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Okeechobee News/**Katrina Elsken**

Lightning strike hits massive oak tree

A bolt of lightning lit up the sky and struck an ancient tree behind of the home of Wayne and Betty Thomas on S.E. 10th Avenue around 2:30 a.m. Friday. The explosive strike scattered pieces of the tree hundreds of feet away and caused a large branch to fall to the ground. Mrs. Thomas said she thanks God that no people or animals were injured. They hope to be able to save the remainder of the live oak tree, which is more than 17 feet around the trunk. Lightning strikes are common in Florida this time of year. For more, see page 2.

Luna family fights to keep land

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

When the Kissimmee River was transformed from a 103-mile meandering body of water to a 56-mile long ditch, life for the Luna family was changed just as drastically as the river.

During testimony heard Friday, July 26, members of that family told Circuit Court Judge Elizabeth Metzger how the river was everything to them, and how they used to swim in the clear water and play in the white sand.

Then, in the 1960s, when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers channelized the Kissimmee there was no more swimming or frolicking on the sandbars in the middle of the river.

"It was just nasty," testified Bonnie Luna Byars. "You couldn't swim in it and you couldn't fish in it."

The testimony came about as part of a continuing trial (case number 2012CA000251) in which the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is trying to take 373 acres of property belonging to the Luna family. The district says it needs the property for the Kissimmee River Restoration Project that will return the river

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School board plans $65.2 million budget

Students to be subject to random drug testing

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School Board approved a tentative $65.2 million dollar operating budget Tuesday that would increase spending but collect less in local taxes.

The board set the tentative millage rate at 7.463 mills, a reduction of .435 from this year. The home with a taxable value at $100,000 would pay $43.50 less in school taxes this year. Spending is up $338,348 but the amount of local taxes collected would decline by $527,148, or 7.95%. Local revenue will fund 23 percent of the school budget.

The Florida Department of Education has provided nearly $27.4 million to schools, an increase of 9.73 percent. Student enrollment is estimated at 6,790 students, about 183 students fewer than last year.

The general budget is just under $51 million. Capital projects are funded at $3.38 million, an increase of $636,454. The state has provided a nearly 40 percent increase for classroom supplies, roughly $250 per teacher. Just under $1.08 million is provided for teacher salary increases by the state. The proposed plan does take over $1.5 million from reserves, or 23 percent of the schools coffers.

Superintendent Ken Kenworthy said 35 positions have been eliminated without anyone

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Lightning storms can bring danger

By Dan Culbert
Extension Horticulture Agent

Central Florida is the "Lightning Capital" of the U.S. On average, lightning is responsible for 53.1 percent of the weather-related deaths in Florida, more than all other weather hazards combined. Since 1959, 428 people in Florida have been killed and 1689 have been injured by lightning. The odds are about 1 in 5 that you will be killed if struck by lightning.

Where there is a lot of lightning, there is an increased chance of being struck. The corridor from Tampa to Titusville receives the most annual lightning in the U.S. And, more than 90 percent of the lightning in this area occurs from May through October, between the hours of noon and midnight.

During this time of day and year, people who spend a lot of time outdoors are much more likely to be struck than anywhere else in the country. The statistics also show that more people are killed by lightning on Wednesdays (as compared to other days), yet the weekends did not show that much of a difference from the rest of the days in the week.

NOAA's Tips for Lightning Safety

1. No place outside is safe during thunderstorms!

2. Use the '30-30 Rule': If the time between lightning and thunder is 30 seconds or less, go to a safer location. If the lightning can't be seen, just hearing thunder means you should go to a safer location. Wait at least 30 minutes after hearing the last thunder before leaving a safe location.

3. The best place during lightning is a fully-enclosed building with plumbing and wiring.

4. You can be injured by lightning inside. Stay away from corded telephones, plumbing, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, metal doors or metal window frames, or any electrical conducting path leading outside. Don't watch lightning through a window or open doorway.

5.The second best location during lightning is a vehicle with a solid metal roof and metal sides. Close the windows, and don't touch any conducting path leading outside. Convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles, open-shelled outdoor recreational vehicles, and cars with plastic or fiberglass roofs and sides offer no lightning protection.

6. Avoid places and activities known for highest lightning casualties: open fields and elevated places; under trees or other tall isolated objects; water-related activities like swimming, boating, fishing, etc.; golfing; open vehicles; telephone and radio equipment and computers.

7. Outdoor sports have the fastest growing rates of lightning casualties—coaches, referees, parents, and children need to have a lightning safety plan!

8. Open picnic pavilions and rain shelters offer absolutely no protection from lightning!

9. When outside, appoint someone to be the lightning monitor. Their job is to use the '30-30 rule,' stay tuned to weather radio, or to local radio/TV, and observe the weather to tell the group when to seek proper shelter.

If someone is struck by lightning, immediately call 9-1-1. Most lightning deaths are from cardiac arrest or from stopped breathing. Perform CPR or mouth-to-mouth resuscitation if possible. And don't worry about touching a lightning victim—they cannot electrocute you!

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain after midnight. Fog overnight. Low of 72F. Chance of rain 40% with amounts near 0.4 in.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Partly cloudy. Chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the afternoon. Fog early. High of 90F with a heat index of 97F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 60% with rainfall amounts near 0.4 in. possible.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain. Fog overnight. Low of 72F. Winds from the ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm/rain in the afternoon. High of 88F with a heat index of 97F. Winds from the ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

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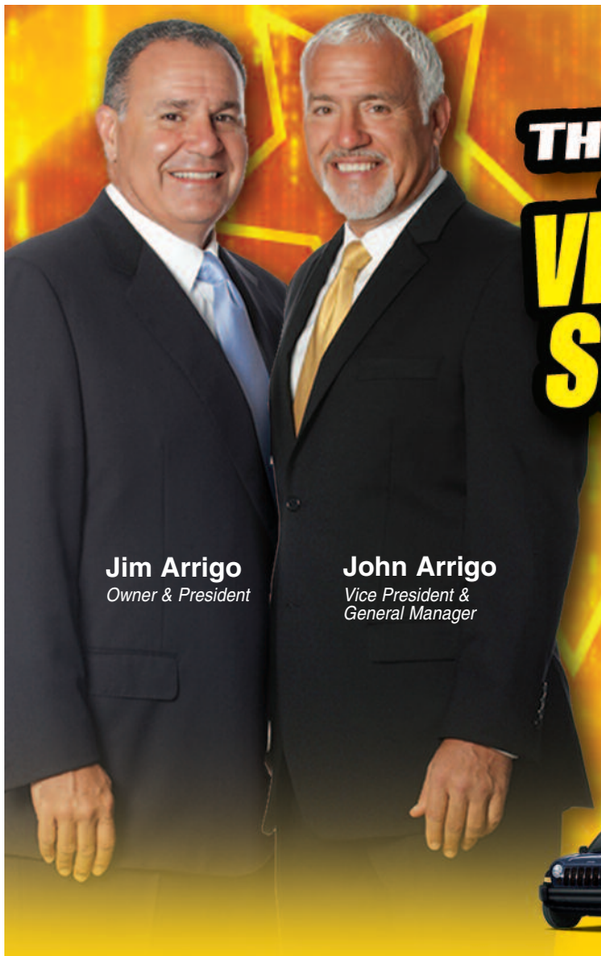
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES 197.3632, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council of the City of Okeechobee, Florida, will conduct a public hearing to consider continuing the imposition of annual solid waste collection special assessments for the provision of residential solid waste collection and disposal services within the incorporated area of the City of Okeechobee, Florida.

The hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed assessments. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written objections with the City Council within twenty (20) days of this notice. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. City Clerk media are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Clerk. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 for assistance.

Copies of the Solid Waste Collection, Disposal and Assessment Ordinance No. 784 and all subsequent Assessment Resolutions are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk located at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Room 100, Okeechobee, Florida, Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except holidays.

The assessments are a non-ad valorem assessment and will be collected by the Tax Collector in the same manner as your ad valorem tax bill, to be mailed in November 2013, as authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes. Failure to pay the assessments will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property, which may result in a loss of title.

By: James E. Kirk, Mayor
Attest: Lane Gamiotea, CMC, City Clerk



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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!

Wants vs. needs

• What am I willing to give up to reduce the size of government? I'm beginning to lean closer to the suggestion of leaving patrol cars parked at the station in order to help cut back on the Sheriff's budget as well as looking into other areas that may can be contracted out. Our county entities need to do everything they can to tighten their budgets before they get deeper into our pockets to furnish "wants" over absolute "needs" right now.

• I cannot believe that the county is still considering building a new building while they consider raising our taxes because the county can't afford to pay their bills. What is wrong with these people? They need to contract out the tax collector's office and close the driver's license office until the county can pay its bills without borrowing money from the dump fund.

• The elephant in the room at budget talks? The practice of giving jobs to friends, relatives and the relatives of political supporters. Every department needs to take a hard look at the basic services the department must provide and the minimum staff needed to provide those services. We can't afford frills. The tax payers can't afford to fund jobs that were created to do favors. Elected officials who think their positions should come with these perks need to go. The taxpayers can't afford them.

• There are two areas of budget expense that we should be acutely aware. Personnel Services (salaries and benefits, health care and insurance), and Capital Outlay. The first consumes, on average in this day and age, 90 percent of the budget. The second, generally, will consume about 5 percent or more, unless some reserve is established. Capital Outlay, is a major problem with our elected officials. Everyone who has lived in this county for about 10-15 years sees this issue with the Agri-Civic Center, Courthouse, D/L Office, proposed new Sheriff's jail facilities, etc., etc. While it is obvious to the taxpayer, that such expenditures are absolutely required, the elected officials march on—at our expense. Where we, as a county, have dug the proverbial "hole" is in Personnel Services. We, the public, should ask the elected officials why, when the population of the county has not really increased significantly, for the last 15 years. Look at the census statistics from 1990, 2000 and from 2010. Now ask your elected officials to provide the statistics for numbers of employees from pre-2000 to the current levels. The government here is "fat." Too fat. Until the elected county officials take a hard look at essential vs "nice to have," we are going to have some serious problems ... It's rather obvious that once someone is hired "in the good times," that the officials are extremely reluctant to let that person go. It's the political will to do what is necessary that seems to be lacking. If the elected officials and the salaried administrators made the hard decisions about personnel levels, and buying or building new facilities, then we might survive this challenge.

• After watching the Okeechobee County Commission meeting online, I want Phoebe Raulerson to run for county commission. She seems to understand the problems the tax payers are facing. People are already losing their homes to foreclosure. Raising taxes is not the answer.

• I read Bryant Culpepper's letter in Wednesday's newspaper. I think he has some really good ideas on what the county should do instead of building another building and suggestions of how the county can save money. I support the idea of spending the money on Okee-Tantie to make it an income for county instead of building a new building which is only a cost to the county. I would like to see the other commissioners write a letter in the newspaper to explain why they voted to spend our tax money on building another building and what suggestions they have for the county to save money. The commissioners are going to set the new tax rates at their meeting on Thursday. How can they raise our taxes when they are wasting our money on another new building?

• Every penny of the county budget is money that has come out of the pocket of the tax payer, one way or another. It's our money. We should demand accountability at every level of government.

• The county should give tickets to people who use their phones while driving. That would bring in a lot of money.

Reflections from the Pulpit

Give thanks

By Nancy Vaughan
First United Methodist Church

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you." "In everything give thanks." "I have learned to be content in whatever …" So says Paul, previously known as Saul of Tarsus. Easy for him to say. Or was it? And did he really live it?

First century Christians had it tough. "Saul" spent a lot of time and energy on persecuting them before he became one of them. In the end, he lost his head for it. So how did he manage to give "thanks" for the persecution handed out to him? I believe it was because he totally and completely trusted God.

John Wesley crossed the Atlantic with a bunch of Moravian Christians who were joyously singing in the middle of a horrible storm that frightened Wesley terribly. Upon asking them whether the men or their wives and children were afraid to die at sea, the answer was simple, "No." If their service to God was over and they were to perish, so be it. No one gets off this earth alive. No one. And the only things we can take with us are the souls of those we love who will follow.

So why do we find our security in our pay check? Our 401K? Our Social Security or pension? Why do we "store up treasures on earth?" Why do we freak out when things get tough? Security can only by found by knowing the "one" who really owns it all … God. We are just allowed to use what we are blessed with while on this earth. Did God make us to be self absorbed consumers? What kind of a steward are we to be? What are we going to really put our "trust" in?

Recently I told the children about a check-up I had. I explained that "my mean, ole doctor told me that I had to stop eating some of the things I loved to eat. That she told me that I needed to watch my weight better and exercise more. Wasn't that a mean thing to say?" I followed it up by asking what "benefit" the doctor got from insisting that I do these things? Was the doctor going to feel any better, get any richer or be more popular? If not, then why tell me to do this? Simple, because it would be good for "ME." It's the same argument for living a life of "doxology" (praise) and being an extravagant "giver."

It's good for US.

The Bible tells us to give thanks in ALL things. Try it. It'll be good for you!

Special to the Okeechobee News

Gordie Peer entertains crowd

Approximately 50 people attended a western show put on by Okeechobee's Gordie Peer on Thursday, July 25, at the Okeechobee County Library. He displayed lots of memorabilia from his entertainment days. Mr. Peer also talked about his career as a movie stunt man, rodeo clown and even recited a little poetry for those in attendance.

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OHS students honored at Scholarship Night

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The Bright Futures Academic Scholars was presented to Emily Murrow, Sarah Davis, Jenna Rath, Tyler Chartier, Vanessa Watt, Alexis Smith, Jordan Bolan and Jacqueline O'Connor.

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The Okeechobee County Fair Assocation Scholarship was awarded by Linda Syfrett to Marisol Olvera and (not pictured) Sierra Story.

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Legion offers Sunday bingo

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Outlawz to hold tryouts

Chobee Outlawz, the traveling baseball team, will hold tryouts on Sunday, **July 28,** at 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Sports Complex Fields for boys 8-10 years old. For information, contact Donald Coleman at 863-801-0679.

Business breakfast slated

Christian Business Breakfast, will be held Monday, **July 29**, at the Hampton Inn, at 8 a.m. If you want breakfast it's only $5 and starting the week off with a good word from the Word. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and time in the Word together.

Free diabetes class offered

Noreen Williams, a certified diabetic educator, will present a free diabetes seminar to the public on Monday, **July 29,** from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at The Heritage Assisted Living Facility. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 863-763-1700.

Republican Women to meet

The Okeechobee County Federated Republican Women's Club is proud to announce guest speaker State Committeeman and School Board member, Joe Arnold, who will be giving a presentation and answering questions about the new state adopted Common Core standards. This affects every child currently in school, and is going to be a meeting you do not want to miss. Please join us on Monday, **July 29,** at Cowboy's in the Bull Pen at 6 p.m. with a 30-minute social before the presentation begins at 6:30 p.m.

Adult softball teams sign ups

On Tuesday, **July 30**, a softball meeting will be held at Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 U.S. 98 N. at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 is team sign-up deadline at the Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation office, 640 N.W. 27rd lane. On Aug. 19 the first game of the regular season will be played at the Okeechobee County softball field, 950 N.W. 23rd Lane. Fees for the Men's League are $375, Women's League are $325 and Co-ed League are $325. For information, visit www.facebook.com/okeeparksandrec or call 863-763-6950.

Christmas party is July 31

The Brahma Bull Restaurant & Lounge, at 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., will hold their second annual Christmas In July party on Wednesday, **July 31**. We are collecting unwrapped toys, new clothes and money to purchase presents for the children of Okeechobee for Christmas. The toys and clothes are for any child under the age of 12, for either a boy or girl. The party will start at 8 p.m. and everyone is invited. Anyone wishing to make a donation can drop it off at the Brahma Bull, or call Yvonne at 863-467-0050 for a pick-up. Thank you in advance Okeechobee, for your generous donations for the children.

Support group to meet

The Heritage Assisted Living Facility will be holding a Parkinson's Support Group on Wednesday, **July 31,** at 6 p.m. at The Heritage Assisted Living Facility located at 608 N.E. Second Ave. (behind Rita's furniture). The speaker will be Muhammad Nooruddin, physical therapist, from New American Physical Therapy. In the meeting we will provide free adult care and have discussions on how to make a difference with family and caregiver support, while exchanging experiences of Parkinson's. Light refreshments will be served and day care services will be provided during the session at no cost. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public, family, and patients. For information, feel free to call 863-763-1700.

Michael Paul to play locally

Michael Paul, will be coming in August and will play three FREE solo shows. He will be playing at the following: The Shanty (KOA) on **Aug. 3** and Aug. 9 from 6 - 10 p.m. The VFW outside pavilion on Aug. 4 from 3 - 6 p.m. For more information, please contact at www.facebook.com/michaelpaulsmusic or at 561-385-0971.

ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew"

Do you have just four hours that you could donate this month to put a smile on a sick child's face? If so, please join ConKerr Cancer's next "sit & sew" on Tuesday, **Aug. 6**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church on Parrott Avenue. Bring your sewing machine and child-friendly cotton fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to make a difference. There will also be some kits available for you to sew.

Youth soccer sign-ups planned

Youth soccer league sign-ups will be held **Aug. 12 – 30** at the Sports Complex, 640 N.W. 27th Lane, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The fee is $35 per player, 5 to 14 years of age. A copy of the participant's birth certificate is needed to register. For information, call 863-763-6950.

Healthy Start board to meet

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet on Wednesday, **Aug. 7,** at 11 a.m. at their office in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. This meeting is open to the public. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact executive director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

OCRA holds football sign ups

OCRA is gearing up for their 2013 Football Season. Sign ups will be held Saturday, **Aug. 10**, 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ball park. All of the games are played locally. Football players and cheerleaders, ages 5-14, are invited to sign up. The cost is $80 for football and cheerleaders, $60 for flag football. OCRA also needs coaches who have a good knowledge of football, can work with young people and can pass a background check. They are also looking for team sponsors. For information, call 863-634-0515. Sign ups end Aug. 24.

Archery contest planned

GLADES COUNTY—The Glades County 4-H 3D Archery Contest will be Aug. 24 at Fisheating Creek Outpost. 4-H registration is $18 per archer. Participants must be a member of a 4-H Club, 4-H Archery Club, 4-H Shooting Sports Club, or a County 4-H Shooting Sports Program where during the club year they have received archery instruction from a certified Florida 4-H Archery Instructor. There will also be an open shoot category with a registration fee of $20. Registration deadline is Friday, **Aug. 16**. For information, contact the Glades County Extension Office at 863-946-0244.

Horse club hosts a fundraiser

On Saturday, **Aug. 17**, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. the Chobee Mini Horse Club, will hold a fundraiser at Tractor Supply in Okeechobee, U.S. 441 South. There will be a bake sale, 50/50 drawing, hot dogs and a Chinese auction. There also will be a car driving demonstration by on of our little horses. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

Quarters for a Cause slated

Quarters for a Cause will be held at the American Legion on Tuesday, **Aug. 20**. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. there will be a special prize giveaway for wearing animal print, as well as a 50/50 drawing, food auctions and door prizes from local small and home businesses. For information, call Christy at 863-697-1247.

Driver program offered

The Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce will host an AARP Driver Safety Program on Thursday, **Aug. 22**, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Complete the class in one day, with no driving and no tests. You could receive a discount on you auto insurance for three years. To register, call the Chamber at 863-467-6246. Bring a bag lunch.

CASTLE seeking volunteers

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Big Water DeMolay to meet

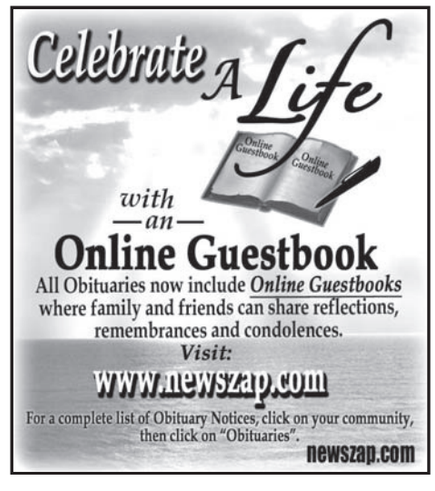
Big Water DeMolay meets at 105 N.W. Fifth Ave. on the first and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. for young men 12 to 21. Parents are also invited. Call L. Keith Tomey II at 863-763-8072 for information. DeMolay is an international non-profit organization sponsored by a Masonic Lodge but members are not required to be related to Masons.

Help with FP&L bills offered

The Salvation Army has FPL (Florida Power and Light) funding available to assist qualified consumers. PCall 1-863-763-6020 for guidelines and information Mondays and Tuesdays between the hours of 10 a.m. - and 2:30 p.m.

Coalition celebrates 20 years

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is looking to hear from former board of director members, general members, providers, clients and/or their children from 1993 to date. You can mail us a letter stating the services and experiences you have had with the coalition. It can be anonymous if you prefer. Also, let us know if you would like to participate in the 20th anniversary meeting on **Aug. 23**. Thank you, Okeechobee, for allowing us to service pregnant mothers and their children up to age 3 in our community. Please mail correspondence to: Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition, PO Box 2560, Okeechobee, FL 34973.



Study finds food price system in U.S. working 'pretty well'

By Mickie Anderson
UF/IFAS

GAINESVILLE — Standing in the dairy aisle, hand on a gallon of milk, a consumer might wonder why reports of falling dairy prices aren't reflected in a lower price on the milk he's eyeing in his neighborhood grocery.

And in part, that consumer would be right: A new University of Florida study that examines 100 food commodities shows that price changes can take several months to be reflected at the consumer level.

But overall, the study showed that price-change signals are accurate, and more important, are not arbitrary, said Ronald Ward, an emeritus professor in agricultural marketing with UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

"The bottom line of this paper looks at, 'Do the (price) signals get passed through the system, do they differ when prices are rising or falling, and are these linkages changing through time?' " he said. "And really, our bottom line is that the system seems to work pretty well."

In a study to be published in the August issue of the journal "Food Policy," Ward and postdoctoral researcher Hyeyoung Kim tracked 100 commodities over what were deemed the short-term (one month) and long-term (four months). They divided the foods into five categories: grain and oil crops, meats, poultry and eggs, dairy and fruits and vegetables.

They looked at whether price-change signals moved as quickly for decreasing prices as they did for increasing prices. And they looked at the system in its entirety over the time span from 2000 to 2009.

In a free-market system, pricing is important, Ward said, and effective government food policies rest on the assurance that price-change signals are based in reality as they move from producer to retailer.

Among the study's findings:

• The fruits and vegetables category differed the most from the other categories, likely, Ward said, because its products are the most perishable. Price decreases for fruits and vegetables tend to pass through the chain more quickly than price increases.

• The price-change signal for beef is not as strong as it was a decade ago, a phenomenon Ward attributes to a more concentrated number of beef processors in the industry having more control over prices.

• In one month's time, price changes had not made their way through any of the five commodities the researchers studied, although fruits and vegetable price changes were shown to be quickest. In four months' time, however, grain and oil prices reflected all price-change information while meat and dairy prices were much slower to reflect price changes.

• And in the years from 2000 to 2009, the researchers found that dairy goods have begun to respond more quickly to price changes.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

COWS:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
800-1000	70.00	- 89.00	76.85	75.39
1000-1200	70.00	- 89.00	78.44	76.69
1200-1400	72.00	- 89.00	79.80	77.89
1400-1600	76.00	- 89.00	81.12	78.47
BULLS:				
1200-1400	85.00	- 98.00	91.50	99.50
1400-1600	88.00	- 105.00	95.25	90.33
1600-1800	98.00	- 104.00	100.50	94.33
1800-2000	90.00	94.00	92.00	108.00
STEERS:				
150-250	200.00	- 265.00	223.57	228.33
250-300	185.00	- 230.00	210.68	197.36
300-350	177.50	- 225.00	196.55	187.96
350-400	165.00	- 200.00	180.80	172.90
400-450	155.00	- 180.00	163.55	159.69
450-500	145.00	- 165.00	151.22	150.55
500-550	140.00	- 145.00	142.50	140.75
550-600	135.00	- 141.00	137.64	137.46
600-650	130.00	- 136.00	132.50	131.81
650-700	125.00	- 130.00	127.80	132.83
HEIFERS:				
150-250	170.00	- 230.00	206.43	185.00
250-300	155.00	- 185.00	166.91	158.59
300-350	145.00	- 180.00	155.26	150.57
350-400	135.00	- 157.50	142.06	141.23
400-450	130.00	- 145.00	135.68	133.58
450-500	125.00	- 139.00	129.87	128.54
500-550	120.00	- 146.00	124.97	124.75
550-600	118.00	- 147.50	125.81	126.01
600-650	115.00	- 142.50	122.08	121.00

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	1310	1099
COWS	79	235
STRS	0	3
HFRS	31	7
BULLS	10	10
YRLINGS	12	33
MIX	0	0
TOTAL	1442	1387

We had a good run of cattle this week, just about an even split between Monday and Tuesday. Prices were fairly steady with stronger demand on good quality calves of all sizes. 400-600# steers and heifers were probably $2-$3 Higher. Corn is falling and cattle prices are showing it. Cows and bulls were a little stronger with a fairly light test.

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Oct. 18 - Brangus Bulls

William Murphy, Avon Park, topped the calf market with a high of $2.65 bought by Foy Reynolds.

Seminole Tribe Brighton, Okeechobee, topped the cow market with a high of 89.00 bought by Central Beef.

See ya next week,
Todd

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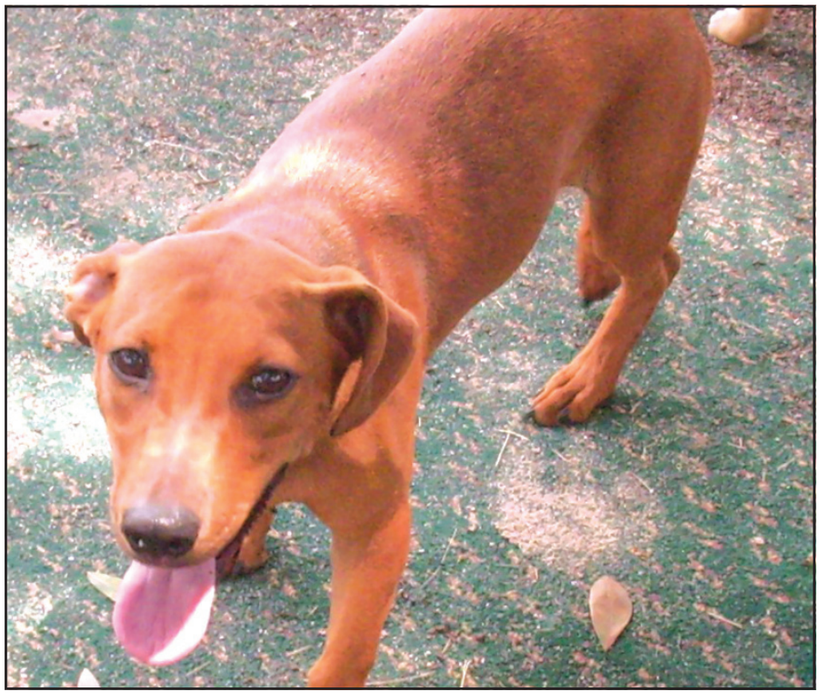

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Pet of the Week

Bonnie, a young female dachshund, is full of fun and does well with other dogs. She is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104.
To see more available animals, go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.

Know the symptoms of kidney stones

As one of the most common ailments of the urinary tract, kidney stones cause more than 300,000 Americans to visit emergency rooms each year. In fact, about 10 percent of people will develop a kidney stone at some point in their lives. Kidney stones are hard particles that form on the walls of the kidney when minerals and other substances become concentrated and crystallize. Calcium oxalate and calcium phosphate stones account for about 80 percent of kidney stone cases.

• Painful urination

As urine travels from the kidneys through the urinary tract, a kidney stone can be pushed into and down the ureter, the tube that connects the kidney and the bladder. The movement of the stone during urination can cause pain.

• Blood in the urine

As a kidney stone works its way down the urinary tract, injury can occur to the ureter wall, causing bleeding.

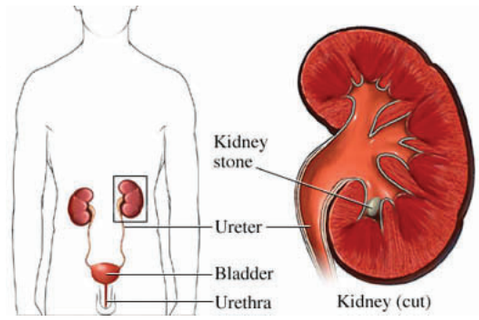
• Extreme pain

Kidney stones can get stuck in the urinary tract, causing blockage and lots of pain.

• Fever and chills

A urinary tract infection may accompany a kidney stone. The infection is the culprit of the fever and chills. If your symptoms are caused by a kidney stone, the subsequent treatment will depend on the size of the stone. Small stones can usually pass through the urinary tract on their own. However, passing a small stone may require drinking extra fluids to move it along, and pain medication to alleviate the resulting discomfort.

If you believe you are suffering with a kidney stone, talk to your doctor about your symptoms. For a physician referral, call Consult-A-Nurse® for free at 863-763-9228. In the case of a large kidney stone requiring surgical intervention, Raulerson Hospital's Surgical Services Department offers laser lithotripsy and shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL).



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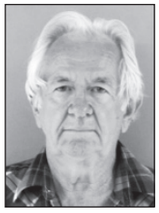
Septuagenarian avoids jail time with plea deal

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News


Richard Leroy Smith

A 73-year-old Okeechobee man avoided jail time Friday after he entered a plea of no contest to charges that he sold some of his prescription medication to an undercover law enforcement officer.

Richard Leroy Smith, S.E. Eighth St., was arrested Dec. 19, 2012, after he sold 20 oxycodone pills for $160 to the undercover officer. He was charged with the felonies of a sale of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell.

Smith went before Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer Friday, July 26, and was adjudicated guilty on both counts.

Assistant State Attorney Ashley Albright asked that Smith be sentenced to six months in the Okeechobee County Jail. But Smith argued through his defense attorney Brandie M. Tindall, of the District 19 Public Defender's Office, that if he went to jail he would lose his Social Security benefits and his family would have no income, said Mr. Albright.

Taking that into consideration Judge Bauer then sentenced Smith to serve two years on community control.

Mr. Albright explained that community control is often thought of as house arrest and is much more restrictive than probation. "Basically, he can only go to work, school, church and the store one time a week," said the prosecutor, adding that Smith is not allowed to go to restaurants, movies and those types of outings.

Smith's wife and son still live in the home, added Mr. Albright.

When asked, the prosecutor said Smith was selling his prescription to "pretty much make ends meet." However, he added, Smith did admit during his interview with law enforcement after his arrest that he had sold his medications six to eight times in the past.

LUNA

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to its natural, meandering state.

"I don't know how they're going to do it—not the way God did it," said 84-year-old Leah Joyce Luna, the family matriarch, from the witness stand. "That (the river) was part of our life. You used to be able to drink the water out of the river."

There are a number of issues being argued by Luna family attorneys against the SFWMD being able to take the property through eminent domain proceedings. Those issues include: the district trying to take more land than they need for the project; the petition submitted by SFWMD attorneys in this case does not match the resolution passed by the SFWMD governing board; the appraisal of the property was flawed; and, the property was not surveyed.

"Any of these errors are sufficient for dismissal of this case," said Orlando-based attorney Bruce Harris, who represents Bonnie Luna Byars, in earlier trial proceedings.

The Luna family is willing to grant the district easements across their properties, but the SFWMD wants to take about 263 acres in fee simple. This means the district would own the property outright and could do whatever it wants with the land.

Mr. Harris has also pointed out during the trial that the district is wanting to take 7 more acres than it needs, and that the legal description of the property had been altered in that a line was added that not only put in an access easement but increased the acreage that would be taken.

For Bonnie Luna Byars, she's fighting to hold onto her property because it's her home and she doesn't want to leave the river, her family's property or all the wildlife that also call the Luna property home.

"I spend all my time out there because I don't like to live around a lot of people," she told her attorney, Tim Wright, during her time on the witness stand. "I don't like to be confined. I like to open my door and see the world."

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Firecracker Pageant

Above: The winners in the Toddler Miss group in the Miss Firecracker Pageant (ages 12-23 months) were Queen Hannah Schoonmaker (center), first runner up Faith Delargy-Padgett (right) and second runner up Makilyn Travers (left). Faith is the daughter of Lyndsay Delarge and Deke Padgett. Makilyn is the daughter of Patrick and Natalie Travers. Hannah is the daughter of Leland Schoonmaker and Billie Jo Freeman.

At Left: Tiny Miss Firecracker Queen is Katelyn Cobb, daughter of Matt and Kristi Cobb.

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).

• Michael Alayon, 46, N.E. 30th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested July 23 by Deputy Ben Lisle on felony charges of domestic battery by strangulation and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His bond was set at $10,000.

• Luis Felipe Garcia, 27, N.W. 40th Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested July 23 by Deputy Megan Holroyd on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of introduction of contraband into a county detention facility. His bond was set at $2,500.

• Nadiah Mohamed Elbanna, 26, S.E. 25th St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 24 by Deputy Yero Todman on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felonies of grand theft (two counts). Her bond was set at $5,000.

• Eric Anselmo, 18, S.W. Second Way, Okeechobee, was arrested July 25 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary of a dwelling using a motor vehicle and grand theft. His bond was set at $27,500.

• James Lawrence Jenkins, 29, Lake Drive, Okeechobee, was arrested July 25 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - grand theft with property damage. He is being held without bond.

• Cory Blake Pethybridge, 24, S.E. Fourth St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 25 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary of a dwelling, dealing in stolen property and criminal mischief. His bond was set at $40,000.

• Ethan Lane King, 18, N.E. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested July 25 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of tampering with a witness. His bond was set at $10,000.

• Billy Martinez, 42, Wiley St., Hollywood, was arrested July 25 by Deputy Cpl. Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of failure to appear - possession of marijuana over 20 grams, failure to appear - introduction/possession of contraband into a state correctional institution and failure to appear for a felony offense. He is being held without bond.

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.

EDITOR'S NOTE: On March 6, 2013, Justin Cody Morey, 24, was arrested on felony charges of grand theft and tampering with a witness. According to Assistant State Attorney Brian M. Casey those charges against Morey were dropped on June 28, 2013.

Humane Society needs volunteers

The Okeechobee Humane Society Pet/Rescue is in need of volunteers to help with office work and to help as kennel supervisors. The organization is a non-profit with no paid staff and depends on donations and community volunteers. For information, contact Belinda Forlifer at 863-357-1104.

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OCSO Investigations

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

ASSAULT

- 2400 block of S.R. 70 W.
- 400 block of N.E. 70th Ave.
- 300 block of N.W. Sixth Ave.
- 2900 block of S.E. 39th Ave.

BURGLARY

- 2500 block of S.W. 24th Ave.
- 900 block of N.E. 29th Terrace
- 3600 block of S.W. 28th St.
- 35000 block of N.E. 10th Drive
- 1100 block of S.E. 39th Terrace
- 4500 block of S.E. 28th St.
- 1100 block of S.E. 39th Terrace
- 900 block of S.E. 38th Terrace
- 1000 block of S.E. 39th Terrace
- 9200 block of S.R. 78 W.
- 800 block of S.E. 38th Terrace
- 1000 block of N.W. Sixth St.
- 12600 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 8800 block of S.E. 68th Way
- 10800 block of N.W. Eighth Ave.
- 3200 block of S.E. 34th Ave.
- 3600 block of N.W. Sixth Drive
- 3300 block of N.W. 26th Ave.

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- 8500 block of S.E. 59th Drive
- 8700 block of S.E. 59th Drive
- 8700 block of S.E. 59th Drive

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- 300 block of N.W. 34th St.

THEFT

- 200 block of S.E. Second St.
- 3200 block of S.R. 70 W.
- 3000 block of N.E. Seventh St.
- 3700 block of S.W. 28th St.
- 1200 block of N.E. 15th Ave.
- 3600 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 4100 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 6400 block of S.E. 54th Lane
- 13800 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 3400 block of S.E. 34th Ave.
- 400 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 9300 block of S.E. 61st Drive
- 2600 block of N.W. Sixth St.

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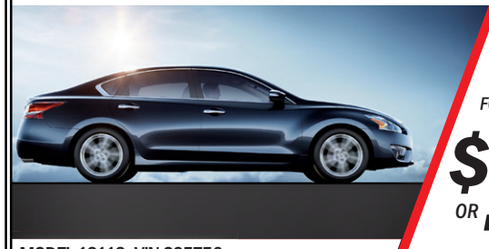

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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Close-up lens
6 Jazz jobs
10 Con game
14 The American dream, e.g.
15 Colosseo city
16 "__, Can You Hear Me?": song from "Yentl"
17 Road hog
20 Pvt. driller
21 Drips in the ER
22 Arm-twisting
23 Ritzy apartment feature
26 __ mater
27 Hog heaven
32 Frank topper
34 Diddly, in Durango
35 Nietzsche's "never"
36 Bush's undergraduate classmates
37 Truth-in-advertising agcy.
38 Disconcert
39 Candy with collectible dispensers
40 Flying start?
42 I-beam, e.g.
44 Hog wild
47 River in central Germany
48 Diamond-patterned structure, as a trellis
51 Black suit
54 Hither's partner
55 Beach shade
56 Whole hog
60 GI's supply
61 Mindless learning
62 Shrink in increments
63 It's history
64 Rephrase, say
65 South-of-the-border sir

DOWN

1 Center
2 "A watched pot never boils" is one
3 Bring under a single control
4 Dusting aid
5 __ Miss
6 Kowtow
7 Chits in the pot
8 Baseball VIPs
9 Got ready to ride
10 Slinky shape
11 Auel's "The Clan of the __ Bear"
12 King Kong's kin
13 Viking's landing place
18 Big name in copiers
19 Cuban dance
24 Baseball scoring stats
25 Shrek's sidekick Donkey, e.g.
26 Run __: postpone the bar bill
28 Take out of the carton
29 Also
30 Fitting description?
31 Nostradamus, for one
32 Auto taken back, briefly
33 Topog. map stat
37 Uncle Remus appellation
38 Stew
40 First Mayflower passenger to set foot on Plymouth Rock, so it's said
41 Neighborhood improvement target
42 Beanstalk threat
43 Hairy TV cousin
45 Sizzling
46 Room for a broom
49 "No prob!"
50 Sign up to compete
51 Trade
52 Arizona tribe
53 Bread machines, for short?
54 Hairy Himalayan legend
57 Valance holder
58 Legal thing
59 "__ you serious?"

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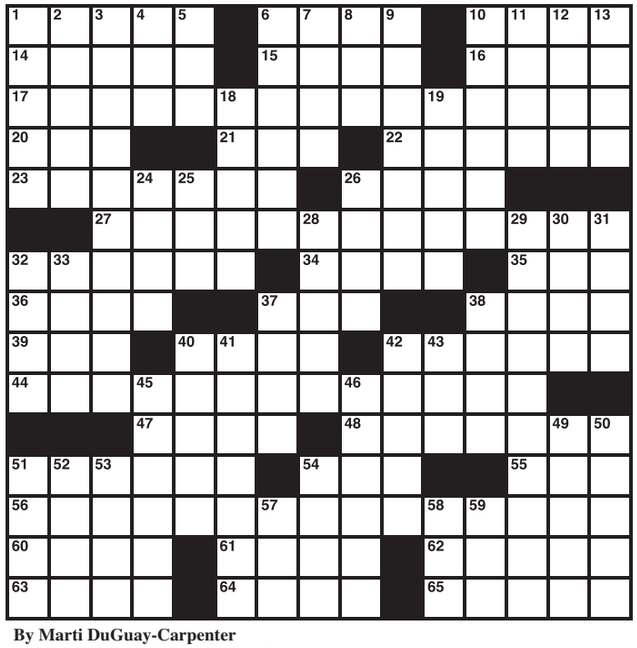

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Local author has two plays produced

Ms. Brenda Scott, poet/playwright from Okeechobee, has had two of her plays produced by Playwright's Express of FirstStage. FirstStage is a community of writers, actors and directors dedicated to the development of new works for stage and screen.

The two summer productions, "The Doc 'N' the Lady," and "Zora: Florida Tales," were both written by Ms. Scott and presented on Saturday, May 18, at The Missing Piece Theatre located in Burbank, Calif. Since being founded in 1983 by members of Robert Redford's Sundance Institute, Peter Hay, Didi Conn, Ethan Phillips and Virginia Morris, FirstStage has helped develop hundreds of stage plays and film scripts. FirstStage's doors are open for any writer—member or non-members, professional or novice—to submit work for consideration. FirstStage has been the launching pad for many plays that have gone on to be successful productions in theaters throughout the country.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Okeechobee County School Board will soon consider a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. A public hearing to make a DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

July 30, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

At

Okeechobee County School Board office building
Room 303, 700 SW Second Avenue
Okeechobee, Florida 34974

NOTICE OF TAX FOR SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY

The Okeechobee County School Board will soon consider a measure to impose a 1.500 mill property tax for the capital outlay projects listed herein.

This tax is in addition to the school board's proposed tax of 5.963 mills for operating expenses and is proposed solely at the discretion of the school board.

The capital outlay tax will generate approximately $2,262,245. to be used for the following projects:

MAINTENANCE, RENOVATION, AND REPAIR

State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) compliance
District-Wide HVAC projects
Lighting replacements and upgrades
District-Wide roof repair
District-Wide maintenance, renovation, and repair of existing facilities
District-Wide flooring
District-Wide security enhancements
District-Wide Tree Trimming
Mower Replacement
District-Wide painting projects
Reimbursement (as permitted by Florida Statutes) of maintenance, renovation and repair expenses incurred by the General Fund
Communications cabling projects
District-Wide electrical projects
District-Wide playground improvements
District-Wide ADA compliance projects

MOTOR VEHICLE PURCHASES

Purchase of (6) school buses

NEW AND REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND ENTERPRISE SOFTWARE

District-Wide computer hardware and software
District-Wide furniture and equipment

PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE NECESSARY TO INSURE THE EDUCATIONAL AND ANCILLARY PLANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing to be held on July 30, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., at the Okeechobee County School Board office building, Room 303, 700 SW Second Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974.

A **DECISION** on the proposed **CAPITAL OUTLAY TAXES** will be made at this hearing.

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SCHOOL

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losing their job in recent years. Health insurance costs will not increase this year for employees.

Capitol projects considered for funding are the purchase of six new school buses, electrical upgrades, and district-wide repairs and maintenance. The budget includes $100,000 for a computer lab at the Freshman Campus, $500,000 for a gymnasium air handler at Okeechobee High School, and $260,000 for lighting improvements at Osceola Middle School.

The transportation budget totals $1.65 million. The budget includes $1.62 million for the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, $2.56 million for Central Elementary, $5.68 million for Okeechobee High School, $2.14 million for South Elementary, $651,000 for Okeechobee Achievement Academy, $2.9 million for Yearling Middle, $2.88 million for North Elementary, $3 million for Everglades Elementary, $3.13 million for Seminole Elementary, and $3.73 million for Osceola Middle School. Each school, with the exception of Everglades, took a small budget cut this year.

Another hearing on the spending plan is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, at 6 p.m. at the school board offices.

Drug testing approved

Those students who participate in athletics, extracurricular activities and or have an on-campus parking permit at Okeechobee High School will be subject to random drug and alcohol testing this year. Students who already have violated the substance abuse policy and those volunteered by their parents, will also be subject to these random tests. The test results will remain confidential. Those in athletics, extracurricular activities and with an on campus parking permit must be in compliance. Each school will test no less than 25 percent of students in grades 9-12 that are involved in these activities. The test results will not be turned over to law enforcement unless required by law. The penalty for the first violation will be 10 school days and requires a second drug and alcohol test. The second violation will cost the student 20 school days in this activity and substance abuse evaluation and treatment. A third violation will result in a 60-day suspension from the activity and drug evaluation and treatment. The district has the option to pay up to $135 for the drug evaluation.

Mr. Kenworthy said he has not received any comments about the proposed policy since it was made public in June. A parent has the option of withdrawing their student from these activities.

"The policy has been vetted throughout the community thanks to our committee," he said.

Board member Joe Arnold said he opposes the policy because he feels it violates the 4th amendment of the Constitution. "I don't feel students lose their Constitutional rights when they enter the school doors."

Board member Gay Carlton questioned whether the members of the high school band should be tested. Mr. Kenworthy said since the band is subject to a grade, it is considered part of the school curriculum and thus not eligible for random drug testing.

BUDGET SUMMARY
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

PROPOSED MILLAGE LEVY:	
OPERATING FUND:	
REQUIRED LOCAL EFFORT	5.215
DISCRETIONARY OPERATING	0.748
DISCRETIONARY CRITICAL NEEDS	0.000
DEBT SERVICE FUND:	0.000
LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1.500
TOTAL	**7.463**

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA ARE .5% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
ESTIMATED REVENUES:					
FEDERAL SOURCES	50,000.00			12,500.00	62,500.00
FEDERAL THROUGH STATE	270,000.00			9,666,919.07	9,936,919.07
STATE SOURCES	34,519,012.05	217,400.00	53,000.00	58,000.00	34,847,412.05
LOCAL SOURCES	10,179,986.15		2,264,245.00	555,300.00	12,999,531.15
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	16,000.00				16,000.00
TOTAL SOURCES	**45,034,998.20**	**217,400.00**	**2,317,245.00**	**10,292,719.07**	**57,862,362.27**
TRANSFERS IN	470,000.00				470,000.00
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2013	5,484,680.45	32,808.30	1,063,293.74	332,230.51	6,913,013.00
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	**50,989,678.65**	**250,208.30**	**3,380,538.74**	**10,624,949.58**	**65,245,375.27**
EXPENDITURES:					
INSTRUCTION	30,376,289.89			2,616,715.51	32,993,005.40
PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES	1,780,881.10			867,965.57	2,648,846.67
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA SERVICES	444,651.81				444,651.81
INSTRUCTIONAL/CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SERV	372,539.26			879,898.45	1,252,437.71
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF TRAINING SERVICES	191,677.45			1,184,695.52	1,376,372.97
INSTRUCTION RELATED TECHNOLOGY	656,790.00			140,577.48	797,367.48
SCHOOL BOARD	435,726.00				435,726.00
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	1,147,175.00			314,700.04	1,461,875.04
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	3,059,874.86			14,973.23	3,074,848.09
FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION			2,659,650.64		2,659,650.64
FISCAL SERVICES	407,233.33				407,233.33
FOOD SERVICES				3,937,944.10	3,937,944.10
CENTRAL SERVICES	629,598.50				629,598.50
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	3,121,955.86			177,154.18	3,299,110.04
OPERATION OF PLANT	3,764,004.42			1,070.00	3,765,074.42
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	1,417,821.82				1,417,821.82
ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICESW	247,222.00				247,222.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES	379,479.36				379,479.36
MISCELLANEOUS				185,943.15	185,943.15
DEBT SERVICE		216,625.00			216,625.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**48,432,920.66**	**216,625.00**	**2,659,650.64**	**10,321,637.23**	**61,630,833.53**
TRANSFERS OUT	0.00	0.00	470,000.00	0.00	470,000.00
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2014	2,556,757.99	33,538.30	250,888.10	303,312.35	3,144,541.74
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS AND BALANCES	**50,989,678.65**	**250,208.30**	**3,380,538.74**	**10,624,949.58**	**65,245,375.27**

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LEGAL NOTICE FOR RFQ #ADM 02-32-08-13 CITY OF OKEECHOBEE
Request of Qualifications for
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING & SURVEYING SERVICES

The Okeechobee City Council, Okeechobee, Florida, in compliance with Florida Statute 287.055, Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), invites Expressions of Interest from qualified, experienced, licensed civil engineers to provide Professional Engineering & Surveying Services to the City of Okeechobee.

Description: The intent of this solicitation is to select the most highly qualified firm(s) to provide Professional Engineering & Surveying Services to the City of Okeechobee on an "as needed" basis, for a total contract period not to exceed three (3) years with opportunities for two (2) one-year renewals.

Submittal information and response format may be obtained at no charge by contacting the City of Okeechobee Administration Office at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, by calling (863) 763-3372, or via the City's website: www.cityofokeechobee.com.

Firms desiring to provide the Professional Engineering & Surveying Services described above shall submit one (1) original, marked **"ORIGINAL"**, six (6) copies, each marked **"COPY"**, and one (1) electronic copy on a CD, PDF format preferred, of their proposals, containing all of the requested qualification data by **August 23, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.** Submittals will be accepted by hand delivery, U.S. Mail or overnight delivery, and must be marked on the outside of envelope: RFQ#ADM 02-32-08-13 "Professional Engineering & Surveying Services", sent to the Administration Office, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974. Submittals received after that date and time will not be accepted or considered and will be returned to the firm unopened. Submittals will be opened as soon as practicable thereafter in the Administration Office.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), anyone desiring to attend this proposal opening who needs a special accommodation should contact the City's ADA coordinator at (863) 763-3372 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

City of Okeechobee, Florida, City Council
Mr. Brian Whitehall, City Administrator
449021 ON 7/28/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000201

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA
Plaintiff
vs.
RAUL LOZANO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAUL LOZANO; MARIANO ROSAS VIVANCO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIANO ROSAS VIVANCO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT #1 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY;UNKNOWN TENANT #2 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the following Defendant(s):

RAUL LOZANO
Last Known Address
3465 NW 36TH AVE,
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAUL LOZANO
Last Known Address
3465 NW 36TH AVE.
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

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

LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 54, OF THE PLAT OF BASSWOOD, UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 51 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA.
a/k/a 3465 NW 36TH AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE OKEECHOBEE NEWS, 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 demand in the complaint.
This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, It is the intent of the 19th Judicial Circuit to provide reasonable accommodations when requested by qualified persons with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in a court proceeding or access to a court facility, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34986; (772) 807-4370; 1-800-955-8771, if you are hearing or voice impaired.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 15th day of July, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON
As Clerk of the Court
BY: Jennifer Rediker
As Deputy Clerk

448307 ON 7/21,28/2013

Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR THE PROPOSED OKEECHOBEE COUNTY
ROAD DEPARTMENT OFFICE BUILDING
AND FUEL STATION CANOPY
COUNTY PROJECT # 2013-12

Notice is hereby given that Okeechobee County, Florida, pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, hereby issues this request for qualifications to provide Architectural Services for the design and construction of a proposed **"Road Department Office Building and Fuel Station Canopy".** Services shall include, but not be limited to, space needs assessment, Schematic Design, providing services for structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering, drawings, preparation of preliminary and final construction drawings with complete specifications and contract documents suitable for solicitation of bids and permit issuance for this project and Construction Administration Services.

Complete requirements, background and other information relating to this RFQ are available at Okeechobee County Facilities Maintenance and Development Services/Capital Projects, 1700 NW 9th Avenue, Suite C, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Related inquiries shall be directed to Donnie Oden, F.M.D.S., Director, at 863-763-0805, sselvey@co.okeechobee.fl.us and on the Okeechobee County Website: www.co.okeechobee.fl.us under RFP & RFQ's.

Proposals to provide the services described herein shall include: a letter of transmittal requesting that the firm be certified as qualified to provide the required professional services, organizational profile and qualifications, scope of services proposed, public entity crimes affidavit, **SF 330,** projected time line and related data as outlined in the RFQ and any state and federal requirements.

Interested firms shall submit an original proposal and eight (8) copies thereof in a sealed enclosure bearing the name and address of the proposer and the words **"Road Department Office Building and Fuel Station Canopy"** by 4:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, August 30, 2013 at the Okeechobee County Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd St, Room 222, Okeechobee, FL. 34972. Proposals received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

Okeechobee County accepts no responsibility for any expense related to preparation or delivery of proposals, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive technical errors and informalities not inconsistent with Florida Statutes, and to accept the proposal, which, in its sole judgment, best serves the public interest.

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Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

Frank Irby, Chair
Board of County Commissioners
Okeechobee County, Florida

449022 ON 7/28/2013

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8	1	7	5	9	3	2	4	6
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Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**

Kickboxers compete

Fighters from Ray's Combat Kickboxing Self-Defense and Fitness Center took home accolades after they competed in the 2013 IKF World Kickboxing Classic from July 19-21 in Orlando. (Left to right, above) Coleman Ray, Sebastian Fulleda and Susan Ray were in Orlando for the kickboxing championships.

Leonel Ruiz and Pascual Ruiz were pleased with their performance at the kickboxing championships. (See story page 19)

Big Lake Missions conducting annual school supplies drive

Big Lake Missions Outreach is currently sponsoring their annual school supplies drive for their needy families.

Last year this drive helped many children with their list, but this year the need is even greater.

Big Lake Missions will be accepting donations up until Aug. 15.

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Local fighters compete in kickboxing championships

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Several fighters from Ray's Combat Kickboxing Self-Defense and Fitness Center took home accolades after they competed in the 2013 IKF World Kickboxing Classic from July 19-21 in Orlando.

Manuel Sanchez and Pascual Ruiz both won their first full-contact fights and they joined Sebastian Fulleda and Mike Weisberg in championship fights on July 21.

Fulleda won the Jr. Championship with a first-round knockout.

Fulleda is a junior this year at Okeechobee High School. He is a two-year letterman for the wrestling team and wrestled at 152 pounds last year. He fought in the 153-159 pound division. He said he started fighting because he wanted to prove something to himself and see what he could do. He thanked his instructors, and his parents for all of their support. His goal is to become a professional fighter one day.

"The event was pretty amazing. There were a lot of nerves in my first fight but I was relaxed afterward and I felt good," he added. "It felt good. After all the hype you feel tired but after the win it was a really good feeling and something you can't explain."

Instructor Susan Ray said the guys worked very hard to achieve success. They come to the gym a lot to learn and keep themselves in outstanding condition.

"We were proud of all of them. Every one of them is a warrior," she said.

Ray said all of the guys were winners even though a few lost close decisions in the finals. She said the sport builds your confidence, improves your physical condition, and is empowering to those that take part.

"Martial Arts are a journey in which you evolve all the time because the more you do it the more you learn and grow. I'm excited for Okeechobee and the success we've had," she added.

Leonel Ruiz, 19, fought in the light heavy weight division at 177 pounds. This was his second trip to the tournament.

He said despite a loss by decision in the final he felt he could have been the winner. "It won't keep me down and I'll come back again. It is a great sport and one loss doesn't make a difference. I will get up and move forward again."

Ruiz said he loves a challenge and admits you get nervous when you fight but you learn from it. He said the venue was like being on television and hard to explain. He said there were all kinds of fighters with all kinds of different styles in the tournament.

His brother Pascual Ruiz, age 22, also reached the final before losing a decision. He has only been fighting for five months. He competes at 148 pounds in the Super Welterweight division. He has always wanted to be a fighter since he was a small child.

"It is a lot of fun. I do a lot of work in the gym and hope to be a professional one day," he added.

Sanchez, 26, has been fighting for over two years. This was his first tournament experience. He said he won't soon forget it because there were spectators and fighters from across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Panama. He called the preparation and training for the tournament, intense.

"I saw a huge variety of fighting styles and the skill level was very advanced, more than what I expected," he added.

He said it takes training and discipline to be a good fighter. You must show up and train all the time, learn the skills and techniques, get in shape, and even watch what you eat. He said he is much healthier now that he has taken up this sport.

"It is not just strength—it takes a combination of a lot of skills to be a success. You eat the right things to make sure you have the energy, and you need discipline to maintain your weight and be at your best," he explained.

Trainer and instructor Coleman Ray praised his group of fighters for their tenacity and commitment. "We are so proud of our whole team. There will always be people who talk about fighting but few of them ever walk the walk and fight full contact in the ring."

The team would like to collect donations and sponsorships to help them with the costs they incur for training and competitions.

Ray's Combat Kickboxing Self-Defense and Fitness Center is located at 415 S.W. Park St. in Okeechobee. They can be reached at 863-467-1806.

Okeechobee firefighters sponsor school supply drive

The Professional and Volunteer Firefighters of Okeechobee will host the annual school supply drive Aug. 9, 10 and 11 in front of Walmart. Support the firefighters on Friday, Aug. 9, 4:30-7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 10, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All supplies will be donated to My Aunt's House (501c3) for distribution to needy and foster children in Okeechobee. There are drop boxes at all Okeechobee fire stations, so if you are unable to make it to Walmart, you can drop off supplies at any of the stations before the 12 of August. For information, call Matt Vinson 863-697-1205.

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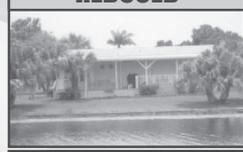
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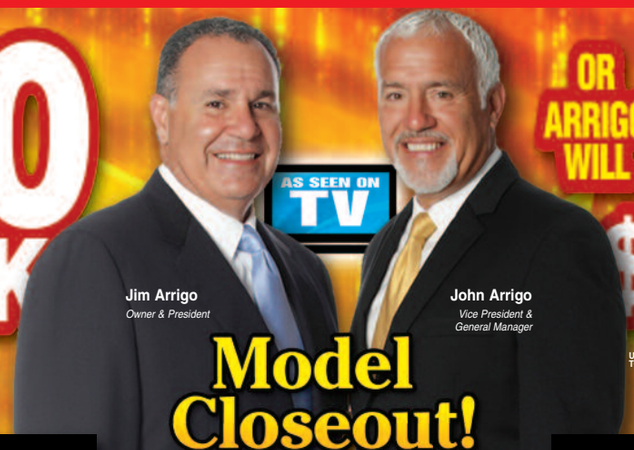

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