defeated challenger William Bronson statewide to retain his seat his District 17 Congressional seat.

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ceived the most local write-in votes.

"He was the winner," she said, even though his race was restricted to the imagination of local voters.

Some of those also getting votes for president were: Jesus; Satan; Donald Duck; Mickey Mouse; actor Denzel Washington; former president Bill Clinton; current U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; current Okeechobee City Council member and businessman Mike O'Connor; and, local businessman and City Council member Dowling Watford.

In the sheriff's race, incumbent Paul May easily outdistanced write-in challenger Timothy Allen Higgins. There were 11,187 votes cast in this race and Sheriff May received a

Community Events

VFW group hosts breakfast

Buckhead Ridge Ladies Auxiliary VFW will hold their monthly Sunday Morning Breakfast on **Nov. 18** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will have biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, home fries, juice and coffee for a donation of \$5. The breakfast is open to the public. If you have any questions, please call our VFW Post at 863-467-2882.

American Legion Post 64 opens Sunday night bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Nov. 18**, at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. A smoking section will be provided in the bingo hall. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

Eagles host chicken dinner

Cypress Hut Eagles will be serving Southern Fried Chicken dinner for a \$6 donation on Sunday, **Nov. 18** from 1 to 5 p.m. Proceeds will go to the community charity fund. For more information please call 467-1154.

Eagles to honor past president

Cypress Hut Eagles, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., will hold a Celebration of Life in memory of Past Madam President Billy on Sunday, **Nov. 18** at noon. There will be music by Sam Venti at 3p.m. For more information, please call 863-467-1154.

Spaghetti dinner slated

Back for another season, the Okeechobee Shrine Club is offering a delicious spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, **Nov. 20**. Serving is from 4-7 p.m. Smoke free dining. Music from 5-8 p.m. all for only a \$6 donation. Proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For more information, contact Kip at 863-357-0427.

Eagles to host bingo

Eagles North, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will have bingo on **Nov. 20**, at 1 p.m. Wednesday bingo will be at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

BHR VFW plans

Thanksgiving meal

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528 will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on **Nov. 22**, from 1 to 4 p.m., serving Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, whipped cream for a donation of \$7. Proceeds will benefit our troops. The event is open to the public. For more info please call our Post at 863-467-2882.

Amateur Radio Club to host HAMFEST

The Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will hold the annual HAMFEST on Saturday, **Nov. 24**, beginning at 8 a.m. The event, known as Hamfest in the Woods is held at Freedom Ranch 11655 U.S. 441 S.E. Hamfest is and electronics, radio and technology swap meet/yard sale where people interested in Ham Radio and computers meet to buy and sell...well, almost anything of a technical nature. Gates open at 7 a.m. for vendors, and at 8am for the general public. Entry is \$5 per person, and Sellers pay an additional \$5 for a tailgate space in the market place.

The public is invited and welcome at the Hamfest and there are hourly drawing for prizes during the event. For more information on the Hamfest, please contact Tom Timmons, Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club President at 863-467-5435.

B.R.A.T. hosts Teen Dance

Come and join the November edition of the B.R.A.T. Club Teen Dance on Saturday, **Nov. 24**, from 7 until 10 p.m. "Tweens and teens ages 12-16 are invited. Enjoy Pizza, soda, chips, games and entertainment all for \$7 admission. For more information, please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

Hospice to hold yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next yard sale will be Wednesday, **Nov. 28**, and Thursday Nov. 29 from 8 a.m. until noon, at the corner of S.E. Fourth St. and S.E. Third Ave. The Festival of Trees will be open and is offering many holiday decorations for sale. For information call 863- 467-2321.

Events benefit Relay for Life

On Saturday, **Nov. 24**, there will be a volleyball and cornhole tournament at the Okeechobee Adult Softball Fields to raise money for Relay for Life. Volleyball registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; entry fee is \$50 for a team of six. Teams in the 18 and over group must be Co-Ed. Teams in the under 18 category must consist of skilled players. For more information please contact Missy Fipps at 863-634-8674.

Cornhole registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and entry fee is \$20 per team. There will also be a concession open. For more information contact Lawrence Fipps 863-801-0901.

CCC meeting planned

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **Nov. 27**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office.

Children's Home Society to host orientation on Nov. 29

The Children's Home Society's next orientation will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, **Nov. 29**, at the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County office, located at 804 S. Sixth St. in Fort Pierce.

Sign up for Upward Basketball

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.

Come dance with us!

The Okeechobee Senior Center offers free line dance lessons. Come join the fun Mondays at noon at Okeechobee Senior Services at 1019 S.W. Park St.

Annual Dogs for Dogs fundraiser gets going

George DuPont of George's Hotdogs, 3603 U.S. 441 S. will once again be helping out the homeless pets at the Humane Society Pet Rescue of Okeechobee. Leaving a donation of cash or supplies for the dogs will not only bring you the satisfaction of helping a homeless pet in your own town, it will also bring you - lunch! A free George's Hotdog and a drink when you drop off your donation with him in front of Mid-Florida Hardware through **Dec. 22**. This is George's fourth year helping out the many dogs at the rescue who are in need of food, treats, blankets and pet beds, extra carriers, toys, and also cash donations to help in their medical care.

We are very thankful to George and his efforts to bring the pets the supplies that they need. Clean out your closets for extra blankets, towels and bring some warmth for a furry friend before the colder weather sets in. Do you have some extra time to donate to help a homeless pet? Call the shelter and come give a dog a hug. 863-3357-1104.

Obituaries

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

Harry E. Horrick, Jr., 80

OKEECHOBEE — Harry E. Horrick, Jr. passed away Nov. 13, 2012 at Lawnwood Hospital.

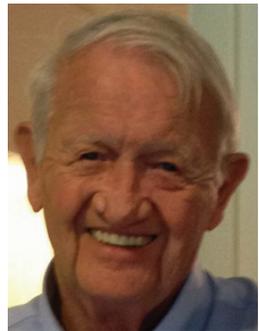
He was born June 1, 1932 in Marion, Iowa. He was a loving husband, Daddy and PawPaw. He was a gentle man with a big heart and warm smile. Harry was a member, Treasurer and Deacon at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. He was most happy carrying the chains at the Brahman's football games, working the concessions at the baseball games, answering the phones at his church and spending time with his family and friends whom he loved dearly. If you needed him, all you had to do was call!

He was predeceased by his daughter, Harriet. Harry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Sue Horrick; children, Scott, Suzanne (Jimmy Winkler); grandchildren, Hannah and Jacob; sister, Darlene and Charles Jeffery of Pekin, Illinois.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Pastor Randy Huckabee officiated.

Friends may sign the guest book and leave a message of condolence at www.BassOkeechobeeFH.com

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



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HOLIDAY DEADLINES

The Okeechobee News Front Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 22 & Friday, Nov. 23 for **THANKSGIVING**

**FRIDAY, NOV. 23
DEADLINE**

Noon on Tuesday, Nov. 20

**SUNDAY, NOV. 25
DEADLINE**

3pm on Wednesday, Nov. 21

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2012

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

COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	LAST		MONDAY	TUESDAY
				AVG:	WEEK:		
800-1000	83	50.00	100.00	72.08	71.25	657	1285
1000-1200	139	62.00	88.00	74.87	78.00	88	290
1200-1400	83	70.00	90.00	78.88	81.00	5	34
1400-1600	35	70.00	86.00	79.74	81.00	3	15
BULLS:							
1200-1400	16	78.00	99.00	88.70	83.50	30	35
1400-1600	11	83.00	93.00	88.50	89.00	37	41
1600-1800	9	88.00	94.00	91.20	89.00	86	83
1800-2000	7	82.00	97.00	89.30	86.00	906	1783
STEERS:							
200-250	32	105.00	255.00	203.93	213.33		
250-300	82	120.00	230.00	185.76	191.50		
300-350	111	100.00	225.00	171.37	184.18		
350-400	173	110.00	200.00	162.65	171.66		
400-450	172	110.00	185.00	151.01	160.91		
450-500	179	110.00	160.00	142.66	149.88		
500-550	192	110.00	157.50	131.09	142.31		
550-600	100	100.00	142.50	126.10	136.95		
600-650	50	110.00	136.00	122.33	131.42		
650-700	31	100.00	133.00	117.70	128.45		
700-750	16	104.00	129.00	116.67	124.93		
HEIFERS:							
200-250	45	130.00	235.00	164.00	161.43		
250-300	72	120.00	187.50	159.53	161.48		
300-350	133	115.00	182.50	149.04	158.03		
350-400	165	110.00	200.00	140.62	142.13		
400-450	175	105.00	150.00	126.50	129.37		
450-500	132	100.00	200.00	124.44	125.80		
500-550	130	100.00	137.50	122.54	121.36		
550-600	53	100.00	147.50	119.75	118.75		
600-650	14	107.00	121.00	112.50	116.08		

We had a pretty good run on cattle this week and prices stayed pretty much steady on cows and bulls. Better cows bringing in the mid to upper 70s, a few in the 80s. Bulls bumping that \$1 mark again. Calves were off a little on lesser quality cattle, but still steady on good quality calves.

L-7 Ranch, Sebring, topped the calf market with a high of \$2.90 bought by Foy Reynolds Cattle.

Butler Oaks Farm, Florida, topped the cow market with a high of 90.00 bought by Dairymens Marketing.

See ya the Monday after Thanksgiving,
Todd

New tradition: have a 'green' Thanksgiving

This season, Waste Management challenges its customers to start a new tradition that will bring new meaning to their traditional Thanksgiving celebrations.

"We understand that it can be easy to forget being green during the busy holiday season, but with a little effort, you can bring sustainability into your holiday. That is why we would like to remind our communities that there are always opportunities to conserve every day," said Teresa Chandler, Community Relations Waste Management.

Here are a few ways to reduce, reuse and recycle this Thanksgiving:

- Buy and eat locally grown food: Buying only locally grown food is a good way to have an eco-friendly Thanksgiving. Locally grown food is better for your health, the environment and contributes more to your local economy by supporting local farmers and merchants.

- Use recyclable bags when shopping for your holiday meal: Paper bag production consumes more than 14 million trees and it takes 12 million barrels of oil to produce the amount of plastic bags the U.S. uses per year. By using reusable bags you are reducing the amount of paper and plastic bags used.

- Invite the neighbors: Inviting your neighbors to share your eco-friendly Thanksgiving is an opportunity to reduce the amount of waste generated through holiday meals and is a great way to save your neighbors from making a road trip to visit family members that live far away. You also get the opportunity to share your green tips.

- Make eco-friendly decorations: With a little imagination, you can create your own "green" decorations and have a lot of fun in the process. Colored construction paper can be cut into turkeys and harvest decorations. Bringing fallen fall leaves from outside inside makes for beautiful table décor. And when your holiday celebration is over, your decorations can be easily recycled.

- Reduce, recycle: Reduce the overall amount of waste you may produce this Thanksgiving by purchasing only as much as you need and selecting products that have less packaging or can be recycled.

- Use cloth napkins: Choose cloth napkins over paper. Not only is it better for the environment but it is also less expensive in the long run. Paper napkins get one use, and then are thrown away. Cloth napkins can be used multiple times before washing, which lower their cost per use.

IRSC offering journalism lecture

The Indian River State College Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning is presenting a free lecture series, "News Beat," in partnership with the Center for Media and Journalism Studies (CMJS) at IRSC. An upcoming program in the series will consider a number of prominent issues facing journalism, education and society revolving around the rapid technological advancement of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The lecture is Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. on the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce. The Dec. 17 lecture will be led by Stanley E. Flink. Each lecture consists of a one-hour presentation followed by an audience question and answer session.

Stanley Flink is the author of several books, including Sentinel Under Siege: The Triumphs and Troubles of America's Free Press. He is a former correspondent for Life Magazine, news producer for NBC and CBS and educator at Yale University and New York University Graduate School. Flink currently serves as a senior advisor to the Cen-

ter for Media and Journalism Studies at IRSC and was the first lecturer for the Fielden Institute for Lifelong Learning Distinguished Lecture Series.

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Dairy worker charged with using fake SS number

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A detective with the Florida Department of Financial Services/Division of Insurance Fraud has arrested a dairy worker for reportedly using a bogus Social Security number to get a job.

Ricardo Bahena Cordova, 38, Florida, was arrested Nov. 15 on felony count of presenting false documentation for employment. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail without bond.

According to Detective William Hill, who made the arrest, Cordova used the fraudulent number to get a job at a local dairy. Cordova

was arrested Thursday while working at the dairy. Cordova has also worked for another Florida dairy the detective added.

Cordova, continued the detective, had also used as many as four different Social Security numbers in the past.

The man was also using a false resident alien number.

"He does have a valid resident alien number, but doesn't use it because he has a criminal history," said Detective Hill.



Ricardo B. Cordova

The detective added that the federal agency, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), confirmed that Cordova has a valid resident alien number.

Cordova used the bogus Social Security information to get a job with the dairy, and went to work for the company on Nov. 8, indicated the detective's arrest report.

Because of the man's criminal history and this current arrest, Detective Hill said ICE has put a detainer on Cordova. This means he can be deported once the criminal charges filed against him are satisfied.



Special to the Okeechobee News

25 years service

Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May (left) presented Major Noel Stephen with a 25-year service pin on Friday, in recognition of his 25th anniversary of employment with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

OCSO Investigations

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

BURGLARY

- 36000 block of N.E. 19th Drive
- 1200 block of N.E. 103rd Ave.
- 300 block of S.E. Eighth St.
- 3900 block of U.S. 441 S.E.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

- 1500 block of S.R. 70 E.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- 4300 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3200 block of S.E. 26th St.

FRAUD

- 3800 block of N.W. 18th St.
- 3100 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 9000 block of N.E. 12th Drive

ROBBERY

- 3200 block of S.E. 18th Terrace

THEFT

- 100 block of S.E. 66th Ave. (meter box)
- 3500 block of U.S. 441 S. (purse)
- 2600 block of S.E. 25th Drive (medications)
- 3500 block of N.W. 10th Drive (dog)
- 8600 block of S.W. Ninth St. (license tag/decals)
- 3100 block of S.E. 23rd St.
- 3100 block of U.S. 441 S.E. (battery)
- 500 block of N.W. 4th St. (license tag)
- 13000 block of N.E. 14th Ave. (cell phone)
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Seminole Students of the Week

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Special to the Okeechobee News

South Elementary Students of the Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the Week of Nov. 5-9. They are: Katie Kemp, Darlene Santillan-Denova, Ricardo Rosales, Jayda Rochelle, Ethan Pope, Kaiya Jewell, Abigail Bozeman, Hayden Hickman, Cameron Arnold, Erin Starling, Logan Philbee, Zoe Bayless, Andy Castellanos, Isai Torres, Hannah Ellsworth, Sara Vickers, Ryker Waddell, David Almanza, Yesenia Leon, Faith Vest, Michael Simpson and Apolinar Baltazar.

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Grand Oaks

Halloween visitors

Residents at Grand Oaks Assisted Living Facility enjoyed special visitors to help celebrate Halloween.



Special to the Okeechobee News

Wearing purple for March of Dimes

The staff at the Law Office of Cassels & McCall wore purple on Nov. 16 to raise awareness of World Prematurity Day and to support the March of Dimes. Premature birth affects one in every eight babies born in the U.S., threatening the lives and health of more than half a million babies in the U.S. each year and is the leading cause of death among newborns. Millions of children face lifelong birth defects and intellectual disabilities as a consequence of being born too soon. The March of Dimes is leading the fight against premature birth and serious threats to infant health by funding research, educational programs and community services to help every baby be born healthy.

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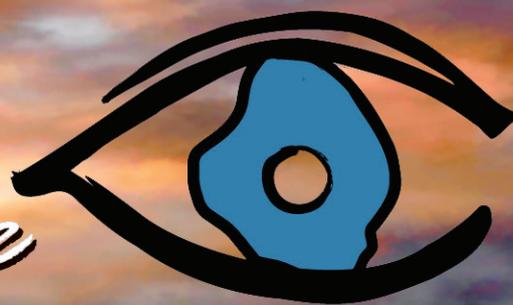


GRADUATION JOSHUA TOLBERT

Joshua Tolbert of Okeechobee graduated from Full Sail University on June 1, 2012, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recording Audio Engineering/Recording Arts. Joshua is the son of Danny and Mary Tolbert of Okeechobee and is the little brother of Danny Tolbert Jr. He is the grandson of Jimmie Lou Potts and the late Jessie Potts, Sr. of Okeechobee and is the paternal grandson of Nathaniel Charlie Tolbert and the late Jessie Mae Tolbert of Columbus, GA. Joshua graduated from Okeechobee High School in 2010. He was offered an Internship with Dolby Sound Laboratories and is pursuing a Computer Degree in Electrical Engineering

and hope to land a job within the Film and TV Industry. To listen/watch video of Joshua's Post Production projects in Film and TV, feel free to visit Josh's website at www.dramusic.com and click on the see projects tab. While studying at Full Sail University; Josh met with ex-Lead Guitarist, DON FELDER of the EAGLES, who recorded the hit song: "ONE OF THESE NIGHTS". Don spoke to Josh about the Entertainment Business & his Music Career with the legendary EAGLES. Josh also got the chance to meet Stedman Graham, (Opra Winfrey's ex.) Mr. Graham teaches at Full Sail University as a Professor for the Music Business Entertainment.

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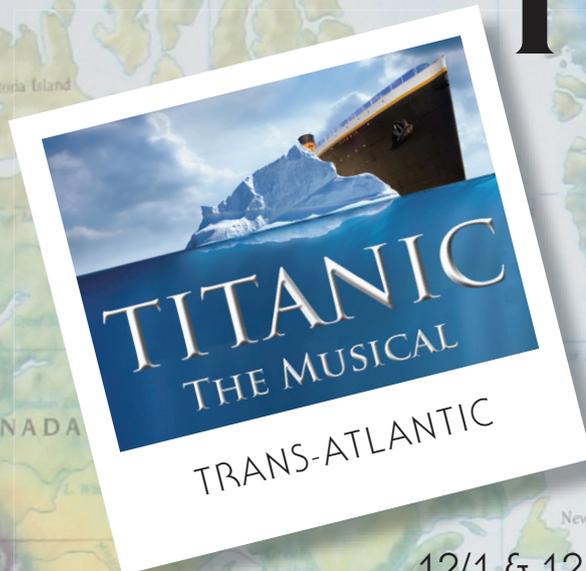
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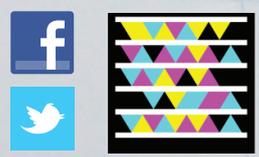


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Indian River State College is seeking part-time teachers and will hold a job fair for health science positions on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The Job Fair will be held at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce at 5:30 p.m. in the Health Science Center, H Building, off 35th Street at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Teaching opportunities are available at IRSC campuses throughout the Treasure Coast.

"As an adjunct instructor at Indian River State College, you can share your knowledge, give back to the community and prepare the next generation for a rewarding career," said Dr. Al Roberts, Vice President of Applied Science and Technology.

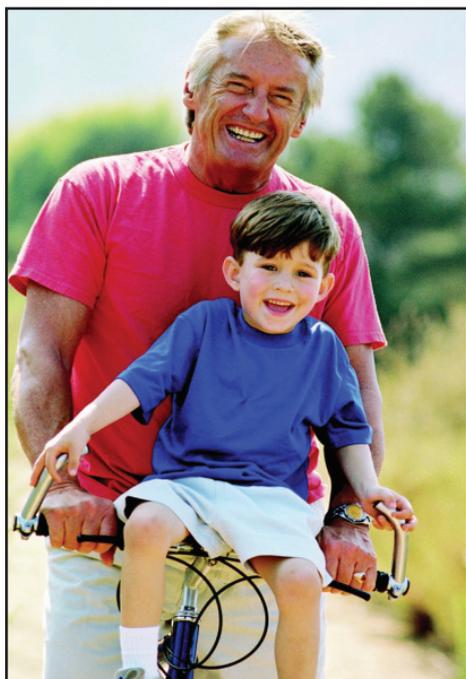
The Health Science Division is seeking part-time instructors in nursing, respiratory therapy, healthcare management, health information management/technology, dental lab technology, dentistry, medical assisting and surgical technology. The Job Fair will provide information on how to apply, subject areas, qualifications and the payment structure. Attendees are advised to bring their educational transcripts.

IRSC is an equal employment/equal opportunity employer. For more information, call toll-free 1-866-792-4772 or visit www.irsc.edu.



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IRSC instructor (right) Robbie Friedman teaches hands-on patient care to IRSC students. Part-time teaching positions are available at IRSC in nursing, respiratory therapy, healthcare management, health information management/technology, dental lab technology, dentistry, medical assisting and surgical technology.

Hip replacement surgery can renew quality of life



Special to the Okeechobee News
Hip replacement surgery can help increase physical activity and the enjoyment it provides.

Common causes of hip pain and loss of hip mobility include: Osteoarthritis, Rheumatoid arthritis and traumatic arthritis. Hip replacement surgery is the most common joint replacement procedure, following knee replacement; both procedures are performed locally by Orthopedic Surgeons at Raulerson Hospital.

The hip is one of the body's largest weight-bearing joints. Recommendations for surgery are based on the extent of your pain, disability and other factors, including age. The American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) states that hip replacement surgery may benefit you if:

- Hip pain limits your everyday activities such as walking or bending.
- Hip pain continues while resting, either day or night.
- Stiffness in a hip limits your ability to move or lift your leg.
- You have little pain relief from anti-inflammatory drugs or glucosamine sulfate.
- You have harmful or unpleasant side effects from your hip medications.
- Other treatments such as physical therapy or the use of a gait aid such as a cane do

not relieve hip pain.

Undergoing total hip replacement surgery results in an end or great reduction in hip pain. Even the pain from surgery should go away within weeks. Hip replacement surgery also increases leg strength. Without hip pain, you'll be able to use your legs more. This will build up your muscles. One

of the greatest advantages of seeking total hip replacement are the years of easier movement. Most total hip replacements last for many years. Talk to your Orthopedic Surgeon to learn if you are a candidate for hip replacement. For more information visit RaulersonHospital.com. For a free physician referral call 863-763-9228.

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OKMS announces Halloween Festival Costume Contest winners



Above, one of the winners in the 3-5 age group at the Halloween costume contest. 1st - Fox Cowing; 2nd - Christian Sampson; and, 3rd - Nevaeh Rodriguez.



These are winners of the 0-2 age group: 1st - Grady Starr; 2nd - Chelsea Wooley; and, 3rd - Daimun Guerrero.



Billy Dean was at the Halloween Festival emceeding the contest for the best costumes.



Top finishers in the 6-9 age group at the Halloween Costume Contest were Joseph Papasso, first; Ethan Doyle, second; and, Sabin Griffith third.



Above are winners of the Halloween Festival Costume contest in the 10-14 age group: 1st - Cole Verani; 2nd - Alex Hukriede; and, 3rd - Kaylee Whidden.

Okeechobee Main Street is proud of all of the children who participated in the annual Halloween Festival Costume Contest sponsored by Seacoast National Bank this year. First, second and third place was awarded in each age category. Winners received a bag of candy and a gift card. First place winner also received a trophy. Although all of the costumes were truly amazing, the fol-

lowing were chosen as winners of the competition:
0-2 - 1st - Grady Starr; 2nd - Chelsea Wooley; 3rd - Daimun Guerrero,
3-5 - 1st - Fox Cowing; 2nd - Christian Sampson; 3rd - Nevaeh Rodriguez,
6-9 - 1st - Joseph Papasso; - 2nd - Ethan Doyle; - 3rd - Sabin Griffith, and,
10-14 - 1st - Cole Verani; - 2nd - Alex Hukriede; - 3rd - Kaylee Whidden.

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 Left to right are: Sonny Williamson, Jennifer Williamson, Betty Chandler Williamson, Judge William Hendry and Merle Hendry.

Photos of county's past identified and preserved

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On Nov. 13, Jennifer Williamson met with members of the Okeechobee Historical Society at the Williamson Cattle Company headquarters to identify pictures from Okeechobee's past that were taken by the Okeechobee Herald newspaper ran by Ms. Williamson's maternal grandfather, Benjamin "Parker" Abney in the 1940s.

The Okeechobee Historical Society members included Betty Chandler Williamson, her husband Sonny Williamson, Judge William Hendry and his wife Merle Hendry. The members were able to identify and place many pictures that will be copied for pres-

ervation and then forwarded to the people photographed or their loved ones to enjoy. Anyone having pictures of old Okeechobee that they would like help in identifying people or places or would like to allow the society to copy for their archives, please contact the Okeechobee Historical Society at 863-763-6226 or 863-763-4344.

The Okeechobee Historical Society meets the third Monday of every month except July and August at 11:30 a.m. at the Tantie Schoolhouse Museum on SR 98. Dues to join are only \$10 per year.

Photos: Just in time for Christmas

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SPENCER DAVID BUNNELL Plaintiff -against- **LAURA JEAN ADAMS Defendant**

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

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Steven Nesheiwat, Esq. Attorney for Plaintiff 224 Church Street, First Floor Poughkeepsie, New York 12601 Phone No.: (845) 452-7528 Dated: June 1st, 2012 Poughkeepsie, New York 430565 ON 11/11,18,25/2012

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In accordance with the Sunshine Laws of Florida, this meeting will be open to the public.

Gwen Chandler Supervisor of Elections Okeechobee County, Florida 431141 ON 11/18/2012

Notice of Hearing Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate

The Okeechobee County Special Magistrate will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 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 430925 ON 11/18/2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION, CASE NO.: 47-2011-CA-000326

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff VS. CAROLYN HAYES RIPPY, et al, Defendant(s)

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TO: DAVID NIPPY: ADDRESS UNKNOWN BUT WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS IS: 2123 GRAVES LIGHT DR D INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46217 Residence unknown and if living, including any unknown spouse of the Defendant, if remarried and if said Defendant is dead, his/her respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendant; and the aforementioned named Defendant and such of the aforementioned unknown Defendant and such of the unknown name Defendant as may be infants, incompetents or otherwise not sui juris.

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Evans Collier Investments LLC, 660 Beachland Blvd Ste 301, Vero Beach, FL 32963, application #124. This is a ten year compliance review in which the applicant proposes the continued use of 1.513 million gallons per day (mgd) of surface water from on-site reservoirs and canals, 7.453 mgd of groundwater, and 0.223 mgd of surface water from the C-52 Canal as a backup source for drip and microspray irrigation of 3171 acres of citrus; and 1.649 mgd of groundwater for freeze protection. The withdrawals used by this proposed project will consist of surface water from on-site reservoirs and canals and the C-52 Canal via 8 active pumps; groundwater from the Florida aquifer via 21 wells in Indian River and Okeechobee Counties, located in Sections: 30 and 31, Township: 33 South, Range: 37 East; Sections: 1 - 3, Township: 34 South, Range: 36 East; Sections: 25 and 36, Township: 33 South, Range: 36 East, known as Scott 6000 and 2000.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000350

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, SOLELY AS TRUSTEE AND CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000350 NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY FOR THE HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST, SERIES INABS 2006-B UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 1, 2006 Plaintiff(s), VS. SONYA F. WASHINGTON, et al., Defendant(s)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2012-CA-000293

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, VS. LAURA L. DANISON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA L. DANISON; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose Mortgage covering the following real and personal property described as follows: to-wit: **Lots 1 and 2, Block 46, SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF OKEECHOBEE PARK, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 28 of the Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.** Together with that certain Singlewide Manufactured Home described as a 1983 MAN with VIN#06391257363.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Monica Shepard, Butler & Hosch, P.A., 3185 South Conway Road, Suite E, Orlando, Florida 32812 and file the original with the Clerk of the above-styled Court on or before 30 days from the first publication, otherwise a Judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court on the 14 day of November, 2012.

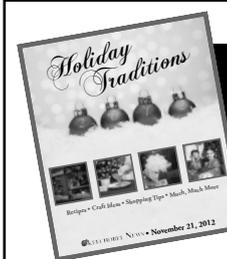
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SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk 430986 ON 11/18,25/2012

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WITNESS my hand and seal of the 15th day of Nov. 2012. SHARON ROBERTSON OKEECHOBEE County, Florida BY: Linda F. Young Deputy Clerk 431112 ON 11/18,25/2012

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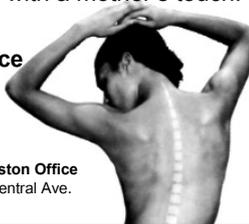
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Brahmans get ready for hardwood season

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Brahman boy's basketball team might be short in stature but they strive to be long in effort and long on results this year.

The team lost most of their experienced inside players to graduation but still have a strong corps of fast and energetic players.

Coach Shawn Hays said his team will concentrate on effort, team work, and positive attitudes this year. His likely starters will include team captain Brendon Jonassaint, Sylvester Butler, Eddie Neal and captain Phil Jones.

"We are undersized but we hope to make up for it with quickness and outwork our opponents," Hays noted.

He has also tinkered with his system to emphasize motion on offense which should help his team get open for more makeable jump shots this year.

"We want to force teams to guard our outside players and that should help our offense," he added.

Hays also has some guys he feels can help off the bench this year. They have 18 players on the junior varsity to provide more depth. He hopes this will help the team compen-

sate should players lose their eligibility due to academics or other reasons. There will be no freshman team this year.

Top teams in the district this year include Sebastian River, Fort Pierce Central, and Martin County. Okeechobee was 12-14 last year but that included a 1-9 district record.

Hays was encouraged this summer that many of the players competed in camps

and summer ball. He has been impressed with the improvement of young players like Tyrell Taylor, the favorite to start at center, and Jefferson Davis, a mobile 6'5" big man who should also play a big role for the Brahmans.

Jonassaint could also play every position on the floor which includes center, despite his 6'1" stature. His all-round game and leadership will be vital to the team this year.

Another surprise has been Jose Loreda who could be in the rotation. In a perfect world Hays would like to have a 10-man rotation and keep the team fresh.

Jonassaint said he has been very encouraged by what he has seen during practice this year.

"There is a lot to look forward to and the future is bright. I feel we can compete," he said.

Jonassaint said he felt the team showed heart and character in the preseason tournament in West Palm Beach. They fell behind early, but kept fighting and made the final scores competitive. He also expects the team to be faster than some opponents and more physical than in past years.

Assistant coaches this year include Jason Egli, Willie Welch, John Hirst and Mariano Medrano.

Young players to watch on the JV include Roshell Thomas and Tyrone Joseph.

Key home games this year include dates with South Fork on Nov. 27, Centennial on Dec. 13, Sebastian River on Dec. 14 and Dec. 18 versus Martin County.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Coach Shawn Hays runs a recent Brahman practice.

Lady Tigers win by 2-0 tally as Lady Brahmans struggle

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee Lady Brahman soccer continued to struggle on offense as they dropped



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Head coach Sonya Smith saw improvement in the play of her soccer team Thursday when they battled Clewiston.

their second straight home match on Thursday to Clewiston High School 2-0.

Okeechobee couldn't keep the ball out of their end of the field and allowed two soft goals due to mistakes near their net.

Freshman Daniela Mojica had a strong game in nets for OHS (1-4) with 20 saves. Brooke Snyder had a shot and goal and Brianna Nunez played a spirited game at forward.

Coach Sonya Smith said she saw improvement in the hustle of the girls in this match, "The girls showed more heart. We still need to work on communication. I feel we played a little better tonight."

Smith said Clewiston was lucky to score the two goals as defenders made errors and gave up the ball near the net.

"I don't think those goals should have happened. We'll work on this and hopefully it won't happen again," she added.

Other things to work on will be movement as the girls don't seem to get open. She'd also like to see the girls spread the field more to give the players more passing options on free kicks.

The Tigers led 1-0 at the half and added a goal at the 26-minute mark of the second half to finish the scoring.

The Lady Brahmans will host Boynton Beach on Nov. 26 at 4 p.m.

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Lady Brahmans lead early but fall to Lady Sharks 84-47

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

For 10 minutes Okeechobee led the defending Class 7A state champions Sebastian River Thursday. Behind solid defense and easy baskets, Okeechobee proved they could play with a top team, even for just a little while.

Things changed rapidly after that as K.P. Pound broke loose for 40 points and the Lady Sharks outscored Okeechobee 19-0 in the second quarter to open an 18-point lead and won the district game 84-47. Pound intends to play college basketball for Florida Atlantic University and was a very tough matchup for the Lady Brahmans.

Caitlyn Smith had 15 points for Sebastian.

Okeechobee had three players in double figures, Ami Edwards 14 points, Bethany Stuart 13 points, and Carley McCoin 12 points.

Okeechobee led by as many as five points in the first quarter as Stuart had six points and Edwards chipped in with five. Sebastian outscored OHS 23-2 in the second, 23-17 in the third, and 23-10 in the fourth quarter as their quality depth showed through.

Okeechobee lost starting guard Taylor Trent to an ankle injury in the first quarter. Edwards led Okeechobee with 13 rebounds and five blocks. McCoin had three assists and four steals and Lahna Sedatol had four rebounds.

Okeechobee coach Erin Morrow said the first quarter was very exciting for her team

as her team was aggressive and attacked Sebastian. She also praised the girls after the game for their effort and positive attitude.

Morrow said the team didn't execute on offense in the second quarter and stopped their movement in the half court and that led to too many easy chances for Sebastian.

"I stress work the ball and move the ball. The more you move the ball, the tougher it is on the defense," she added.

Morrow said the team has made strides from last year. She said they haven't improved a lot athletically, but have improved mentally and work together better as a team.

"Defensively we have to improve. We work on fundamentals to avoid turnovers in games. I'm more concerned about defense and mental mistakes," she added.

Okeechobee hosts John Carroll on Monday night.

OHS pins Sebring in mat win

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Five Brahman wrestlers earned pin fall victories as the team opened their regular season with a 41-36 win over Sebring in Highlands County Thursday night.

Matt Lanning at 106, Todd Lanning at 126, Cody Griffith at 132, Sebastian Fullea at 152, and Allen Leitner at 170 pounds were all victorious with pins.

Brandon Vickers won by forfeit at 113 pounds, and Ryan Hagan won by a techni-

cal fall 16-0 in the 145-pound weight class. Sebring swept through the heavier weight classes with three pins.

In the junior varsity match Okeechobee had pins from Alexander Bryan, Daniel Robles, Chris Bryant and Flavio Nieto.

Okeechobee will face Kissimmee Osceola on the road Saturday. They are ranked #2 in the state in Class 2A this year. There were four varsity starters and seven JV wrestlers who wrestled their first ever match for Okeechobee on Thursday.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Carley McCoin gets set to defend Sebastian's Caitlyn Smith (right) during an inbounds play.



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Cheyenne Nunez looks for an open teammate to pass the ball to during Thursday's home game with Sebastian River.



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Holiday Happenings

Festival of Trees begins soon

The annual Festival of Trees will be held **Nov. 26-Dec. 4** at Hospice of Okeechobee, 411 S.E. Fourth St. This event helps raise money for the benefit of patient care in the Hamrick Home—a residence and in-patient facility providing 24 hour care. Decorated trees and other holiday decorations are donated by local clubs and individuals and sold in a silent auction during the festival. The Festival of Trees will be open from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26, Tuesday, Nov. 27, Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Thursday, Nov. 29. The festival will be open on Friday, Nov. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m.; on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. Groups wishing to schedule a specific time to see the trees can make arrangements by calling Brigitte Irby at 863-357-1639 or Debbie Johnson at 863-467-2321.



Ring the bell for Christmas

If you would like to volunteer to Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army, please contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427 or Phyllis at 863-467-8636. Volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday until Christmas Eve (ringing begins the day after Thanksgiving). The coverage needed will be from 9 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. but you need only volunteer for two to three hours at a time.

Collaborative Council collecting toys for needy

The Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network, is once again collecting Christmas toys and clothing for needy and foster children. If you or your organization would like to donate a single toy, deliver a truck load or sponsor a family, please call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000 ext. 257. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Eastern Star plans Holiday Fashion Show

On Saturday, **Dec. 1**, Okeechobee Chapter No. 128, Order of the Eastern Star will host the 16th annual Holiday Fashion Show and Luncheon at the KOA Convention Center, 4276 U.S. 441 S. The event is noted for the spectacular Tea Cup Auction and this year promises to be no exception. The merchants of our community have been very generous in providing gifts, gift certificates and certificates for services. In addition, there will be gift baskets donated by members of the Eastern Star. The doors will open at 11 a.m. with lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be obtained from any member of the Eastern Star or by contacting Neicha Spiller at 863-357-7084. Deadline for ticket sales is Monday, Nov. 26. No tickets will be sold at the door. Join us for great food, door prizes and beautiful fashions.

Main Street makes plans for Christmas Festival & Parade

Okeechobee Main Street is now taking applications for the annual Top of the Lake Christmas Festival and Lighted Night Parade. Join us for the most exciting event of the season on Saturday, **Dec. 8**, in Flagler Park. The festival will open at 10 a.m. and the parade will begin promptly at 6 p.m. Applications are available at Okeechobee Main Street, 55 South Parrott Avenue or can be e-mailed directly to you. Please call 863-357-6246 or e-mail okms@okeechobeemainstreet.com for additional information.

City plans holiday events

The City of Okeechobee will host the annual tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Park. Okeechobee County Schools Chorus Groups will perform. Santa will make a visit.

Santa will be in the park to visit with children on **Nov. 27, 28 and 29** and **Dec. 4, 5, 6, 10 and 11**, from 6 to 8 p.m. Stop by for your picture with Santa.

Santa will also travel around inside the city limits on a City of Okeechobee fire truck. On **Dec. 19** he will drive through the Northwest and Northeast sections of the City of Okeechobee. On **Dec. 20**, he will travel through the Southeast section. On **Dec. 21**, he will visit the southwest section of the city.

Christmas In Lakeport

The annual Christmas in Lakeport celebration will be held **Dec. 8**. Dinner at the community center will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Lights of Love Boat Parade begins at dusk at Harney Pond. This is Lakeport's Toys for Tots event. Admission is one or more toys. Santa will be there to visit with the little ones. Refreshments will be served.

VFW to host bazaar

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post 10539 will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Dec. 1**, at 3912 U.S. 441 S.E. Tables are \$10 and can be reserved by calling Sherri at 863-801-5180. Proceeds will go to support cancer research to help veterans and their families.

OKMS announces Holiday Window Decorating Contest

Okeechobee Main Street will again sponsor the annual Holiday Window Decorating Contest. Businesses are welcome to participate by decorating their window, creating a window display or setting up a display on the outside of their building. There is no cost to enter the contest. Applications are available at the Main Street Office, 55 S. Parrott Ave.; or, by calling 863-357-6246. Decorations must be completed by Tuesday, **Dec. 4**, and judging will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

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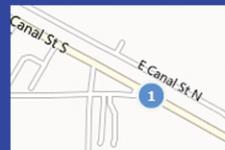
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