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Lake Levels

15.44 feet
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Kids urged to be wary of strangers

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Area law enforcement is urging the community, especially children, to be wary of strangers who may try to coax children into their vehicle.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office

(OCSO) reports indicate there were two such incidents last week, it's just not known at this time if they involved the same man or are connected in any manner.

The first incident occurred Thursday, Sept. 5, when a white male with a beard tried to get a Central Elementary School fourth grade student to get into his car. A report by OCSO Dep-

uty and School Resource Officer Keith Murrish indicated the man, who was wearing a blue baseball cap, told the child that his father had sent him.

"He told the man he did not have a father, and the man walked back to his car and left,"

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Special to the Okeechobee News

Sleeping Beauty

The Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre will perform **Sleeping Beauty** on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center in Belle Glade. For more on performing arts in the Big O area, see "Going Out: A Guide to Area Entertainment and Attractions" in this edition.

Improvements planned at Lock 7

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Commission Thursday approved a Florida Department of Transportation plan for improvements at the Lock 7 area to add paved parking and bathrooms at the trail head for the Lake

Okeechobee Scenic Trail.

While no local tax dollars will be used for the construction project, the county will be responsible for maintenance after the improvements are completed.

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Flood zone maps to be on display at open house

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Do you live in a flood zone? Do you need flood insurance?

Okeechobee County residents can review the proposed changes to the flood zone maps at an open house on Sept. 18.

"The federal government is phasing out the subsidies they used to pay for flood insurance in a flood zone," explained planning director Bill Royce. "Those rates are going up. It is what it is. There is nothing we can do about it."

The new flood maps are available on the county web site.

"If you come to the open house, you can get some more information and talk to the FEMA personnel," said Mr. Royce.

"At the open house, you can go to the 'look up' station and give them your address. They can tell you if you are in the flood zone under the old maps and if you are in a flood zone on the new maps. There will be a station with information on obtaining flood insurance.

"They will also have information on how to appeal the maps," he explained.

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Faith Farm hosting Southern Gospel group

Trust Quartet, a gospel group comprised of Buzz Beasley, Spence Decker, Rhonda Mohr, and Steve Faison will be ministering in song at Faith Farm on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. The music of Trust Quartet is a mixture of old and new songs that span the entire range of the southern gospel genre. The group has over 150 years of experience collectively, which enables them to present a meaningful program in a professional manner. Trust Quartet concerts provide the perfect blend of humility and excitement through song and testimony.

Trust Quartet began in March of 1994. The group is still going strong. Buzz Beasley, Leader of the group said, "God has made this group possible, as known today, by releasing those who have passed through the doors, and by using those of us who have chosen to become a continuing part. God started planting seeds a long time ago in each heart to overcome obstacles and changes in our lives, preparing us for the ministry he has chosen for us today. Being from different backgrounds and areas of the country, we all came together at just the right time to

have the marvelous opportunity to minister through song."

The concert is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will taken to help defray the expenses incurred by Faith Farm.

Faith Farm, 78595 N.E. 128th Ave., is 1.7 miles north of S.R. 70 E. Just turn at the Crossroads Restaurant and Town Star gas station.

For information, call 863-763-4224.

Corps slows flows from lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District will further reduce the amount of water flowing from Lake Okeechobee starting this weekend.

Under the Corps' water control plan, the 2008 Lake Okeechobee Regulation Scheduled (LORS), flows to the Caloosahatchee will now be calculated at the W.P. Franklin Lock & Dam (S-79) east of Fort Myers. The new target flow to the Caloosahatchee Estuary from Franklin Lock is 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) and includes runoff that collects in the Caloosahatchee River between Moore Haven and the lock. The new target flow for the St. Lucie Estuary is 1,170 cfs as measured at the St. Lucie Lock and Dam (S-80) near Stuart. The new target flows will be effective at 7 a.m. Friday.

Additionally, the corps is changing its discharge regimen to a 10-day pulse release in both directions, resulting in a daily variation of actual flows. However, the av-

erage flow over the 10-day period should reflect the target of 3,000 cfs to the Caloosahatchee and 1,170 cfs to the St. Lucie. Should heavy rain develop in either basin, resulting runoff may cause the targets to be exceeded as water is allowed to pass through the lock and dam structures.

"Drier conditions in August have helped the lake fall into our preferred range," said Lt. Col. Tom Greco, Jacksonville District Deputy Commander for South Florida. "However, the lake is still elevated for this time of year. A significant storm in the next few weeks that causes a rise in the lake could put us in the position of having to increase flows from the lake again."

The current lake level is 15.44 feet. Under LORS, the corps strives to keep the lake level between 12.5 and 15.5 feet. The corps will closely monitor conditions and adjust flows as necessary.



Special to the Okeechobee News

A poetry reading was fun for all

The office staff at Seminole Elementary was treated to a poetry reading by Ms. Mullens' kindergarten class. The class practices a poem for several weeks to increase fluency. 'Chicken Soup With Rice,' by Maurice Sendak, was their August selection.

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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain, then a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 88F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain in the afternoon. High of 88F with a heat index of 93F. Winds less than 5 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and a chance of rain. Fog overnight. Low of 72F. Winds less than 5 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the afternoon. Fog early. High of 86F with a heat index of 95F. Winds from the East at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.



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Restaurant supports OHS football

Cowboy's Restaurant has donated pregame meals for the Okeechobee High School varsity football team this year before every home game. Coach Chris Branham said it is great to have this kind of support for the high school sports programs. "We're extremely fortunate to have a community that puts out a meal and honors the hard work of our kids. I want to thank Cowboy's for their generosity and support." Left to right are Daniel Bliffin, Heather Richbourg, Niki Koedam, Khalil Smith, Cody Walker and Maranda Serrano.

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Public Forum/Speak Out

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!

Mom accused of leaving baby in the road

- I have no faith left in the human race.
- Who does that? I would adopt that baby in a heartbeat!
- There is never an excuse to leave a child in the middle of the road. You DO NOT leave your child in a car seat in the road. Bond should have been way higher. Seriously people need to start having competency and psychological testing before being able to reproduce.
- I can understand a young mother being overwhelmed. But there are options. If you can't take care of your child, take it to a relative, or hospital, a church, even a police station and ask for help. There are plenty of people who would love to adopt a baby. Leaving the baby in the street is just so wrong. Thank God someone saw it happen and ran out and got the baby before it was hit by a car.

School days

- Recent studies that have been in the news stated the obvious: Teenagers are too sleepy early in the morning to do much in school. Starting the high school day so early is bad for the kids. A teenager's brain is on a different time clock. They should start school at 9. Even 8 a.m. would be better. Starting at 7 a.m. is just too early. This week they had a football game on a Thursday. Those kids did not have much time for sleep before they had to be up and back in class.

Drop box for pharmaceuticals

- I was glad to read that you can drop off old prescription pills for disposal in the secure box at the jail year round now. I kept meaning to take my old prescription pills up to the sheriff's office when they had the drop off days but I would always forget or else be busy that day. Now they have that service available year round it will be easier.

• I do think it is a good idea to have the drop box where you can dispose of prescription pills that you don't need anymore. It is dangerous having them around the house, especially if you have any kids who might find them! You should not flush old medications because it will get in the groundwater. You should not put them in the landfill either. Best to turn them in and let the sheriff's office incinerate them.

Budget

• If you are concerned with the city and county then I strongly recommend that you contact your elected officials and talk to them, but also be willing to listen. I have been following the county budget for years and finally I said I've had enough and contacted my elected officials (the enemy). They are willing to listen, they didn't agree with me on everything but they explained why they didn't, and I got a better understanding of what is really going on. I enjoy this forum but what is put on here a lot of times is not the complete truth or it's one side of the story. Like I said if you are so concerned than contact the elected officials.

• This is my understanding of the budget problem in the county. For the past three years, maybe longer, the county has been taking money from reserves to make up the shortfall in the budget because county taxes are not bringing in enough money to fund the budget. Now they are down to the point where the reserves are at the minimum and they can't dip into them more unless four out of five commissioners agree. They were hoping that things would pick up and tax revenues would increase but that did not happen. They can't just keep depleting the reserves so they had to make cuts. It's not fun, but it is necessary.

• I think the sheriff would get more public support for the budget and pressure on the county commission to fund it if they explained it in more detail. The hundreds of pages of the county-proposed 2013-2014 budget are on the web site. The only budget the sheriff's office put on the web site is two pages summarizing the 2012-2013 budget. We need to know the break down better than that before we can consider raising taxes to fund it.

Letters to the Editor



Special to the Okeechobee News

The B.R.A.T. Club appreciates all of those who helped make the Labor Day Parade a success.

"Team Work"

I'm writing to compliment the community for their teamwork on a successful Labor Day Parade! I'd like to start by thanking Walpole, Inc. for their sponsorship and support!

Thanks to all the participants and Waste Management for allowing me the time to coordinate this event. Thanks to Gilbert Golf Cars for donating our "rides" to help with the line-up.

Thank you to the many officials who helped keep our patrons safe: Okeechobee City Police and Okeechobee County Sheriff. The media outlets that contributed to notifying the public; Okeechobee News, Heartland Magazine, Okeechobee Main Street, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council, Shared Services and WOKC Radio. And, last but not least, the B.R.A.T. Club board members and volunteers who assisted; Matt Buxton, Bryant Culpepper, Sheriff Paul May, Allison Chandler and Tamara Kelly.

Sincerely,
Teresa Chandler
B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. President

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Thank you for being very good to me. To Roger and Sheree for all you do. Thank you Mr. Ran C. and Ms. Emily—keep up the great work.

Raulerson does care. Thank you!
Marie Brown

Garden & Orchid Club to meet

The Garden Club will meet Monday, **Sept. 16**, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Center, 451 U.S. 98 N. That will be followed by the Orchid Club meeting at 7 p.m. Bring an orchid to show, or a problem orchid with which you need help. For information call 863-763-6469.

Historical Society meets

The Okeechobee Historical Society will be resuming their monthly meetings beginning Monday, **Sept. 16**, at the museum on U.S. 98 N. The covered dish luncheon/meeting will begin at noon. Anyone interested in joining, is encouraged to attend this meeting. Annual dues of \$10 will be collected at this time. The Tantie Quilters will also resume their regular Thursday meetings from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the museum.

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LOCK 7

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The FDOT work will include resurfacing the entrance driveway, constructing a new parking area including a new access road with sidewalks and the construction of restroom facilities. There will be 57 parking spaces on the paved area. The project includes speed bumps to prevent anyone from going through the paved area too fast.

The project is budgeted at approximately \$2.2 million.

Planning director Bill Royce said the original design included an area where visitors could get out of the rain. However, the state

indicated a rest and viewing area could not qualify for the grant funding.

FDOT will manage the entire construction portion of this project. The project should go out for bids within the next six months.

Mr. Royce said the county will have to pay for the electric, water and sewer bills for the restrooms.

These costs should be minimal and will be within the annual budgets of the departments that maintain this area, he said.

"Lake Okeechobee really defines Okeechobee," said Commissioner Joey Hoover.

He said this is something the county should promote.

"In my opinion the ongoing maintenance cost is worth it to have a place with paved

parking and restrooms," he said.

County attorney John Cassels expressed some concern that there is no end date on the maintenance agreement.

Commissioner Bryant Culpepper noted there is a continual problem with the shell area of the Lock 7 area being torn up by "mudder" trucks. He suggested putting up surveillance cameras and fining those who damage public property to recoup the cost of repairs.

Commissioner Frank Irby suggested using the county's property on State Road 78 near the Lock 7 entrance for a large sign letting visitors know they can view the lake at that area.

FLOOD

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"I think what they are doing is trueing this up," said County Commissioner Ray Domer. "When you have a base elevation and you know it is going to flood and it has flooded and it will reflow, to continue to fix that is in vain.

"At some point you've got to face the facts. It's not that complicated when you look at the elevation," he said.

"Your real old houses, they didn't have that problem. Those people took responsibility and made sure they were built out of the water," said Mr. Domer.

Mr. Royce said FEMA looks at properties where there have been repetitive claims on flood damages.

"In the past few years, we've had some big rain events. If you are going to flood, you were flooded," he said.

"The flood zones are based on areas that in any given year that you have a 1 percent chance of being flooded," Mr. Royce said. "If you are in a flood zone and you have a mortgage, the mortgage company will require

you to have flood insurance."

Okeechobee County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, a federal program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Participation in this program allows local property owners to obtain flood insurance.

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) developed by FEMA for each community in the program, were initially prepared for Okeechobee in 1981. FEMA has recently updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for Okeechobee County and has released new, preliminary FIRMs.

Representatives of FEMA, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the City of Okeechobee and Okeechobee County will be available at the Open House.

The open house for Okeechobee County will be on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Health Department Auditorium, 1728 N.W. Ninth Ave.

Shortly after the Open House, FEMA will begin a 90-day appeal and comment period, after which the maps will be finalized pending resolution of any appeals. Within six months after that process is completed, the county must adopt the maps.

black Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck with pool cleaning equipment in the bed of the truck. The driver was described as a white male with blond hair. A witness estimated the man to be in his late 50s. It's not known if the driver had any facial hair.

Deputy Astacio stated he was told by the resident that the man was driving very slowly through the neighborhood, when he stopped "... and asked two little girls if they would like to jump in his truck."

The witness reportedly told the deputy he was standing outside his home when he saw the man talking to the two young girls who were riding their bicycles.

"When he started walking towards them, the driver drove off very rapidly," stated the deputy's report.

The witness was unable to get a tag number and did not notice any sort of insignias or logos on the truck.

After speaking with the witness and the two girls, Deputy Astacio stated he spent some time patrolling the area but was unable to find the black pickup truck.

If anyone has any information about either of these two incidents, they are asked to contact the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at 863-763-3117.

STRANGER

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stated Deputy Murrish.

According to the child, the man was driving a white taxi with black letters and numbers on the side. The car also had a yellow taxi sign on its top.

The man apparently walked up to the child in the parent pickup section, added the deputy's report.

Deputy Murrish went on to point out that the child did not immediately report the incident.

"He said the teachers were all talking and he did not want to bother them," stated the deputy.

Instead, the youngster told his mother and she reported it to school officials Monday, Sept. 9.

The second incident occurred Saturday, Sept. 7, in a residential neighborhood.

A report by OCSO Deputy Yamil Astacio indicated a resident on S.E. 12th Drive reported a suspicious person who had tried to get a couple of young girls to get into his pickup truck.

The report stated the man was driving a

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Eagles North offers dinner

Eagles North, 9985 U.S. 441 N., on Friday, **Sept. 13**, will have steaks from 5:30-9 p.m. with music by Just for Fun Come Dance. Saturday, Sept. 14, card bingo is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, bingo is at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 18 bingo is at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the FOE 4137 community benefit fund.

Family movie night planned

A family movie night will be held for a local Susan G. Komen team -- Legs from the Lake -- as a fundraiser on Friday, **Sept. 13**, at 7:30 p.m., on the lawn of Cowboys Restaurant. Bring blankets or chairs. Showtime will be approximately 7:45 p.m. Admission fee \$1 and refreshments will be available for \$1. No coolers or food allowed. Proceeds will benefit the Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk to fight breast cancer. For information or to make a donation, contact Melisa Jahner 863-634-8844.

Shared Services board to meet

The executive roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will hold its bi-monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. Friday, **Sept. 13**, in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. This forum provides a mechanism for dialogue and problem solving in our community through the collaborative efforts of our local decision makers. The public is invited. For information, call Sharon Vinson 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

4-H to host open ride

Bits and Spurs 4-H is having an open ride for members at Mi-Sin Ranch, 1000 N.W. 50th Dr., on Saturday, **Sept. 14**, at 6 p.m. We will be having a cookout so please bring a side dish or drinks. Call Laura for information and directions. All horses must present a Negative Coggins Test before entering the property.

BRAT to host teen dance

The Okeechobee B.R.A.T. Club (Building Relationships Among Teens) will host a Teen Dance Party at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus, 610 S.W. Second Ave., on Saturday, **Sept. 14**, from 7 to 10 p.m., for students ages 12-16. The cost is \$7 and includes pizza, soda and chips. For information, contact Allison Chandler at 863-697-9096.

OHS linksters host tourney

The Okeechobee High School golf team will host a golf tournament at Indian Wood Country Club in Indiantown on Saturday, **Sept. 14**. The tournament will start at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided following the tournament. The cost is \$50 per person and includes golf, lunch and range balls. For information, call Danny Mullins at 863-447-1741 or Bruce Conrad at 863-697-0952.

Red Cross going door-to-door

In recognition of Preparedness Month, Red Cross volunteers will go door-to-door to provide fire prevention and preparedness tips to residents in Douglas Park, Dewberry Gardens, Basswood and Dean's Court on Saturday, **Sept. 14**, from 9 a.m. until noon. Teams of volunteers will walk through communities to meet with residents and discuss the importance of preparing a disaster plan. The volunteers will also provide information on how to best prevent household fires.

CAC to honor local man

The Community Action Committee of Douglas Park and Deans Court, Inc., will recognize Jimmy L. McNeil for 40 years of service to the Christian community of Douglas Park and Deans Court. The event will be held Saturday, **Sept. 14**, at the First Missionary Baptist Church, 906 N.E. Ninth Ave. starting at 6 p.m. For information, contact Ossie Fleming 863-484-2350.

VFW Ladies host breakfast

Buckhead Ridge VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold their monthly breakfast Sunday, **Sept. 15**, at 10 a.m. Please join us this event is open to the public. We will be serving biscuits and gravy, sausage patty, bacon, eggs and way you want them, home fries, juice, coffee for a donation of \$5. For information, call our Post at 863-467-2882.

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Barnyard Buddies to meet

The Okeechobee Barnyard Buddies 4-H small animal club meetings will be held the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. The first meeting will be Saturday, **Sept. 14**, at 10 a.m. in the Okeechobee County 4-H Extension office, 458 U.S. 98 N. The Buddies will elect officers and discuss the coming year. Everyone who would like to be part of the club is invited. You can sign up at the Okeechobee County 4-H Extension office Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It costs \$1 a year to belong. You may also call the extension office at 863-763-6469.

Obituaries

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

Soc T. Davies, 71

OKEECHOBEE — Soc T. Davies died Mon., Sept. 9, 2013, at Lawnwood Regional Medical Center. Soc was born in Phung Hiep, Vietnam, in 1941. She was a retired seamstress.

She was employed as a galley technician at the Air Force Base in Can Thoh, Vietnam. At the time of its closing, she began employment with the US Navy in their Welfare and Recreation Department. It was there that she met and married her husband in 1972. In 1973, she moved to the US with her husband when he was assigned to recruiting duty in Columbia, Tenn. They became Okeechobee residents in 2006.

Her passion was watching television game shows.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Davies of Okeechobee; step-son, Hamilton (Lillian) Davies of Miami; step-grandchild, McKenzie Davies; an adopted daughter, Chung Thi Hen and her husband Ky Hoang Xinh; their children, Ky Tien Xuan, Ky Qoc Phong, Ky Kim Nguyen, Ky Qoc Bao; four grandchildren; father, Pham Van On; mother, Nguyen Thi Lau; sisters, Pham Thi Thach, Pham Thi Sua, Pham Thi Nhem and Pham Thi Dep, all of Vietnam.

Burial took place at South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth.

Friends may leave condolences at www.buxtonseawinds.com

All arrangements were under the direction and care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home and Crematory, 3833 SE 18th Terr., Okeechobee, Fla.

Free seminar slated

YOUNIFIED is sponsoring a free parent seminar on Sunday, **Sept. 15**, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Osceola Middle School. Jeffrey Dean, nationally known speaker, will speak about things teens are facing today. He will shock you; inform you; motivate you; and, help you. For information, call 863-634-6523.

Moose hosting bingo

Monday, **Sept. 16**, five-card bingo starts at 6 p.m. Proceeds support Moose charitable programs.

Anna C. Tarner, 91

OKEECHOBEE — Anna C. Tarner, was called home on Wed., Sept. 11, 2013. Originally from Pennsylvania, Anna had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1968. She was a member of Abiding Hope Worship Center.

Anna enjoyed life and was always happy and extremely positive. She enjoyed making people laugh and creating a cheerful atmosphere. Her customary response for an inquiry as to her well-being was "Not bad for an old lady!"

Anna was preceded in death by her husband, James Tarner; and son, Thomas Tarner.

She is survived by her daughters, Bertha Lowry and Cathy (Ronny) Fralix, both of Okeechobee; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Jane Shatzley of Sorrento, Fla.

Visitation will be held on Sat., Sept. 14, 2013, at Abiding Hope Worship Center, 4550 Hwy. 441 N., Okeechobee, from 10 a.m. until service time of 11 a.m. Entombment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Anna's memory be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, P.O. Box 1548, Okeechobee, Fla. 34973.

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Man accused of selling prescription pills

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An area man is being held on \$50,000 bond following his arrest for allegedly selling prescription pills to a confidential source during a local undercover drug operation.

According to an arrest report Joseph Eugene Sammons, U.S. 98., was arrested on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the sale of a controlled substance (oxycodone) and possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone) with intent to sell.

Sammons, 26, sold the prescription pain-



Joseph E. Sammons

killers to a confidential source during the undercover operation staged earlier this year, stated an arrest report by an Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force detective.

The man's arrest came about Monday, Sept. 9, when a Chevrolet Suburban sports utility vehicle in which he was a passenger was stopped by task force detectives for illegal window tint. When Sammons was searched, a detective reportedly found two yellow pills, a broken white pill and a syringe on his person. He was also holding a plastic cap in his hand, added an arrest report.

The yellow pills were identified as hydromorphone, indicated the report. The broken white piece will be sent to the Indian River Crime Lab in Fort Pierce for analysis, along

with the plastic cap that apparently contained a yellow residue.

Sammons was arrested at the scene on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (hydromorphone) and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$11,000 on those two charges.

Sammons was later arrested on the local warrant.

The report also indicated that the driver of the SUV was given a verbal warning about the illegal tint on the driver's- and passenger's-side front windows.

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).

- Claudia Jumper Olivarez, 45, N.W. 30th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Deputy Fred Bradley on a Taylor County warrant charging her with the felony of possession of a cellular phone in prison. Her bond was set at \$835.39.

- Brent Anthony Pignataro, 34, N.E. Sixth Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - failure to register as a career offender. He is being held without bond on that charge. Pignataro was later arrested by Detective Howard Pickering on a felony charge of failure to report name or residence change. His bond was set at \$15,000 on that charge.

- Morningstar Moon Whitewater, 28, N.W. Seventh St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with tampering with evidence. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Livan Ramos, 40, S.E. 10th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with possession of oxycodone. His bond was set at \$3,000.

- Chad J. Garner, 25, N.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on a felony charge of domestic battery by strangulation. His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Tony Lee Frost, 28, N.E. 16th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 10 by Deputy Robbie Lamb on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with introduction of contraband into a county detention facility. His bond was set at \$25,000.

- Dawn Michelle Potter, 44, S.W. Eighth Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 11 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam). Her bond was set at \$5,000.

- Ronnie Dean Gatliff, 54, S.E. 20th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 11 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop and a misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended. His bond was set at \$6,000.

- Arturo Hernandez, 38, Broadway St., West Palm Beach, was arrested Sept. 11 by Deputy Nathaniel Mitchell on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with the felonies of failure to appear - burglary of a dwelling, failure to appear - grand theft, failure to appear - dealing in stolen property and violation of probation - burglary. His bond was set at \$100,000.

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

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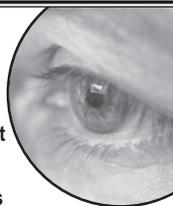
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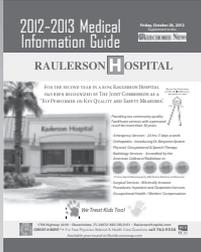
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When you are sick or need to see a doctor, you likely do not feel or act like your normal 'healthy' self. Whether you are experiencing fatigue, dizziness, nausea, or a host of other symptoms, your ability to thoroughly communicate about your condition and comprehend the doctor's medical advice may be compromised. This is just one reason why it is beneficial to have an existing relationship with a Primary Care Provider, before you actually need one.

Another benefit to having an existing relationship with a Primary Care Provider is having a baseline point of reference for your physical health (for example your weight, cholesterol & blood pressure). This knowledge, as well as you and your family's medical history, can help promote an accurate diagnosis and help proactively monitor patients' risk factors. Generally a patient's overall comfort level and

confidence in their physician is increased when the patient has an existing relationship with the physician. With this increased confidence, comes trust. When patients know and trust their physician (vs. meeting the physician for the first time when they are sick or need healthcare) patients can more easily and openly communicate ALL of their health and wellness concerns. Certainly patient outcomes benefit when physicians have the whole picture of their patient's health.

One of the reasons people give for not proactively seeing a doctor is their lack of time. If you think you are too busy to have your cholesterol levels checked, just imagine how your schedule will be affected if you suffer a heart attack? Another reason people give for not visiting a doctor annually is that they are worried about what the doctor, lab results or a screening may reveal. Ignorance is not bliss, when it comes to your health. Studies have shown that early detection and treatment are critical to a successful outcome, whether the diagnosis is breast cancer, diabetes or heart disease. A very popular reason for many people

to avoid scheduling a wellness visit is uncertainty regarding the cost and how to pay for the visit. Yet, many insurances, as well as Medicare, often include an annual wellness visit in their benefits. Contact your insurance

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32nd season brings excitement to Dolly Hand Center

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center (DHCAC) at Palm Beach State College in Belle Glade is celebrating the start of their 32nd season this fall.

The center, which opened in 1982, is a 466-seat performing arts center. It features Broadway plays, concerts with music of all genres, dance companies, comedians, children's theatre productions and more.

This season, performances will include a wide range of performers including Chinese acrobats, Russian ballet and a Broadway musical.

On Oct. 22, the **Improvvised Shakespeare Company** will perform. Based on one audience suggestion (a title for a play that has yet to be written), The Improvised Shakespeare Co. creates a fully improvised play in Elizabethan style.

The **Atlantic City Boys** will perform on Tuesday, Nov. 19. They lend their world class vocals to the rock-n-roll harmonies of the 60s - singing the hits of The Drifters, The Beach Boys, and of course, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The Atlantic City Boys encourage flash photography, wild screaming and rushing the stage during their performances.

Winter will bring a holiday favorite. The **Annual Festival of Trees** will kick off with a free Holiday Festival and tree lighting on Nov. 14. There will be wonderful music by talented local performers, delicious treats and a visit from Santa to remind you that Christmas is coming soon. Get your Christmas picture taken with your family and Santa for a nominal charge. The Grand Hall will be filled with beautiful Christmas trees decorated by local citizens, organizations, groups and businesses.

The **Living Christmas Tree's** 25th Annual production will be Dec. 7 and 8 and the church and townspeople are busy getting everything ready for this silver anniversary with new silver bells for the bell tower. There will be silver touches for decorations and costumes. Great holiday music will be heard in this traditional Glades classic.



The **Golden Dragon Acrobats** will perform Dec. 17. The Golden Dragon Acrobats represent the best of a time honored tradition that began more than 25 centuries ago. The Golden Dragons are recognized throughout the United States and abroad as the premiere Chinese acrobatic touring company of today.

The **Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre** will perform *Sleeping Beauty* on Jan. 7, 2014. The Rudolf Nureyev State Ballet Theatre is a company of 60 distinguished dancers, which brings the world's most beloved ballet to glorious life.

The musical **Godspell** will be at the Dolly Hand Center on Jan. 16, 2014. Raise your spirit with the Tony-nominated score filled with the popular hits "Day By Day," "Light of the World," and "Turn Back, O Man." This timeless tale of friendship, loyalty, and love has touched the hearts of countless theatergoers all over the world.

On Jan. 21, 2014, the Dolly Hand Center will be the venue for "**Flipside: The Patti Page Story**," a musical celebration of the singer's rise to stardom.

As seen on "America's Got Talent!" **Todd Oliver & Friends** will perform at the Dolly Hand Center on Feb. 1, 2014. Considered one of the premiere ventrilo-



Hair, the Broadway musical will be live on stage on Feb. 10, 2014. It is at once both a joyous celebration of youth and a poignant journey through a tumultuous 1960s America.

Stevie Wonder and Michael Jackson are two of the greatest names in pop music. Their unique vocal qualities would take ten voices to recreate—so that's exactly what will happen when M-Pact and special guest Duwende take to the stage for "**I Wish for All Time; Celebrating the Genius of Michael Jackson and Stevie Wonder**" on Feb. 20, 2014.

A special treat on Feb. 28, 2014 will pair a covered dish dinner (courtesy of some of the best cooks in the Glades)

with a performance of the "**Church Basement Ladies**" in "A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement." The play is a celebration of the church basement kitchen and the women who work there, features four distinct characters and their relationships as they organize the food and the problems of a rural Minnesota church.

The Irish dancers of **Rhythm of the Dance** will perform at the Dolly Hand Center on March 11, 2014. This two-hour dance and music extravaganza contains a wealth of talent derived from all areas of Irish life. The show is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish Celts throughout history. Using the traditional and modern arts of dance (ballet, modern dance, jazz) and music, this richly costumed show marries the contemporary and the ancient.

The **Doo-Wah Riders** will perform

on April 8, 2014. There is no one else like the Doo-Wah Riders. For over 30 years they have been riding their own patch of the musical range throughout the west.

The Missoula Children's Theatre will present "**Rapunzel**" on May 17, 2014. Local stars will perform.

Free outdoor concerts

The DHCACenter also plans free outdoor concerts this season.

On Nov. 23, 2013, **The Long Run: The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band** will present a concert.

On Feb. 15, 2014, **The Valerie Tyson Band** will perform, with a line-up that features all styles of music from the 50s to today's top 40 radio hits.

For the outdoor concert series, Gourmet Truck Expo food trucks will serve from 6 - 9:30 p.m. Come out early and purchase dinner before the concert!

Bring your own chair or blanket and enjoy!

Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center also offers an **Education Series**. Study guides are available for teachers who bring their students to these performances. For more information about the Education Series, contact Debbie at 561-993-1160.

The Center's spacious Grand Hall also plays home to visual art exhibits by local artists. Exhibits take place in conjunction with Guest Artist Series performances. The Grand Hall is open Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon and one hour before all performances. To inquire about exhibiting artwork in the Grand Hall, contact Leigh Woodham at 561-993-1160.

Ticketing

The box office is located at the southeastern corner of the building, 1977 S.W. College Drive, Belle Glade. Box Office Hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friday 9 a.m. to noon. The box office also opens one hour prior to performances. Groups are welcome, with discounts available. Please call the office at 561-993-1160 for more information or visit www.palmbeachstate.edu/theatre/dollyhand.



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Park Service Pocket Ranger APP adds beach access

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Park Service has updated its Pocket Ranger app for smartphones to include every public beach access point in Florida, in addition to information about its 171 state parks, and trails.

Those who have downloaded Pocket Ranger for state park information now have access to locations and amenities about every public beach access point in Florida. More than 2,000 public coastal access sites are included in the coastal section. Divided into three regions – panhandle, Atlantic coast and southwest Florida coast – the app provides useful information to help plan trips to the beach.

"More than 70,000 people have downloaded the Florida Pocket Ranger mobile app for their I-phone or Android phones," said Florida Park Service Director Donald Forgione, "We are pleased to offer them additional information about beaches where they may enjoy Florida's famous sunshine and natural resources."

The app provides a comprehensive list of beach access points in each county, and the amenities each access point offers, including boardwalks, parking spaces, restrooms, picnic pavilions and boat ramps. Each section features an overview of each of the region's coastal counties and includes a list of state parks, coastal cities, rivers, paddling trails and other points of interest.

One of DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr.'s priorities for the department is increasing access to state parks and trails for Floridians and visitors. The

app allows visitors to plan that perfect outdoor trip by searching for a park or beach by GPS location or activity to find nearby locations to enjoy hiking, camping, boating, birding and more. Once there, advanced GPS and GIS mapping technology allows visitors to track and record trails, mark waypoints and locate friends in the area. There is even an option to cache GPS maps in advance to ensure that navigation remains possible in the event of lost mobile reception.

The app also translates Florida's beach flag colors and provides a "Good to Know" button that links to NOAA's surf zone forecast and rip current info and the department's hurricane info page. The app also links to a weather site. All good things to know if you're headed to the beach. The app also provides information on the department's coastal management program and NOAA's marine debris program.

The apps provide plenty of other features to maximize visitors' outdoor adventure:

- Educational information, amenities, maps and directions.
- Real-time calendar of events.
- News, advisories, and weather alerts.
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- Built-in compass.

The Florida State Parks Pocket Ranger® app is available now on iTunes and Android Market by searching "Official

Florida State Parks" and is identified under ParksByNature Network. It is also available on PocketRanger.com and is formatted as a Mobile Website: <http://fl.pocketranger.com>.

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PocketRanger.com to create this app free for the public. For a tutorial on how to use the app, please visit www.pocketranger.com. It is recommended to use Wi-Fi or a strong wireless connection when downloading the app.

LaBelle Firehouse Theatre plans 2013-2014 season

LABELLE—The Firehouse Community Theatre is located in LaBelle, Florida and has been providing a true community theatre experience in our area for over 21 years. The Theatre is staffed 100 percent by volunteers from the community.

The season line up starts in November with "New Wrinkles" a musical comedy about the trials and situations about growing old.

"Dashing Through the Snow" is this year's holiday offering in December takes place in the Snowflake Inn in Tinsel, Texas where it's Christmas 365 days a year. "Real Women Have Curves," to be presented in January, is set in a tiny sewing factory and is the story of five, full-figured Mexican-American women who are racing to meet nearly impossible production deadlines in order to keep their tiny factory from going under.

February will bring "Lend Me A Tenor," set in 1934. "Thanks for the Memories: A USO Tour of WWII" will be presented in March. The final play of the season is a mystery. "Night Watch," is planned for April. For more information, go online to www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com or call 863-675-3066.

Okeechobee Community Theatre plans new season

OKEECHOBEE—The Okeechobee Community Theatre, founded in 1979, is a volunteer-based organization of local adults and young people who present high quality live Broadway-style musicals, comedies and dramas at a reasonable price for audiences in South Central Florida.

OCT specializes in entertainment that is suitable for the entire family.

All performances are presented in the historic Okeechobee Auditorium, on Southwest Second Avenue at Seventh Street in downtown Okeechobee, one block west of Golden Corral Restaurant. This intimate 260-seat facility keeps you close to the action on stage.

OCT will kick off the 2013-2014 season with "The Drowsy Chaperone" in November. The play is by Martin, McKellar, Lambert and Morrison. The winner of Broadway's Tony Award for Best Score and Best Book, this is an affectionate spoof of musicals of the 1920s. Not only riotously funny, but it's full of songs you'll be humming days later. It's a musical within a comedy.

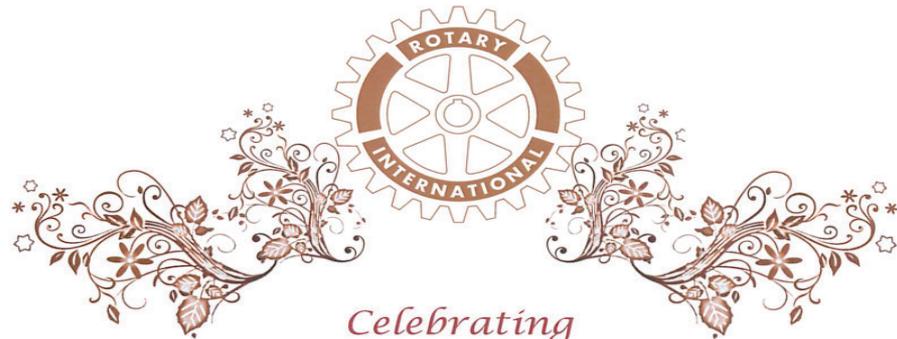
December will bring a radio play performance of "It's a Wonderful Life."

The spring production will be "Send Me No Flowers." In this play, a model husband mistakenly learns that he has but weeks to live, and sets out to find a suitable second spouse for his wife. Everything goes wrong from there.

The 2013-2014 season tickets are now on sale. For more information online, go to www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com.

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Jazz Market, Jazz Jams

FORT PIERCE—The Fort Pierce Jazz and Blues Society hosts a Jazz Market in historic downtown Fort Pierce on the waterfront of Indian River every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Every Tuesday, the Sunrise Theatre at the Black Box, 1117 South Second St. in Fort Pierce, features Jazz Jams from 7 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday. Jazz Jams are every other Wednesday at the Port St. Lucie Botanical Gardens, 2410 S.E. Westmoreland Blvd., Port St. Lucie, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Conch Stomp Band

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK—On Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m., come on down to the park and listen to the Conch Stomp Band play some bluegrass. Free with park admission. Call the Nature Center for more information, call 561-624-6952. John D. MacArthur Beach State Park is located 2.8 miles south of the intersection of U.S.1 and PGA Blvd. on A1A in North Palm Beach.

Firehouse Theatre hosts movies

LABELLE—The LaBelle Firehouse Theatre will host movies on Friday, Oct. 11 and 18. Movies are geared for the “over 30 but under AARP crowd.” For more information, see their web stie at www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

IRSC Performing Arts Academy Auditions

FORT PIERCE—The Indian River State College Performing Arts Academy for community children and teens will hold auditions Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 6 p.m. for their Nov. 8 and 9 performance of “Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.” The audition is open to children and teens ages 9-15. No experience is required to audition for the show. The director for the show will provide instruction the night of the audition, so children do not need to prepare in advance of the audition. The “Disney’s Aladdin, Jr.” show features music by Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and presents the junior version of the classic Disney’s “Aladdin.” Songs will include “A Whole New World and “Friend Like Me.” For additional information on the audition for “Aladdin, Jr.” contact Rebecca Shearer at 772-462-7727 or email rshearer@irsc.edu.

Area special events...

Hot Rides and Hot Dogs in the Park

LABELLE--Attention all area car enthusiasts: The South Central Florida Car Club’s monthly Cruise In ‘Hot Rides & Hot Dogs in the Park’ return to Barron Park, State Road 29 N. in LaBelle on Sept. 17, starting at 5 p.m. This event is open to everyone. Auto lovers of all ages are welcome. Grilled hot dogs will be served with some great fixings, cold drink and chips. For more information, call 863-634-1791.

Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta

OKEECHOBEE—The Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta is a boat race with a twist. Participants must construct their own boats using only materials provided. The event will be Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Scott Driver Boat Ramps off State Road 78 just east of the Kissimmee River bridge, with races starting at 9 a.m. The event is in memory of Adam Bryant - a past Builder’s Club and Key Club member whose life was shortened by a devastating spinal cord injury. This is a homemade boat race with boats being constructed of only one sheet of luan plywood, 24’ of 2”x4”s, one roll of duct tape, one pound of screws, and paint. No caulking, urethane, or adhesives of any kind may be used. Proceeds go to a scholarship to send a graduating Okeechobee High School senior to Fire/EMT school, as Adam was a volunteer firefighter and in Fire/EMT school at the time of his accident. To sign up to compete or for more info, visit minimalregatta.com or call J.D. Mixon at 863-634-1778.

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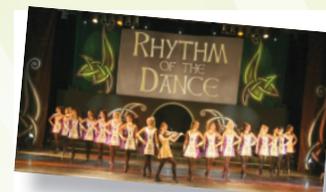
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Sebring gridgers take 2-of-3 from OYF teams

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

The Sebring Blue Streaks won three of five youth football games played Sept. 7 at Okeechobee High School against the Okeechobee Youth Football teams.

Sebring won the flag game, 6-0 behind a stout defense. Catterius Stokes scored the only touchdown of the game with a 38-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Another 32-yard touchdown run by Stokes was called back by a penalty. Jordan Johnson had a nice game for Okeechobee with a 20-yard run late in the game. Ukiah Billie also had a long run for Okeechobee. The Brahman reached the Sebring two-yard line just before halftime but the drive stalled due to penalties. The Brahman defense had a goal line stand in the first quarter after Sebring had a first and goal at their two-yard line.

Sebring won the Mighty Mite game 27-0. Dyveon Collymore had two touchdowns, a 57-yard run and a 51-yard pass from Gregory Smith. Maurice Tucker added a 41-yard touchdown run and Jayden Garrett caught a 34-yard touchdown pass from Smith.

For Okeechobee, Kenyon Garner caught a 19-yard pass from Javaris Johnson. Creek Gopher had a tackle for loss and a sack. Gar-

ner added a fumble recovery. Johnson had several nice runs including a 13-yard scamper in the fourth quarter.

Okeechobee walloped Sebring in the senior game 34-0. Kysell Richardson opened the scoring with an eight-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. Jermaine Moore added a five-yard touchdown run. Lamar Williams had a 25-yard touchdown run.

"We did pretty well in this game. The first half was a little sloppy but we turned it on in the second half," he said. Williams said the lack of games has hurt the team as only some of the programs they play have a senior team. "We expected a tough game and in the first quarter Sebring hung tough. On my touchdown I wasn't sure I'd get there but I broke a tackle and scored."

Janavious Futch added an 85-yard kickoff return for a score. Rylee Smith finished the scoring with a two-yard run. Jarrett Mills added four extra points. One came after a penalty on Okeechobee that measured the kick equal to a 31-yard field goal. Other highlights included strong defensive games from Ja Juan Cherry, Lamar Williams, a fumble recovery by Kain Sarros. The game was marred by two lightning delays.

Futch had a 65-yard punt return negated by a penalty but said he didn't let that bother



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Mighty Mites coach Kenny Spencer gets ready to unleash his team Saturday. #28 Pablo Bentancurt, #52 Tucker Hargraves and #68 Creek Gopher were ready to go.

him on special teams, "It was a good punt return. On the kickoff I started jogging and I dropped the ball. I eventually found my hole and turned it on."

Cherry said the team has a hard game against Frostproof on Saturday and came to play in this game, "We stick together as a team and pick each other up. I was able to gain some yards today. I'm happy. It's good to be a success on the football field."

In the Pee Wee Division game, Sebring defeated Okeechobee 14-7 in a defensive struggle. The game started about three hours late due to a weather delay. Sebring scored on a safety in the first half. Kavonte Jones scored on a 53-yard touchdown run in the third quarter for the Blue Streaks. Joseph Fanizzi scored on a one-yard run for Okeechobee. Landen Campbell scored the winning touchdown on a 41-yard scamper for Sebring in the fourth quarter.

Highlights for Okeechobee included a 17-yard run by Ramone Baker in the first half, a fumble recovery by Ricky Urbano, and runs of 19 and 20 yards by Chadrick Williams. JayQuavious Thomas had a 20-yard run, while Williams and Orlando Arana had fumble recoveries.

Trenton Brown had a 22-yard run for Sebring and Lorenza Stephenson and Campbell had fumble recoveries. Edrick Lockett had a 20-yard kick return.

Okeechobee won the Junior Division

game 16-13. Jalen Pryor intercepted a Sebring pass in the Okeechobee end zone in the final seconds to preserve the win. Jose Rodriguez had a 38-yard touchdown run and an extra point kick for Okeechobee. Devonte Luellman scored the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter on a short one-yard run. Sebring scored when they recovered an Okeechobee fumble in the end zone in the second quarter. Kamari Brown added a 26-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Highlights for Okeechobee included a strong defensive game by Bracen Harvey including several tackles for loss. Rodriguez added an interception. Jarrett Emmick recovered a fumble and Luellman, Brian Sell and Bradley Shaw had key stops on a goal line stand. Luellman had several huge plays on the game winning drive that included runs of 10 and 26 yards. Robert Wright recovered a fumble. Jatavian Holder had several long runs including a 32-yard run and a 15-yard run for Sebring. Brown raced for 34 yards in the final minute to set up the first and goal at the Okeechobee seven-yard line. On the next play, Sebring tried a play action pass in the end zone, but Pryor intercepted the ball.

The OYFL teams visit Frostproof this Saturday and will host Avon Park on Saturday, Sept. 21.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Sebring's Dyshaun Collymore struggles for yardage as Ja Juan Cherry (left) and others make the tackle.

Lady Warriors topple Sebastian - 25-20, 25-8

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

The Osceola Middle School Lady Warriors got off to a good start with a 25-20 and 25-8 victory over Sebastian Middle School in middle school volleyball action Monday in Okeechobee.

Ashley Snyder got the Warriors off to a good start with two service aces as they built leads of 6-4, 10-6, and 17-9 in the first game. Perla Contreras added a couple of aces to build the lead to 21-12. Sebastian made a comeback to make the game close but OMS won out thanks to an ace by Kassie Weldon.

Osceola dominated the second game thanks to some impressive serves by Weldon. The Lady Warriors led 6-5 when she got to the service line and led 18-5 after an impressive string of serves by Weldon. Snyder

added some service points down the stretch as OMS finished off the Cowboys.

Osceola coach Lauren Throop said she is excited about the job and plans to build a good program here. She predicted a strong season for the team.

"We started off a little rocky today, but in the end they pulled it out. We have really worked on our serves and in the last game we had just three service mistakes," she said.

The team spends at least 30 minutes working on serves at practice after school. Throop said that appears to have paid dividends, "I think the serve is the most important thing in a volleyball game."

Throop said when she was an assistant coach at the school the volleyball team had a good year and they want to build a strong program year after year. Throop also played at Osceola Middle School.

Weldon said as an eighth grader she doesn't get intimidated or nervous when she gets on the court and knows what to expect. She said the team has several girls who play Big Lake Juniors Volleyball and are used to the competition.

"When you're in sixth grade you get nervous. When you're in the eighth grade it's normal and you don't feel the pressure," she added.

Weldon said it felt good to have a good string of serves. She said her goal was to get the match over with and score some points.

"That run helped us to get a big lead on them. I focus on the ball, zone everybody out, and just hit it," she added.

Osceola hosted Storm Grove on Wednesday and travels to Yearling on Monday, Sept. 16.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Ashley Snyder had a strong service game for Osceola in their victory Monday over Sebastian Middle.

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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee **bowling** teams fell to Martin County Monday in a match played at Stuart Lanes. The boys lost 5-2 and the Lady Brahmans fell 6-1. Austin Walker had a nice match with a 390 series for two games. Brian Chapman also knocked over 390 pins in two games, 179 and 211. Jessica Olney led the Lady Brahmans with a 409 series, 183 and 226 and won the only point for the team. "Martin County was a very strong program and it is hard to beat them but not impossible," bowling coach Carole Olney said, "I think bowling better teams makes you a better bowler and this was a good experience for Okeechobee."

- The Brahman boy's **golf** team defeated Fort Pierce Central by 14 strokes at Indian Hills last week. Okeechobee shot 164 as a team and the Cobras shot 178. Kutter Crawford shot 37, Zach Hudson 40, Kyle Mullins 43 and Ricky Gonzales shot 44.

- The Brahman **swim teams** opened their home schedule on Tuesday as they fell to Lake Placid. Aubrie Reister had a strong day for the Lady Brahmans. She won the 200-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle and took second place in the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke.

Michael Muros took second place in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Brandon Ball won the 100-yard free-

style and took second in the 50-yard freestyle. Nathanael Bean won the 500-yard free style. Christina Orender took second in the 100-yard butterfly.

Twenty-three of the Brahman swimmers had their best times of the season.

The girls 200-freestyle relay team of Mor-

gan Bolan, Jacqueline Orender, Cheyenne Lusk and Neresa McLaren took second place. The boys 200-yard freestyle team of Ball, Lucas Penido, Gaitan and Nathanel Bean took second. The boys 400-freestyle relay team of Will Castillo, Bean, Cameron Whitlock and Muros took second place.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Okeechobee has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. A public hearing to make a **FINAL DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on:

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

6:00. p.m.

City Hall, Council Chambers, Room 200 55 SE 3rd Ave., Okeechobee, FL 34974

BUDGET SUMMARY

City of Okeechobee - Fiscal Year 2013-2014

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE ARE 4.3% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

| | GENERAL FUND | PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND | GRANT FUNDS | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND | CAPITAL IMPROV. PROJECTS-IMPACT FEES FUND | LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND | TOTAL BUDGET |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|----------------------|
| ESTIMATED REVENUES: | | | | | | | |
| Taxes: | Millage Per \$1000 | | | | | | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes | 7.7432 | | | | | | |
| OTHER TAXES (INS. PREM. UTILITY, ETC) | \$ 602,250 | \$ 574,550 | | | | | \$ 1,176,800 |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE | \$ 1,275,683 | \$ 66,401 | \$ 634,909 | | \$ 500 | | \$ 1,977,493 |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES | \$ 854,581 | | | | | | \$ 854,581 |
| FINE, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES | \$ 21,000 | | | | | \$ 500 | \$ 21,500 |
| USES OF MONEY AND PROPERTY | \$ 1,000 | \$ 600 | | \$ 5,500 | | | \$ 7,100 |
| OTHER REVENUE | \$ 46,205 | | \$ 12,000 | \$ 257,400 | | | \$ 315,605 |
| TOTAL SOURCES | \$ 4,540,937 | \$ 641,551 | \$ 646,909 | \$ 262,900 | \$ 500 | \$ 500 | \$ 6,093,297 |
| Transfers-In | \$ 1,080,070 | \$ - | \$ 42,500 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,122,570 |
| Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets | \$ 3,882,651 | \$ 874,851 | \$ 32 | \$ 6,784,214 | \$ 46,564 | \$ 4,063 | \$ 11,592,375 |
| TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES | \$ 9,503,658 | \$ 1,516,402 | \$ 689,441 | \$ 7,047,114 | \$ 47,064 | \$ 4,563 | \$ 18,808,242 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | | | | |
| LEGISLATIVE | \$ 137,627 | | | | | | \$ 137,627 |
| EXECUTIVE | \$ 179,816 | | | \$ 1,000 | | | \$ 180,816 |
| CITY CLERK | \$ 200,355 | | | \$ 5,000 | | | \$ 205,355 |
| FINANCIAL SERVICES | \$ 251,123 | | | \$ 1,500 | | | \$ 252,623 |
| LEGAL COUNSEL | \$ 72,253 | | | | | | \$ 72,253 |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES | \$ 327,111 | | | \$ 38,500 | | | \$ 365,611 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | \$ 2,007,082 | | | \$ 24,100 | | \$ 500 | \$ 2,031,682 |
| FIRE PROTECTION | \$ 1,370,181 | | | \$ 14,750 | | | \$ 1,384,931 |
| TRANSPORTATION | \$ 1,075,459 | \$ 675,500 | \$ 625,409 | | \$ 16,950 | | \$ 2,393,318 |
| OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE | | | | \$ 75,000 | | | \$ 75,000 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS-VEHICLE LEASE/PURCHASE | | | | \$ 357,500 | | | \$ 357,500 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND | | | | | | \$ 2,608 | \$ 2,608 |
| CDBG GRANT FUND | | | \$ 64,000 | | | | \$ 64,000 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 5,621,007 | \$ 675,500 | \$ 689,409 | \$ 517,350 | \$ 16,950 | \$ 3,108 | \$ 7,523,324 |
| OPERATING TRANSFER-OUT | \$ - | \$ 398,000 | \$ - | \$ 723,820 | \$ 500 | \$ - | \$ 1,122,320 |
| FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER/RESERVES | \$ 3,882,651 | \$ 442,902 | \$ 32 | \$ 5,805,944 | \$ 29,614 | \$ 1,455 | \$ 10,162,598 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES | \$ 9,503,658 | \$ 1,516,402 | \$ 689,441 | \$ 7,047,114 | \$ 47,064 | \$ 4,563 | \$ 18,808,242 |

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FINAL BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will meet in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The final Public Hearing to consider the proposed 2013/2014 Fiscal Year Budget will be conducted at this meeting. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact City Administrator at 863-763-3372, or website www.cityofokeechobee.com, to obtain a copy of the agenda. ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372. BE ADVISED that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Council in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the City Clerk for the City's records. by: James E. Kirk, Mayor Lane Gamliotea, CMC, City Clerk 452403 ON 9/13/2013

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NOTICE: The City of Okeechobee Planning Board will meet as the Local Planning Agency on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 6 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, FL., to consider any proposed amendments, submitted by City Staff or citizens, to the adopted City Comprehensive Plan, which may include amendments to the adopted Land Development Regulations (LDRs). All amendments are forwarded, with a recommendation, to the City Council for final consideration. Items of discussion submitted to date are, but not limited to:

- Amend Code Book Section 66-1, by adding a definition of "Limited Agriculture."
Amend Code Book Article III, Districts and District Regulations by adding a new Zoning District, tentatively to be identified as Rural Heritage (RH), allowing for limited agricultural uses, single-family dwellings and customary accessory uses.
Amend Code Book Section 90-417, Permitted Uses, Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD-R) District, by adding items (a)(4) and (b)(7), to allow limited agriculture uses as an interim use until such time as urban development is undertaken.
Amend Code Book Section 90-102, Permitted Uses, Residential Single Family-One (RSF-1) District, by adding item (6), to allow limited agriculture on properties on which there is an active agricultural exemption.
Amend Code Book Section 90-192, Permitted Uses, Residential Multiple Family (RMF) District, by adding item (8), to allow limited agriculture on properties on which there is an active agricultural exemption.
Amend Code Book Section 90-342, Permitted Uses, Industrial (IND) District, by adding item (29), to allow limited agriculture on properties on which there is an active agricultural exemption.

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By: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator 452404 ON 9/13/2013

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NOTICE There will be a meeting of the Tourist Development Council (TDC) of Okeechobee County on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Tourist Development Council Office located at 2800 N.W. 20th Trail (Airport Terminal Bldg.), Okeechobee, Florida. Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the TDC with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Kathy Scott, Tourism Coordinator Tourist Development Council Okeechobee County 452427 ON 9/13/2013

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Tigers blank Brahmans in JV grid contest

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A 26-yard touchdown pass from Brice Lawson to Darius Jackson in the first quarter and a nine-yard touchdown run by Juan Norton late in the game led Clewiston to a 14-0 victory over Okeechobee in junior varsity football action Tuesday at Brahman Stadium.

Clewiston took advantage of several costly Okeechobee turnovers to improve to 3-0 on the season. OHS fell to 0-2.

Fred Bradley had a huge game for Okeechobee with 124 yards rushing on 15 carries. Bradley also caught two passes out of the backfield for 23 yards.

OHS had a pair of nice drives in the game but turnovers cost them dearly. After Clewiston drove 40 yards on their opening drive only to fumble, Okeechobee drove 51 yards and earned three first downs to reach the Tiger 30. The drive ended when a center snap flew over the head of quarterback Trevor Thomas. Clewiston recovered nearly 40 yards down field to get the momentum.

On the next play Lawson found Jackson behind the corner back on a fly pattern and lofted the ball in perfectly to give the Tigers the lead. Colt Flynn added the extra point to make it 7-0.

From there it was a defensive struggle as neither team would get into the red zone until the fourth quarter. Jacob Emmick had an interception for Okeechobee to end one Clewiston drive. Bradley started the second half with a 31-yard run but the drive ended when Javon Davis broke up a pass on a fourth down and four at the Tiger 37-yard line. OHS reached the Tiger 40 late in the third quarter but a sack by Curtis Clay ended the Brahmans scoring hopes.

Aaron Ponce picked off a Tiger pass early in the fourth quarter and the play appeared to light a fire under his teammates. The Brahmans drove from their 26-yard line to the Tiger eight thanks to inspired runs by Bradley of 22, eight and 10 yards. On first and goal a pitch went awry and the Tigers recovered to end the Brahmans best scoring threat of the game. Devon Jackson picked off a pass by

Brahman quarterback Trevor Thomas (5-17, 58 yards), to end the Brahman's final drive.

Clewiston drove 50 yards in seven plays in the final three minutes of the game thanks to strong runs by Zachary Mosley to score their second touchdown.

Clewiston coach Brent Johnston said his team did a pretty good job and adjusted well during the game. He said the kids have bought into their message of academics, discipline in school and good football on the field.

"We have a smart bunch and that makes it easy. All of our running backs ran hard. We have about six kids that can run the ball. They all get their carries, are unselfish and pick each other up," he said.

Johnston said his defense had their hands full with Bradley as he is a massive back and tough to bring down. "We have always been told that you make your own breaks during the game. (Bradley) was a horse and he ran the ball hard. We had to gang tackle him. We weren't intimidated. I predict that kid will be a force to reckon with in the future."



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Fred Bradley (left) was a horse for Okeechobee Tuesday, but it wasn't enough as the Brahmans' JV fell to Clewiston

Bucio's two goals leads OMS in soccer win over Sebastian

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Osceola Middle School Warriors got off to a strong start with a 3-2 victory over the Sebastian Cowboys in middle school soccer action on Monday in Okeechobee.

Alejandro Bucio scored a pair of goals to lead the Warriors. He said the team worked together and didn't quit, "That is what you have to do. We had good passes and we had the victory."

Goalkeeper Mark Holmes also made some excellent saves, especially at crunch time late in the match, to hold off Sebastian.

Coach Jorje Botello said he told the team that the pace of the game is quick at middle school and they have to be quick to react.

"Nothing is guaranteed. It's like every season we play from match to match," he noted, "I'm very proud of the team. We came together from beginning to end today."

Bucio scored to give Osceola a 2-1 lead. He said it felt really good to score goals but praised his teammates for getting him the ball in good positions, "I felt really good. They are a really good team. At first I didn't think we would have a chance, but I believed in myself and said never give up."

Bucio said he thinks Osceola has an improved team this year and have a good chance of winning several matches. He also praised his goal keeper Holmes who helped save the match in the final minutes.

"If it weren't for him we would have lost. I have to say thank you," he added.

Botello said he feels he has found the secret to a good goal keeper, baseball. He said baseball players are used to fielding ground balls and make excellent goal keepers.

Botello said the offense really clicked but

must improve their conditioning to keep moving in the Florida heat. He said the defense responded well but must continue to be quick on the ball.

"I think this group of kids really wants to win. The younger kids really want to learn. That makes a great combination for a team," he added.

Osceola will travel to Yearling to play their arch-rivals on Monday in what could be a competitive match. Botello is not fazed that his team hasn't defeated the Bulls in several years.

"It is always a great rivalry for us. I'd like to beat them twice this year if possible, but I know they'll give us a run for our money," he added.3-2



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Alejandro Bucio (left) had a pair of goals for the Osceola Warriors in their 3-2 soccer win on Monday.



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