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Chartier recommends budget cuts

Sheriff says he will appeal \$13.1 million allocated for OCSO, jail & court security

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

Cutting positions originally created by grant funding that is no longer available and reducing the number of sheriff's office vehicles were two of the recommendations made Thursday to help balance the sheriff's budget.

County administrator Robbie Chartier explained that because the Okeechobee County

Commission and the sheriff could not resolve their budget dispute, Florida Statute requires the county provide recommendations for running the sheriff's office on the funding the county has budgeted.

The sheriff asked for \$14.8 million to run the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, the Okeechobee County Jail and security at the Okeechobee County Courthouse.

The county has budgeted a total \$13.1 million for these services, including \$12.5 million from the general fund. Mrs. Chartier said this accounts for the entire \$12.5 million which will be generated by county ad valorem property taxes.

The administrator said the sheriff does not have to follow the county's recommendations regarding how his department's budget is spent.

"This is the justification for our allocation. It in no way means we tell the sheriff how to manage his budget," said Mrs. Chartier.

She said this year they asked all of the county departments to reduce the budgets back to the level of Fiscal Year 2004-2005 or in some cases 2003-2004 because the available funding level is the same as those years.

Revenue has been reduced due to the decline in property values and also because of
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Johnny Appleseed Day

The students in Mrs. Sickels' class at Seminole Elementary celebrated Johnny Appleseed Day by dressing up like the legendary apple pioneer and traveling the school to plant hundreds of apple trees throughout the campus. Their "core" curriculum for the day included a lesson in apple fractions and a scientific "Five Senses" apple tasting of six different varieties of apples.

Man accused of becoming irate over orange juice

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Apparently angered because he couldn't get any orange juice, a man was arrested after he allegedly grabbed the wrist of a pregnant woman working the drive-thru window at a local fast food restaurant when she handed him his change.

Miron Lukjan, 43, S.E. 33d St., Okeechobee, was arrested Thursday, Sept. 26, on felony charges of resisting a law enforcement officer with violence and battery on a law enforcement officer. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence and battery.

He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$12,000 bond.

An arrest report by Deputy Bart Potter, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO),

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Inaugural March for Desserts is a sweet success

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The March of Dimes' inaugural March for Desserts dessert social, held on Sept. 22, was a "sweet success." Guests enjoyed treats donated by local business and residents, such as bread pudding from Cowboy's BBQ and Steak Company, snowball cookies and pecan pie from D & G Catering, vanilla cupcakes with whipped cream and raspberries from Flower Petals, carrot cake from Golden Corral, pink lemonade cake from Harbor Community Bank, Oreo Cake Balls and lemon poppyseed cupcakes from Nutmeg's Café, crumb cake and brownies from Okeechobee Farm Bureau, chocolate avalanche cake from Publix Supermarket, as well as numerous treats made by the event committee. Coffee was provided by Serenity Coffee Shop.

There was an exciting Live Dessert Auc-

tion, with auctioneer, Brian Trimble auctioning desserts donated by Brown Cow Sweetery, D & G Catering, Harbor Community Bank, Nutmeg's Café, Publix Supermarket and Winn Dixie. The top item was a baby-themed chocolate cake with Bavarian cream filling donated by Karen Matthews, which fetched \$125.00 at auction.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes and its mission to prevent premature birth, birth defects, and infant mortality. For more information about the March of Dimes, contact any of the Okeechobee committee members: Co-Chairs, Ken and Johanna Kenworthy, Magi Cable, Karen Cassels, Sharon Johnson, Kresta King, Laura McCall, Pat O'Connor, John Rhoden, Sharon Vinson, Jim Vensel, Ronnie White and Betty Williams.

At right, event co-chair Ken Kenworthy looks on as auctioneer Brian Trimble (right) conducts the Dessert Auction. Below, is a sampling of the treats provided at March of Desserts.



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Johanna Kenworthy, Magi Cable and Laura McCall show off the baby-themed cake that brought the highest bid at the Dessert Auction.



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Letters to the editor

Eyes of the Heart

It's a shame there aren't hardly any good movies to see anymore. Today's movies focus on violence, sex, white collar crime and so on. Even cartoons are full of it. Yes, I know, Tom and Jerry bashed each other over the head, but there wasn't blood and guts spilled everywhere.

What happened to family-oriented shows? What happened to the parents who wouldn't allow their children to watch trash? Was the wholesomeness of family life not passed down through the generations? As the generations changed and children were taught to be more independent because parents had

to work to "Make a better life for them," they were left to make their own choices of what was right and what was wrong.

Don't get me wrong, I know many parents set rules and instructions for their children. But face it, you were a kid once. As soon as Mom and Dad were out of sight all sense of right and wrong went out the window. The chance to do what their little hearts desired popped right up. Along with peer pressure. Can't do something without a friend now, can we?

As a result today's children have an attitude because they think they are responsible enough to run their own lives.

I do not begrudge any child an education. But the sight I saw at a recent football game

broke my heart. There were more pregnant teens and teens with babies than I have ever seen together except at a home for unwed girls. Some were carrying one child and pregnant with a second. Flaunting it like it was some badge of honor. Granted, they are still in school, and hopefully they will be educated enough to make a good life for themselves and their children and not continue to depend on the system to support them forever.

What happened to the sex education department in schools? What happened to Home Economics where girls were taught the basics of being housewives and mothers after they finished school? What happened to the parents who took their kids to church to hear God speak to them about purity and love and marriage first? What happened to the churches who were not ashamed to preach about these things?

My church talks about love and marriage, about honoring God by staying chaste until marriage. Our Pastor talks about God turning your mess into a message of hope to turn your life around. He shows us how to open the eyes of our heart to meet God where we are now, to hear Him (God) speaking to us so

He (God) can heal us and show us the road to redemption, to become everything He (God) calls us to be.

The world will offer you many things, my friends, but it will not bring you comfort when you are hurting, it will not satisfy your hungry, thirsty soul. It will not transform your life, it will only chew you up and spit you out, and it will never give you a home in Heaven for eternity.

This is one of those bags of rocks I talked about last time. You will carry these burdens like sacks and pockets full of rocks that will drown you in debt, unhappiness and discouragement. But there is hope!

Jesus will carry those burdens if you will give them to Him.

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good: Blessed in the man who takes refuge in Him.

And remember, there is no "I" in Jesus, it's "Us," you and Him together. Come to Him today, give Him your burdens, let Him restore you, let Him renew your life, let Him love you as you have never been loved before.

Jesus loves you ~ and so do I,

Cheryl Gawda

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!

Meetings online

I think it is a good thing that we can now watch the county commission meetings online, and if you can't watch during the meeting, the video tapes of the meetings are available online. If you want to know which commissioners are asking questions and who just goes along with whatever is proposed, you can find out for yourself. Just watch the meetings. People say they can't go because they are at work. Well you can watch the meetings at any time day or night because they are online now.

Health insurance

I think this Republic needs a little Democracy. They should let the American people vote on the Affordable Health Care Act. The Democrats passed it when they controlled both houses of the Congress and the White House. All of the polls at the time and now, show the American people did not want and do not want Obamacare.

Rumor has it, that since it is federal, they may choose for patients to go to VA hospitals and out patient VA places. Those are federally funded.

My insurance has not been cancelled but one of my spouse's doctors has been taken off the list for our insurance. If he keeps the insurance he has now, and still wants to see this doctor, it will be an out-of-network visit. The co-pay is going from \$20 to \$75 and insurance pays reduced amounts for any testing or services. So it's time to start shopping for a new company.

Here is a concern I have about those who are finally forced into the Obama Care insurance—will they be able to find a doctor who will accept them, and if not, what measures will the government employ to force them to? Already there are many doctors who will not accept Medicaid patients.

Our plan sounds like the one Michelle Malkin has, individual, catastrophic with a lower premium and high deductible, because generally we are in good health. I hope they do cancel it and then I will opt to pay the penalty. Our premium was \$504 in 2010 when this mess started, with a \$5000 deductible each for the first two family members. Now it is up to \$729 a month with a \$7000 deductible. We might as well cancel and self pay because we have to pay for most of our care anyway, and our prescriptions. The Obama administration is feeding the public a load of misinformation and his followers just believe it. Now doctors will be forced to ask patients for information that has nothing to do with their care. e.g. Are you sexually active? Why would a cardiologist or chiropractor need to know that information? It is none of Obama's business and I will answer any of those questions with N/A (not answering)!

Reflections from the pulpit

There is so much to talk about

By Michael W. Peppers

Community Church of Basinger

I've noticed something of late—not that this is a new thing but it would seem that it has gotten a bit out of hand. Especially when it is from a largely professing Christian community. There is much talk of so many things that will never make a difference in a person's life other than to hurt them, or to cause them to move farther away from the truth and is not worth the emotional energy it took to say it or even to repeat it over and over. Whether we believe it or not, all we have is today, and the time we spend communicating should actually be edifying to the hearer and glorifying to the God. The Lord has instructed us to love Him and to love each other. The scripture says that God is Love. It would seem that this would take all of our energy if we actually pursued this in our lives.

Jesus said that every idle word that men shall speak, they will give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. There's also a scripture that says there is a way that seems right to a

man but the end thereof is death, (a way, not necessarily the right way). If we really believed these words we would probably be more careful with the way we lived and the way we talked. There is another scripture where Jesus says He is The Way, not a way but The Way and it would seem that we the true followers of Jesus Christ would spend much more time talking of His Way, His Goodness, His Mercy, His Grace, His unending love and His wonderful salvation and the plans that He has for each person rather than most any other topic or persons or organizations that at the end of the day are really not even worth mentioning. And might bring more trouble on us than we might think: with what measure you meet withal it shall be measured unto you again the Bible says. Let us make our words count for Him, remember only what we do for Jesus will last forever. There is so much more to Talk about. Let's get to it, Let your words be with grace seasoned with salt and Let the words of our mouth's and the meditation of our heart's be acceptable in thy sight of the Lord our God. We should always try and remember how the Lord Jesus dealt with us. Hope this Helps.

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BUDGET

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the decline in revenue from tipping fees at the landfill.

County officials were advised by legal staff on Monday that if the county and the sheriff did not reach an agreement on the budget, the county would have to show justification for the budget recommendations. Mrs. Chartier said she spent much of the week going over the sheriff's budget and she found some expenses that could be reduced and other expenses that should be "realigned."

Mrs. Chartier noted the Narcotics Task Force was originally funded by the Byrne Grant. That grant no longer provides funding for the five county deputies on the task force.

"There is a matching dollar amount attached to those positions, so I looked at those five positions that we can't afford to support when we don't have a grant that is helping us anymore," she said.

She said she removed those five positions from the budget recommendation.

She also proposed a change in funding for school resource officers. The school board should probably fund 100 percent of the school resource officers' expense, if the school officials want to keep these officers at the schools, she recommended.

Mrs. Chartier also questioned if the county needs six bailiffs at the courthouse, which is

one more than in the 2004-2005 budget. She said according to the Clerk of Courts office, there are 249 maximum court days, since the court house is not open on weekends or holidays. There are three court rooms plus another room used for hearings. Last year, she said, that hearing room was only used on 70 days.

She said there is some justification that they could reduce the number of bailiffs from six positions to five.

The county administrator also recommended reducing the sheriff's office fleet of vehicles. She said 84 vehicles are "take home" vehicles used 24-7 by sheriff's office employees. There are currently 17 vehicles listed as "spares" and another three vehicles being considered for trade-in, she said.

"I did some research on what it costs to maintain a vehicle," she said.

Using information from AAA, she said reducing the fleet by 22 vehicles could save about \$200,000, she said.

"I noticed the law enforcement education fund has varied significantly over the past three years, causing an unusually high average," she said. "I felt there could be some reduction there as well, with fewer deputies."

"I removed the capital outlay funds as well, since we don't have available funds to fund the capital outlay. That was \$370,000 from law enforcement," she explained.

She said there are cuts that could be made in the court house security budget and some places where expenses should be moved.

She said she moved the detention depu-

ties who transport inmates from the jail to the courthouse from the courthouse security budget to corrections.

"I didn't reduce them. I just moved them to the corrections budget," she said.

She said she also reduced the operating budget to be more closely aligned with the actual expenses.

She noted the 2013 budget had 76 full-time jail employees as compared to 71 in 2004-2005. She said the average jail population has remained the same over the years. The demographics may have changed within the population but the population generally remains the same, Mrs. Chartier said.

She recommended removing capital outlay funding of \$120,000 from the corrections budget.

She said she moved the detention deputies who had been listed in the courthouse security budget into that corrections budget, so even with her recommended reductions to the corrections budget, there is a net increase to that budget of about \$84,000.

"I just have one thing to say," said Sheriff Paul May, when Mrs. Chartier completed her presentation. "Did I understand you to say that we could not afford the Narcotics Task Force? That it will be wiped out or done away with?"

That would be up to him, she replied.

The county cannot afford to keep positions that were funded by grants, when the

county no longer receives the grant funding, Mrs. Chartier said.

"If you choose to keep narcotics (task force personnel) on and shift personnel around, how you do that is entirely up to you," Mrs. Chartier said.

"We did that years ago, when the Byrne Grant started falling out," said Juanita White, executive assistant to Sheriff May. She said most of the task force has been funded by the sheriff's department regular budget for the past four years.

The county commissioners approved a budget with expenses of \$48,094,221 in expenses and \$34,177,606 in reserves.

They set a tax rate of 8.5470 mills and a debt service tax rate of 0.3491 mills. The entire debt service millage goes to pay off the county jail.

One mill equal \$1 in taxes for every \$1,000 of property value.

Both the proposed budget and the tax rates passed 4-1 with County Commissioner Bryant Culpepper as the lone dissenter.

"I will do the legal thing I have and I will appeal that budget," said Sheriff May.

The total county budget is down 5 percent from Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

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indicated he was called to McDonald's Restaurant on U.S. 441 S. at 6:30 a.m. due to a disturbance.

When he arrived at the eatery he was told about a man going through the restaurant's drive-thru who became irate when told the orange juice machine was not working. When he drove up to the window to pay for his order he continued to yell at the pregnant woman working the window.

According to the deputy's report the woman was "... feeling very uncomfortable and scared because of the man's demeanor—yelling and acting crazy."

As the pregnant woman handed Lukjan his change he reportedly grabbed her wrist with both hands.

Deputy Potter stated a witness called the sheriff's office when they saw Lukjan leaning out the window of his car and banging on the glass window and yelling because he couldn't get any orange juice.

During the course of his investigation, Deputy Potter found out where the man lived then called for backup.

The deputy reportedly approached Lukjan and the man became agitated, abrasive and would walk toward the deputy in a threatening manner.

With the help of OCSO Deputy Ben Lisle, they were able to restrain the 6-foot-3, 200-pound, Lukjan. But this apparently did not calm him down as he would reportedly stick out his chest and walk toward Lisle like he was going to chest bump him.

Because of the way Lukjan was acting, emergency medical personnel was called to the scene to check him. He reportedly continued to be uncooperative and became physically combative with the deputies.

By this time, Deputy Corporal Michael Hazellief had arrived at the man's home.

As the three deputies tried to restrain Lukjan, he allegedly kicked Deputy Lisle in the groin and knocked Cpl. Hazellief's radio off his belt.

The deputies were finally able to hobble the man's legs and hands and put him in the back of Deputy Lisle's patrol unit.

Deputy Potter stated in his report he could smell alcohol on Lukjan's breath "... as he was yelling."

The deputy's report did not indicate if the McDonald's employee needed medical attention.

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American Legion post 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Sept. 29** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds to benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public.

VFW hosting breakfast

VFW Post 9528 in Buckhead Ridge will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, **Sept. 29**, from 9 until 11 a.m. Meals will be available for \$4 to \$6 donation. Proceeds will go to Veterans Village. For information, call Timmie at 467-2882.

Prayer Service is Sept. 29

The Fifth-Sunday community-wide service, sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association (OMA), will be Sunday, **Sept. 29**, at 6 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. Rev. Allen Patterson will be preaching and the men's quartet will be singing, the Okeechobee Community Choir will perform.

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 online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at www.newszap.com

Daiana Belen Fonseca, 22

OKEECHOBEE — Daiana Belen Fonseca passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Sept. 16, 2013.

She was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and was a resident of Okeechobee since 2002, coming from her birthplace. Daiana was a high school graduate and was a bartender for the past year at El Cielo Azul in Okeechobee, Fla.

She is survived by her parents, Carlos and Simonet Fonseca of Buenos Aires, Argentina; three brothers, Eliseo (Erica) Fonseca of Okeechobee, Marcos Fonseca and Diego Fonseca, both of Buenos Aires, Argentina; two nephews, Aidan and Mason.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, 2013 at Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terr., Okeechobee, FL 34974. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Okeechobee, FL.

Arrangements are under the direction of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home & Crematory, 3833 SE 18th Terr., Okeechobee, FL 34974. Online condolences may be sent to www.buxtonseawinds.com

Sign guestbooks at
<http://www.legacy.com>



FFA Alumni to meet

The Okeechobee FFA Alumni will have their first meeting of the year on Monday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. at the County Extension Office on U.S. 98 N. For information, call 863-467-8696.

Shrine has spaghetti dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will be serving a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, Oct. 1. You are invited to join your friends and neighbors for delicious homemade food and great fellowship. Serving is from 4 - 7 p.m. and reservations are not required. The Shrine Club is located at 1740 S.W. 53rd St. (S.R. 78 W.). For your listening and dancing pleasure, music will be provided from 5 until 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit Shrine Charities. For information contact Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427, Randall Mims at 863-763-9200 or the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Benefit held for Daiana Fonseca

The Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 Hwy. 441 S.E. will hold a memorial benefit on Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 p.m. till 2 a.m. for Daiana Fonseca. Donations from this benefit will help to pay for her funeral expenses.

Robert Earl Glisson, 77

OKEECHOBEE — Robert Earl Glisson passed away Sept. 20, 2013 at the Hamrick Home.

He was born Dec. 12, 1935 in Kevil, Ky. He drove for Consolidated Freight for 42 years. He enjoyed football and all other sports. He loved flea markets and his dog, Princess, his best buddy.

Mr. Glisson was preceded in death by his parents and his sister.

He is survived by his wife since 1980, Dorothy "Jerry" Glisson; brother, William Glisson (Carla); nephew, Brian Glisson.

No services will be held at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973. The family would like to share this poem:

This time I'm rollin' solo, Just me and my trusty truck. We've got to get it going, so goodbye and lots of luck. I'm a rollin' up to heaven, up there on that golden road. They said they're waiting for me, and this special load. They said to check in with the angel, at the guard shack of heaven's gate. I guess they need another trucker, to haul some of that holy freight. So the next time you see the lightning, and you hear that thunder roar, don't worry about the storm clouds, It'll be diesel humming as we welcome home one more.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972.

Candlelight vigil planned

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office and the Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition will sponsor the seventh annual NOPE Candlelight Vigil on Oct. 24 at the Okeechobee County Civic Center on U.S. 98 N. The doors will open at 6 p.m. for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will start at 7 p.m. The deadline to submit your information for the memorial video is **Oct. 1**. To create a memorial for the NOPE Task Force Candlelight Vigil memorial wall and video, log onto nopetaskforce.org; or, contact Connie Curry at 863-763-3117.

Annual Mini Regatta is Oct. 5

The Third Annual Adam Bryant Mini Regatta will be held Saturday, **Oct. 5**, at the Scott Driver boat ramps on S.R. 78 W. Races start at 9 a.m. The ending time will depend on the number of competitors. Last year the races ended around 2 p.m. The regatta features home made boats constructed from a single sheet of plywood, 24 feet if 2"x4" lumber, one pound of fasteners and one roll of duct tape. The race dinner will be Friday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the event. Proceeds from the regatta go to a scholarship fund for high school graduates who wish to become firefighters and for Kiwanis Club charitable activities such as a plan to construct a special needs playground.

Johnny Mack Peterson, 78

OKEECHOBEE — Johnny Mack Peterson passed away Sept. 27, 2013.

He was born June 20, 1935 in Houston County, Ala. to the late Early Posey and Mary Ester (Darby) Peterson. He moved to Okeechobee in 1957. He was an avid fisherman and member of Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

Mr. Peterson is survived by four sons, Johnny Peterson (Angie), Floyd Peterson (Susan), Danny Peterson (Juanita) all of Okeechobee and Tony Peterson (Linda Sullivan) of Frost Proof; eight grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; brother, Early Lee Peterson of Panama City; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the care of Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee Florida 34972.



Fire safety event slated

The Okeechobee Home Depot will host a Free Fire Safety Event for the community on Saturday, **Oct. 5**, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at The Home Depot, 2700 U.S. 441 S. The event will include a Free Kids Workshop, Bounce House, 4-H Club, Division of Forestry, Smokey Bear, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, McGruff the Crime Dog, Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue, Gary Champion's #23 Race Car, Okeechobee Blood Round-Up Booth, Seminole Fire and Tobacco Free Florida. There will be free hot dogs and popcorn while supplies last.

Hi-Heel-A-Thon planned

MOORE HAVEN—The Glades County Woman's Club will host a Hi-Heel-A-Thon and a Womanless Beauty Pageant at the Chalo Nitka Grounds on Saturday, **Oct. 5**, to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. The all-day event starts with registration at 8 a.m., and the walk starts at 9 a.m. There is no admission charge to the grounds.

Moose plans Celebrity Night

The Buckhead Ridge Moose Lodge will host a Celebrity Night on Saturday, **Oct. 12**, from 5 - until 7 p.m. with dinner for a \$7 donation. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a auction, for all members and qualified guests. All proceeds go to Moose Charities and Community Service.

B.R.A.T. dance set for Oct. 12

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

Animal workshop scheduled

A Youth Livestock Show Ethics and Animal Care Workshop will be held Saturday, **Oct. 12**, at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. Sign in is at 8 a.m. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. until noon. Anyone showing livestock at any livestock show in Florida is required to attend the workshop. Pre-register online at <http://www.floridastatefair.org.com/ethics>. For information, call Debbie Clements at 863-763-6469.

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Rodriguez is new chamber executive director

By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

Antoinette Rodriguez is the newest addition to the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce.

She was born in West Palm Beach and spent 11 years in Royal Palm Beach where she graduated from Forest Hill High School in 1989.

She said she moved to Okeechobee four years ago to get out of the insanity of the coast life and to put her son in a smaller com-

munity for a better school. She said she previously worked for the Chamber of Commerce in Royal Palm Beach and found a warm welcome at the Okeechobee County Chamber of Commerce.

"I wanted to be more involved in the community," she said. The Chamber of Commerce is here to build the community, to promote businesses and make sure that



Antoinette Rodriguez

the businesses are successful.

"We are the voice of the community," said Ms. Rodriguez.

"I look forward to bringing the capabilities to the forefront of our community. With your input and the strength of the organiza-

tion, we will enjoy new found success together!" said Ms. Rodriguez.

To contact Ms. Rodriguez or the Chamber of Commerce, call 863-467-6246, or visit the website at www.okeechobeebusiness.com or just stop by the office at 55 S. Parrott Ave.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
COWS:				
800-1000	70.00	- 87.00	75.74	77.75
1000-1200	70.00	- 87.00	77.34	77.21
1200-1400	70.00	- 87.00	78.96	79.69
1400-1600	78.00	- 82.00	80.00	77.07
BULLS:				
1200-1400	91.00	- 101.00	96.33	84.50
1400-1600	82.00	- 103.00	93.20	98.73
1600-1800	88.00	- 107.00	95.50	98.86
1800-2000	99.00	- 104.00	101.50	96.50

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
STEERS:				
150-250	190.00	- 345.00	270.00	249.05
250-300	170.00	- 255.00	203.87	219.31
300-350	160.00	- 235.00	191.98	204.67
350-400	150.00	- 210.00	179.49	185.29
400-450	140.00	- 195.00	170.65	160.09
450-500	130.00	- 187.50	159.89	145.71
500-550	125.00	- 170.00	144.02	138.30
550-600	127.00	- 158.00	143.74	139.02
600-650	121.00	- 149.00	135.71	140.73
650-700	130.00	- 147.00	137.00	137.44

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
HEIFERS:				
150-250	160.00	- 275.00	213.00	197.00
250-300	150.00	- 205.00	172.66	176.44
300-350	135.00	- 195.00	161.82	162.42
350-400	125.00	- 177.50	144.94	145.48
400-450	120.00	- 155.00	138.06	137.80
450-500	120.00	- 160.00	135.98	136.39
500-550	118.00	- 160.00	130.47	130.66
550-600	115.00	- 165.00	128.21	128.18
600-650	115.00	- 167.50	126.65	126.67

Prices reported are higher end #1 Quality. For #2's and Brahma type calves adjust down by \$10-\$30.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	730	926
COWS	128	108
STRS	10	8
HFRS	6	3
BULLS	9	24
YRLINGS	12	6
MIX	0	47
TOTAL	895	1122

Cattle are still selling good if you can get to 'em and bring 'em in! Can you believe the rain? It won't let up! Cows and bulls were fairly steady, mostly mid 70s on cows and mid 90s on Bulls. Little 250# and under calves were quite a bit higher and 4-500# calves were also higher. Everything else was pretty much steady. I still think once we get past September there's a good chance prices could get a little higher.

Mark your calendars for our special sales:

Oct. 4 - Bred Heifers

Oct. 11 - Angus Bulls

Oct. 18 - Brangus Bulls

Jimmie Smith, Lorida, topped the calf market with a high of \$3.45 bought by Bellamy Cattle Buying.

John Williams, Okeechobee, topped the cow market with a high of \$7.00 bought by Central Beef.

See ya next week,

Todd

rain in the afternoon. Fog early. High of 86F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 66F. Winds less than 5 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm and rain in the afternoon. Fog early. High of 84F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tuesday Night: Clear with a chance of a thunderstorm. Fog overnight. Low of 68F. Winds from the ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 20%.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm. High of 84F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Wednesday Night: Clear. Fog overnight. Low of 70F. Winds from the NE at 5 to 10 mph.

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Today: Partly cloudy with a chance of rain. High of 82F. Winds from the NNE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Fog overnight. Low of 64F. Winds less than 5 mph.

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TD Bank hosts Main Street Mixer

Special to the Okeechobee News

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, Okeechobee Main Street greeted about 40 members, visitors, friends and community partners. TD Bank had a make over and we were rewarded with a stylish gathering.

Main Street Executive Director Sharie Turgeon welcomed all guests and thanked Diane Davies and the staff at TD for their hospitality. Several announcements were made this evening from Raye Deusinger regarding the Blood Round Up to a quick appearance from JD Mixon to talk about the upcoming Minimal Regatta.

Following brief introductions, and updates, tickets were drawn for the door prizes provided by Main Street member businesses. TD Bank also had a new twist to this mixer as they discussed their "going green" business practices and had an "ice breaker" game for everyone where the lucky winner won a Flip Recorder.



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Pictured from left to right are: (back row) Terry Burroughs, Laura Torres, Lynn Powell, Marnie Amiet, Maureen Burroughs, Mark Bragel, Angie Griffin, Jonathan Boni (front row) John Gurney, Cindy Birdshaw, Diane Davies, Sharie Turgeon, Bridgette Waldau and Estella Ochoa.

The public is welcome to attend our October Mixer on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The hosts will be the Blood Round Up and the VFW South Post. Join Main Street at the VFW South Post, 3912 S.E. Hwy 441, from 5 to 7 p.m.

For a list of mixers for 2013 or for questions or additional information contact the Okeechobee Main Street at 863-357-6246 or stop in the Main Street office at 55 South Parrott Ave. (across the street from CVS, in the Chamber building).

RoadWatch

The Florida Department of Transportation advises drivers to use caution when driving in areas where road work is under way. Work planned this week includes the following.

Okeechobee County

- **U.S. 441 North from Northwest 179th Street, to County Road 68 East:** Maintenance project: This two-lane roadway will be reduced to one lane with flaggers directing while crews repair shoulders on either side of the road. Use caution when traveling in the work area.

- **U.S. 441 North from Northwest Ninth Street, to Northwest 36th Street:** Maintenance project: Crews are repairing the sidewalk. No lane closures are expected, however, motorists should drive with caution.

- **U.S. 441 Southeast from S.R. 78 to the Martin County line:** Crews will be trimming low-hanging tree branches as needed. No lane closures are expected, but motorists should drive with caution.

Glades County

- **U.S. 27 from Hendry County line to Highlands County line:** Crews will be cleaning the turnarounds and grates in the medians from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Lane closures are not expected with this work. Motorists are asked to use caution as crews work near the roadway.

- **S.R. 78 from U.S. 27 to Buckhead Ridge:** Crews will be performing landscape maintenance from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. No lane closures are expected with this work.

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4. Despite more than 1.6 million cases a year, fewer than half of Americans have heard of sepsis.
5. Sepsis kills more people in the United States than breast, lung and prostate cancer combined.
6. Sepsis kills more kids in the United

States than cancer.

7. There is no single sign or symptom of sepsis. Warning signs can include dizziness, shortness of breath, confusion and sleepiness.

8. Delays in antibiotic administration can increase risk of death from sepsis.

9. There is no FDA-approved therapy for sepsis. Immediate treatment with antibiotics and fluids could cut the number of deaths in half.

10. If you are worried about sepsis, tell your health care provider: "I am concerned about sepsis."

For answers to your health care questions or for a free physician referral, call Consult-A-Nurse at : 863-763-9228.



Special to the Okeechobee News

'See You At The Pole' Day

Okeechobee Christian Academy participated in the annual "See You At The Pole" event on Sept. 25. Before school, students, family members, staff and area youth leaders gathered around the flag pole to pray for our country, our leaders and our schools in a student led prayer and worship service.

ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew" to be held

Our next ConKerr Cancer "sit & sew" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 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 put a smile on the face of a sick child. This meeting winds down our annual MOPS (Miles of Pillowcase Smiles) promotion. If you have sewn pillowcases at home please turn them in at this meeting to help us meet our goal. There will also be Halloween-themed pillowcase kits available to be sewn at this meeting so they can be delivered to St. Mary's, Palms West and Lakeside Hospitals during the month. One other exciting announcement - ConKerr Cancer has been selected to be the designated charity for the next "Quarters for a Cause" auction which will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the American Legion Hall. Gather up all your loose change and come on out for a fun evening and at the same time help support our kids! For further information, contact Joan at 863-467-0290.

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Children's Services

Council of Okeechobee www.MinimalRegatta.com

Late score gives junior Brahmans 16-8 grid win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Wyatt Bessenbacher scored on a 62-yard screen pass with under 2 minutes to play and Okeechobee won their first game of the year with a 16-8 victory over Sebastian River in junior varsity football action Thursday night at Brahman Stadium.

The game was rescheduled from Tuesday when rain and the threat of lightning postponed the game.

Jacob Emmick threw the game winning touchdown pass and added a 52-yard scoring run in the first half for Okeechobee. Emmick also had a 60-yard punt return for a touchdown negated by a penalty in the first half.

Terrance Boswell and Tristen Anderson had 2-point conversions for Okeechobee.

The defense also made a goal line stand in the fourth quarter after Sebastian had a

first and goal at the Brahman 3-yard line.

OHS coach Joe Smith said he was extremely blessed to have the opportunity to coach this team and guide these young men this year.

"We want to take it full speed ahead. I'm proud of the kids for their resiliency tonight. They stayed in there when they were down and didn't drop their heads," he said.

Smith only had added the screen pass to the play book on Wednesday.

Bessenbacher said he felt hard work always pays off and communication is everything. He said he used his speed to get to the outside and was able to break some tackles to get into the end zone.

Emmick said the entire team increased their effort this week and did their best. He thanked two of his running backs, Terrance Boswell and Alex Garcia, and his offensive line for helping him score on the rushing

play in the first half.

On the game winner, Emmick said he and Bessenbacher know each other very well and they executed the play known as a jail break screen.

"Wyatt and I are very close and I've never really played quarterback before," he explained. "There is nothing better than watching that connection and his run for the victory."

Bessenbacher added a quarterback sack

and several tackles in the game. He also knocked away a pass. Ronnie Knowles recovered a fumble for OHS. Darian Kessler added a quarterback sack in the waning moments.

Smith said his defense hasn't allowed more than 14 points in a game this year and really has played well all season.

"They just did their thing. From here we want to sharpen the defense, get the offense rolling, and get better," he said.



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Jacob Emmick heads to the sideline after a short run. Emmick contributed to two Brahman touchdowns in their victory Thursday.



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Alex Garcia (#50) and the entire Brahman defense played another strong game Thursday as Okeechobee won their first junior varsity football game of the year.

Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• The boy's **bowling** team fell to South Fork 4-3 at Lucky Lanes on Tuesday. Brian Chapman rolled a 442 series over two games. Austin Walker had scores of 162 and 190. Michael Tiger rolled a 172 in the match.

The Lady Brahmans rolled over South Fork 6-1. Ashley Byrd rolled a 167. Jessica Olney rolled a 309 series. Raylon Eagle bowled her career best game with 139 pins. Coach Carole Olney said she felt the girls didn't do their best in their match because they struggled with spares and open frames. "We need to work on moving on different lane conditions and adjusting so they can perform at their best," she said. Olney complimented the boys as they battled South Fork right up to the final frames of the match.

"The boys had a very good match and are getting stronger every day. It is fun to watch them grow as a team," she added.

• The OHS **volleyball** team won their first home match of the year when they blasted Clewiston 3-0 on Wednesday. OHS prevailed 25-8, 25-16, and 25-11 to improve to (5-7) on the year.

Osceola volleyball got back on the winning track with a 25-21 and 25-17 win at Sebastian Middle School on Wednesday. Kassie Weldon had six kills. Medina Vorpayeva had seven kills. Aubrie Hataway had 10 digs. Perla Contreras had six assists and Delaney Jones chipped in with four assists.

Coach Lauren Throop said the team played a good game and continues to work on fundamentals and communication on the court. "Everything is coming together slowly. I think we are a better team every day. We aren't where we want to be just yet, but as long as they get better each time on the court, that's what we're here to do."

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Heritage Palm Bay shuts out OHS football team

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Terrance Spivey returned an interception 91 yards for a score and Dedric Witherspoon had three touchdowns and Josh Harden two touchdowns as Heritage Palm Bay (5-0) shut out Okeechobee 40-0 in a District 14-6A game Friday night in Brevard County.

The Brahman were held to 97 yards in total offense, 74 of them behind the strong legs of senior running back Adrian Minonido. Okeechobee was in the game until the final minute of the first half when Spivey stepped in front of a slant pass and returned it untouched from his own nine yard line to the Brahman end zone. A fumble on the kickoff allowed Brevard another chance and quarterback Quinton Moxam found Witherspoon five yards behind the defense in the end zone for another touchdown and a 26-0 half time lead.

Coach Chris Branham said the worst possible scenario happened for his team late in the half. "The game of football is so much like life, you have plans and then surprise you're having triplets, you just deal with that and go on."

Branham said he probably should have been conservative and not thrown the football with a chance to score a field goal at the minimum. He said he felt there was an opening in the zone that his team could exploit, "Fans are yelling throw the football coach. I know my team better than anyone on this planet and I know our strengths and weaknesses. I want positive plays. I know what we do well and what we don't do well. I don't want to put our players in a hole that they have to dig out of."

Okeechobee had withstood a tough start as Trayvond Lee returned the opening kickoff 35 yards and Josh Gaines caught a 22 yard pass to put Heritage inside the Brahman red zone in the first minute of the game. Bobby Joe Garza, Mitchell Madrigal and Juanyae Ford teamed up for tackles in the back field and Witherspoon slipped on a fourth down attempt to turn the ball over to Okeechobee.

Linebacker Richie Raymond led the Panthers in tacklers on the night. He said the team used their speed to slow the Brahman run game.

"I read my keys like my coach told me to. We train hard at every practice at full speed and use agility drills," he added.

Witherspoon, who added a three yard touchdown run in the third quarter to make

it 33-0, said the Panthers have several backs that can get the job done. "We just come out and play hard. We have backs that can run the ball and we just try to play our game," he added.

Witherspoon added a one yard touchdown in the first quarter to give the Panthers a 12-0 lead.

Heritage's also got a first quarter touchdown run by Harden to camp an 11 play, 70 yard drive. Harden added a 27 yard run in the fourth quarter.

Heritage coach Ajay Ulmer said his team started slowly but played a better brand of football in the second half, "Okeechobee gave us everything we could handle. They

were physical and played hard. I'm real proud of the way we came out in the second half."

Ulmer said his defense has made it tough on opposing offenses to get anything going consistently. He said they play hard, are disciplined and make big plays.

Coach Branham said he was proud his team played hard and that they make Heritage work very hard to score, "Heritage is a fantastic team and they had to work for everything they go. Our defense played well. We played close for a half and could have made it a game if we scored before the half. This is a big district and we have four more games in district, the season isn't over."

Game notes: OHS stopped Heritage on two out of three two point conversion attempts. Heritage had 16 first downs and Okeechobee eight. Okeechobee was 3-10 on third down and the Panthers converted 2-5 third downs. Both teams had one interception. E.J. Neal returned an interception 10 yards for Okeechobee. Bubba Fludd had a 21 yard kick return for Okeechobee, (1-4). Arthur Woodruff had a fine game punting with 129 yards on four boots. OHS only had two penalties. Josh Gaines had 77 yards and Harden had 81 yards rushing for Heritage. quarterback Clinton Moxam threw for 71 yards and rushed for 35 yard for Heritage. Ford and Tyrell Taylor had tackles for loss. Linebacker Mitchell Madrigal and fullback Cory Vickers left the field due to injury in the second half.

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VS.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARY ALICE SMALL A/K/A MARY SMALL, DECEASED, et. al. Defendant(s),

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION

The Department of Environmental Protection gives Notice of its Intent to modify a solid waste operation permit to Okeechobee Landfill, Inc. at 10800 NE 128th Ave., Okeechobee, FL. This modification permits the biosolids composting operation at the Berman Road Landfill. The Department has assigned File Number(s) 40842-042-SO to this project. The Department's file on this matter is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Solid Waste Section, 2600 Blair Stone road, Tallahassee, Florida 32317.

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CASE NO.: 47-2013-CA-000296

CENLAR FSB Plaintiff,

VS. EVERETTE EARL WOOTEN, II A/K/A EVERETTE E. WOOTEN, LOUANN LEVERN WOOTEN A/K/A LOUANN L. WOOTEN, et al. Defendants.

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Dollar bill weight, roughly
 - 5 Dey job?
 - 10 Stream
 - 14 San
 - 15 Silly
 - 16 Adidas alternative
 - 17 From the top
 - 18 Blanche pseudonymous author of the 1983 best-seller "Truly Tasteless Jokes"
 - 19 "No ice, please" questions
 - 20 Terhune collie
 - 23 Annual sign of bad behavior?
 - 25 "Alice" singer
 - 28 Orator's vocal quality
 - 33 Sacramento daily
 - 34 Sched. B item on a 1040
 - 35 High point of an Alaskan trip?
 - 36 hours
 - 40 Seven-time N.L. batting champ
 - 41 Storm dir.
 - 42 They lead to an F
 - 43 Six-pack abs?
 - 45 Seat of Colorado's Pitkin County
 - 47 TriBeCa neighbor
 - 48 Blueprint subject, perhaps
 - 49 ers
 - 57 Frankfurt's river
 - 58 Phils, e.g.
 - 59 Deception
 - 60 '70s pinup name
 - 61 Beneficiary
 - 62 Its state bird is the cardinal
 - 63 2-Down unit
 - 64 Fixes
 - 65 Place to cross, on signs
- DOWN**
- 1 Seles rival
 - 2 Eye care brand
 - 3 Flock response
 - 4 "The Jungle Book" boy
 - 5 Dug, so to speak
 - 6 Heart lead singer Wilson et al.
 - 7 Where kip are spent
 - 8 Stillness
 - 9 Party poopier
 - 10 Underworld
 - 11 Where the iris is
 - 12 Neeson who voiced Aslan in the "Narnia" movies
 - 13 You may have a brush with it
 - 21 It merged with Continental in 2010: Abbr.
 - 22 Swindler, in slang
 - 25 Trinity test subject
 - 26 Locale
 - 27 Maker of pieces?
 - 28 Genetic letters
 - 29 One of the convicted Rosenberg spies
 - 30 Image Awards org.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Kiwanis Club welcomes two local guest speakers

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The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee hosted two guests at a recent meeting. Leah Suarez is the Director of Special Services for Florida Community Health Centers. Ms. Suarez spoke on the new Affordable Health Care

Act laws that will soon be taking place. Ms. Suarez's main focus was to clear up any misconceptions about the new laws and to answer questions.

The next speaker was Gene Broome, a Community Lending Officer for Seacoast National Bank. Mr. Broome gives seminars

and presentations to the public on how to raise your credit score. Mr. Broome gave a very small portion of that presentation to the Kiwanians in attendance.

Mr. Broome gave tips on how not to lose points on your score such as keeping your

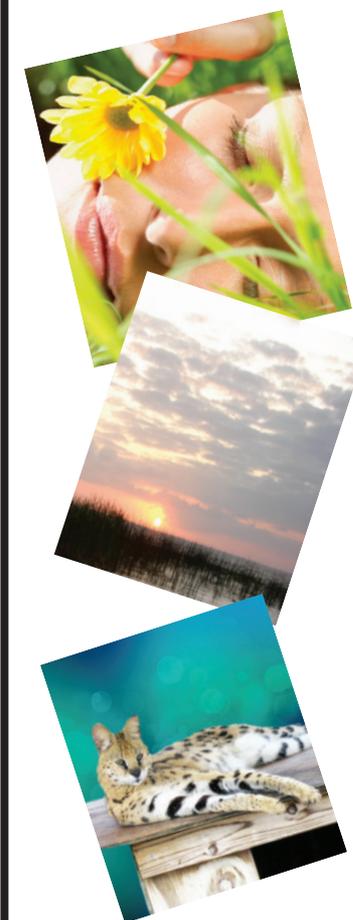
credit card balance at less than 40 percent of the maximum allowance. He also educated the crowd on myths associated with credit score, one such being that paying your bills on time helps, but not as much as you might believe.



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Kiwanian Courtney Crews (left) presented guest speaker Leah Suarez (middle) from Florida Community Health Centers. Kiwanis president J.D. Mixon is on the right.



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Gene Broome (left) of Seacoast National Bank is with Kiwanis presenter Teresa Chandler. John Geitner with Seacoast National Bank's Okeechobee branch is on the right.



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Research Center in Immokalee to be 'repurposed'

By Patty Brant

Special to the Okeechobee News

IMMOKALEE--Agriculture representatives are raising some concerns about the recent decision by University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) to "repurpose" the IFAS Research Center in Immokalee as a demonstration center.

Located on 320 acres on SR 29 outside of Immokalee, the IFAS Center in Immokalee opened in 1986 to provide research for agriculturalists in a five-county area - Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

A demonstration center uses applied research and works with the ag community.

The Immokalee site will still do "active, relevant work," Ruth Borger, Assistant VP for IFAS Communications, said. An advisory committee will be named to formulate the center's new focus. Made up of local ag interests, the board will offer an opportunity for local leaders to carve out a definitive role for this center.

Faculty will be transferred to other research and education centers. Staff at the Immokalee facility will be allotted time to complete current projects, ending operation as a Research and Education Center on September 1, 2014. This will also allow staff and faculty time to find other employment and relocate if necessary.

County Agent Gene McAvoy noted that, over the years, the extension office and growers have conducted many activities there.

He pointed out that an advisory committee will be appointed to meet with administration and mold the center's new role, but he did say he felt the extension service may need to take on some managerial responsibility for demonstration trials.

He said he is familiar with several of the IFAS extension and demonstration centers and has some concerns about future funding.

Mr. McAvoy said that the IFAS Center in Immokalee has always been important to the area's \$2 billion agriculture industry.

Citrus is huge. Vegetables are huge. Livestock is huge," he commented, adding that "research is essential to keeping our competitive edge."

He voiced concerns over the change to the program, noting that research is the only thing that sets American agriculture apart any more.

"We don't have cheap labor any more. We don't have cheap land any more. Research is all we have left to keep that edge."

The model has always been that IFAS research comes up with the information on local ag issues, which it then passed on by way of the extension to the growers. Mr. McAvoy is keeping an open mind, but said that it's hard to see how another model could be as effective.

The Gulf Citrus Growers Association President Wayne Simmons has similar concerns.

The announcement came as a surprise to area growers, catching them off guard.

"I thought we would have been involved more" in such a decision, Mr. Simmons said. He noted that recently the center's research staff has dwindled to six of its original 12 or so. Still, he recognizes that "we all must be efficient."

He said the outcome remains "up in the air," but said that agricultural folks are open to seeing what happens.

Mr. Simmons pointed out that the IFAS center has always provided important local research geared to local Southwest Florida growing conditions.

"I hope we don't lose the interaction with research," he said. He said they've been assured that the relationship between research and growers will continue.

He hopes representatives of all major local commodities from the area will be included in planning the future of the center, he added.

The change may save some costs, but is mainly an effort to consolidate duplicated programs, according to Ms. Borger. She said it's an attempt to become more effective with money, personnel and equipment.

The IFAS Center in Immokalee as approximately 70 employees on site: seven are faculty members, the rest are graduate students and staff.

It's focus has been on citrus, vegetable, horticulture, entomology, soil and water science and plant pathology research, as well as extension programs.

Duplication of services with Lake Alfred, Gulf Coast and Indian River Research and Education Centers is cited as the reason for the change. The UF/IFAS aim is to evaluate programming to "best serve southwest Florida interests."

The ultimate role the Immokalee cen-

ter will play has yet to be determined. Ms. Borger explained that details still need to be worked out.

Ms. Borger called the move a reclassifying of the site as a demonstration center. A research and education center has faculty in residence as well as county agents.

In the end, she said, the change will probably not even be noticed by the public. "We understand the huge impact on the community." Ms. Borger said, "the goal is to minimize that impact."

The institute hopes to enhance its service to the agriculture community. "We exist to help agriculture growers," she commented and promised, "we will not abandon that."

The advisory committee is to be chaired by the UF/IFAS District Extension Director Charles Vavina and Director of Operations UF/IFAS Hastings Partnership Scott Taylor. Agricultural and community stakeholders will be appointed to create a new vision for the site. This advisory committee is to be chosen this fall, with its recommendations due in the early Spring of 2014.

John Arthington, director of the Range Cattle and Research Center in Ona will preside over the center during the transition.

In a letter from UF/IFAS officials state:

"At a demonstration site we utilize multiple means to engage clientele in ways that help them learn about the latest varieties, methods, strategies and technologies that positively affect profitability and sustainability. It is clear from our existing demonstration sites (Hastings and Live Oak) that what makes this process effective is the collaborative spirit and approach that is adopted . . . As the future plans for the operation are developed we will have a better idea of the complete personnel requirements."



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Constitution Sunday

To celebrate Constitution Week, Sept. 17-23, the children at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church received bells during the worship service. These bells were to be rung on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. to commemorate the signing of the Constitution at that time 226 years ago in Constitution Hall. Left to right are Pastor Loy Mershimer, Amber Marquette, Cash Norman, Denny Baughman, Adriana Baughman and Aiden Welch.



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Peace Lutheran Church hosts Watercolor Exhibition

Peace Lutheran Church recently hosted a Watercolor Exhibition. From left to right are: Brenda Mueller, Pat Daubert, Jo Ann Butler, Beth Nicolas, Donna Whitney, Norma Bolyand, Egretta Wells Brakke Instructor, Glenda Easterday (in front), Verna Van Deman, Marty Grondil, and Viola Brandel.

Students of the Week.....



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Yearling Middle School

Yearling Middle School would like to congratulate the students of the week for the week of Sept. 20. The students are: Mireya Catalan, Marielt Barrera, Kelsi O'Cain, Cera Elliot, Tyra Smith, Janelle Markham, Karen Godinez and Grace Miller.



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Osceola Middle School

Thunderbolts and Gators couldn't keep these students from being nominated for Student of the Week! Congratulations to these students for Sept. 12: Saul Antunez, Cameron Campbell, Case Durrance, Anyssa Anselmo, Christopher Denton, Frankie Vines, Christian Irizarry, Jazzmyn Lara and Chase Pellicer.



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South Elementary

Congratulations to the Students of the Week at South Elementary School for the week of Sept. 20. They are: Giovanni Alvarez, Alex Deskin, Kali Morse, Diana Reyes, James Russo, Emma Jimmerson, Thalia Svatora, Tori Trent, Alison Denton, Estrella Robles, Noah Hummel, Latt Durrance, Joshua Viray, Kora Lemmerman, Brett Shockley Madyson McGuiness, Alexis Mundell and Lorena Urvina.



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Students of the week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week for Sept. 13. They are: Rachel Thompson, Justice Sanchez, Hally Arechiga, Steffany Rosales, Devon Ferrell, Darlene Santillan-Denova, Kain Joles, Khaleah Lovely, Hunter Daniels, Ryan Arnold, Kelly Galletto, Rosalia Jaimes, Lourdes Hernandez, Jasmine Desai, Erin Prieto, Devin Figueroa, Anna Robinson, Joy Whipple, Tristin Powers and Jose Sanchez.

Geological survey addresses state's sinkhole vulnerability

A \$1.08 million federal grant will allow the Florida Geological Survey, in conjunction with the Florida Division of Emergency Management, to conduct a statewide assessment of sinkhole vulnerability in Florida starting this fall.

The grant was funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in conjunction with the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The three-year project will start with geologists conducting a one-year pilot study in Hamilton, Columbia and Suwannee counties. The results of the pilot study will culminate in the production of a model that will generate a map showing the relative vulnerability of these counties to potential sinkhole forma-

tion. The resulting model will then be used to produce a statewide map during the following two years.

"Florida's geology is complex and this grant will allow the Florida Geological Survey to produce a predictive tool that will refine our understanding of sinkhole occurrence throughout the state," said Dr. Jon Arthur, Director of the Florida Geological Survey. "Ultimately, this assessment will aid planners, builders and environmental regulators for the betterment of human health and safety as well as the economy."

Sinkholes are a common, natural feature of Florida's landscape because Florida sits on several thousand feet of porous limestone. Porous limestone aquifers can produce billions of gallons of fresh water. Naturally acidic groundwater and rainwater dissolves limestone, leaving behind void spaces. The resulting void spaces can lead to the formation of sinkholes, caves, and springs, all of which are called karst features.

The information gathered will help improve the State of Florida Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan risk assessment section on sinkholes as well as its corresponding mitigation strategies. An appendix to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan will be added to the project's full findings.

"The Florida Division of Emergency Management is pleased to be a part of this project," said FDEM Director Bryan W. Koon. "Sinkholes present a potential hazard to many Floridians throughout the state. By better understanding sinkhole vulnerability in Florida, we will be better able to prevent loss of life and property and keep Florida's families safe."

The request was sparked by Tropical Storm Debby, which brought heavy rainfall to Florida in June 2012, triggering the formation of sinkholes. In the months leading up to Tropical Storm Debby's record rainfall event, most of Florida had been experiencing extreme drought conditions, resulting in lowered water levels in our aquifers. The result was an outbreak of sinkholes when rainwater caused dry underground voids—previously filled with water—to collapse.

Benefits of the project include more effective mitigation planning to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of sinkholes on Florida's population and infrastructure; better understanding of sinkhole susceptibility; an increased understanding of Florida's karst terrain and hydrogeology, and how that affects the state. The assessment will help environmental regulators, growth management planners, the construction industry and local governments in developing protective designs as additional information about Florida's geology will facilitate planning for possible sinkhole occurrences.

For more information about sinkholes, visit DEP's Online Newsroom or the Florida Geological Survey website.

Crafters wanted for bazaar at Peace Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church will have a Quilt and Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast and lunch will be sold and there will be a White Elephant Sale as well as crafts, plants, art, jewelry and beautiful quilts. A limited number of tables will be for rent to crafters at \$10 each. Call Dottie at 863-532-8100.

Martha's House holds Domestic Violence workshop

Martha's House will host the Cut Out Domestic Violence workshop for Salon Owners, Cosmetologists, Nail Technicians, Barbers, Massage Therapists, and Beauty Consultants on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 3 p.m. at The Hampton Inn on State Road 70 in Okeechobee. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Please contact: Shirlean Graham or Irene Luck to RSVP at 863-763-2893.

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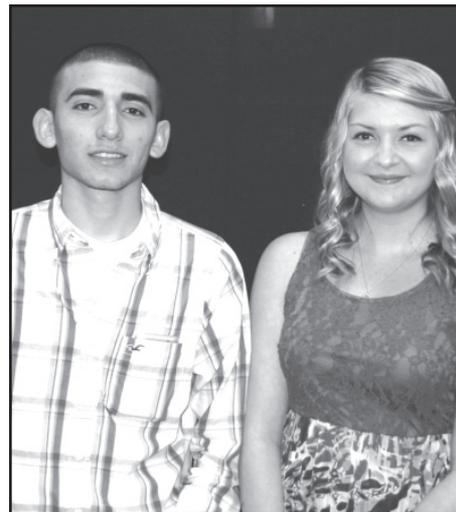
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OHS students honored at Scholarship Night



Special to the Okeechobee News
The Eli's Western Wear Scholarship was awarded by Samantha Durrance and Lynda Durrance to Shiloh Anuez, Allyson Trimble, Alexis Lopez, Cheyenne Thibodeau and Jenna Wolff at the 2013 Scholarship Night.



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The Sgt. L.T. Fields USMC Memorial Scholarship was presented to Gerardo Martinez and Jadie Underhill.



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The University of Central Florida Scholarship was presented to Tyler Chartier.



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The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Scholarship was presented to Shiloh Anuez, Kailey Hoover, Jessica Humphrey, Lexi Manson, Audrey Metcalf, Alexis Smith, Cade Stokes, Allyson Trimble, Jenna Wolf, and Sarah Davis (Not Pictured).



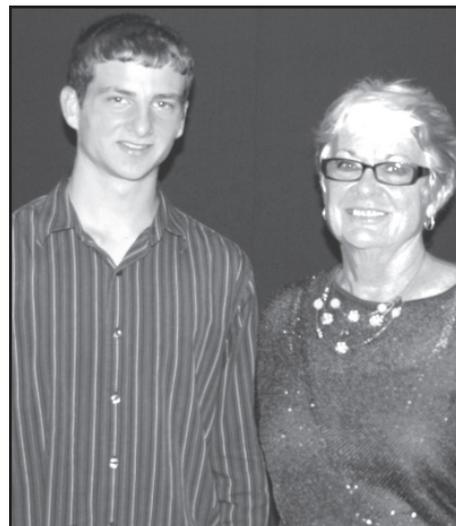
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The Okeechobee Cattlemen's Scholarship was awarded by Samantha Durrance and Lynda Durrance to Curtis Evans, Jenna Wolff, Allyson Trimble and Cheyenne Thibodeau.



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The Rotary-Carl T. Durrance Memorial Scholarship was awarded by Donna Gaiser to Casey Hurst.



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The Bank of America Scholarship was presented to Jared Gibson and Maria Salgado (Not pictured).



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Students achieving excellence

Everglades Elementary students achieving excellence in the classroom for the week of Sept. 27 include: kindergarten students, Ariel Boulware, Yasmine Torres, Riley Hight; first graders, Jorge Villegas, Cassie Lawrence, Alicia Salazar-Rendon, Emiliano Villegas-Leon; second grade students, Lindsey Hamilton, Victor Lopez, Melissa Fonseca, Dyson Nichols, Jaedon Gilbert, Alysia Rodriguez; third graders, Cayson Jarriel, Kanani Sims, Alaq Dowd-Grant, Gisell Rueda, Zachary Perdue, Kali Reichart, Mariana Luviano, Austin Derry; fourth grade students, Zack Widdifield, Itzabellly Meza, Kaley Smith, Joann Hickman; fifth grade students, Joann Hickman, Cameron Rucks, Daniel Estrada and Alexander Milling. Congratulations to our many outstanding students.



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OMS students honored

In honor of "Talk Like A Pirate Day," these Osceola Warriors had a favorite word: "ARRRRGGH!" Congratulations to the Students of the Week for Sept. 19: Katelyn Shaw, Casen Yates, Megan Jones, Itzel Guereca, Brendasia Byrd, Ayan Desai, Jesus Gomez, Lauren Bostwick, Desiree Daniel and Teacher of the Week, Miss Olson.



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Students of the week

Seminole Elementary would like to congratulate their Students of the Week for the week of Sept. 20: Adam Moore, Brandy Comfort, Veronica Tenorio, Evan Turner, Erick Lima Toledo, Jamie Tyson, Jonathan Hernandez, Shane Pettit, David Vanegas, Julie Castaneda, Jimmy Brown, Alexander Lima, Eli Deckard, Tony Chapa Jr., Kaylie Cross, Jesus Sanchez, David Pena, Leonardo Ibarra, Adamaris Fernandez, Christian Diaz, Jeremy Arnold, Tyler Comer, Eutimio Bucio, Dylan Deckard, Adeline Garcia, Miguel Montoya, Carlos Ceja, Emily Granados, Brian Garcia and Jordan Ebanks.



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A Princess for a moment

Natalie Rose Scott was at the Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta in 2012 and when she saw Taylor Fulford, Miss Okeechobee, she asked if she could be a princess just like her. Miss Fulford gladly took off her crown and let the little girl be a princess, even if it was just for a moment. The Adam Bryant Minimal Regatta will be held Oct. 5 this year so come on out and have a great time!