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Special to the Okeechobee News/**Rob Newell**

Kyle Monti of Okeechobee finished seventh in the FLW Everstart tournament on Lake Okeechobee Jan. 10-12.

Local fisherman hopes to turn professional

Monti finished 7th at FLW tour event

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Kyle Monti of Okeechobee finished seventh at the FLW Everstart Series Event on Lake Okeechobee this month and in the process took home some $6,000 in prize money.

Monti, a graduate of OHS, and marketing student at Indian River State College, intends to turn professional on the tour in the near future.

He caught over 21 pounds on the first day of the tournament and finished with over 46 pounds of fish in the three day tournament.

"It was really exciting. I was humbled and really blessed to have the day that I had on the first day. It set the pace for the rest of the tournament," he explained.

He used big east bait on the first day in Buckhead Ridge then moved to Harney Pond on Friday and other areas on Saturday.

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Medical Reserve Corps seeks volunteers

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

"Okeechobee taking care of Okeechobee." That's how Brian Sell of the Okeechobee County Health Department describes the Medial Reserve Corps (MRC). As the MRC unit coordinator, his job is to recruit and train medical professionals and others and to organize and coordinate their relief efforts during times of natural disasters and emergencies. He also coordinates the activities of other volunteer relief organizations such as the Red Cross.

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Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Karl Holtkamp, fire inspector with Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue demonstrates a cooling chair. Ice is placed in the plastic bags at the sides of the chair. Overheated firemen can sit in the chair and place their arms in the bags to cool off.

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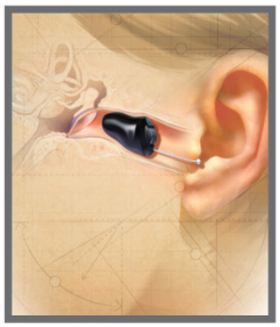

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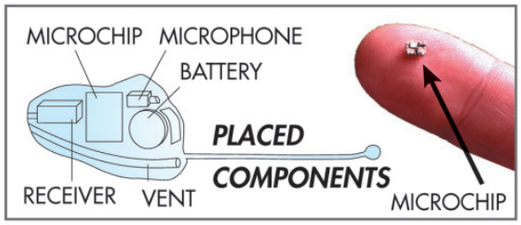

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing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

County drowning in inactivity

• I know we enjoy the quiet life style in our beloved county but we are missing out on progress. As I drive through town on various errands I see more and more vacant buildings waiting to be filled by a creative new business. Yet it seems, from what I gather talking to current business owners and those that have started a business, that our county government does not support new business. I am talking about small business, mom and pop style operations. So much space so little incentives. I cant help but feel, based on town talk, that we are really missing out on tourism opportunities, transient customers, recreation lands of opportunity that remain unkempt and wasted. We have nothing that attracts people and helps our economy. Our current county commission, we re-elected , aren't doing anything to address this. They are either too lazy, or too cozy with their friends that don't want new business fearing competition. They don't want the status quo rattled. We should have voted in a county commission that has a better vision for our future. It's disheartens me when I see and hear advertisements and small businesses in neighboring counties that should be here.

• It really disturbs me when there are green markets, vineyards, and other small ag-related events everywhere but in our county. Instead we have Speckled Perch festival which has changed so much that it really has nothing to do with specks at all. Last year I went to Henscratch Vineyard in Highlands county for a festival. It was enjoyable and very well attended by out of towners, like me. I would have a lot rather seen something like this in my home town. We need to wake up and pressure our county commission to do something productive instead of make excuses in support of their own businesses and friends. Were are choking ourselves.

• I would love to see more local events, but it's not just the elected officials who need to support these things. The community needs to get out and support new events to help make them successful. So many times I have attended events that I really enjoyed and wondered where everyone else was. For example, a little over a year ago there was a short film festival hosted by a former resident who is now in the movie industry. It was free -- they just passed the hat for a scholarship fund. I could not believe how few people showed up. Those who attended seemed to really enjoy themselves, but I don't blame the organizers for being disappointed in the turnout.

• The Speckled Perch festival ran into trouble when the old chamber of commerce fell apart.

• The Speckled Perch Festival had to stop serving specks more than 20 years ago because the health department shut that down. Specks are not commercially harvested and the health department does not trust individuals who catch and donate fish to a community fish fry to meet the processing standards. Maybe it needs a new name. They can't call it the Catfish festival -- even though that is what they serve -- because there is already an Annual Catfish Festival in Buckhead Ridge.

Should schools ban tobacco?

• In the Friday Okeechobee News, the school board story includes a proposal that schools ban all tobacco products. According to the story, more than half of the students surveyed said they had seen school staff using tobacco products on school grounds. I am disappointed that school personnel apparently are using tobacco where students can see them. But is it fair to ban all tobacco? I am a non-smoker but I know people who are so addicted that they have tried many times to quit and have not been able to do so. Should they lose their jobs if they can't kick the habit?

Prayer in schools

• As far as public school teachers leading their students in Christian prayer, darn that First Amendment... never seems to get quite as much respect as the Second. Have you seen who has really gotten behind Governor Scott's plans for prayer in schools? The satanists! Yeah... that's really a door I want to open.

Reflections from the Pulpit

Fresh Wind Fresh Fire

By Pastor Jim Waters
Life Community Church of Okeechobee

"Brothers, if you have any words of encouragement for the people, pleas speak." (Acts 13:15b) Encouragement is a key word. With is comes the meaning of lifting up, building up, girding up. To get the impact of this word in the opening Scripture verse, as it was there implied, it would be good for you to go to Acts 13:13-48 and read the full account. This full account also continues in verses 49-52. With the picture in mind you will better understand the whole and true scene. Encouragment...God's encouragement is what has spawned the title of the article. Fresh Wind Fresh Fire is not just the title of a book that was published a number of years age by pastor Jim Cymbala, it is yet another affirmation of the fresh and alive movement of the hand of God today. During the accounting of Acts 13 the New Testament Church was in its infancy.

The Apostles were out and about excitedly encouraging believers to be built up in Christ and were also encouraging the lost to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and major results were being realized. The case of the fresh wind fresh fire in the above Scripture came through the obedience and Holy Spirit guiding of the apostle Paul and his companions in Pisidian Antioch. Today the encouragement of God still holds true in the New Testament Church.

We have the same commission today as the Early Church did over two thousand years ago. The wind is still fresh and the fire is surely fresh. There is a church in town that has recently been charged with the fresh wind fresh fire of God. Life Community Church of Okeechobee is excitedly following God's lead in the moving forward of our ministry. We have "words of encouragement for the people." By God's direction we are, by His provision and guiding, fresh fire of His calling. Part of this stepping out includes the sale of our current property which He has faithfully provided over the years.

God is providing fresh wind fresh fire by way of a new ministry center where He will continue His commission. We are filled with great joy that we can be used of the lord to be an active and alive part of the New Testament Church. With these word of encouragement, we speak and act that the people will be lifted up, built up, and gird up in Christ Jesus. Come join us as we minister through the power of God to bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, develop them to Christlike maturity, and equip them for ministry in the church and life mission in the word in order to magnify God's name. Fresh Wind Fresh Fire.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 57F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

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Monday Night: Overcast in the evening, then mostly cloudy. Low of 52F. Winds from the NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High of 73F. Winds from the North at 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy. Low of 43F. Winds from the North at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday: Clear. High of 72F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Clear. Fog overnight. Low of 52F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Clear. High of 73F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Clear. Fog overnight. Low of 57F. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph.

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Teen charged in theft of car

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee teen has been returned to a juvenile detention facility following his arrest for allegedly stealing a car and then, when confronted, fighting with the woman who owned the car.

Dwan Sharrod Marshall, 15, N.E. Sixth St., was initially arrested in October of 2012 on felony charges of burglary of a conveyance and criminal mischief. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of battery and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then taken to the St. Lucie Regional Detention Center in Fort Pierce.

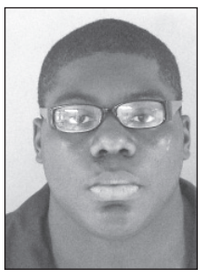
Marshall was arrested again Thursday, Jan. 17, on a warrant that contained an additional charge of grand theft auto. He has since been returned to the juvenile facility in Fort Pierce.

Marshall was first arrested by Officer Chad Troutman, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), for breaking out the partially-opened sunroof of a car that was parked at a local business on Sunday, Sept. 23. After entering the car Marshall allegedly stole $31 in cash.

Officer Troutman's report stated that the car was locked, but the keys were in the ignition. His report also indicated that a shoeprint was found on the back of the victim's car that appeared to match the bottom of the shoes worn by Marshall.

The car's owner reportedly saw Marshall in her car and confronted the 6-foot, 210-pound, Marshall when she saw him holding the keys to her car. The woman then grabbed the teenager and they began to fight over the keys, stated the officer's report.

Marshall escaped from the woman but was arrested later at his home.



Dwan Marshall

A second arrest report by OCPD Detective John Zeigler stated that Marshall actually took the car from the parking lot of the business. He then picked up a male friend who later told the detective he thought the stolen car actually belonged to Marshall's girlfriend.

Marshall and his male friend then went to a local fast foot restaurant to get something to eat.

After leaving the restaurant Marshall and his friend returned to the business where he parked the car in its original parking space, stated the detective's report.

The car's owner left the business, went into the parking lot and confronted Marshall.

Detective Zeigler's report stated that when Marshall's friend caught on to what was happening he got out of the car and ran away, as did Marshall.

Both were arrested at Marshall's home.

However, records indicate that charges filed against Marshall's friend were later dropped by the state.

OCSO Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office investigted the folowing reports of crimes last week:

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- 1400 block of N.E. 80th Ave.
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- 900 block of N.W. 23rd Lane

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- 1600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 1600 block of S.R. 70 W.
- 3200 block of N.W. 21st Ave.
- 1600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3300 block of U.S. 441 N.
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- 3000 block of N.W. 33rd Ave.
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On **Jan. 20**, beginning at 3 p.m., Life Community Church, 701 S. Parrott Ave. will host an afternoon of important information regarding advance directives, living wills, power of attorney, and other pertinent information that will help you communicate your wishes to health care providers, facilities and to family members. Everyone, regardless of age, can benefit from pre-planning including why it is imporant to have a will as well as a living will. here will be professionals from various fields to share information. It will be held in the building behind the Okeechobee Christian Academy. This is a free event and the public is invited.

BHR VFW hosts breakfast

Buckhead Ridge Ladies Auxiliary 9528 will host their monthly breakfast **Jan. 20** from 9 to 11 a.m. the BHR VFW post on SR 78. They will serve sausage, biscuits and gravy, home fries, eggs any way you want them, juice, coffee for a donation of $5. For more information please call 863-467-2882.

VFW post and Auxiliary meet

VFW Post #4423 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday **Jan. 20** at 11 a.m. at the the post, 300 NW 34th Street. The Men's Auxiliary will meet Monday Jan. 21 at 7 p.m.

Orchid, garden clubs neet

On Monday, **Jan. 21**, the Garden Club will meet at 6 p.m. and Orchid Club at 7 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Extension Center, 451 Highway 98 N. Come discuss your latest problem or show a favorite plant. If you need help with repotting, be sure to hydrate the plant you are bringing. Growers will be there to consult. This is a great opportunity to share knowledge and plants. For more informaiton, call 863-763-6469.

Historical Society to meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society meet on Monday, **Jan. 21** at noon in the Museum headquarters on Highway 98 N. Anyone interested in attending is welcomed, just bring a covered dish to share. Interested in joining? Dues are $10 per person per year.

Writers' Group to meet

The first meeting of the Okeechobee Writers' Group will be held on Tuesday, **Jan. 22** at 2 p.m. in the board room of the library. If you are a writer of fiction or non-fiction and would like to read and discuss your work please join us as we explore how to make our writing better. Bring up to five pages to read. For more information call Jan Day at 357-9980.

Community Collaborative Council meets

The Community Collaborative Council of the Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Jan. 22**, 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.

Shrine Club plans dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will host a spaghetti dinner Tuesday evening **Jan. 22** from 4 to 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. The Shrine Club is please to offer smoke free dinning. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided 5 to 8 p.m. THe complete dinner is available for a donation of only $6. For more information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club please contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427 or the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Memorial Scholarship Poker Tournament set for Jan. 23

On, Wednesday **Jan. 23** at 6 p.m. the Dr. Fred Brown Memorial Scholarship Poker Tournament will be held at The Speckled Perch Steak House. The entry fee cost is $50. The first 100 players are guaranteed seating. Pre-register to play. Table sponsors available to businesses and individuals for $100. For more information please contact Russ Brown at 772-285-9914 or email at rband3@yahoo.com.

Hospice plans yard sale

Hospice of Okeechobee's next yard sale will be Wednesday **Jan. 23** and Thursday Jan. 24 from 8 a.m. until noon. The yard sale is located at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org and click on events tab.

School invites guest readers

Central Elementary asks community members to come and bring your favorite children book to 610 SW Fiftth Ave on Wednesday **Jan. 23** to read to the students of Central Elementary. For more information and to RSVP please contact Mrs. Sherion Jennings, Reading Coach, at 863-462-5077 Ext. 3021 or email at jenningss@okee.k12/fl/us.

Author to speak at library

Author Gary R. Hoffman will present a program on writing short stories followed by a book signing for his new collection, "I Haven't Lost My Marbles. They Just rolled to the Side" on Thursday, **Jan. 24** at 5 p.m. at the library. Gary R. Hoffman lives and writes in Okeechobee, Florida He has published work in THEMA, Homestead Review, Woman's World, Mystical-e, and roughly 50 other periodicals.

Main Street Mixer planned

Okeechobee Claws and Paws and Bandanas and Bows will host the first Main Street Mixer of 2013 on Thursday, Jan. 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. Come on out to 2949 State Road 70 West for a pig roast, a little Blue Grass and whole lotta fun! The theme for this event is a "Hoe Down in Cow Town" so come dressed for a great time and show support for local businesses.

The Heart Gallery visits

The Heart Gallery of Okeechobee & the Treasure Coast, a unique and stirring traveling photographic exhibit featuring children in foster care hoping to be adopted, will be on display from **Jan. 25** through March 1 at Indian River State College, Dixon Hendry Campus, Building B, located at 2229 NW 9th Ave. For more information, contact Frank Avilla at 772 429-2009.

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.

Miriam Harvey Watford, 84

OKEECHOBEE — Miriam Harvey Watford passed away Jan. 16, 2013 in Okeechobee.

She was born Oct. 3, 1928 in Okeechobee. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee.

Mrs. Watford was preceded in death by her husband, Dude Watford.

She is survived by her daughters, Hilda Enrico (Robert) and Jan Watford; grandchildren, Mickey Betts (Joi), Rickey Betts (Sandra) and Johanna Kenworthy (Ken); great-grandchildren, Sam Kenworthy, Jordan Betts, Caden and Caleb Betts.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

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

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Sports in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• The **Brahman boys basketball team** broke an eight game losing streak as they defeated St. Lucie West Centennial 69-68 in Port St. Lucie on Wednesday night. Eddie Neal had 14 points and 12 rebounds while Brendon Jonassaint added 15 points and six boards. Phil Jones had 19 points in the game. Sylvester Butler added eight points. Brahman Coach Shawn Hays said he was proud of the kids for their hard work, "They have worked really hard this year and last night it finally paid off. They kept battling offensively and defensively." Roshell Thomas had a three key point basket to put Okeechobee ahead with 45 seconds to play. Jones made a steal down the stretch and Neal pulled down a big rebound on the final Eagles shot of the game to seal the win. Okeechobee trailed by nine points as they entered the fourth quarter but made a huge comeback. Bayvon Young had 25 points for Centennial, (5-9). Okeechobee improved to (5-14).

• **Brahman boys soccer** Coach Lonnie Sears said his team really got a preview of districts Tuesday when they played St. Lucie West. He said the Eagles were a very high paced team that put pressure on his club, "That was a perfect team to tune up against. There were numerous other goals we should have capitalized on. We played okay but we still have to fix some defensive issues. We have plenty of time to fix them by next Thursday."

Livestock Market Report

JANUARY 14 & 15, 2013
MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM....TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

	QTY:	LOW:		HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
COWS:						
800-1000	101	50.00	-	81.00	63.50	65.82
1000-1200	129	62.00	-	86.00	69.71	72.88
1200-1400	82	66.00	-	91.00	74.40	77.44
1400-1600	38	55.00	-	83.00	74.00	75.04
BULLS:						
1200-1400	3	76.00	-	87.00	81.50	78.14
1400-1600	15	75.00	-	86.00	80.50	87.83
1600-1800	7	80.00	-	89.00	87.00	88.00
STEERS:						
200-250	66	110.00	-	270.00	221.22	208.37
250-300	121	140.00	-	270.00	214.29	192.18
300-350	121	125.00	-	245.00	201.80	193.99
350-400	150	130.00	-	230.00	182.34	175.75
400-450	122	125.00	-	200.00	170.48	163.88
450-500	84	145.00	-	182.50	168.41	159.06
500-550	52	120.00	-	167.50	145.28	147.73
550-600	30	125.00	-	157.50	140.23	138.07
600-650	23	120.00	-	150.00	134.59	131.32
650-700	10	116.00	-	134.00	121.60	123.67
700-750	7	110.00	-	126.00	119.20	117.00
HEIFERS:						
200-250	75	120.00	-	275.00	192.39	214.12
250-300	94	110.00	-	220.00	179.91	178.55
300-350	122	95.00	-	195.00	161.19	161.87
350-400	142	120.00	-	180.00	153.97	140.49
400-450	103	120.00	-	180.00	149.99	139.83
450-500	72	100.00	-	152.50	135.70	132.60
500-550	53	122.00	-	140.00	127.93	127.17
550-600	24	122.00	-	152.50	127.46	121.98
600-650	19	116.00	-	125.00	121.00	118.57

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	597	965
COWS	80	317
STRS	8	3
HFRS	4	11
BULLS	24	16
YRLNGS	40	32
MIX	0	14
TOTAL	753	1358

Calf prices were higher across the board again this week! More good rain in areas of the country where it really makes a difference. Cows & Bulls were steady to $2 lower, but expect cow runs to dry up in the next few weeks and cow prices should get higher.

Jimmie Smith, Lorida, topped the calf market with a high of $2.95 bought by Dan McClellan.

Bishop Bros Dairy, Lorida, topped the cow market with a high of 84.00 bought by Dairymens Marketing.

See ya next week,
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Rotary Club plans 10th Annual L.O.S.T. Bike Ride

The Okeechobee Rotary Club will hold their 10th Annual L.O.S.T. Bike Ride on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail on April 20, starting at a .m. The L.O.S.T. ride is a great trek for people of all ages and abilities. With rides of 12, 20, 40 and 54 miles as well as a 5K walk there is something for everyone. The L.O.S.T. trail itself is world-renowned for its stunning vistas and numerous forms of wildlife. It has become a world-wide destination for bird-watching and world class fishing. This great fund raising event promises to be fun for all.

All entrants are provided a goody-bag with a commemorative t-shirt and more. A barbecue meal will be provided for all entrants as well as a 50/50 and a raffle for prizes. All proceeds benefit the charities of the Rotary Club of Okeechobee. For more information email OkeechobeeRotary@live.com or call Center State Bank at 863-763-5573.

Most Wanted

Nathan Daniel Hatfield

The following person is on Okeechobee's Most Wanted list. There are an active warrants for him. The criteria for making Okeechobee's Most Wanted list is based on the severity of the crime in conjunction with the age of the warrant.

• Nathan Daniel Hatfield

DOB: 11/3/1985, 6'2"

Description: 180 lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, tattoos on right arm

Charges: Burglary, Grand Theft, Dealing In Stolen Property

If you have any information on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1-800-273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treasure Coast Crimes Stoppers, you have the option of remaining anonymous. You can also receive a reward if the information results in an arrest. Crime Doesn't Pay, But We Do!

Arrest Report

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

• Alexander Thomas, 25, Marigold Lane, Lumberton, N.C., was arrested Jan. 17 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an amended DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - child abuse. He is being held without bond.

• Joseph Arthur Heath, 23, N.W. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 17 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - burglary of an unoccupied structure. His bond was set at $1,000.

• Robert Preston Kinder, 49, S.E. 29th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 17 by the OCSO Street Crimes Unit on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with burglary of an occupied structure. His bond was set at $5,000.

• Tavares Laturezs Whitehead, 35, N.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 17 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (three counts), violation of probation - carrying a concealed weapon, and the misdemeanor of violation of probation - driving under the influence. He is being held without bond.

• Kimberly Christine Peterman, 26, U.S. 441 S., Okeechobee, was arrested Jan. 17 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felonies of dealing in stolen property (three counts) and giving false information to a pawnbroker (three counts). Her bond was set at $75,000.

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

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Special to the Okeechobee News/IRSC
Christa Luna was appointed to the Indian River State College District Board of Trustees by Gov. Rick Scott.

Christa Luna appointed to IRSC District Board of Trustees

Special to the Okeechobee News

Christa Luna, a fifth generation resident of Okeechobee, was appointed on Nov. 30, 2012 to the Indian River State College District Board of Trustees by Governor Rick Scott of Florida. Luna is the owner and general manager of Gilbert Chevrolet Co. Inc. Luna earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Central Florida. She is also a director of the Economic Council of Okeechobee and a member of the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce.

"Christa brings a strong business background and sincere commitment to economic development to her role as an IRSC Board member," said Dr. Edwin R. Massey, IRSC President.

"We welcome her enthusiasm and dedication to the workforce and educational development of Okeechobee."

Luna succeeds Linda Syfrett, who has served on the IRSC District Board of Trustees from 1991 to 1999 and 2002 to 2012. Ms. Syfrett will now serve on the IRSC Foundation Board of Directors.

"Linda Syfrett is one of our most longstanding members of the Board of Trustees, and we highly commend her years of exemplary leadership and service for the residents of Okeechobee," Dr. Massey said. "We are delighted that she will continue her association with the College through the IRSC Foundation."

Festival pageant planned

The annual Speckled Perch Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m. in the Okeechobee High School Auditorium. Okeechobee Main Street is looking for contestants age 3-18. Contact Cindy at the Main Street Office- 863-357-6246 for applications.

Prevent workout injuries

Making the decision to exercise is the first step to a stronger, healthier body. However, whether you are starting an exercise plan for the first time or just getting back to working out, keep in mind there are some risks associated with exercise. No matter if you are working out in a gym, the park or even your own home, it's important to keep safety in mind. Here are some helpful tips for avoiding injuries while working out.

1. Stretch

Your muscles and joints should be prepped for exercise! It is particularly important to have a good stretching session if you will be performing exercises like running or swimming that require a large range of motion.

2. Choose the Right Attire & Gear

From the proper running or walking shoes to the right gear, such as weight lifting gloves or a bicycle helmet, making sure you're properly outfitted for exercise will help you avoid injury. If you're not sure about shoes or equipment, check with someone at the local sporting goods store or a trainer at your gym.

3. Start Slow

If you're beginning exercise for the first time, you should start off slow. If you're running for the first time, for instance, start off at a slow pace and shorter distance, and eventually work your way up to your goal time or distance. Don't try to do too much too soon.

4. Use the Buddy System

This is especially important if you are doing weight training. Even if you don't have a true workout buddy, grab someone to spot you when lifting weights in the gym. You don't want to drop a weight on yourself or strain a muscle trying to lift too heavy of a weight.

5. Ask the Pros

A certified personal trainer can show you the correct form and even create an individual workout plan tailored to your capabilities and goals. If you can't afford a full-on personal trainer, you may check with your gym to see if they give tours of the facility and introductory courses on using the equipment.

Remember to keep safety in mind when beginning any workout or exercise plan. An exercise injury could put your healthy lifestyle at a standstill and may even lead to long-term damage that could limit your ability to workout. Raulerson Hospital's Physical Therapy Department has a Wellness Program for the public. Members of the community can exercise in Raulerson Hospital's Outpatient Physical Therapy facility, under the supervision of a physical therapist. The fee to utilize the Wellness Center is $25 a month. For more information on the Wellness Center contact Raulerson Hospital's Outpatient Physical Therapy Department at 467-6659. For a health question or physician referral contact Consult-A-Nurse® service at 763-9228

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MRC

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Okeechobee News/**Pete Gawda**

Brian Sell, right, Medical Reserve Corps unit coordinator with the Okeechobee County Health Department, recently used a grant to purchase equipment to be used in support of emergency response personnel. He and Karl Holtkamp, left, fire inspector with Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue, examine some of the equipment, including the tent they are standing under.

Undersheriff Noel Stephen said the MRC could provide valuable assistance to the sheriff's office by sending out medical professionals with deputies as they respond to emergencies.

"Preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," is how Dr. Armando Santelices describes the function of MRC. He has volunteered to be the lead medical person and will coordinate training and utilization of medical professionals such as nurses and emergency medical technicians. His goal is to create a cohesive unit that can respond to any emergency or natural disaster.

Volunteers with MRC could be utilized to provide support for firefighters or after a hurricane they could operate shelters or pass out supplies

Mr. Sell recently used a grant to purchase a trailer full of equipment to be used by MRC in support of emergency response personnel. The trailer contains tents, cots, cooling chairs, misters, heaters, lights, fans and a generator.

Mr. Sell emphasized that a volunteer does not have to be a medical professional. The MRC can also use people who are not medical professionals and who want to help their community. Anyone who wishes to be a part of the MRC is invited to a meeting Thursday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. at Okeechobee County First/Rescue Station One, 501 N.W. Sixth St. For more information, contact Mr. Sell 863 4625865.

The Okeechobee MRC has not been activated yet and Mr. Sell hopes it never will.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com

Taylor Creek bridge work may cause traffic delays

Because of work being done on the Taylor Creek bridge on U. S. 441 S.E., motorists can expect dealays at night because of lane closures. However, during the day as well as at night motorists can also expect delays because the bridge could be raised. However the contractor will try to limit delays to 15 minutes.

ANGLER

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Monti got his start with Big Lake Teen Anglers. He was able to fish in over 100 tournaments by the time he was 16 years old. He fished from 11-18 and reached the state championships.

He praised his grandfather Ray Austin of Belle Glade for getting him interested in fishing. He was two years old when he caught his first fish and was hooked on the sport.

Monti said his goal for the tournament was to finish in the top 10 and was pleased to reach that mark. He caught 12 pounds on Saturday. He also won a tournament on Lake Okeechobee on the Indian River State College Fishing Team. They have qualified to go to the national tournament in April in Arkansas.

He will also attend a tournament in February on Lake Guntersville, Alabama. Monti thanked his many sponsors and supporters in the community, local tackle shops, and his family.

His key to victory is to remain positive and upbeat. "You learn from each fisherman, you can use it at the next level," he added.

Monti has a Facebook page he calls Kyle Monti Fishing.

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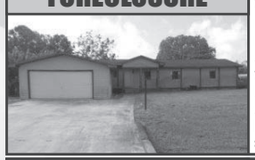

2002-M: Taylor Creek Waterfront home, Manmade lake. Large garage, enclosed porch, ample concrete driveway. 1450 TSF/1164 Under air. Needs some TLC. ~~$39,900~~ **NOW $34,900** MLS #206313

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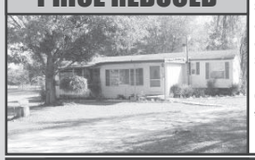

5013-M: Four Seasons 3/2 DWMH with additions on corner acre. Screen porch, sheds, back deck. 1861 TSF/1451 under air. **Make Offer.** ~~$45,000~~ **NOW $39,000** MLS #206328

NEW LISTING

5020-M: Kissimmee River Estates Singlewide MH with additions, storage shed and carport all on 4 clean lots. In move in condition. **$29,900** MLS #206474

5015-H: Country home on 10+/-acres zoned Ag. 3196 TSF/2122 under air. Island kitchen, walk in closets, lg 30x60 barn w/3 stalls & workshop, lg shed, fenced, pond, in-wall pest control, Marble Lavatories **$295,000**

5000-M: Deer Park (Ft. Drum area) 3BR/ 2BA on 5+/-acres with large shed, large covered back porch, fenced & crossed fenced, three wells and more. Short Sale. **$99,000** MLS #206394

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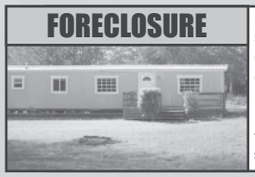

5029-M: Four Seasons 3/2 Mobile on ½ acre. Large deck, 1572 Total Sq Ft/1344. Needs repairs. **Make Offer! $30,000** MLS #206379

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Case No.: 2012 DR 108
Division: Family

Timothy A. Casanova
Kimberly A. Casanova,
Petitioners
and
Mildred J. Lear
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR Relative Adoption

TO: Mildred J. Lear
5075 Garner St.
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Relative Adoption has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Timothy A. Casanova & Kimberly A. Casanova whose address is 3222 SE 24th St., Okeechobee, FL 34974 on or before 2-12-2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit's Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 1-8-2013

SHARON ROBERTSON
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
BY: /S/ April Hof
Deputy Clerk

434328 ON 1/13,20,27;2/3/2013

NOTICE OF SECOND/FINAL CERTIFICATION OF TAX ROLL

Pursuant to Section 193.122, Florida Statutes, W.C. Sherman, Property Appraiser of Okeechobee County hereby gives notice that the 2012 Tax Roll for Okeechobee County was recertified and extended to the Tax Collector on the 18th day of January 2013 for the collection of Taxes.
435051 ON 1/20/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000352

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-NC2,
Plaintiff
vs.
VICKY FOUNTAIN, et al.,
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **VICKY FOUNTAIN**
4044 SE 29TH CT
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
UNKNOWN SPOUSE
VICKY FOUNTAIN
4044 SE 29TH CT
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

AND TO: All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

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

LOT 37, ROWLAND ACRES NO. 3, AN UNRECORDED PLAT, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 1 OF TREASURE ISLAND, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 45, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND RUN SOUTH 0°04'30" WEST ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF SAID TREASURE ISLAND, UNIT 5, FOR A DISTANCE OF 527.00 FEET; THENCE RUN EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 450.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 0°04'30" EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 75.00 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 0°04'30" WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 115.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you, an you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action, on **Greenspoon Marder, P.A., Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**, and the file original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in the OKEECHOBEE NEWS, on or before 2/12/2013, otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 7th day of Jan. 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of said Court
BY: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at 250 NW COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, SUITE 217, PORT SAINT LUCIE, FL 34986, 772-807-4370. If hearing or voice impaired, contact 711.

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Level: Beginner

ANSWER:

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March of Dimes volunteers honored

Several members of the Okeechobee County March for Babies committee attended the March of Dimes Treasure Coast Division Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on Jan. 17, 2013 in Port St. Lucie. Left to right are: Sharon Vinson of Shared Services Network, Laura McCall of The Law Office of Cassels & McCall, Kristy Crawford of CenterState Bank, Magi Cable, retired educator, Jim Vensel of Buxton Funeral Home, and Sharon Johnson of Harbor Community Bank. Also at that meeting, Magi Cable and Laura McCall were installed as directors on the March of Dimes Treasure Coast Division Board of Directors.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
SPORTS COMPLEX POOL RENOVATION
COUNTY PROJECT NO. 2013-03

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed BIDS will be received by Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners at the **Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 222, Okeechobee, FL 34972 until 2:30 p.m. on February 19, 2013**. Bids will be received at the second floor BOCC Clerk's Office, Room 222 and will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted.

The BIDS shall be based on the following:
Furnish all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary to modify the competition swimming pool. This work shall include renovation, repair, resurfacing of the pool shell and installation of pool finishes for a 50 Meter Competition Swimming Pool. Contractor shall provide all related accessories as shown on the Drawings and as specified herein. Coordination with all other work being performed as further specified herein.

All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents pertaining thereto, which may be examined at or obtained from:

Okeechobee County Capital Projects
Facilities Maintenance & Development Services
1700 NW 9th Avenue, Ste. C
Okeechobee, FL 39972
(863) 763-0805 Phone
(863) 763-5529 Fax
sselvey@co.okeechobee.fl.us

Any questions pertaining to the project specifications or scope of work will be addressed to the Okeechobee County Capital Projects, FMDS Division, **in writing** via email at: sselvey@co.okeechobee.fl.us or fax 863-763-5529 no later than **February 8, 2013, 5:00 p.m**.

Each Contractor will be furnished with one (1) set of Plans and Specifications for a non-refundable deposit of Twenty Dollars ($20.00) for a hard copy. Electronic version of the Plans and Specifications can be obtained at no cost by sending a request via email to: sselvey@co.okeechobee.fl.us. The Bidders deposit shall be a check made payable to Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners. No partial sets of Drawings and Specifications will be issued. Bidders may pick up Plans and Specifications from the Okeechobee County Capital Projects Office or they can be obtained by express mail upon receipt of vendor's check and express mail account number. **Bid Documents must be obtained from Okeechobee County**.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held at the Okeechobee County Sports Complex located at 580 NW 27th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34972 on **January 28, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pool**. Bidder's attendance is mandatory. **BIDS RECEIVED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE OPENED NOR BE CONSIDERED AN ACCEPTABLE BID.**

Each bid must be accompanied by an acceptable Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond, or Certified Check, made payable to "Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners", in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total Bid Amount as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will execute and file acceptable performance and payment bonds equal to 100% of the contract price and acceptable Insurance per requirements list in Bid Documents within seven (7) days after written notice of the award of contract. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for opening of bids.

Okeechobee County accepts no responsibility for any expense related to preparation or delivery of proposals. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids accept Bids in any order or combination, accept or reject portions of Bids, make modifications to the work after bidding, and waive any formality in the Bids if they deem it in their best interest to do so. The General Contractor will provide additional information including, but not limited to, a list of similar projects constructed within the past five (5) years, client references and an audited or certified financial statement, or other financial references deemed appropriate to Contract Award.

Bidders will confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial bids will not be accepted.

Each bidder will submit with this bid evidence that the bidder is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination to be so licensed.

If in the opinion of the bidder, inconsistencies appear to exist in the specifications, it is the bidder's responsibility to seek clarification from Okeechobee County Capital Projects. Additionally, it is incumbent upon all bidders to conduct a personal investigation as to requirements of the County.

The Board of County Commissioners has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope MUST be marked: **"BID - OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEX POOL RENOVATION, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY PROJECT NO. 2013-03".**

Frank Irby, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, FL

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of Court
Okeechobee County, FL

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2012CA219

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
VS.
JAMIE COOPER A/K/A JAMIE C. COOPER, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: **JAMIE COOPER A/K/A JAMIE C. COOPER**
Last Known Address: 5990 NW 24TH ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
Current Residence Unknown
DENISE COOPER
Last Known Address:-5990 NW 24TH ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
Current Residende Unknown

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

EXHIBIT "A"

PARCEL I:
Being a parcel of land in Tract 117, of TROPICAL ACRES, an unrecorded subdivision lying in Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 34 East in Okeechobee County, Florida and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence S 0°08'00" W, a distance of 66.00 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street; thence N 89°40'00" W a distance of 3,906.00 feet along Southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street to the Point of Beginning; thence S 0°06'12" W a distance of 363.00 feet to a point; thence N 89°40'00" W a distance of 120.00 feet to a point; thence N 0°06'12" E a distance of 363.00 feet to a point on the Southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street; thence S 89°40'00" E along said Southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street, a distance of 120.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
PARCEL II:
Being a parcel of land lying in Tract 117 of TROPICAL ACRES, an recorded subdivision, lying in Section 12, Township 37 South, Range 34 East in Okeechobee County, Florida and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Commence at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence S 0°08'00" W a distance of 66.00 feet to a point lying on the Southerly right-of-way line of 2nd Street; thence N 89°40'00" W along said Southerly right-of-way line a distance of 3,906.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continue S 0°06'12" W a distance of 363.00 feet; thence N 89°40'00" W a distance of 120.00 feet to a point; thence N 0°06'12" E a distance of 363.00 feet to a point; thence S 89°40'00" E a distance of 120.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
has been file against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marshall C. Watson, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 1800 NW 49th STREET, SUITE 120, FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33309 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.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port. St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptaciOn para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dfas antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificaciOn_si es que falta menos de 7 dfas para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva 6 de habla, flame al 711.
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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 7th day of Jan. 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
By: Linda F. Young
As Deputy Clerk

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Brewery fixtures
6 Dramatist Connelly
10 One standing out in a field?
14 Not see eye to eye?
15 Specialty
16 Like some ale
17 Flaw-spotting aid
18 Hard time
20 Uncommissioned
22 Colt producer
23 Officiate
24 Immunity __: "Survivor" prop
26 Nursery needs
28 14th-century European musical style
31 Neutral color
32 Dream analysis pioneer
33 One-tenth of a microjoule
35 Need
39 "Now!"
40 Mikhail's wife
42 Court fig.
43 Potential creditor's request
45 1-Down's land: Abbr.
46 Nut
47 Identify
49 You can't see beyond it
51 Permanently
54 Without width or depth
55 Organic dye
56 Very: Pref.
58 Solver's cry
62 Community service often associated with a law school
65 Oafish
66 Port on its own lake
67 "Prison Break" role
68 Young girl
69 __-Ball
70 Med. tests using leads
71 Lucy's neighbor

DOWN
1 Akershus Castle site
2 Oceans
3 __-chef
4 Surpassing a classic arcade game?
5 Phelps sponsor
6 Shelley queen
7 Jack-in-the-pulpit family
8 Like "Psycho"
9 Boxed pasta that's different every time you open it?
10 Pressing activity?
11 Congo, once
12 Electric guitar wood
13 Snorkeling spots
19 Hanker
21 Wheels for a spy?
25 Croft of video games
27 "Hush!" (and hint to how 4-, 9- and 21-Down are formed)
28 Allowing a little light
29 Scheme
30 Go ape
34 Singapore Sling ingredient
36 Complete
37 "__, Sing America": Hughes poem
38 NFL Hall of Famer-turned-politician Swann
41 Trendy London district
44 "High Sierra" director Walsh
48 Unspoiled
50 Dieting and exercise, say
51 "Thread of life" goddesses
52 Arkansas city
53 Client of Billy in "Chicago"
57 Encircle
59 Radio host John
60 __ dixit
61 IM sign-off
63 Company opening?
64 Keeps apprised, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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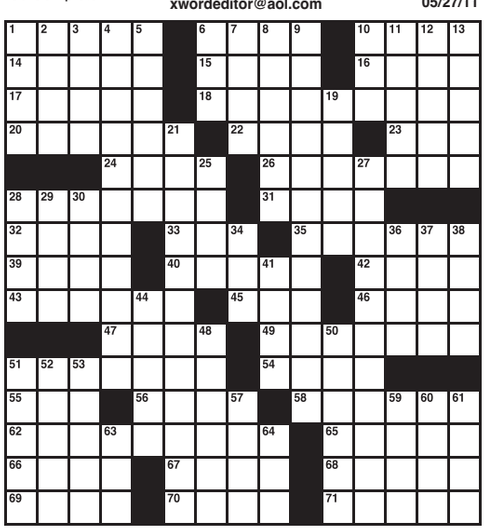

By Julian Lim
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OHS wrestlers dominate Sebastian River, 66-18

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee High School's wrestling team dominated Sebastian River 66-18 as three senior wrestlers got one last chance to perform in front of home fans on Wednesday night at the Brahman gymnasium.

Larry Tabor, who lost in the 139 pound division, Ryan Hagan, a winner by technical fall, Bryan Levins, who won by pin fall, and Allen Leitner, who won by forfeit, were all able to perform one last time in front of Okeechobee fans.

Okeechobee earned six forfeit victories as Sebastian River was able to only bring eight wrestlers to the match.

Coach Robert Olive said he felt a lot of his veteran guys have done a good job this year and has a good chance to make it to states.

"The younger guys are making good progress. A lot of them have never wrestled before, but they've been impressive," he added.

Olive praised all of his seniors after the matches. Hagan and Leitner are team captains and Olive said they keep the team in line and set a good example as they never quit during a match. He also expressed hope that most of them can advance to regional and state competition this year.

Jensen Beach is ranked #11 and will be the district favorite. Olympic Heights will have a tough squad at the district as well. Okeechobee should be able to get in the top three. Olive said he hopes to have as many as 10 wrestlers qualify for regional.

At the moment, Cody Griffith is ranked 13th in the state and Leitner is ranked 15th in his age group.

Griffith, who has lost only four matches this year, and won one of his matches in 12 seconds, said he was glad to win the final home match for the senior class.

"It was nice to get a quick pin. I wrestled the kid earlier this month and pinned him in the first round so I took a shot early because I knew I could pin him," he suggested.

Griffith said the state ranking makes him proud and makes him feel really good about himself and his wrestling skills. He has hopes of reaching the state tournament this year.

Levins was slowed by an injury early in the year but has been pleased with his performance in recent weeks. He said he was sad because this will be his final home match of his career.

"I loved it. I love to win. I don't like to wrestle long matches. I like the quick matches," he explained.

Levins also has high hopes for a regional berth but understands the state tournament will be a long shot.

"I think this win looks pretty good for the seniors. We have a lot of seniors this year and it makes them all feel good," he added.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Ryan Hagan looks for an opening during his match. He won by a technical fall in the third round, 22-7.

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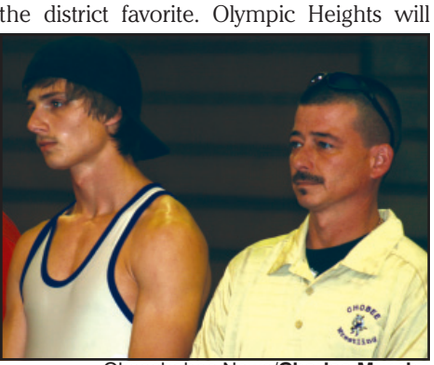
Cory Vickers had the most exciting match of the night as he went into sudden death before winning on points, 4-3.



Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Larry Tabor III (left) was joined by his father Larry Tabor Jr.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Bryan Levins was joined at senior night by his father Tom Levins(left)

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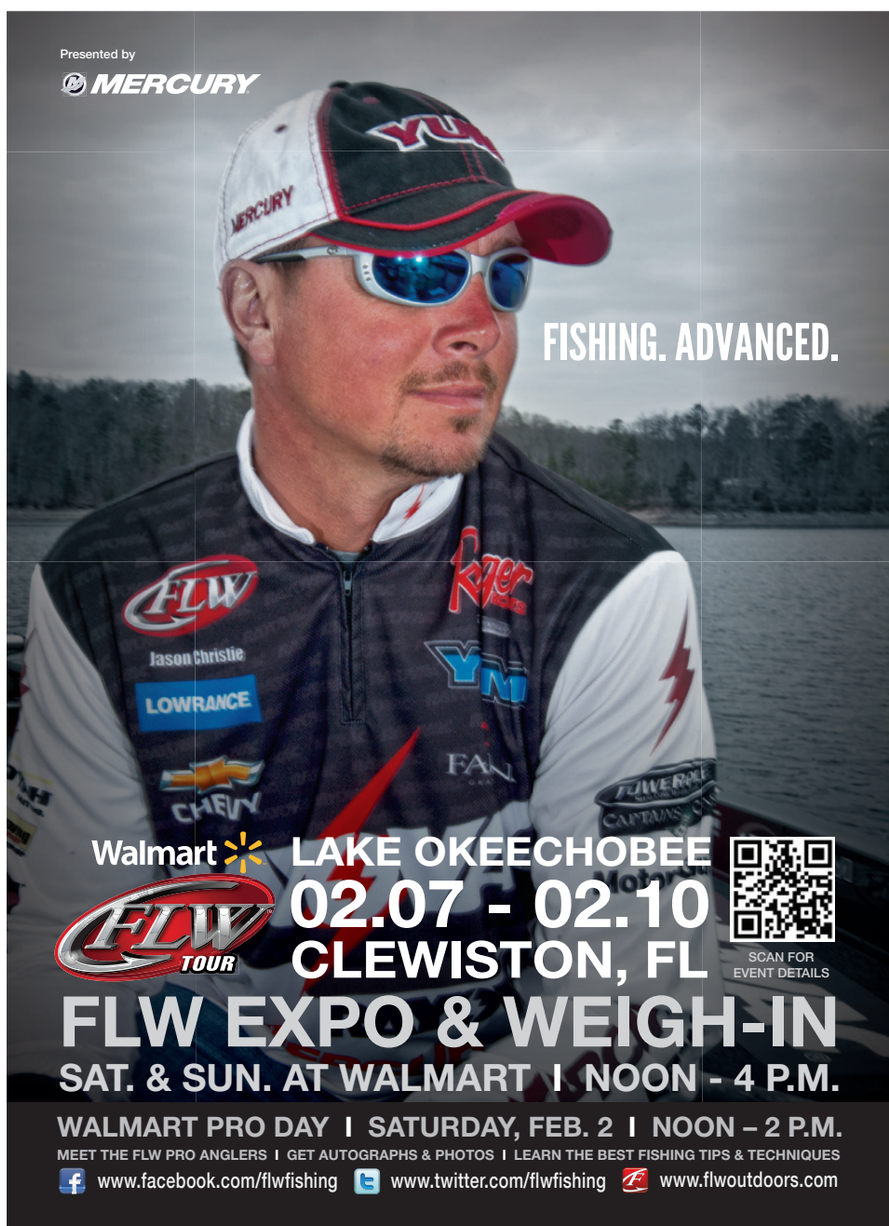
Senior Captain Allen Leitner was joined at senior night by his father Allen, and his mom, Missy.



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