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City plans to beautify medians

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

People coming into Okeechobee will soon get a better first impression of the city thanks to improved landscaping.

At their meeting on Tuesday evening, April 2, the Okeechobee City Council approved a matching funds grant from the Florida Department of Transportation that had been applied for by Okeechobee Main Street. The $100,000 grant has a matching component of $17,000 and will be used for landscaping the medians on U.S. 441 and S.R. 70 within the city limits. The grant requires that the project be completed by June 30, 2014.

Turning to other action, the council approved change order number 2 in the amount of $3,433 for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) housing project. This change order was necessary in order to install gutters and French drains to prevent flooding. As a bookkeeping function the council amended accounting procedures for the CDBG program to include an economic grant fund.

The council reappointed Terry Burroughs, Phil Baughman and Doug McCoy to the planning board/board of adjustments and appeals

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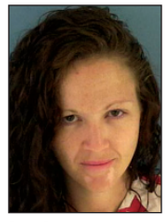
Rescued panther returns to the wild

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Tim Donovan/FWC**

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a male Florida panther Wednesday night at the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area. The release site is along the borders of Palm Beach, Broward and Hendry counties. The panther was rescued as a 5-month-old kitten after its mother was found dead. It was raised at the White Oak Conservation Center. For more on the story, see page 11.

Local woman accused of selling pills

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News



Ladonna Hopewell

According to a report by an Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force detective, a local woman was arrested while she was in the process of illegally selling prescription medications.

Ladonna Marie Hopewell, 25, N.W. Sixth St., was arrested Wednesday, April 3, on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (dilaudid) with intent to sell and possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) with intent to sell. She was also charged with the misdemeanor of possession of a prescription outside its prescribed container.

Hopewell is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on $11,000 bond.

The detective's arrest report stated that task force members watched as two vehicles pulled into the parking lot of a S.R. 78 W. business around 4:47 p.m. Wednesday. They reportedly watched as an individual

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IRSC hosts information session for veterans

FORT PIERCE—Indian River State College will hold an information session for the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) on Tuesday, April 23, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the IRSC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. The Veterans Showcase event is especially targeted for unemployed veterans with an honorable discharge, ages 35 to 60, who would like to continue their education through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs VRAP program. The program provides financial support for eligible veterans who attend college full-time for a year as part of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Other veterans may attend the IRSC event to obtain general information about the college's programs throughout the Treasure Coast.

Attendees will learn how to apply for benefits and register for classes. Information will be provided on IRSC programs in computer science, electronics, criminal justice, business, air conditioning, commercial driving, cosmetology and more. Representatives from veteran's organizations will also be available to provide in-depth information and answer questions.

The VRAP Showcase will be held in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the IRSC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave. in Fort Pierce. The Kight Center is located on the 35th Street side of the Main Campus. IRSC branch campuses are located in Vero Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Okeechobee. For more information, call 1-866-792-4772.

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Navy veteran Patrick Griffen is assisted with his college registration by IRSC counselor Terry Valencia. Veterans are invited to a Veterans Retraining Assistance Program Information Session on Tuesday, April 23, for unemployed veterans with an honorable discharge wanting to continue their education.

Special to the Okeechobee News

Kiwanis Guest Speaker

Carolyn Moses, the Program Director for Healthy Families, spoke recently to the Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee's weekly meeting. As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Ms. Moses structured her presentation around Healthy Families Child Abuse Prevention Program. Healthy Families is a home visiting program proven to prevent child abuse and neglect in Florida's highest-risk families by promoting healthy child development and increasing family stability and self -sufficiency through parenting classes and other methods. Services are tailored to meet the needs of families. Families receive weekly home visits that decrease in frequency as families make progress in providing safe, stable and nurturing environments for their children. Child abuse reports have been trending upward over the past four years in Okeechobee. In 2009-2010 there were 217 reports of child abuse in Okeechobee, 114 of those victims were under the age of five. That number increased to 295 in 2010-2011 with 135 of that number under the age of five. In 2011-2012 there were 313 reported cases of child abuse with 156 being under the age of five.

Gretchen Wilson at benefit concert

FORT PIERCE—Patriot Productions, LLC, announces Grammy winning country superstar Gretchen Wilson will headline "Gone Country 2013," an all-day country music festival featuring an all-female lineup and benefiting the Susan G. Komen For The Cure foundation.

Gretchen Wilson, featured recently on NBC's TODAY show, where she performed her new hit single "Still Rolling," is poised for a major comeback, with three record album releases in 2013. Her performance at Gone Country 2013 at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds in Ft. Pierce on April 20 will be her exclusive Florida stop on her current world tour, which will finish at the Staad Music Festival in Switzerland in September.

Tickets are $15 pre-sale and $19 at the gate for ages 13 and older. Under age 13 is FREE. Tickets can be purchased online at www.gonecountry.com or at any Cowboys BBQ & Steak Co. location (Ft. Pierce, Stuart & Okeechobee) and Eli's Western Wear in Okeechobee.

Gates open at noon and the event ends at 11 p.m. Camping is available on the concert grounds for tents and RVs and can be purchased on the concert website.

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

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 79F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy in the evening, then overcast. Fog overnight. Low of 57F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday: Overcast. Fog early. High of 82F. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy in the evening, then overcast. Fog overnight. Low of 59F. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday: Overcast in the morning, then partly cloudy. Fog early. High of 81F. Winds from the ESE at 5 to 10 mph.

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Commissioners study options for drivers license office

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Where will Okeechobee County residents have to go in 2014 to obtain a drivers license?

That is a big undecided question. The state plans to close its drivers license office in Okeechobee on Jan. 11, 2014. At that point issuing drivers licenses would be the responsibility of the Okeechobee County Tax Collector.

The ball is in the Okeechobee County Commissioners' court. At their last meeting on March 28, commissioners discussed at length, but took no action on settling the issue. County attorney John Cassels said the first thing to be decided is whether or not to build a new building to house the tax collector. Then he said other options could be discussed. However, since Commissioner Bryant Culpepper's motion not to proceed with a new building died for a lack of a second, that option is still a possibility. The county already paid $116,000 for plans and construction documents for a new building.

The economic council has gone on record as being against a new building.

If a new building is built for the property appraiser and tax collector, the Alderman Building could be used for the building and planning department.

A second option is to build a 3,000 square foot building for just the drivers license office at an estimated cost of $450,000. The site of this proposed building would be adjacent to or attached to the Alderman Building.

A third option is to issue drivers licenses at the health department building. Donnie Oden, the county's capital projects manager, estimated that the cost of remodelling that building to accommodate drivers' licenses would cost approximately $100,000.

The fourth option, keeping the drivers license office at its present location on U.S. 441 S.E. seems to be out of the question. At the March 28 meeting, Tax Collector Celeste Watford reported to commissioners that even though the state's lease on that building extended into 2015, the state would not allow the county to use the remaining time on the lease.

A fifth possibility on the table is to lease an existing building.

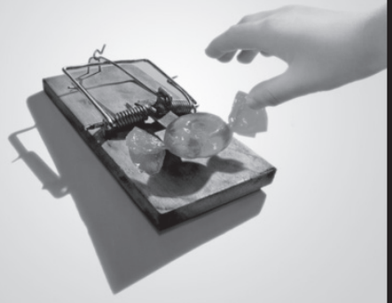
Commissioners have expressed little interest in the sixth option, a mobile unit. The economic council has also gone on record against this option.

The last option is that the county not provide drivers license services. That option is opposed by the economic council.

At their March 28 meeting, commissioners brought up the fact that senior services needs a larger space with additional parking spaces. That agency could possibly be housed in the health department building or a new building or the Alderman Building.

A drivers license office would handle issuance, renewal and replacement of drivers licenses. It would also handle reinstatements of licenses, medical exams, administer knowledge and driving tests, issue ID cards and do fingerprinting for HAZMAT licenses.

When is Candy Dangerous?



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Waiting for the signal to start hunting eggs

The Easter party held at the Okeechobee Moose on Easter Sunday was a great success with 30 happy children hunting eggs and eating hotdogs.

Property Tax Bill Payment Deadlines

A reminder from your Tax Collector:

Property tax bills for 2012 become delinquent and begin accruing penalties April 1, 2013.

- Payments made by mail must be postmarked in March to be eligible for the March amount.
- Payments made on our website must be made by midnight EST on March 31.
- If making your payment in our office the March amount will be accepted through April 1, 2013.

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Gang violence

• All of this gun violence on the news, especially with the young people with the gang shootings, seems to be linked to a societal problem of young men growing up without their fathers. Boys need their fathers. A grandfather or stepfather can step in and take over that role, but it is time that we recognize the fact that our current society in which so many children grow up in single parent homes is not the best situation for the children. We need to put the welfare of the children first. Everyone should put off having babies until they are in a committed relationship and can provide a good home for the kids. Kids need both parents involved in their lives. Kids get involved in gangs because there is something missing at home.

Statistics

• In the bankrupt city of Stockton, Calif., 41 percent don't speak English at home; 21 percent can't speak it very well. God bless America.

Turn signal

• Years ago when I suggested my ex-husband should use his turn signal, he said if people watch him they will know where he is going. One of the three funny guys said, "you can't fix stupid."

• I have seen more than once drivers who use them continuously while they are going straight ahead for miles at a time.

• Is this a standard feature or an option? Sort of figured it must be an option that many a folk didn't obtain including many a law enforcement officer.

• Hand signals anyone? I think because we all like to use our traffic finger from time to time that we can just expand upon it.

• Maybe the driver's license office could make sure that during the new driver test they flunk anyone who fails to properly signal? Still, I think most people do know they are supposed to signal. Have you ever watched how people drive when there is a marked cop car around? They just get lazy when they think they won't get caught. Safe driving saves lives—which can include the driver's own life. So have a little consideration folks!

Young Kim Jong-un

• It seems to me that the majority of the media emphasize the "young" when referring to Kim Jong. He is about thirty years old. My best guess is that they, the media, realized who a lot of the "young" in this country voted for and fear a problem.

Thank you from Okeechobee Achievement Academy

Okeechobee Achievement Academy would like to thank the FOP #69 for their generous support and donations of the OAA Paws reward program. We couldn't do any of this without your support. Thank you from all of the students and staff at OAA.

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Letters to the editor

Kiwanis Easter breakfast a success

The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee just had their 41st Easter Pancake breakfast and it was a great success! We served 487 plates. Thank you to all who came to enjoy a great breakfast. The proceeds from the event go to the Kiwanis OHS Scholarship fund. Without your support we would not be able to so generously give to the students of Okeechobee. I would like to thank Red Larson, Larson Dairy, for supplying the delicious sausage. Thanks to Wolff Brothers Grove for donating the oranges, Michal Hazellief for picking them and Hazellief Grove for juicing them. Thanks to Dana Tindall, Propane Manager for Florida Public Utilities for providing the propane gas for the grills. Thanks to the Kiwanis Key Club for providing fifteen students from the club to help serve. Thanks to Jim McCoin owner of Cowboys Restaurant for allowing us to use the restaurant. Their new location was more spacious. Thanks to Tom Conway of Bass Funeral for allowing us to store all our grills and supplies in his garage for the year. Thanks to the First United Methodist Church for letting us have a satellite location, Greg Thogersen of Atlantic Wealth Management Group for our radio ads and Glades Media for their promotion on the radio. Thanks to the 30 plus volunteers who worked the event. Without them it wouldn't happen! They sacrificed their time with their families on Easter morning. It is appreciated and we look forward to our 42nd year!

Maureen Burroughs
Pancake Breakfast Coordinator
Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee

Something's all wet here

Lake Okeechobee? Bad. A bad lake. It dumps water where it shouldn't. That's all you hear. Yeah; it sure is bad.

But wait! Maybe it's not bad at all. That is, the lake itself. It's big, it's full, it's got a catchy name. That sounds pretty good. So what's bad about it? All the fuss seems to focus on what's in it. What can be in the lake? Any lake? The regular stuff water is made-up of—hydrogen, oxygen, fish and whatever it picks up along the way.

All you hear is that what it picks up is not too good. Fertilizer. That seems to get most of the blame. Other stuff too: dirt, old tires and leaves. They get some attention. But nowhere near fertilizer. That seeps into the lake through some natural process. Shame on you, Okeechobee. How could you let that happen? Bad. Fertilizer bad.

Hold it! There's a puzzle here. Fertilizer is actually good. Good for crops-vegetables, fruit, grass—anything that needs to be grown from the ground. Most of which we eat. Food on the table. Even people who don't like fertilizers the environmental saviours like food. They like to eat. Well, maybe they don't like to eat. It's hard to tell what they like. But they must eat. Survival. Yet, they blame fertilizer.

These same people like to play golf on nice greens; they like nice shrubs, plants and lawns around their house. All the things that fertilizer helps to keep nice. Still "Let's sock it to Fertilizer!"

"It ruins the health of the waterways," the St. Lucie River, the Caloosahatchie, the Indian River each a spiritual entity; placed in another dimension as an "estuary." They Look like rivers. They're not. They're "estuaries." Please bow or kneel in reverence.

That bad stuff from Lake Okeechobee kills things in the "estuaries." Sacred things like sea grass, anthropoids and everything in sight. Rather, everything out of sight under the water. And there's no doubt that fertilizer from the lake sneaked around and killed a sea turtle or two. Unforgivable. That's killing the Deity. The ultimate sacrilege.

So. Let's stop the fertilizer! Ban it. Get the Fertilizer Police out. Arrest Lake Okeechobee. Stop food. Stop the process that keeps humans alive. Let them perish. But don't touch the "estuaries." You could hit a blade of sea grass and kill it. What punishment can possibly atone for that?

Only one. The one already in existence ... life-sentence without parole for Lake Okeechobee.

Gus Macerino

Correction

In the Friday, March 29, edition of the Okeechobee News, the information under the page one photo, captioned "Commissioners receive children's butterfly," contained an error. The woman in the photo was incorrectly identified as Loretta Troth. The photo was actually of Pat Hickman. The newspaper regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused.

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Students compete at regional Science Fair

Special to the Okeechobee News

The Heartland Regional Science and Engineering Fair represented the six-county region on March 26-28 at the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair at the Lakeland Center. This competition is the largest academic competition in the State of Florida, and one of the largest scientific competitions for K-12 in the southeastern United States. Over 900 students participated from around the State of Florida, including 24 from the Heartland Region.

The competition lasted for three days. On Tuesday, the students set up their projects after passing through a second round of the state Scientific Review Committee and the Display and Safety committee. These two committees inspect all of the projects on site and have the potential to disqualify any student-researcher if their research or display is found to violate the rules of the International Science and Engineering Fair. All students passed through these committees with ease, and their projects were certified on the floor of the fair. They then attended the opening ceremonies, where they heard speeches by students from the J.A.S.O.N. Colloquium, were addressed by the Fair Director Ms. Nancy Besley, and the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists Chairman of the Board Mr. Bill Herschleb. Each region was then recognized during the presentation.

Wednesday was the day of judging. Over 150 scientists from around the State of Florida were present to interview the student-researchers. This three-round event takes up most of the day, with a short break for lunch. Among the many questions, students are asked about their inspiration for their projects and their knowledge of the scientific method.

During judging, a State Science Fair first occurred when Governor Rick Scott toured the floor. In the 56-year history of the State Fair, never has the Governor visited. Governor Scott spent several hours touring the floor speaking to many students, and stopped to give an impromptu press conference with two of the participants.

After the judging had finished, the students were taken to the Museum of Science and Industry in Tampa to decompress at the annual mixer event. The students were treated to plenty of food, a DJ, a Ropes course, and several other activities.

The final event was the Awards Ceremony in the Lakeland Center Arena. This highly-attended event recognized all of the students, and presented both special awards and place awards. The Heartland Region did quite well this year. Of the 24 students attending, 14 received an award of some kind, 9 of which were place awards. Four Okeechobee students received awards.

Delaenam Akahoho of Yearling Middle School at the Junior level was awarded a $25 cash award from the Hernando Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

Glenn W. Jarriel of Okeechobee High School received a Recognition Award (6th place out of 27 participants in the Senior Behavioral an Social Sciences category), and $75 gift certificate and Medallion from the United States Navy Science Awards, Office of Naval Research.

Ryan Daniel of Okeechobee Freshman Campus received an Honorable Mention (5th place out of 22 participants) in the Senior Chemistry category.

Aubrie Reister of the Okeechobee Freshman Campus received Honorable Mention (5th place out of 41 participants) in the Senior Medicine and Health category.

A special thanks to the students that participated in the Science Fair, the volunteer staff of the Heartland Regional Science and Engineering Fair, the school boards of the counties in the region (DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hendry, Glades, and Okeechobee) and their superintendents, South Florida State College for hosting the Regional Fair, and the many people and businesses that have donated their time and/or money to help make this fair a success. Because of you, we are only going to get better.

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Eagles North plan events

Eagles North, at 9985 U.S. 441 N., will have steak night on Friday, **April 5**, from 5:30 - 9 p.m. then music by Rick and Julie. On Saturday, April 6, card bingo is at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, April 7, there will be a great big breakfast from 9 - 11 a.m. Breakfast proceeds go to the auxiliary. They will have Bingo on Tuesday, April 9, at 1 p.m. On Wednesday, April 10, Bingo is at 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the FOE 4137.

Family bowling night planned

On Friday, **April 5**, a family fun bowling night from 5- 10 p.m. will be held with music, food and prizes. The event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. For information contact: Thomas Barber at 863-532-0137: Yvonne Morgan at 863-697-1322; or, Frank DeCarlo at 863-634-1595.

DAR will meet April 6

The last meeting of the 2012-2013 season for the Okeechobee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will be Saturday, **April 6**, at 10 a.m. at the Okeechobee County Library. New officers will be installed and the program will be provided by Habitat for Humanity. All members and potential members are invited to attend.

WSI class being offered

Water Safety Instructor (WSI) class will be held at a cost of $100 per person. This instructor training class is held through the American Red Cross, to teach others to swim. You must be 17 years old and have the ability to swim different strokes. **April 5** will be the deadline for all classes. Classroom instruction starts on Thursday, April 11, and Friday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m. at 323 N. Parrott Ave. Saturday, April 13, at the Okeechobee Sports Complex Pool. Call Shellie at the Sports Complex, 863-467-7667, then leave your name and number as a participant.

Lifeguard class is April 5

Lifeguard Class (LG) will be held at a cost of $200 per person, beginning Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m. at 323 N. Parrott Ave. **April 5** will be the deadline for all classes. The purpose of this course is to provide entry-level lifeguards with the knowledge and skills to recognize and respond to aquatic emergencies until EMS personnel take over. Course runs April 15-18. Water classes will be discussed the first night. Call Shellie at the Okeechobee Sports Complex, at 863-467-7667, leave your name and number as a participant.

Yard sale helps Relay for Life

On Saturday, **April 6,** there will be a huge Relay for Life yard sale at the Okeechobee Holiday Inn Express, U.S. 441 S., from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The sale will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The cost of a space is $10. You should bring your own tables. For information contact: Thomas Barber at 863-532-0137; Yvonne Morgan at 863-697-1322; or, Frank DeCarlo at 863-634-1595.

Ministry hosting bike ride

Hope Ministry Centers will host a bike/walk on Saturday, **April 6,** starting at 7 a.m. For information call 863-357-1319; or, e-mail to Hopeministryc@aol.com.

AMVETS to host picnic

The AMVETS District 8 annual picnic will be held Saturday, **April 6**, at 1 p.m. at the AMVETS Post #2001, 29012 S.R. 78 W., in Buckhead Ridge. We will have a smoked hog roast with corn on the cob, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, cucumber and tomato salad, rolls, hamburgers, hot dogs and lots of desserts for a donation of $9. There will also be a 50/50, and our drawing for the 10.1" Samsung Tablet. Entertainment will be by Mike's Music Melodies. The event will benefit veterans charities in our district. Call 863-467-2882 with for information.

Auxiliary planning yard sale

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #4423 at 300 N.W. 34th St. will hold a yard sale on Saturday, **April 6**, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Men's Auxiliary will have hamburgers and hotdogs for a small donation. Donations will benefit veterans programs. For information contact the Post at 863-763-0818.

OCA Fun Shoot scheduled

On Saturday, **April 6**, the Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a Fun Shoot. Registration will start at 8 a.m. The last shooter must take the course by 10 a.m. Barbecue lunch tickets are available for $15. Sponsorships are available. The event will be held at the OK Corral Gun Club, 6341 N.E. 96th Ave. Call 863-634-2276, or e-mail karson@strato.net for details.

Moonlight links tourney set

The Moonlight Golf Tourney is a nine-hole event held entirely within the Okeechobee High School campus on Saturday, **April 6,** at 6 p.m. Full concession services will be available. Tourney check-in will be at 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the band boosters of Okeechobee County. To register your team contact: Robert Orr at 863-634-1381; or, Steve Dobbs at 863-643-0194.

Softball tourney slated

The fourth annual Men's Softball Tournament to benefit the Devon Venables Memorial Scholarship will be held Saturday, April 6, at the adult softball fields starting at 8 a.m. Registration is $250 and can be paid at the field. Bring your own balls. Donations can be made directly to the Okeechobee Education Foundation. For information contact: Kim Hilliard at 863-634-4553; or, Jill Rogers at 863-634-0870.

Church hosting concert

The Trust Quartet singing Gaither-style songs in four-part harmony are scheduled to perform in concert on Sunday, **April 7,** at 11 a.m. at the Community Church of Basinger, 19836 U.S. 98 N. A barbecue dinner will be held with a bounce house for the kids. All of the community is invited.

American Legion hosts bingo

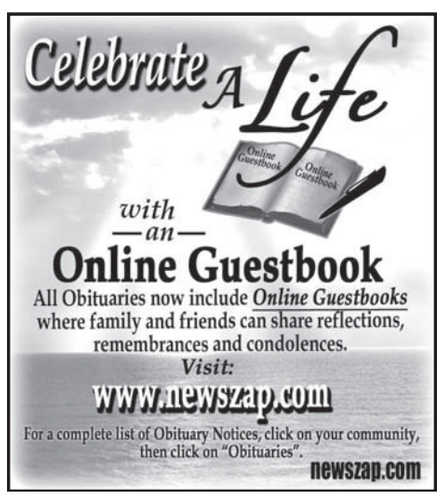
American Legion 64 will again host Sunday night bingo beginning **April 7,** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. Proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans programs. The event is open to the public.

Retired educators to meet

The Okeechobee Retired Educators Association will meet Monday, **April 8**, at 11 a.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's. Any retired educator is invited. As a reminder to members—don't forget that dues are coming due and bring your donation for 'End the Hunger,' if you wish to participate.

Shrine Club offers dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1740 S.W. 53rd St., will hold a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **April 9**, from 4 - 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. The club offers smoke-free dinning. For your listening and dancing pleasure, music is provided from 5 - 8 p.m. The dinner is available for a $6 donation. Proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For information on club activities contact: Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200; or, the club at 863-763-3378.



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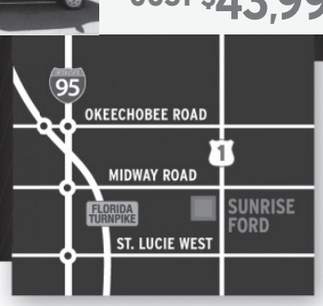

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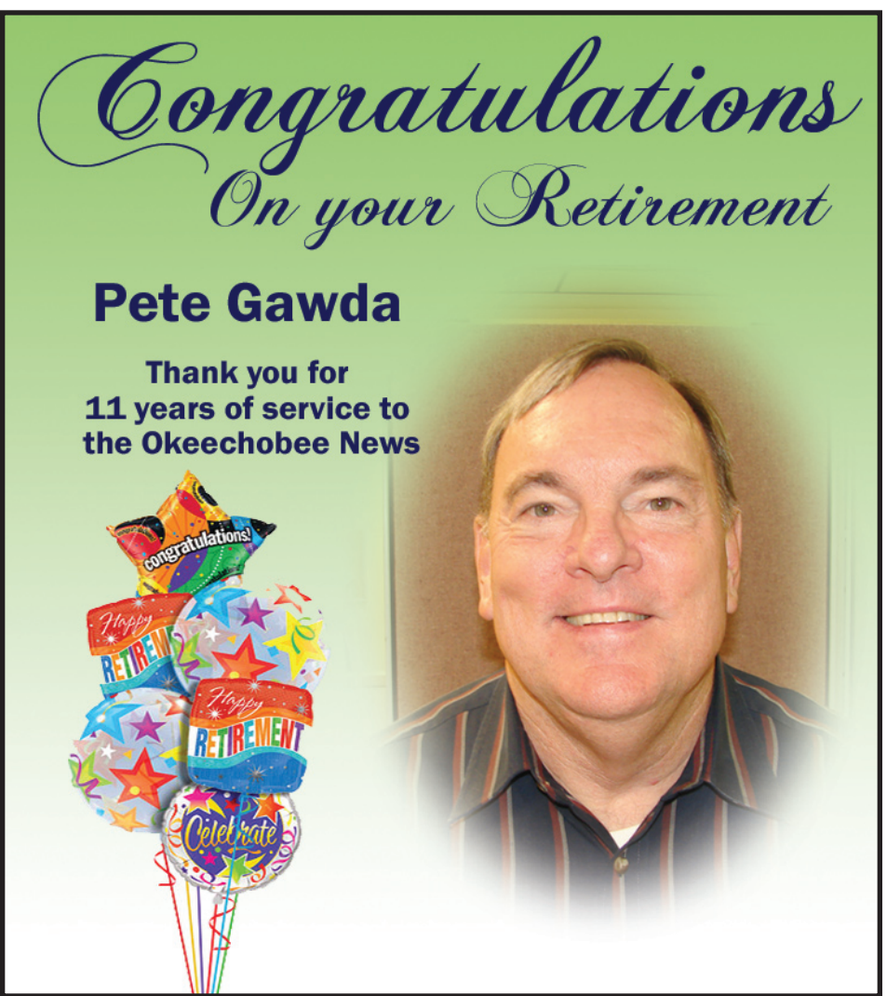
LOST Bike Ride planned for April 20

Rotary's 10th Annual L.O.S.T. Bike Ride (Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail) will be on Saturday, **April 20**, starting at 8 a.m. The L.O.S.T. is a great trek for people of all ages, skills and abilities. With rides of 12, 20, 40 and 54 miles as well as a 5K walk there is something for everyone. This great fundraising event promises to be fun for all. All entrants are provided a goody-bag with a commemorative t-shirt and much more. Also, there is a BBQ meal provided afterwards for all entrants as well as a 50/50 and a raffle with a of ton of great 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.



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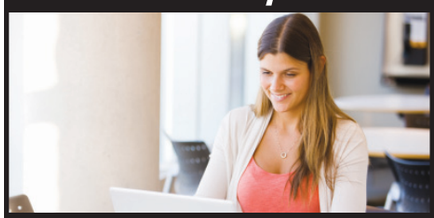

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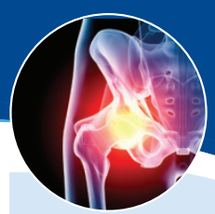

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Appreciation for community service

At the Tuesday, April 2, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council, Mayor James Kirk (right) presented Judy Douglas with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving on the city code enforcement board from Aug. 18, 2008, to March 1, 2013.

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National Service Recognition Day

At the Tuesday, April 2, meeting of the Okeechobee City Council Mayor James Kirk proclaimed April 8 to be National Service Recognition Day. Wanda Klesper, Okeechobee program director for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and her advisory council were honored for their service. Pictured left to right are: Greg Thorgersen, Marilyn Hadley, Frank Irby, Ms. Klesper, Mayor Kirk, Brian Sell, Tim Fulford and Ken Keller. The objective of RSVP, according to Ms. Hadley, is to go out in the community and find needs and find volunteers 55 and older to fill those needs. Some of the activities of RSVP include mentoring in the schools, volunteering in food banks and visiting home-bound veterans and seniors and taking them to doctor's appointments.

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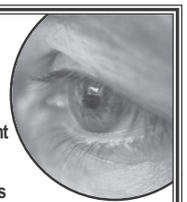

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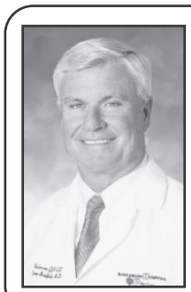

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Rescued Florida panther released in wildlife area

Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) released a male Florida panther Wednesday night at the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area. The release site is along the borders of Palm Beach, Broward and Hendry counties.

"We chose this location because it is part of the species' known range, and it should provide ample undeveloped area for the panther to acclimate into the wild," said Darrell Land, FWC panther team leader.

The FWC rescued the panther and its sister as 5-month-old kittens in September 2011 in northern Collier County after their mother was found dead. The animals were then taken to the White Oak Conservation Center in Yulee, where they were subsequently raised. The panther siblings are now nearly 2 years old.

"These panthers most likely would not have survived without our intervention and the subsequent support of White Oak staff," said Land.

The female panther was successfully released in February in Collier County. Through post-release monitoring, biologists have observed her adapting well and behaving as typical wild female panthers do.

FWC biologists have determined the male panther is healthy and has grown to a size that should prepare him for life in the wild. However, young male panthers must be on their guard to avoid adult male panthers.

"We are pleased with the progress of the female since her release," said Land. "Young males face the additional survival challenge of potential confrontations with older males, but we believe our choice of a release site will minimize the risk of such encounters."

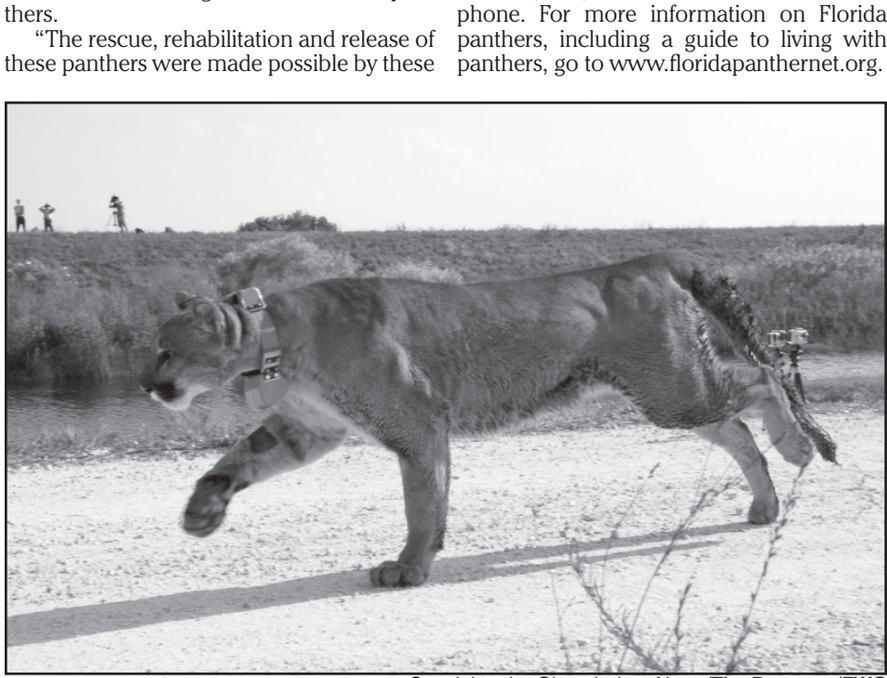
Both releases were coordinated in consultation with partners from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

An estimated 100 to 160 adult and subadult endangered panthers remain in south Florida.

Florida residents can support conservation efforts like the rescue and rehabilitation of these panthers by purchasing a panther license plate. Fees from license plate sales are the primary funding source for the FWC's research and management of Florida panthers.

"The rescue, rehabilitation and release of these panthers were made possible by these license plate funds," said Land.

To report dead or injured panthers, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or *FWC on a cell phone. For more information on Florida panthers, including a guide to living with panthers, go to www.floridapanthernet.org.



Special to the Okeechobee News/**Tim Donovan/FWC**

A male panther was released in the Rotenberger Wildlife Management Area Wednesday evening.

Sexual Predator Notification

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office is disclosing this information to the public in order to enhance public safety, awareness, and protection.

This information is not intended to increase fear: rather it is this agency's belief that an informed public is a safer public. This bulletin should be used only for information purposes. Citizen abuse of the information to threaten, intimidate, or harass offenders will not be tolerated, in any manner.

The individual who appears in this bulletin has served the sentence imposed on them by the courts. They are NOT wanted by the police at this time. Sex offenders have always lived in the communities. The only change is the public is now better informed.

Anthony Thomkins

Anthony Thompkins, 49, is 5'8" tall has black hair and brown eyes. His current address is 4101 Hwy. 441 South, the Flamingo Hotel. Thompkins was convicted of five counts - Lewd & Lascivious, child under 16 and kidnapping on March 31, 1997, in Brevard County, Fla. The victim was a minor. If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, contact Michele or Connie at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at 863-763-3117, extension 240 or website http://www.fdle.state.fl.us.

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walked up to a white 2011 Mitsubishi passenger car and made contact with a passenger in the front seat.

That passenger, continued the report, turned out to be Hopewell.

Task force detectives made contact with the individual and found that he had $120 in cash in his hand, stated the report. They also reportedly made contact with the front seat passenger, Hopewell.

The report also points out that while detectives spoke to Hopewell, they noticed a prescription pill bottle sticking out of her pocket. That pill bottle allegedly contained 29 dilaudid 8mg tablets and two 30mg oxycodone tablets.

"Hopewell could not produce a prescription for the oxycodone or dilaudid tablets," stated the detective's report.

The driver of the Mitsubishi—Ismael Noel Beltran—was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended with knowledge.

He was booked into the county jail on $1,000 bond. Jail records show he has since been released on bond.

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with terms from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016. Jim Pippin and Melissa Close were reappointed to the code enforcement board with terms from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016. Louise Conrad was moved from alternate member to regular member of the code enforcement board with a term from April 3, 2013 to April 30, 2014.

Mayor James Kirk proclaimed the month of April to be Fair Housing Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month in the city. He also proclaimed April 17 to be Military Family and Community Covenant Day.

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Alleged purse thief held on $55,000 bond

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A man is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on $55,000 bond following his arrest for taking a purse from an elderly woman in the parking lot of U.S. 441 S. supermarket.

An arrest report by Deputy Troy Garrison, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated that Timothy Terrance Leitner, 44, was arrested Tuesday afternoon. Leitner was charged with robbery by sudden snatching and grand theft.

Deputy Garrison's report states that a 77-year-old woman loaded some groceries into her sports utility vehicle and as she started to get into the vehicle Leitner approached. He reportedly told the victim that she had left something behind the SUV. When she walked to the back of her vehicle, Leitner allegedly reached inside the SUV and snatched her purse.

Timothy Leitner

He then ran to a waiting white Mercury Grand Marquis and fled the scene, stated the arrest report.

The deputy's report goes on to indicate that a man who witnessed the incident jumped into his pickup and followed the white Mercury south on U.S. 441. The car then turned onto U.S. 441 S.E. And, as the witness tried to get close enough to see the tag number, the female driver of the car hit the brakes and the witness accidentally ran into the back of the Mercury.

A bit later he saw the man throw the victim's purse out the passenger-side window.

Another man stopped and picked up the purse and its contents from the highway, added Deputy Garrison's report.

The report also stated that another man witnessed the theft of the purse and chased after Leitner on foot, but could not catch up to him. He reportedly told the deputy that the man he chased was a white male, with an average build, a light beard and he was wearing baggy shorts, a shirt and a blue ball cap.

As Deputy Garrison was gathering this information he was contacted by OCSO Deputy Sergeant Brian Hagan and Deputy John Hazy that they had found the white Grand Marquis. It was parked behind a residence on S.E. 35th Ave.

OCSO Deputy Charles Hood escorted the witness who had followed the Marquis onto U.S. 441 S.E. to that residence. The witness was shown the car and positively identified it as the one he had followed out of the Publix parking lot, stated Deputy Garrison.

That witness also identified Leitner as the man who took the purse out of the car, even though Leitner had shaved and changed clothes.

Leitner, stated Deputy Garrison, later admitted "... to shaving and changing clothes once he returned home in an attempt to change his appearance."

No one else has been charged, but the case remains under investigation.

Deputy Garrison stated in his report that the purse and its contents were returned to the victim. He went on to point out that the only item missing from her purse was her cell phone, that she valued at $50.

Okeechobee 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).

• Angel Luis Mestre, 21, S.W. Second St., Okeechobee, was arrested March 30 by Officer Jack Boon on a felony charge of threatening a witness, and misdemeanor charges of domestic battery and criminal mischief. His bond was set at $6,000.

• Genaro DeLeon, 53, LaBelle, was arrested April 2 by Deputy Corporal Shane Snyder on a felony charge of possession of marijuana over 20 grams and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. His bond was set at $5,500.

• Alisha Nicole Bullington, 29, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested April 2 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (hydromorphone) without a valid prescription. Her bond was set at $3,500. She was later arrested on a DOC warrant charging her with the felonies of violation of probation - obtaining a controlled substance by fraud (10 counts). She is being held without bond on those charges.

• Esteban Villalpando, 31, Grape Ave., St. Cloud, was arrested April 2 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with violation of probation - robbery. He is being held without bond.

• Darryl James Bartley, 28, W. Canal St., N., Belle Glade, was arrested April 2 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of driving while license suspended - habitual offender. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Jeremy George Arnold, 32, N.E. Park St., Okeechobee, was arrested April 2 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of an occupied dwelling and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

• Bernardo Sanchez Sanchez-Casas, 23, N.W. 44th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested April 3 by Deputy Elbert Kline on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of failure to appear - lewd and lascivious battery. He is being held without bond.

• Gregory Lee Vest, 22, S.W. 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested April 3 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - dealing in stolen property (three counts) and violation of probation - giving false information to a pawnbroker (two counts) and violation of probation - driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.

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So, escape the hustle and bustle Saturday by telling everyone you've "gone fishing." But don't forget to take your kids and spouse and friends to share the fun.

Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman **flag football** team raced past Port St. Lucie 20-0 to improve to (2-2) on the season Tuesday night. Sha'Dajia Williams scored on a 57-yard run and Kyla Hargraves threw for 132 yards to lead the offense. Tiffany Bowers and DJ Nunez both had two interceptions in the game. Aubrey Robertson returned from injury to grab 10 flags for the Brahmans defense in a key district game.

• The first day of the District 15-3A **tennis** tournament didn't go quite as well as OHS had hoped. Singles players Otto Ramirez, Brendon Jonassaint, Colt Root and Lucas Penido lost in the first round of play.

Ramirez lost to Reese Dunlop of Olympic Heights 5-7, 6-4 and 6-0. Jonassaint lost in straight sets to Peyton Palma of Martin County 6-1 and 6-0. Penido fell to Luke Hyland of Martin County 6-2, 6-7 (7-5), and 6-1. Root fell to Antonio Candido of Olympic Heights 6-2 and 6-3.

The only Brahman boy to survive the first round of singles was Cody Walker who defeated Matt Musgrave of Lake Worth by shutout.

Results were better for the Brahman doubles teams. Penido and Root defeated Port St. Lucie 6-0 and 6-3 in the first round. Jonassaint and Walker, unbeaten this year, got a bye into the second round.

• The Lady Brahman **tennis** team had a strong performance at their district tournament in Jensen Beach on Tuesday. Samantha Rivero defeated Forest Hill 6-1 and 6-1 in the first round but fell to Martin County 3-6 and 4-6 in the second round. Jenna Rath defeated her opponent from Port St. Lucie in the first round 6-1 and 6-3 before she fell to Jensen Beach in the second round. Kearstin Dorrance defeated Port St. Lucie 6-2 and 6-0 in the first round in #3 singles. Elizabeth Santillices defeated Olympic Heights 3-6, 6-0 and 6-1 in the first round. Chelsea Walker defeated her opponent from Palm Beach Lakes 6-2 and 6-1 in #5 singles. Both Brahman doubles teams were also victorious in the first round. Rivero and Santillices defeated Ely 6-0 and 6-0. Rath and Dorrance defeated South Fork 6-4 and 6-3.

• Darius Cohen of Moore Haven was named player of the year for Class 2A District 17. Moore Haven **football** coach Mike Minikwu was nominated for coach of the year in Class 2A from the district. Brandon Bass, Terrier QB, was nominated for academic all-state honors.

• Okeechobee couldn't hold an 8-1 lead and fell to Fort Pierce Central 9-8 in high school boys **baseball** action Wednesday afternoon. Okeechobee had built the big lead in the early innings of the game thanks to strong games from Paul Jackson, two hits and two runs scored, Kutter Crawford, two hits, two runs and four RBI, Dalton Murray, one hit and two runs scored, and Christian Crews, RBI single. Tyler Barber pitched well until the fourth inning when the Cobras broke loose for six runs. They added a single run in the fifth and then won the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh against the Brahman bullpen. The Brahmans had elected to intentionally walk one of the Cobras hot hitters to load the bases in the tie game, but the next batter also drew a walk to win the game. Coach Jeff Blackstone took the blame for the loss as his strategy backfired. "We struggled to make the plays to get a win. Defensive miscues hurt us but I give Fort Pierce credit because they hit the ball hard." OHS fell to (4-16 overall and 1-6 in district play this year).

"This was really tough on the guys because they had a commanding lead. We had one tough inning and Fort Pierce hit the ball hard," he added.

OHS has rescheduled a game with St. Lucie West Centennial that was postponed by rain earlier in the year. The two teams will meet next Wednesday at 6 pm at OHS.

• The success the Lady Brahman **tennis** team had on day one of the district 15-3A tournament couldn't be extended on Wednesday as the remaining players were eliminated. Kearstin Dorrance lost to Martin County in a second round match 6-1 and 6-2. Elizabeth Santillices lost in straight sets to Martin County 6-3 and 6-2. Chelsea Walker lost in #5 singles to Jensen Beach. The doubles teams were also eliminated in straight sets.

Cody Walker was the only Brahman player to reach the finals as he defeated Albert Morar of Martin County 7-6 (7-5), 4-6 and 6-2 to reach the finals Thursday morning. The doubles team of Walker and Brendon Jonassaint lost their first match of the year 6-1 and 7-6 (7-5) to Olympic Heights. The doubles team of Lucas Penido and Colt Root lost to Jensen Beach 6-1 and 6-0 in the second round.

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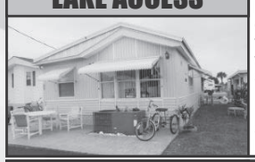
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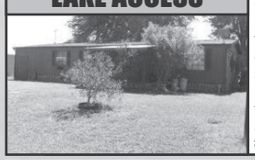
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WILLIAM WAYNE BURTON
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of WILLIAM WAYNE BURTON, deceased, whose date of death was September 4, 2011 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-7467, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney is set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 29, 2013.

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439892 ON 3/29;4/5/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners will hold its **Regular Session on Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, he or she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of such proceedings is made, which record shall include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office not later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Margaret Garrard Helton, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida
/s/ Paula Poskon/ Deputy Clerk
439309 ON 4/5/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE AT 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT AT 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013, AN AGENDA MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS, 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE BEFORE THAT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION ARGUMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES OF LAW OR POLICY OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF ANY PERTINENT FACT THAT MAY BE IN DISPUTE MUST NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE.
439369 ON 4/5/2013

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Sea of __: Black Sea arm
5 Parisian pals
9 Light bite
13 In-box note, perhaps
14 Like candy near the register, maybe
16 Hostile to
17 *Fit perfectly
19 Veggie that may be black
20 Bone: Pref.
21 Golda of Israel
22 "The Wizard __": comic strip
23 *Sexy beachwear
26 White Sox star who played in five decades (1949-1980)
29 Shortly
30 Graceland middle name
31 "A horse is a horse" horse
35 Partner of each
38 Seaman's "Help!"
39 "Gosh!" (or, based on the starts of starred answers, one who is expert at solving this puzzle's theme?)
41 __ volente: God willing
42 Prepare to be knighted
44 Composer Bartók
45 German coal region
46 Once again
48 Literary alter ego
50 *Behavior made automatic from frequent repetition
55 Buck suffix
56 Way to go
57 Rosary units
61 Unfocused photo, e.g.
62 *Superhero nickname
64 Single
65 Hill on Vail
66 Gal who gets what she wants
67 Loose things to tie up
68 Location
69 Barbershop sound

DOWN
1 Schoolyard retort
2 Olympian bigwig
3 Cut out
4 Decides via ballot
5 Latin lover's word
6 Home of the Heat
7 One __: unlikely chance
8 "Shrek!" author William
9 "Lolita" author
10 Clooney/Pfeiffer comedy
11 Washday challenge
12 Delhi language
15 __ Buena, town that became San Francisco
18 Little tykes
24 "City of Seven Hills"
25 Don Juan's mother
26 Halloween cover-up
27 Press
28 Act like a snoop
32 Confederate
33 Lady in the flock
34 UPS rival
36 Enjoy the library
37 Time past
39 Elated feeling
40 Foot in a poem
43 Extras for a cheering crowd
45 Former Jewish settlements
47 Squirmy bait
49 Barbecue fare
50 Aesop work
51 Sweater synthetic
52 Stable newborns
53 Vietnam's capital
54 Take as one's own
58 Long, long time
59 Bagels and lox seller
60 Blow with a palm
63 ATM charge

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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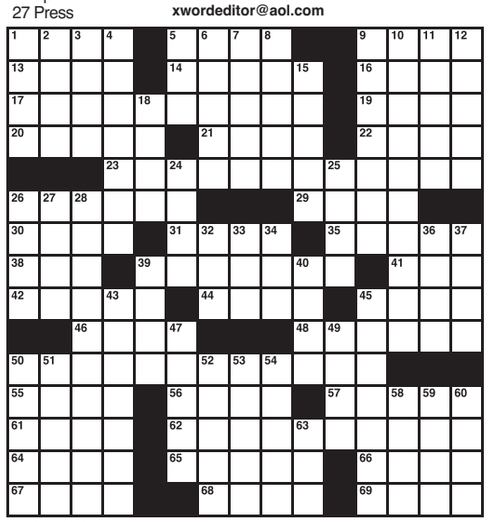

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9	4	3	7	2	1	6	8	5
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Answer

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Crawford named SEC Pitcher of the Week

Special to the Okeechobee News

University of Florida News

Florida junior right-hander Jonathon Crawford of Okeechobee was chosen as the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week on Monday for the first time in his career after twirling a two-hit shutout against No. 11 Ole Miss on Saturday afternoon. He became the first recipient from the Gators since right-hander Hudson Randall garnered the honor on April 4, 2011.

After the Rebels claimed Friday's opener, 4-3 in 11 innings, Crawford evened the series on Saturday with his best outing of the season. The righty allowed only singles in the fourth and sixth innings, set a season high with eight strikeouts and issued a pair of walks. Ole Miss hitters went 2-for-29 (.069) against Crawford, who went the distance for his second career complete—game and second solo shutout—first since a 4-0 no-hitter against Bethune-Cookman on June 1, 2012 during the NCAA Gainesville Regional.

It was the first complete game by a Florida pitcher this season, the Gators' first shutout and marked the first time the Rebels were held scoreless in 2013. Crawford (1-4, 4.46) leads UF with 34 strikeouts in 42.1 innings this year. The Orange and Blue captured the series with a 4-0 victory in Sunday's rubber game.

Florida hosts UCF (18-11/4-2 C-USA) on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at McKethan Stadium. The game will be carried live on FOX Sports Florida with Nick Belmonte and Mick Hubert, while Jeff Cardozo and Steve Russell will call the action on the Gator IMG Sports Network. Live stats will be available on GatorZone.com and fans can also follow updates of each game on @GatorZoneBB, the official Twitter account of the Gator baseball team.

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Federated Republican Women's Club forming

Okeechobee has a new ladies' club, the Okeechobee County Federated Republican Women's Club has been established and is inviting new members to join us. We meet at Cowboy's in the private dining room on the last Tuesday of every month. Membership paperwork can be picked up at a meeting. Any other information can be obtained by contacting the club president, Josie Weeks-Elliott, at 863-634-8474.

Special to the Okeechobee News/**Bobbi Poole**

Preparing for the World Series

Preparing for the World Series to be held at Big Cypress Indian Reservation on April 13, is young 6-year-old Quade Urbina under the guidance of his father Juan Urbina. Quade is a Kindergarten student at the Charter school, playing his second year at T-Ball, as an all-around player. His best feature is hitting the ball to achieve a single base hit.

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