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# Know where sex offenders live

Parents advised to check online database and keep kids from trick-or-treating where sex offenders live

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Besides the threat of running into a vampire or werewolf, there is an even more dangerous

side to Halloween: The risk of a child knocking on the door of a sex offender while trick-or-treating.

There are currently 77 sexual offenders, six sexual predators and one juvenile offender who are registered with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). The number of registered sex offenders in Florida has increased 74 percent in the last five years while, nationwide, there has been a 23 percent increase.

"In this day and time, we must use good

common sense," said Sheriff Paul May. "Parents: Go with your children and watch what they collect at houses. If you're suspicious, throw it away. But, the most important thing is to watch your children at all times."

Michele Bell, OCSO public information officer and a member of the sheriff's sexual offender unit, urges parents to search their neighborhoods for sexual offenders by logging on to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. See OFFENDER — Page 5



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

OHS students learned it wasn't easy to text and push shopping carts as part of an exercise that emphasized how dangerous it is to text and drive.

## OHS students take safe driving pledge

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The week of Oct. 18-26 is National Teen Driver Safety Week and Okeechobee High School took part with several activities to hammer home the message of safety behind the wheel.

State Farm Insurance Agent Gretchen Robertson put on a "shopping cart while texting" contest at the school to let kids know how dangerous and distracting it is to text while

driving. The Florida legislature agreed, and earlier this year made it a crime to text and drive.

The students eagerly lined up and signed the pledge. It is a national campaign and more information can be obtained at facebook.com/celebratemydrive or at celebratemydrive.com.

The schools that have the most people sign up will earn grants of up to \$100,000.

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# Local woman accused of pointing gun at deputy

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee woman is lucky to be alive after she reportedly came out of her apartment while pointing a semi-automatic handgun at a local deputy.



Catrela Stallworth

Although Catrela Denise Stallworth claimed Friday night's incident was just a misunderstanding and she didn't hear the deputies announce themselves, one neighbor reportedly said they clearly heard a deputy holler "sheriff's office."

That neighbor apparently signed a written statement that the deputies knocked and identified themselves.

Stallworth, 33, U.S. 98 N., was arrested on a felony charge of aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer with a gun. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail, but has been released after posting \$7,500 bond.

"This is about as close as it could be to an

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# Civil Air Patrol visits Okeechobee Pre-K class

Submitted by 1st Lt. A. Garcia, CAP

The Okeechobee Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol visited Okeechobee's Pre-K program at South Elementary School as part of the CAP Aerospace Education Program. The four classes of young students learned about flight by making paper airplanes and also about aircraft history. South Elementary hosted CAP during Community Helper's Week. The students were extremely excited to learn about airplanes and meet with the Squadron's Aerospace Officers. Some students were so excited that they couldn't wait to tell the officers about their vast experiences in the field of Aerospace. Some of these related experiences were very impressive, especially coming from people of such a young age!

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**Aerospace Education Officer 1st Lieutenant Angel Garcia with son Wyatt prepare to launch a paper airplane much to the excitement of the teachers. Fortunately, the other 56 students were told to take their paper planes home and impress their parents instead.**

## In the military ...



**Pvt. Marcos Pinon** to continue his schooling in logistics. He is a 2013 graduate of Okeechobee High School.

Pvt. Marcos Pinon, son of Mary Pinon and Joaquin Pinon Sr. of Okeechobee, graduated from U.S. Army Basic Training on Sept. 12 at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He is now stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga.

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## Truck hits cow on S.R. 70 in Highlands Co.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY — A West Palm Beach man received minor injuries when the 1999 USF1E Freightliner he was driving hit a cow on State Road 70 early Tuesday morning.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Denroy Nelson, 51, of West Palm Beach was westbound on S.R. 70 around 2:40 a.m., west of County Road 721S, when the vehicle hit a cow. According to the FHP report, due to the lack of roadway lighting, the driver could not see the black cow in time to avoid a collision.

The front of the truck hit the cow, which was thrown to the north shoulder of the road, partially under the guardrail. The truck collided with the guard rail and came to rest jack-knifed in a ditch on the north side of S.R. 70. The cow was killed in the crash.

Mr. Nelson was transported to Florida Hospital in Lake Placid. According to the FHP report, Mr. Nelson was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident.



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# Okeechobee High School celebrates Homecoming

Special to the Okeechobee News

This is Homecoming Week for Okeechobee High School as they celebrate the class of 2014 and all of the reunion classes.

The highlights of the week include the parade, bonfire and Homecoming Day festivities.

The parade will be the traditional parade route beginning at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. Following the parade, the campus will be open for the Pep Rally and bonfire. The community is invited to the bonfire. The charge for the bonfire is \$3 and everyone except students with OFC and OHS school IDs will be seated on the visitor side of the

stadium. Following the PEP Rally, the traditional lighting of the bonfire will take place.

On Friday, Nov. 1, Homecoming pre-game festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the parade of the floats and the introduction of the Homecoming Court. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during halftime.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the week will culminate with the Homecoming Dance. The dance will be held from 7 – 11 p.m. Dress for the event is semi-formal. Gentlemen should wear ties and their shirts tucked in. Jeans are permissible as long as they do not have holes in them. Ladies should wear school

appropriate length dresses (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee).

## Community Choir starts rehearsals

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The Okeechobee Community Choir, in its fifteenth year under the direction of Sandy Perry, will begin rehearsing this Sunday, Nov. 3, for the annual Christmas cantata and other seasonal selections. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays from 2:30–4:30 p.m. at Okeechobee Presbyterian, 312 N. Parrott Ave. All interested singers, both locals and our Northern friends, are invited to participate. Singers should be able to match pitch and read music a smidgen. Rehearsals are stimulating and loads of fun! Music and rehearsal CDs will be provided for a nominal fee. Rehearsal attendance is suggested, but not mandatory. Last year, 52 singers representing 15 local churches participated. The cantata will be presented at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. For more information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714. If you love to sing, you'll love singing with us!



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## Millie Richmond visits Seminole Elementary

Seminole Elementary School was honored with a visit from Millie Richmond, a children's book author, on Friday, Oct. 25. This visit was a culmination activity at the end of the school-wide read of "Hildy," one of Ms. Richmond's books. Millie gave a presentation for the students on how to become an author, and explained the steps of the writing process. She had a very captivated audience, and the students really enjoyed the question and answer period. At the end, Millie gave the students a challenge for the 100th day of school. The challenge is to see if they can come up with 100 words that can be used instead of the word "went" by the 100th day of school. The students will accept the challenge!

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**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East north-east wind around 5 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. East southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

**Thursday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67. East wind around 5 mph.

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### Obamacare

• Out of curiosity I cross-referenced the address in London, Kentucky where Okeechobee's Affordable Care Act applications will be processed and turned up the name "SERCO." Further research caused chills to run up my spine as to "who" SERCO is, what they do, and found it just a little insulting that a British firm won \$1.2 billion dollar contract for doing so ... reckon there were no "American" companies that could hire paper pushers? Why a foreign company? Anyway, check out SERCO ... a British company, who just happens to already be under investigation in the UK and Australia ... but that's okay, surely they wouldn't do anything wrong to us, wouldn't use any of the information off our tax forms for anything illegal or underhanded, just processing insurance applications, right?

• "If you're one of the more than 250 million Americans who already have health insurance, you will keep your health insurance. This law will only make it more secure and more affordable." That's what the Liar in Chief said on Thursday, June 28, 2012 in a speech at the White House. Now, the truth is obvious.

• That Obama administration hired a computer company from Canada to set up the Obamacare exchanges is troubling enough. Wasn't there an American company that could do the job? Why outsource it? But now on the news they say that this company had trouble before and in fact the Canadians had to fire them and start over when they messed up a similar job there. Just who did they give campaign contributions to in order to get that contract for hundreds of millions of our tax dollars?

### Fishing tournaments

• The news of three big fishing tournaments to be held on Lake Okeechobee is encouraging. This will boost the local

economy. And it will also give the lake some much needed good publicity. The television stations have been bad-mouthing the lake all summer, blaming the lake water for the problems in the estuaries. But the lake is beautiful and the fish are fat and healthy. They need to consider the possibility that the problems in the estuaries may be coming from the runoff all along the river and not from the water from the lake.

### OHS

• Congratulations to the Okeechobee High School band for their Superior ranking at MPA. These kids compete against schools from much more affluent towns and they make us all proud. Most of the kids from Okeechobee never had any private music lessons. The band directors have to do it all, and the older students sometimes help teach the middle school kids.

### Exhibit at the courthouse

• I have to give the county commission credit for going forward with a good idea in turning the lobby and breezeway of the old courthouse into an art gallery. I look forward to seeing the photography show they are planning as well as art by locals. What a great place it will be to display the best works from the school art classes. Changing the exhibits every so often will keep it interesting.

### Toy guns

• On the news Monday night was the story of a 13-year-old boy who was killed because he apparently pointed a pellet gun at police. He was wearing a hood and the cops could not tell he was a kid. And because the toy gun did not have the required orange tip, the cops thought it was a real gun. When the cop yelled "drop the gun" and he didn't drop it, they opened fire. A witness said the cops said "drop the gun" twice before they shot. They showed the toy gun on TV next to a real gun and it was easy to see how it could have been mistaken for the real thing, especially at a distance. This is such a tragedy. Parents, if you let your children have toy guns, make sure they are properly marked with the orange tip. Kids sometimes break off the tip or cover it with tape because they think that looks cool. And make sure they know if a cop tells you to drop it, then drop it.

## Community Events

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### Eagles offering sandwiches

Cypress Hut Eagles 4509 will serve open-faced turkey sandwiches Wednesday, **Oct. 30**, by Carla and Debbie. On Thursday, **Oct. 31**, Fright Night hors d'oeuvres by Dennis will be served. The public is invited both days. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds from these events go to community and national charity funds. For information, call Cypress Hut Eagles at 863-467-1154.

### Class of 1984 plans reunion

The Okeechobee High School Class of 1984 will participate in the OHS Homecoming Parade on Thursday, **Oct. 31**. The Class of 1984 will meet at 5:15 p.m. behind U-Save. The parade starts at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, is the Homecoming game and social. On Saturday, Nov. 2, the reunion dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Speckled Perch Steak House. The cost is \$25 per person. For information, contact Laura Gainer-Cockrell at 863-801-4589.

### Eagles invite public to dinner

F.O.E. Aerie 4137, North Eagles, 9985 U.S. 441 N., will serve rib eye dinners from 6 until 9 p.m. Friday, **Nov. 1**. Entertainment will be by Flash. On Saturday, Nov. 2, five-card bingo starts at 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 5, bingo starts at 1 p.m. On Wednesday, Nov. 6, bingo starts at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend or the entire family and enjoy yourselves! Don't forget the yard sale at the Aerie on Saturday, Nov. 2 starting at 10 a.m. Proceeds go to support the various charities of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Call 863-763-2552 for information.

### OCT to stage comedy/musical

The Okeechobee Community Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning comedy-musical "The Drowsy Chaperone" on **Nov. 1, 2, 8 and 9** at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Nov. 9. Performances are at the Freshman Campus Auditorium, on Southwest Second Avenue at Seventh Street -- one block west of the Golden Corral Restaurant. Tickets are \$12 each. For information, visit [www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.okeechobeecommunitytheatre.com).

### Hog Round Up set for Nov. 1-3

The Fred Smith Rodeo Arena at the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation will host the Second Annual Swamp Doggers Hog Round Up on **Nov. 1-3**. The participants and their dogs will hunt all weekend and arrive at the arena on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, to weigh in their catches. On the day of the weigh in, to make it exciting for spectators, the arena will host several activities that everyone is invited to attend. These events include an open archery competition, a Red Ryder BB gun shoot for the kids, and a BBQ Rib & Swamp Cabbage cook-off. Local companies will bring buggies to display to the public and vendors are invited to set up booths. For information: call the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena at 863-467-6039; e-mail at [KendraMurphy@semtribe.com](mailto:KendraMurphy@semtribe.com); or, check-out [rezrodeo.com](http://rezrodeo.com).

### Eagles holding yard sale

Aerie 4137 North Eagles, 9985 U.S. 441 N., is having a huge yard sale Saturday, **Nov. 2**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be designer clothing, shoes and handbags, along with cookware and equipment for yard and home. Also included will be a bake sale. Monies go to the FOE community fund.

### Florida program planned

Rick Smith, son of author Patrick Smith, will present "Patrick Smith's Florida; A Land Remembered" at the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall on Tuesday, **Nov. 5**, at 7 p.m. The program includes a mixed-media show featuring Patrick Smith. The Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee, Main Street of Okeechobee, Friends of the Okeechobee County Library and the Okeechobee High School Brahman Drama Club are sponsoring this event with funding through a Community Partners for Health Through the Arts grant received by the Shands Arts in Medicine Program. A ticket is necessary for admission. Tickets are free and may be picked up at the library. For information online, go to [alandremembered.com/speaking-tour/](http://alandremembered.com/speaking-tour/).

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# Man and woman jailed on burglary charges

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A man and woman have been arrested for reportedly stealing a number of items, including a flat screen television and a water purifying system, from a local home.

Arrested Monday, Oct. 28, were: Michael Oliver Wright, 38, N.E. Brinkerhoff; and Melissa Dawn Alsdorf, 35, N.W. 34th Ave. Both of the Okeechobee residents were charged with the felonies of burglary of a dwelling and burglary of a conveyance, as well as two misdemeanor counts of petit theft each.

Both were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on bonds of \$15,000 each. Wright remains in jail, while Alsdorf has been released on bond.

An arrest report by Detective Javier Gonzalez, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated the victim in this case had reported on Oct. 26 his car stereo had been stolen along with a number of items from his home. Those items included: three bicycles; an electronic gaming system and controllers; a 20-inch flat screen television; an electric guitar with an amplifier; and, the

water purifying system.

The report stated OCSO Deputy Fred Bradley took the initial theft report and during his portion of the investigation noticed the stolen water system and bicycles at Alsdorf's home.

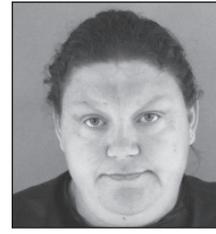
The case was later turned over to Detective Gonzalez who also went to Alsdorf's home. As he walked through her home, the detective reportedly saw the gaming system and controllers, the television, the guitar and the leather-wrapped amplifier.

According to the detective, Wright and

Alsdorf had reportedly already pawned the car stereo at a local pawn shop.



Michael Oliver Wright



Melissa Dawn Alsdorf

## OFFENDER

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ment's (FDLE) Florida Sexual Offenders and Predators website at [fdle.state.fl.us](http://fdle.state.fl.us).

"The website allows users to find any sex offender and predator living within a 5-mile radius of a particular address in Florida," she said.

She went on to explain that when parents search this state database they have several options.

If you are looking for a specific person, enter as much, or as little, information as you know. In most cases, you will want to do a very broad search. By simply typing your zip code into the search tool you will get a list, and photos if they are available, of every registered sex offender who shares your zip code.

Also on that search form, you will find the option to search within a 1 mile radius of an address you choose. Typing in your address will build a map that pinpoints the home — and sometimes the work address — of every registered sex offender within 1 mile of your home.

Mrs. Bell also explained that restrictions for convicted offenders can vary from case to case, and depends on court-ordered probation requirements and the crimes committed.

"Some offenders and predators have no restrictions. But, for the most part, offenders and predators aren't allowed to put up Halloween decorations or in any way entice kids to come to their doors," she added. "This mission doesn't just keep kids safe, it also helps these individuals stay out of trouble."

The sheriff's office urges all trick-or-treaters to be off the street by 9 p.m.

## GUN

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officer being shot, or having to shoot someone," said Sheriff Paul May. "I am very glad that neither one happened, and I am glad no one was hurt."

According to an arrest report by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Marcus Collier, he and fellow deputies John Hazy and Robbie Lamb were answering a complaint around 10 p.m. that someone was shooting stray cats in the area of some apartments on U.S. 98 N.

The deputies then went to one of the apartments and Deputy Collier knocked on the door. When he received no answer, he knocked again. This time a woman's voice reportedly asked "who is it?" Deputy Collier stated he replied by yelling "sheriff's office!"

Still, stated the deputy, no one came to the door.

At this time Deputy Collier and Deputy Lamb started to walk around the building to the back door, while Deputy Hazy stayed at the front door. But before the two deputies got around the corner of the building the front door of the apartment "flew open" and a woman stepped out with a black semi-automatic handgun and pointed it at Deputy Hazy, continued the report.

As the woman shouted an obscenity at

the deputies all three of them pulled their weapons and ordered the woman, later identified as Stallworth, to drop her weapon. The .40 caliber handgun had one round in the chamber and 10 rounds in the magazine, stated Deputy Collier.

Stallworth allegedly threw the gun back into the apartment and started backing into the house while saying it was a joke.

Deputy Lamb reached into the home and retrieved the gun as Deputy Collier reportedly ordered the woman to come out of the home. When she refused, Deputy Collier pulled Stallworth out of the apartment and handcuffed her.

The report indicated that Stallworth claimed she thought it was her cousins at the door and that they always play jokes like that. Stallworth's boyfriend, however, apparently told Deputy Collier she doesn't play with guns and she doesn't play jokes with her cousins using guns.

When questioned by the deputies, Stallworth allegedly denied hearing anyone call out "it's the sheriff's office!"

She also denied shooting any cats.

When the deputies first arrived on the scene they reportedly found a cat that had been shot and was moving its legs as if it was trying to run.

"Due to the cat suffering, it was decided that the cat should be put down," stated Deputy Collier, adding that the feline was put out of its suffering by Deputy Lamb.

## TEXTING

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The national winner will get a free concert by Grammy Award winner Kelly Clarkson.

Maurisa Tremain helped organize the events at the high school for the local State Farm Agent. She said anyone 14 and older can go on the website and make a safe driving commitment. She emphasized they won't be hit with spam on their email.

Ms. Tremain said the more people who sign up from Okeechobee, the better the chance the school qualifies for grant dollars.

"Anyone 14 and older can get on there. This is our first year doing it. We hope to get grant dollars for the school, but if not, look out for next year because we hope this will be an annual thing on National Teen Safety

Driving Week," she added.

They will also be at the football game Friday night to sign up parents, grandparents and spectators at the game.

Ms. Tremain noted the first year of driving is the most dangerous for teens. "With this shopping cart race we're showing how difficult it is to text and drive," she added.

During a pep rally at school Friday, students who sign the safe driving pledge can take part in the dunk tank and knock Athletic Director Kenny Buckner into the water.

Student Chris Epps said pushing the shopping cart around was difficult while he tried to text on his cell phone. "It was difficult to do. That is why I tell my friends to not text and drive because it's not safe."

There will also be a gift basket that includes an iPod Touch for the winning student, which will be announced on Friday.

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office website also has a safe driving campaign for teens.

## Community Events

### Okeechobee Healthy Start board to meet Nov. 6

Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **Nov. 6**, at 11 a.m. at their office located in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services for pregnant women and infants. The coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and healthy outcomes for babies in Okeechobee. For information, contact executive director Kay Begin at 863-462-5877.

### Craft Fair in the Woods planned for Nov. 9

The Craft Fair in the Woods will be held on Saturday, **Nov. 9**, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Freedom Ranch, 11655 U.S. 441 S.E. There will be handmade and homemade items, with Christmas decor, jewelry, woodcrafts, fine art, baked goods and so much more. For information on the event, or to become a vendor, call 863-763-9800.

### Republicans plan grand opening at new office

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County will facilitate a Grand Opening at the Okeechobee Office for the Republican Party on Monday, **Nov. 11**, from 5 until 7 p.m. The Republican Party's new location is 1126 S. Parrott Ave., in the White House Plaza. There will be refreshments, a ribbon cutting and a chance to meet your representative. For information, e-mail [info@okeechobeebusiness.com](mailto:info@okeechobeebusiness.com) or call 863-467-6246.

### Chamber of Commerce hosts Couponing Class

The Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County will host Brittany Ramos, author of 'ThePrudentPatron.com,' for a two-hour Grocery Coupon Workshop. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of how to shop with coupons using strategic couponing and menu planning techniques and achieve savings of 50 percent or more! The class will be held Wednesday, **Nov. 13**. Please register with the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County at 863-467-6246; or, go to the web site [www.okeechobeebusiness.com](http://www.okeechobeebusiness.com). There will be a \$5 fee that you will be able to pay right online when you register.

## Obituaries

### Edward R. Sippert, 58

OKEECHOBEE — Edward R. Sippert of Okeechobee died Oct. 28, 2013.

He was born Oct. 31, 1954 in Chicago, Ill.

He was a resident of Okeechobee for 48 years. He was a general contractor.

Mr. Sippert was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Clarence Sippert.

He is survived by three daughters, Logan Sippert of Okeechobee, Deidra Perez of Palm City and Michelle Perez of Okeechobee; five grandchildren; four brothers, John Stevens, Bobby Sippert (Alice), Mike Sippert all of Okeechobee and Glenn Sippert (Patti) of Palm Bay; two sisters, Joyce Sippert of Okeechobee and Dee Grimshaw (Gary) of Ga.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the online register book at [www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com](http://www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com)

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### Ruth 'Bobbie' Kauffman, 61

OKEECHOBEE — Ruth "Bobbie" Kauffman of Okeechobee, died Oct. 26, 2013.

She was born April 20, 1952 in Stubenville, Ohio to Robert and Dorothy McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Chester Mick McDonald.

She is survived by two daughters, Rochelle Kauffman and Nicole Eglinger (Mr. Eglinger); son, Jason Kauffman; two sisters, Dottie Gluhm (James) of Trenton, Fla., and Virginia Thompson (Ted) of Pineyfork, Ohio; brother, Donald Kirk McDonald (Penny); 12 grandchildren; many loving nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

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### Lorene Harvey Hancock, 87

KENANSVILLE — Lorene Harvey Hancock passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013 in Okeechobee. She was 87.

Born January 30, 1926 in Holopaw, Florida, to Bessie Johns and Hub Harvey.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William Wesley Hancock.

She is survived by her three sons, Leland (Linda) Hancock of Kenansville, Hubert (Joyce) Hancock of Abbeville, Ala., and Sammy (Ann) Hancock of Okeechobee; eight grandchildren; and numerous grand and great-grand children.

Services were held in Kenansville on October 25th, 2013.



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### Mattie Wyatt, 92

OKEECHOBEE — Mattie Wyatt of Okeechobee died Oct. 27, 2013.

She was born April 17, 1914 in Horry County, South Carolina. She was a resident of Okeechobee for 56 years. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, fishing, and talking and visiting with people. She was a tough, strong and beautiful woman. She was a member of the Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Wyatt was preceded in death by her husband, Forest Wyatt, Sr.; and three daughters, Martha Ann Mobley, Carolyn Rutledge and Dora Jane Amason.

She is survived by two sons, Forest Wyatt, Jr. (Dixie) and Bill Wyatt; daughter, Beatrice Castorina all of Okeechobee; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Susie Curlee (Tecil) of Charlotte, N.C.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013 at Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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### Scott Allen Pietro

OKEECHOBEE — Scott Allen Pietro died Oct. 27, 2013.

No services will be held.

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### Stanley 'Gator' Keith Caston, 60

OKEECHOBEE — Stanley "Gator" Keith Caston, 60, Okeechobee died Sunday, October 27, 2013. He was born April 22, 1953 in Goddardsburg, Alabama. He enjoyed playing music, singing and performing.

Mr. Stanley was preceded in death by his brother, Rock Caston; his mother, Mary Ellen Caston; father, Dewey Caston.

He is survived by his son, Thaddaeus Caston of Kemah, Texas; three daughters, Tabatha Caston King of luka, Miss., Shelena Borden (Chris) of Tennessee and Cassandra Caston of Lake Worth; nine grandchildren; one great grandchild; two brothers, Kenneth Caston (Linda) and Tim Caston (Kathy) of luka, Miss; four sisters, Judy Marlar (Wade) of Hattiesburg, Miss., Susan Belue of Elizabethtown, Ky., Donna Ham (Darnny) of luka, Miss. and Renee Shull of Burnsville, Miss.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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### Robert Lee Newsome

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### DAR to meet at library

The Okeechobee Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Saturday, **Nov. 2**, at the library. The library opens at 9:30 a.m., the meeting is at 10 a.m. If you have a patriot in your family, you are invited to attend.

### Eastern Star hosting luau

Bring your appetite and get ready for a feast like no other. On Saturday, **Nov. 2**, at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave., our dining room will be transformed into a lush tropical paradise island as Okeechobee Chapter No. 128, Order of the Eastern Star presents a Hawaiian Luau. For the dining pleasure of our ticket holders, we will offer dinner service at 4:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. The same bountiful and luscious menu featuring cuisine of Hawaiian-, Polynesian- and Asian-influenced flavors will be offered at both seatings. Tickets are only \$12 per person and can be purchased from any member of the Chapter. Seating is limited and no tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Mrs. Neicha Spiller at 863-357-7084 or Mary Ann Holt at 863-763-5210 for information or to order your tickets.

### Class of '94 plans reunion

The Okeechobee High School Class of 1994 reunion is planned for Saturday, **Nov. 2**, at the KOA from 7 until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. For information, contact Holly Branch Young at 863-634-8262.

### Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **Nov. 3** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. The kitchen will offer a limited menu. Payoffs will be determined by player attendance. All proceeds will benefit the American Legion veterans' programs. The event is open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

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# Local churches host special programs

**Haven of Rest Church**, 912 N.W. Second St., would like to invite all youth to a Radical Remnant Youth Revival, Oct. 31 thru Nov. 3. Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 31 and Nov. 2 and on Sunday, Nov. 3 services will be held at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information please call Gabrielle at 863-532-8546 or Pastor Tom Velie at 863-357-3053.

**Okeechobee Missionary Baptist Church**, 4212 Hwy 441 N. will host a Thanksgiving Harvest Festival on Nov. 2 starting at 10 a.m. There will be food, games and a lot of family fun. For more information, please call 863-763-3681.

The **Woman's Association of Okeechobee Presbyterian Church** will hold their annual bazaar on Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with entrance on Northeast Fourth Street. Crafts, baked goods and white elephant items will be on sale. For more information, call Betsy Cheney at 863-357-0465.

The **First United Methodist Women of Okeechobee** invite everyone to attend a fall bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 2, from

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall at 200 N.W. Second St. You will find a variety of Christmas ornaments, Christmas gifts, crafts, quilted items, nuts, baked goods, white elephant items and a silent auction. Plan on staying for lunch. Soup, sandwiches and desserts will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds will go to mission projects local, national and abroad.

**Southern Grace** will minister in song at Point of Light Fellowship, 15399 Hwy. 78 Lakeport, Fla. on Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. There will be a BBQ potluck dinner after. For more information, contact Teresa Woodhan at 863-227-4037.

**Believers Fellowship Church**, 300 S.W. Sixth Ave., in conjunction with the Okeechobee Ministerial Association, will hold a benefit Bar-B-Que for the Pentecostals of Okeechobee on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu consists of BBQ chicken with all the fixins, dessert and a beverage. The cost of the meal is \$10. There will be a gospel sing throughout the day. Plan on attending and help a church in need. To place orders for delivery, call 863-634-0515 or 863-763-4843. The final organizational meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. at Believers Fellowship Church. If you would like to help please attend the meeting.

A memorial service for Rene Hernandez, who went home to the Lord on Oct. 16, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at the **Believers Fellowship Church**, 300 S.W. Sixth Ave. All friends of Rene are invited to attend this special time of remembrance.

An old-fashioned **tent revival** featuring many guest speakers will be held from Nov. 11 to 16, at 7 p.m. nightly, at 1416 State Road 70 East, next to Racetrac. Everyone is

welcome. Come for fellowship, prayer, healing and salvation. For more information, call Pastor Mark Smith at 863-763-4127.

A **Praise and Worship Concert** will be held in Flagler Park on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 7 to 10 p.m. Bring an open heart and a chair. Bands and singers who would like to be part of this event may contact Ryan Reister or Kathy Rose at 863-697-1123.

**Okeechobee Mission Baptist Church** will host a discover youth program every Wednesday, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information call 8637-763-3681.

The **AWANA Club at Oakview Baptist Church** invites all children from pre-Kindergarten, ages 3 to fifth graders. The club is from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Come join in the fun as with the Cubbies, Sparks and T & T classes for Bible memory and game time fun! Call the church office for more details at 863-763-1699.

"Bible at Lunch Time" at **First United Methodist Church** has

resumed for the fall, same time, same place, but the day of the week has changed. Everyone is invited to bring a sack lunch (drinks are provided) on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m., Room #21, 200 N.W. Second St. The fall study is "Adventures in Prayer." Participants will look at the prayers of Daniel, David, Paul and, of course, Jesus, in a study from Moody by Stuart Briscoe; prayers and hymns from some of the masters: Augustine, the Welseys and the Reformers; the contemporary prayers of Catherine Marshall, Joyce Meyers, Henry Blackaby and Ravi Zacharias. For more information, call Nancy Vaughan at the church, 863-763-4021.

**Jesus Holy Ghost Crusade Ministry Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store**, 1401 N.E. Park St., is in need of donations of any type. All donations are tax deductible. Help is needed in putting a roof on the church and painting the building. The thrift store is open Monday-Friday from noon to 4 p.m. and the building fund yard sale will be the first and second Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The soup kitchen is under construction. For more information, call 863-634-9194.

**Victory Baptist Church**, 500 S.W. 9th St, would like to invite the public to attend any or all of their services each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. for all ages. Morning worship service is at 10:45 a.m. and includes old fashion singing and praising God. The youth "band," consists of the piano, violin, mandolin and guitar, as well as, various singing groups. Be blessed with the preaching of God's Word (KJV) and a church family with a heart of love. Wednesday evening prayer and Bible study is at 7 p.m. For more information, please call: 863-763-0669.



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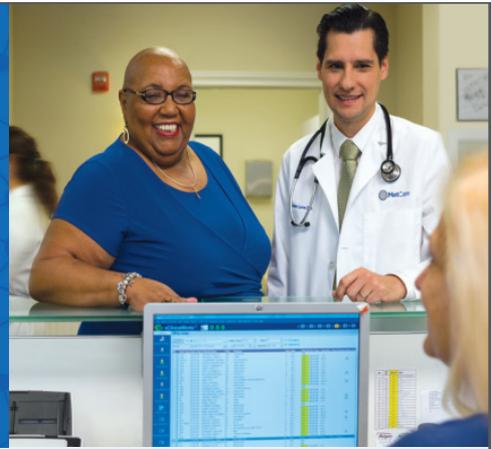
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# Seminole Elementary hosts Harvest Festival

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Seminole Elementary hosted a Harvest Fest for students, parents and staff on Oct. 18. The Harvest Fest consisted of a "Barn Dance" program initiated by our music teacher Mrs. Pam Gaucin.

One hundred and forty-four students learned and practiced dances for the "Barn Dance."

The program included nutrition and exercise elements from an Agricultural Grant awarded to Seminole Elementary School this year. At the nutrition station, Mr. James Taylor from the Florida Department of Agriculture spoke to students and parents about the vegetable of the month which is squash;

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At the exercise station, P.E. teacher Nancy Beth Rucks showed students how easy and fun it is to exercise with the Wii. Everyone joined in and had a blast.



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## Hospice to hold a yard sale

Hospice will hold a yard sale Wednesday, **Nov. 6**, and Thursday, **Nov. 7**, from 8 a.m. until noon. The sale is located at the corner of Southeast Fourth Street and Southeast Third Avenue at the blue building. For information, call 863-467-2321. Come check out the new items and furniture and collectibles. Donation are accepted daily.



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## Halloween Happenings

### Trick-or-treat is Oct. 31

The Okeechobee community will celebrate Halloween on Oct. 31. An adult should accompany youngsters who go trick-or-treating. All trick-or-treaters should be off the streets by 9 p.m.

### Churches host 'Trunk or Treat' at Flagler Park

Okeechobee Baptist Church, Oakview Baptist Church, The Pentecostals of Okeechobee, More 2 Life Ministries, Abiding Hope and Life Community Church will host "Trunk or Treat" in Flagler Park on Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Church members have been asked to

bring in bags of wrapped candy and they welcome help from the community. Local families who don't get a lot of "trick-or-treaters" in their neighborhoods are also invited to park their cars and hand out candy. The City of Okeechobee will close the streets between Flagler Parks 2-6 as a matter of public safety.

Those who plan to give out candy are asked to look for the men in orange at the park, who will direct them where to park or set up.

To volunteer help, or for more information, contact Pastor Jacob Hicks, pastor of recreation and children at First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, 863-763-2171, Ext. 208.

### Handy Store hosts Halloween Celebration

The Handy Food Store, 2790 Hwy 441 South, next to the Home Depot. Will host a Haunted Halloween Celebration Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. there will be candy bags, costume contest, snacks, music and more.

### Church to host Halloween party

The Okeechobee Christian Church, 3055 S.E. 18th terrace, will host a Trunk-N-Treat on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. There will be games, food and treats.

### Public Library plans Halloween Storytime

The Okeechobee Public Library will hold a **Halloween Storytime** on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 3:30 p.m. Participants are invited to come in costume. The group will celebrate "trick-or-treat" following the story.

### Legion hosts Fall Festival

The Okeechobee American Legion will hold a Fall Festival with carnival rides Oct. 31-Nov. 3 on the Legion Grounds at 501 S.E. Second St. The festival will open at 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday; at noon on Saturday; and, 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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## Having a Primary Care Provider is important, even if you are healthy

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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

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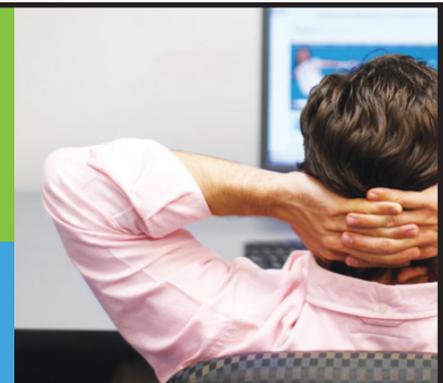
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## OHS Marching Band rated Superior in all categories

The OHS Marching Band participated in Florida's Bandmasters Association's Music Performance Assessments in Jensen Beach on Oct. 26. They received a Superior rating in every category. They are now preparing for a trip to the state competition in St. Petersburg on Nov. 23. They will be reach out to the community for assistance for this trip. To see more pictures, like their Facebook page listed under Okeechobee High School Brahman Band.

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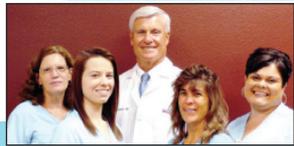
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# Report: Couple caught with methamphetamine, pills

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

A couple was arrested on a variety of felony drug charges after deputies were alerted by a local automobile dealership that they were apparently impaired.

An Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) arrest report indicated that even though an employee at the U.S. 441 S. dealership was unsuccessful at stopping the couple, they were taken into custody just a few blocks away.

Arrested Friday, Oct. 25, were Steven Jacob Powell, 39, N.W. 35th Ave., and Kristie Nell Courson, 34, of the same Okeechobee address.

Powell was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam) without

a prescription. He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license suspended.

He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$9,000 bond.

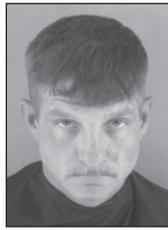
Courson was charged with possession of methamphetamine, tampering with evidence, introduction of contraband into a county detention facility, possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), possession of a controlled substance (morphine) without a prescription and possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam) without a prescription. She was also charged with the misdemeanors of possession of a harmful new legend drug without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.

She is being held in the county jail on \$32,000 bond.

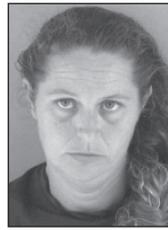
The arrest report by Deputy John Hazy stated a gold Jeep Liberty had left the dealership and was heading north on the four-lane highway. While talking with a sheriff's office dispatcher, the caller said the woman in the car had a syringe in her arm while at the dealership, added Deputy Hazy.

OCSO Deputy Matt Hurst stopped the vehicle near the 3200 block of U.S. 441 S.

After Deputy Hurst had placed Powell in wrist restraints, he apparently saw Courson



Steven J. Powell



Kristie Nell Courson

trying to hide something between the passenger seat and the center console. As Courson got out of the Jeep, Deputy Hurst allegedly saw a syringe near the center console and a cap to the syringe in the passenger seat where the woman was sitting.

During a search of the vehicle the deputies reportedly found: a broken glass pipe; a cigarette package containing several pills; three pill bottles belonging to Powell; and, a small plastic baggie containing suspected methamphetamine.

When that substance was field tested, it reportedly indicated a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine. The suspected meth weighed .2 grams, added the arrest report.

As OCSO Deputy Fred Bradley was preparing to take Courson to jail, she was apparently seen trying to hide some sort of container in the back of his patrol car. Deputy Hazy said that container held 15 oxycodone 30mg pills, five oxycodone 15mg pills and one alprazolam 5mg bar.

"She had not been thoroughly searched due to no female deputy being available," stated Deputy Hazy in his report.

Once at the jail, she was searched again and a small box was reportedly found under her bra. The box apparently contained

two, 10mg morphine pills and one, 10mg cyclobenzaprine pill. Although morphine is a narcotic, cyclobenzaprine is not.

Deputy Hazy added that pills found in the cigarette box were: five, methocarbamol 500mg; two acetaminophen and oxycodone 325mg/10mg; and one acetaminophen 500mg pill, which is not a controlled substance. He went on to say that two of the three prescription bottles found on Powell contained the proper medications. One clonazepam bottle was also found to have three alprazolam 2mg bars in it, added the deputy.

Records also indicate Courson has had several run-ins with the law lately and is currently free on bond.

On July 11 she was arrested in Okeechobee on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (oxycodone), grand theft, giving false information to a pawnbroker and dealing in stolen property. Her bond was set at \$22,500 and she was released from the county jail on bond.

She was arrested that same day on a Glades County warrant charging her with grand theft. She was released from the Glades County Jail on Oct. 14 after posting \$10,000 bond.

Then, according to records, Courson was arrested on Oct. 1 in Okeechobee County on a charge of grand theft. Her bond was set at \$5,000, and she was released from jail after posting bond.

## Okeechobee Arrests

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).

- Jesus Torres, 26, N.W. 35th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 26 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on a federal warrant charging him with the felony of conspiracy to manufacture/distribute/possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. He is being held without bond.

- Nathaniel Aaron T. Doctor, 17, S.E. 23rd St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 26 by Deputy Cody Hurst on a felony charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and a misdemeanor charge of affray. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail then released into the custody of a family member.

- Faith Marie Kahn, 19, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 26 by Officer Ryan Holroyd on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), and misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia (three counts). Her bond was set at \$6,500.

- Christopher Lee Jenkins, 37, N.E. Seventh Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 28 by Officer Cesar Romero on a felony charge of petit theft, and misdemeanor charges of trespass after warning and resisting a merchant. His bond was set at \$6,000.

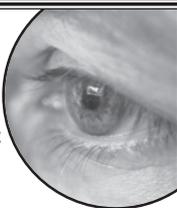
- Jason Travis Gwaltney, 22, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 28 by Deputy Joe Gracie on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of dealing in stolen property (five counts), giving false information to a secondary metals recycler (five counts), burglary of a structure and burglary of a dwelling. His bond was set at \$57,500.

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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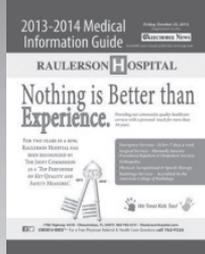
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## Real Estate

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Public Notices

Public Notices

EXTENSION OF EXISTING LEASE TERM CATTLE LEASE OPERATION OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will be extending the term of a cattle lease number 4600002051 for approximately 4,465.22 acres more or less, located in:

Section 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, Township 36 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida

Further information on this extension can be obtained by contacting Sharman Rose, Sr. Contract Specialist, Procurement Bureau at (561) 682-2167. 455781 ON 10/30;11/6,13/2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the local Emergency Food and Shelter Board will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at the Big Lake Lab, located at 610 N. Parrott Ave. in Okeechobee.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for these funds should call the Chair before above date to apply. Deadline for applications is November 6, 2013 before 5:00 p.m.

A National Board that is chaired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consists of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches in Christ in the USA, The Salvation Army, and the United Way.

A local board is charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs around the County.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local Agencies chosen to receive funds must: be private voluntary non-profits or units of government; have an accounting system; practice nondiscrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and if a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Local Chair, Mary Anne Swinford @ (863) 763-5725. 455763 ON 10/30/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 47-2012-CA-000301

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-7, Plaintiff, VS. WINIFRED J. JAMES, LEE JAMES, UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed September 25, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000301 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Okeechobee, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor of the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 Northwest 3rd Street, Jury Assembly Room, 2nd Floor, Okeechobee, FL. 34972 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 20th day of November, 2013 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 40, R-Bar Estates, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 31 and 32, Public Records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 26th day of September, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF TH CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk

MCCALLA RAYMER, LLC, ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 1110 SE 6TH STREET FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 (407) 674-1850

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

454430 ON 10/30;11/6/2013

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 472013CP000102CPAXMX

IN RE: ESTATE OF ELSIE M. LANIER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ELSIE M. LANIER, deceased, whose date of death was July 14, 2013; File Number 472013CP000102CPAXMX, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the curator and the curator's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: October 30, 2013. Reliance Trust Company Curator 3601 PGA Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Randall C. Doane, Esq. Attorney for Curator Email: rdoane@doanelaw.com Secondary Email: ngarrigan@doanelaw.com; dwiggins@doanelaw.com Florida Bar No. 0315321 Doane & Doane, P.A. 2000 PGA Boulevard, Suite 4410 North Palm Beach, Florida 33408 Telephone: (561) 656-0200 455566 ON 10/30;11/6/2013

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 13-CP-121

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFFREY CLARK PIERSON Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of Jeffrey Clark Pierson, deceased, whose date of death was August 21, 2013 and whose social security number is 158-34-7645, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Probate Division, the address of

Public Notice

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY NE 80th AVENUE AND NE 48th STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BID # 2013-19 C&T PROJECT NUMBER 12-148 INVITATION TO BID

Sealed BIDS will be received by Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners until 3:00 P.M., local time, on December 3, 2013 at 304 NW 2nd Street - Room 222. BIDS will be publicly opened by the County Clerk or designee and read aloud. Any BIDS received after the time specified will not be accepted.

The BIDS shall be based on furnishing all materials, equipment, and labor for the # 2013-19, NE 80th AVENUE AND NE 48th STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

All materials furnished and all work performed shall be in accordance with the Drawings, Specifications and Contract Documents as prepared by Culpepper & Terpening Engineers, Inc. and/or pertaining thereto, which may be examined at or obtained from:

Engineer Culpepper & Terpening Engineers, Inc. 2980 South 25th Street Fort Pierce, Florida 34981 Phone: (772) 464-3537; Fax: (561) 464-9497 Or

Owner Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, FL 34972 (863) 763-6441

A non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 will be required for each set of Construction Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents. Checks are to be made payable to Culpepper & Terpening Engineers, Inc. Contract Documents can be obtained by express mail upon receipt of vendor's check and express mail account number. Contract documents can also be downloaded at no cost at the following FTP: https://ct-eng.basecamp.com/id/invitations/3d297508c0ed8dcb3f5e8265146982 Enter the following case sensitive username and password.

Username: GuestCT Password: Culpepper

At the FTP site, look for the Okeechobee County/NE 80th Culvert Replacement and Intersection improvements/ directory to locate the bid documents and plans.

Bidders will confine their bids to the project in its entirety. Partial bids will not be accepted. Each bidder will submit with their bid evidence that the bidder is licensed to perform the work and services or qualified by examination to be so licensed. Bidders who fail to include proper evidence of licensure will be considered non-responsive and their Bid will be discarded.

Each bid must be submitted in TRIPLICATE (ONE ORIGINAL & TWO COPIES) and accompanied by an acceptable Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid payable to the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners, as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted the bidder will execute the contract and file acceptable performance and payment surety bonds equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price within ten (10) days after written notice of the award of contract.

Contractors currently in default on a construction contract or currently in litigation with Okeechobee County or another municipality may not submit a Bid Proposal for this Contract. Contractors submitting a bid under any of the circumstances mentioned will be rejected as being non-responsive.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of ninety (90) days after date set for opening of the bids.

There will be a MANDATORY pre-bid conference on November 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse, 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 201, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Written questions shall be submitted to the Engineer no later than November 20, 2013 by 3:00 PM. If any questions are submitted, an addendum will be sent out to those in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid conference addressing the questions.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive informalities in any bid, and delete any portion of the project, at the sole judgment of the Owner.

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

The Owner has the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bids must be sealed and the outside of the envelope MUST be marked: "BID - OKEECHOBEE COUNTY - NE 80th AVENUE AND NE 48th STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, County Bid # 2013-19, C&T PROJECT # 12-148"

Sharon Robertson, Clerk Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida 455785 ON 10/30/2013 Frank Irby, Chairman Board of County Commissioners Okeechobee County, Florida

Personal Representative Devin R. Maxwell Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 172693 eservice@maxwellandmaxwell.net Maxwell & Maxwell, P.A. 405 NW 3rd Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 Telephone: (863) 763 1119 455502 ON 10/30;11/6/2013

which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this Notice is October 30, 2013. Dated this 22nd day of October, 2013. Phoebe Pierson Carleton

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. CASE NO: 2013-CA-220

PRAIRIE ESTATES LLC, Plaintiff, VS. Estate of EWART L. ANDERSON, deceased, the Successor Trustee of the EWART L. ANDERSON REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT u/a/d February 5, 2009 and LINDEEN LLC, Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION TO: Successor Trustee of the EWART L. ANDERSON REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT u/a/d February 5, 2009, whose last known address was 1485 Harbourside Drive, Weston, Florida 33326; and all parties claiming interest therein, under or against the EWART L. ANDERSON REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT u/a/d February 5, 2009 and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Foreclose on the following described real property, to-wit: PARCEL 8 DESCRIPTION Being a parcel of land lying in Section 9, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, said parcel being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of said Section 9, Thence South 01° 29' 58" West, a distance of 1927.33 feet along the West line of the said Section 9 to the Point of Beginning; Thence North 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 1132.92 feet; Thence South 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 1384.00 feet; to the intersection with centerline of existing dirt grade; thence along the said centerline, the following courses and distances:

Thence South 76° 58' 38" West, a distance of 107.43 feet; Thence South 65° 06' 57" West, a distance of 97.45 feet; Thence North 81° 05' 20" West, a distance of 126.32 feet; Thence South 73° 23' 55" West, a distance of 172.78 feet; Thence South 66° 12' 18" West, a distance of 272.78 feet; Thence departing the said centerline, South 90° 00' 00" West, a distance of 441.48 feet; Thence North 01° 29' 58" East, a distance of 1589.61 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING: 40.04 acres of land, more or less. SUBJECT TO: An easement for ingress and egress being more particularly described as follows: An easement over a strip of land, 30 feet in width lying in Sections 9 and 16, Township 34 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, being more particularly described as lying 15 feet on each side of the following described centerline: Commence at the Southeast corner of the Northeast one-quarter (1/4) of said Section 16, Thence along the East-West one-quarter (1/4) line of said Section 16, South 89° 12' 25" West, a distance of 79.79 feet to the intersection with the centerline of an existing dirt grade; Thence, departing said East-West one-quarter line, and along said centerline the following courses and distances:

Thence North 19° 28' 27" West, a distance of 41.30 feet; Thence North 66° 37' 01" West, a distance of 144.18 feet; Thence North 31° 45' 39" West, a distance of 98.75 feet; Thence North 17° 00' 38" West, a distance of 253.36 feet; Thence North 21° 22' 22" West, a distance of 368.37 feet; Thence North 08° 21' 24" West, a distance of 281.77 feet; Thence North 02° 02' 56" West, a distance of 323.78 feet; Thence North 75° 43' 12" West, a distance of 213.51 feet; Thence North 52° 45' 57" West, a distance of 402.79 feet; Thence North 69° 04' 21" West, a distance of 493.07 feet; Thence North 69° 30' 12" West, a distance of 129.34 feet; Thence North 63° 47' 56" West, a distance of 139.53 feet; Thence North 69° 42' 03" West, a distance of 327.81 feet; Thence North 53° 45' 44" West, a distance of 167.70 feet; Thence South 73° 47' 04" West, a distance of 170.18 feet; Thence South 47° 21' 39" West, a distance of 164.70 feet; Thence South 61° 33' 04" West, a distance of 234.67 feet; Thence South 37° 33' 19" West, a distance of 108.51 feet; Thence South 17° 30' 31" West, a distance of 366.97 feet; Thence South 56° 32' 52" West, a distance of 154.91 feet; Thence North 07° 08' 24" West, a distance of 86.55 feet; Thence North 30° 30' 37" West, a distance of 180.61 feet; Thence North 02° 06' 36" East, a distance of 99.05 feet; Thence North 03° 11' 56" West, a distance of 181.76 feet; Thence North 25° 46' 57" West, a distance of 135.37 feet; Thence North 86° 13' 52" West, a distance of 226.71 feet; Thence North 66° 25' 11" West, a distance of 112.80 feet to a point hereinafter referred to as Point "A"; Thence continuing along said centerline North 53° 32' 26" West, a distance of 55.08 feet; Thence North 69° 37' 55" West, a distance of 145.82 feet; Thence North 28° 18' 42" West, a distance of 142.14 feet; Thence North 29° 30' 59" West, a distance of 285.40 feet; Thence North 25° 56' 29" West, a distance of 386.35 feet; Thence North 26° 55' 36" East, a distance of 199.83 feet; Thence North 08° 14' 22" East, a distance of 356.14 feet; Thence North 23° 12' 22" West, a distance of 386.86 feet; Thence North 08° 14' 22" West, a distance of 147.84 feet; Thence North 15° 21' 23" East, a distance of 686.58 feet; Thence North 66° 12' 18" East, a distance of 272.78 feet; Thence North 72° 23' 55" East, a distance of 172.78 feet; Thence South 81° 05' 20" East, a distance of 126.32 feet; Thence North 65° 06' 57" East, a distance of 97.45 feet; Thence North 76° 58' 38" East, a distance of 132.78 feet; Thence North 78° 39' 27" East, a distance of 360.61 feet to a point hereinafter referred to as Point "B"; Thence continuing along said centerline North 59° 46' 44" East, a distance of 213.81 feet; Thence North 82° 54' 24" East, a distance of 129.82 feet; Thence North 70° 54' 01" East, a distance of 403.21 feet; Thence North 68° 13' 18" East, a distance of 414.41 feet; Thence North 86° 16' 01" East, a distance of 140.65 feet; Thence North 75° 54' 20" East, a distance of 254.85 feet; Thence North 83° 38' 30" East, a distance of 216.17 feet; Thence North 86° 27' 48" East, a distance of 181.00 feet; Thence North 80° 47' 59" East, a distance of 228.05 feet; Thence North 65° 30' 53" East, a distance of 315.81 feet; Thence North 47° 01' 49" East, a distance of 78.83 feet; Thence North 30° 07' 14" East, a distance of 92.46 feet; Thence North 58° 22' 01" East, a distance of 247.15 feet; Thence North 35° 36' 11" East, a distance of 613.65 feet; Thence North 63° 09' 35" East, a distance of 438.77 feet; Thence North 90° 00' 00" East, a distance of 156.60 feet; Thence North 58° 08' 45" East, a distance of 106.59 feet; Thence North 32° 04' 42" East, a distance of 63.19 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION. BEGINNING at the aforesaid Point "A" thence North 43° 05' 32" East, a distance of 149.73 feet; Thence North 86° 42' 24" East, a distance of 200.76 feet; Thence North 51° 11' 30" East, a distance of 62.14 feet; Thence North 00° 00' 00" East, a distance of 50.78 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION. BEGINNING at the aforesaid Point "B" thence South 08° 27' 50" East, a distance of 147.26 feet; Thence South 38° 45' 12" East, a distance of 350.29 feet; Thence South 47° 32' 02" East, a distance of 387.84 feet; Thence South 57° 05' 02" East, a distance of 215.57 feet; Thence North 82° 47' 05" East, a distance of 249.81 feet; Thence North 82° 18' 28" East, a distance of 332.07 feet; Thence North 87° 16' 30" East, a distance of 326.11 feet; Thence North 67° 36' 25" East, a distance of 244.19 feet; Thence South 78° 14' 13" East, a distance of 211.26 feet; Thence South 69° 23' 06" East, a distance of 117.48 feet to the POINT OF TERMINATION.

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to JOHN D. CASSELLS, JR., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 968, 400 Northwest 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34973, within thirty (30) days from 1st publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs Attorney or immediately thereafter, otherwise a Default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This Notice shall be published once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the "Okeechobee News". DATED this 18th day of October, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON Clerk of the Circuit Court BY: Arlene Nealis, DEPUTY CLERK 455302 ON 10/23,30/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case No. 47-2012-CA-000214

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff VS. VENTURA HERMANDEZ, ET AL.; Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated OCTOBER 1, 2013 entered in Civil Case No. 47-2012-CA-000214 of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff and VENTURA HERMANDEZ, RAUL RUIZ, ET AL; are defendant(s). The Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, second floor, 312 North West 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 45, FLORIDA STATUTES, AT 11:00 AM, NOVEMBER 13, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

THE SOUTH 145 FEET OF LOT 27, WHISPERING PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 25. TOGETHER WITH A DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, TITLE #S 16118255 AND 16118256 AND VIN #'S GDOCF146784993A AND GDOCF146784993B.

Property Address: 3690 NW 4TH AVE, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972-1752 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED at Okeechobee, Florida, this 10th day of October, 2013.

SHARON ROBERTSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT BY: Sandra L. Creech Deputy Clerk

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Marinacci Law Group, P.C. 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954) 644-8704 454645 ON 10/23,30/2013

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# Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1 Esther Williams number
- 2 One who "must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES": Eliot
- 3 Stage manager's exhortation
- 4 Opposite of hence
- 5 1870s period costume named for a Dickens lass
- 6 Grille cover
- 7 Composer of "The Lovely Bones" music
- 8 1986-to-2001 orbiter
- 9 In sequence
- 10 Mason's fee
- 11 Ones waiting for bottle openers?
- 12 Storm's dir.
- 13 Ulster, for one
- 14 Indicate indifference
- 15 Printers' primary colors
- 16 Debt-laden fin. deal
- 17 Derisive call
- 18 Pep rally climax, perhaps
- 19 Transfer consequence, familiarly
- 20 Wood used in bows
- 21 Grinds
- 22 Auto club recommendation
- 23 It's for the dogs
- 24 Trig. function
- 25 Like some prescription lenses
- 26 Took after
- 27 Establish firmly
- 28 \_\_\_ Zion Church
- 29 Soprano Marton
- 30 Milne tyke
- 31 Hippie era swinger?
- 32 Heel in a bakery
- 33 Life-support system?
- 34 Paris's Pont \_\_\_ Arts
- 35 Mona Lisa Vito in "My Cousin Vinny," for one

- 32 Mars and Mercury
- 33 Mint family plant
- 34 Eleventh-hour panic
- 35 "The Horse Fair" artist Bonheur
- 36 String in a preschool class?
- 37 Subterranean rodent
- 38 Narrow waterway: Abbr.
- 39 Fluffy clouds
- 40 Colorful talker
- 41 Style, as hair into a bouffant
- 42 Crusader's targets
- 43 Kierkegaard et al.
- 44 Butler's estate, for a time
- 45 \_\_\_ Bund: Swiss newspaper
- 46 Pewter component

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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# SUDOKU

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	1							5
2				5				1
		3	7					
		4	1					5
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7	9				2			6

Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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8	9	6	7	2	1	3	5	4
4	5	8	7	2	1	3	5	6
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5	1	6	4	3	8	7	2	9
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## Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

- The Okeechobee High School Lady Brahman **bowling** team defeated Sebring in their final match of the regular season, 4-3. Okeechobee lost the first game 771-745, won the second game 779-682, and two baker games 146-137, and 190-150. Jessica Olney rolled a high game of 192, Kirsten Doney 184, and Ashley Byrd 161.

Coach Carole Olney said she got the girls regrouped after the first game and they dug down deep and came through. "We beat one of the best teams in our district at their home turf and I'm so proud of everyone on the team," she said. The Sebring boys defeated Okeechobee 7-0. Sebring knocked over 1,000 pins in each game in a strong performance.

- The OHS bowling team finished out of the running at the District Tournament in Stuart on Monday. The girls finished in fifth place led by Jessica Olney who rolled a 618 series. Ashley Byrd bowled a high game of 187 and Kirsten Doney bowled a high game of 178. Meghen Davis had a high game of 158. The Brahman boy's team was led by Brian Chapman who bowled a 608 series.

Austin Walker rolled a 200 game during the tournament. Coach Carole Olney said districts included a change in lane after every game and that the team didn't adjust fast enough to the way the lanes read. Olney said the girls played well in the first and third games but let up in the second game and couldn't recover. The team did improve one position from last year's sixth place finish. No individual bowlers made it to the state tournament this year. The cutoff was 620 pins for the girls.

Olney said seniors Samuel Rogers, Raina Robinson and Kirsten Doney bowled their final high school match at districts.

- The OHS **volleyball** team, (14-10), qualified for regional last week with a win over South Fork. The Lady Brahms were swept by Jensen Beach in the championship match on Thursday. Okeechobee will travel to Pembroke Pines Charter School on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. to compete in the regional quarterfinal match.

- The Okeechobee **Youth Football League** senior team will compete in a play-off game this Saturday versus Frostproof, a team they defeated 16-0 earlier in the year. The game will be played in Lake Placid.



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