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OCSO Deputy Jose Garduno strains to flip a tractor tire as he and five others tried out Thursday for the OCSO Special Response Team. Urging him on are current SRT members Deputy John Ashby (back left) and Detective Javier Gonzalez (back right).

SRT hopefuls push bodies to the limit

Deputies, medics try out for Special Response Team

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Six deputies and two fire medics were put through a series of grueling physical tests as they toiled to become the newest members of the Special Response Team (SRT)

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OCSO Deputy Matt Hurst (facing), looks on as Fire/Medic Jarrod Akins, from Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue, practices handling his handgun.

Sheriff: Higher number of calls justifies budget

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

As Okeechobee county commissioners and the sheriff try to resolve their budget impasse, recently released numbers appear to back up the sheriff's claim that his proposed budget of $14.8 million is justified.

A dwindling budget has forced Sheriff May to lay off personnel, but when one looks at the number of calls for service the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) receives it looks like his road deputies are stretched to the limit.

At the beginning of the current fiscal year, Sheriff May sought a budget of $15.1 million. However, the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners felt that amount was out of line and gave him a proposed budget of $13.1 million.

Tuesday, March 25, the sheriff addressed commissioners and told them he could work with a budget of $14.8 million which is the same budget he had in fiscal year 2012-13. That's also the same amount he had to spend in fiscal year 2005-06.

Unless the two entities can reach an agreement soon, the sheriff will take his case to Tallahassee and let a hearing panel settle the issue.

Although he's been telling commissioners he needs more people because of the workload, he didn't have any real numbers to show the board — until now.

"I have never been asked to justify my numbers, but now I'm prepared to," he offered.

> "Ninety percent of the burglaries are to fuel a drug habit,"
>
> **— Okeechobee County Sheriff Paul May**

Numbers show that OCSO road deputies handled a total of 21,630 calls for service from Jan. 1, 2013, until Jan. 1, 2014. With a total of 35 deputies on the road, this means each one handled an average of 618 calls during the year.

And, from Jan. 1, 2014, until March 26, 2014, deputies have responded to 5,404 calls. That's an average of just over 154 calls per deputy.

"When you look at what's going on in the county, we're very busy," said the sheriff.

While the number of violent crimes against persons have gone down, crimes against property — burglaries, thefts, etc. — have increased significantly.

Following is the number of calls deputies answered in the past year regarding crimes against property: delayed burglaries (reported after the crime committed) - 371; burglaries in progress - 27; criminal mischief - 205; and, theft - 551.

So far this year — Jan. 1 to March 26, deputies have an-

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North Elementary Students of the Week

North Elementary School would like to congratulate the students of the week for the week of March 10: Bailey Lewis, Antonio Navarette, Sofia Diaz-Rebollar, Leo Chavez, Miguel Aguilar, Keaton White, Giselle Rivera, Taylor Padgett, Cody Albritton, Jackson Holcomb, Johana Lopez, Taylor McQuade, Jaidyn McPeak, Yanely Garduno, Treyvin Harden, Kaylee Kemp, Karen Garcia, Hailey Lawerence, Adrian Reyes, Bryce Ward, Aidyn Starr, Victoria Salazar, Kimberly Powell, Zarina Judilla, Cecilia Carran, Jayden Kinchen, Summer Jolly, Fernando Hernandez, Chloe Carter, Jake Stuart, Priscila Moralez-Ruiz, Kayla Morgan, Kay Gonzalez-Celasquez, Alison Santos and Quannasia Futch.

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Kiwanis presents Terrific Kid Awards

Sherri Enfinger, treasurer for Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee, presented the Terrific Kids Award to these fifth grade students at Seminole Elementary School on Tuesday, March 25. These students earned the award for achieving individual goals associated with Kiwanis values of "Positive Attitude, Good Character and Responsible Citizenship." Congratulations to all!

Agri-Civic Center

Upcoming events for April at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center include:

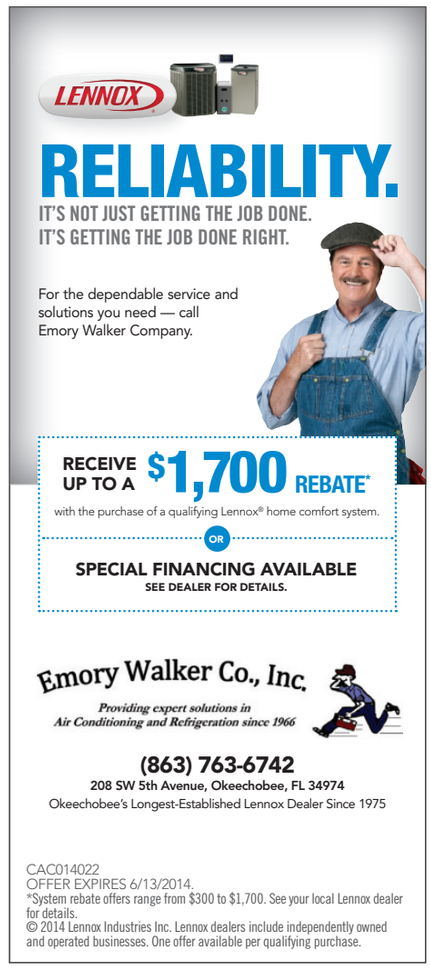
• Friday, April 4 through Sunday, April 6: the Agri-Civic Center will host **Florida High School Rodeo**. On Friday night a Barrel Race fundraiser will start at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the rodeo will start at 9 a.m. On Sunday, the rodeo will start at 9:30 a.m. A concession stand will be operated by the Okeechobee High School Rodeo Team and all proceeds go to High School Rodeo. There is no charge for the public to attend.

• Friday April 11: The **Turnin' N Burnin' Summer Buckle Series Jackpot Barrel Race Exhibition** runs start at 5 p.m. The barrel race starts at 7 p.m. Concession stand will be open with all proceeds going to 4-H. There is no charge for the public to attend.

• Saturday, April 12: **Turnin' N Burnin' Jackpot & Speed Show Exhibition** runs start at 3 p.m.; the barrel race and speed show starts at 5 p.m. Concession stand will be open with all proceeds going to 4-H, and there is no charge for the public to attend.

• Friday April 24 through Saturday, April 26: The **American Cancer Society Relay for Life** will be held from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Registration opens at 5 p.m. Join the American Cancer Society in the world's largest movement to end cancer. Form a Relay for Life team and sign up online to start fundraising www.relayforlife.org/okeechobeefl.

• Sunday, April 27: Kaza Productions will present a **Mexican Rodeo** with Mexican bands and food.



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Public Forum/Speak Out

Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Grow house

• In regard to the grow house they found in Fort Drum. Since the owner is dead and they haven't found any next of kin, maybe this would be a good property to confiscate. Anytime they find illegal activity they have the power to confiscate the property, but usually they don't bother if there are a lot of legal issues involved or liens against the property. Maybe they could sell it to raise some money for the sheriff's office. I know they have some restrictions in how they can use such funds, but as tight as their budget is, maybe it would help!

Sheriff's budget

• I simply don't know what to do about the sheriff's budget. I can't afford to pay higher taxes. We are barely scraping by as it is and we watch every penny. But I know that crime is a problem. Maybe they could do more to recruit sheriff's auxiliary members and have them ride along with the deputies.

• The county needs tax revenue. They need to be more welcoming of new businesses instead of trying to keep any business out that might compete with those owned by the good old boys. We have all heard the stories about the businesses that tried to come into Okeechobee and hit roadblock after roadblock.

• The sheriff and deputies do a good job. We should all contact our county commissioners and tell them to find a way to compromise and give the sheriff's department more money.

OCSO Investigations

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of the following crimes last week.

ASSAULT
- 800 block of N.E. 15th Avenue
- 6500 block of N.E. Seventh Lane
- 1600 block of S.W. Second Way

BURGLARY
- 2100 block of N.W. Fourth Street
- 3500 block of S.W. 19th Street
- 200 block of U.S. 98 N.
- 5200 block of N.E. 122nd Drive

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
- 8500 block of S.W. 10th Lane

FRAUD
- 5700 block of N.E. Fourth Lane
- 9900 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
- 1600 block of S.R. 70 E.
- 2400 block of N.W. 63rd Terrace

THEFT
- 2700 block of N.E. Sixth Court
- 5800 block of S.E. 93rd Trail
- 9000 block of S.E. 62nd Drive
- 2800 block of S.E. 36th Ave.
- 1700 block of U.S. 441 S.
- 2400 block of N.W. 63rd Terrace
- 1400 block of N.E. Fourth Street
- 14000 block of U.S. 441 N.
- 3100 block of S.E. 37th Avenue
- 4300 block of U.S. 441 S.

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Tonight: A few clouds. Low 54F. Winds NNW at 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 77F. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Monday Night: Clear skies. Low 57F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday: Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 79F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Clear skies. Low 57F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Reflections from the pulpit

The Humble way of God's miracle work

By Loy Mershimer

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty. — Zech. 4:6

Have you ever noticed that when God does a great work, it usually doesn't make sense in human terms? We humans lift up power, money, and status as ways of getting things done. We value testable means, human traditions, logical resources and verifiable paths. But God seldom works in ways that we naturally value. The wisdom of God seems like foolishness to our human wisdom. And even those in covenant relation with God can blur human wisdom with divine, and miss the path of faith.

It's in this awareness that God speaks to His servant Zerubbabel: The miraculous return of the People to the Land of Promise will only be accomplished by grace. "Only by my Spirit, in my means, will this great work be done," says the LORD. Not by human might. Not by human power. Not by human wisdom.

God directly says that the way of the world is not His way. Over and over again, in the history of Israel, God reminds His people that their protection is not in human means. And, over and over again, they fall into temptation, seeking their strength in human terms — measuring the wisdom of the nations, seeking a king, looking to Egypt for safety, trusting in horses and chariots...

But God doesn't work in our ways. In fact, He works in opposite ways.

Imagine the look on Gideon's face, facing the vast Midianite horde with his ragtag army, and God tells him, "Gideon, you have too many men?" "What, Lord?" "I've got 32,000 good guys against 135,000 bad guys! How is that too many?"

"Trust me, Gideon, it's too many! Send the fearful home," says the Lord.

So Gideon invites anyone fearful to return home to their families. 22,000 leave; 10,000 remain. And God says, "Still too many, Gideon!" God whittles the army down to 300 men, and then He says to Gideon, "Now we've got something." "Follow my instructions to the letter, and win the day!"

God wanted Gideon and Israel to trust completely in Him.

• This is the same God that uses a shepherd boy to defeat a giant, and become the true king of Israel — and this with the shepherd boy not wearing armor in the battle!

• This is the same God that created Israel out of Abraham, giving a son to a 100-year-old man and 90-year-old woman. And in this single son of the covenant, God gives Abraham a lineage like the stars of the sky, and sand on the seashore!

•This is the same God that calls a Jericho call-girl, saves her from the destruction of her people, redeems her and places her in the lineage of Christ!

God tells the story of salvation in a hundred different stanzas, but with one single thread: The scarlet thread of grace. God, and God alone is the Source! God, and God alone is the Savior!

This is why it was such great sin to number Israel. They began to trust in numbers. They began to trust in human wisdom, trusting in horses, chariots and fighting men vs. trusting in God and God alone.

When God does a great work, it is all of grace. And so He asks us to trust in Him alone. He asks us to take His wisdom as our wisdom, to give up our own tendencies, our own power, our own might, and radically choose Him instead. It's not the way of the world, but it is the way of grace. And it is the way of greatness in the kingdom.

"And whoever would be first among you, let him be your servant."

It is the way of our great King. When He chose to save the world, He, the Great King of all the Cosmos, the Creator of all that is, humbled himself in the form of a man, and followed the path of the Suffering Servant, even to the cross. He laid down His life that we might have life. In His death is our life; so we die daily to our own way, and live on the path of Life. No, it doesn't make sense humanly. But it is the wisdom of God, and it is Life.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

No, it's not by might that we reach the right. It's not by human power. It's ever by His Spirit and His grace. Today, take His Spirit and grace as your ALL, and enter the humble path of God's miracle work. Alleluia!

Amen.

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SHERIFF

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swered: 66 delayed burglary calls; two burglaries in progress calls; 42 criminal mischief calls; and, 116 theft calls.

Last year, OCSO deputies also handled: 349 calls for juvenile problems; 430 disturbance calls; 246 calls to a verbal disturbance; 143 calls for a delayed domestic situation; 203 domestic in progress calls; 216 verbal domestic calls; 206 child abuse complaints; 303 reckless driver complaints; 331 shortness of breath calls; 353 stand by/public assistance calls; 538 suspicious incidents; 570 suspicious persons; 356 suspicious vehicles; 411 minor traffic crashes; 143 crashes with injuries; 4,516 traffic stops; and, 1,101 warrant arrests.

For the current year, deputies have handled: 120 calls due to juvenile problems; 38 delayed disturbance calls; 122 disturbance in progress calls; 84 verbal disturbances; 29 delayed domestic situations; 45 domestic in progress calls; 65 verbal domestics calls; 64 child abuse complaints; 112 reckless driver complaints; 113 shortness of breath calls; 104 stand by/public assistance calls; 118 suspicious incidents; 114 suspicious persons; 87 suspicious vehicles; 125 minor traffic crashes; 53 traffic crashes with injuries; 909 traffic stops; and, 258 warrant arrests.

"Every year the number calls go up," said Sheriff May.

The above numbers do not include all calls for service received by the sheriff's office, only the more prominent calls.

But what stands out most to Sheriff May are the number of delayed burglary and theft calls.

"Those really stand out more than anything for me. Drugs are fueling a lot of those things," he said. "Ninety percent of the burglaries are to fuel a drug habit."

On top of an increase in calls, the sheriff's office is operating on 28 fewer positions throughout the agency. The sheriff is quick to point out, however, if he gets the $14.8 million budget he will be able to re-hire some of those people.

"Not all, but some," he pointed out.

Another major expense is housing non-county residents in the Okeechobee County Jail. As of Thursday, March 27, there were 221 inmates in the jail. Of those, 37 are not residents of this county.

"To keep 37 people in the jail for one year is over $900,000 at $70 per day, per prisoner," he said.

He went on to add that 37 is about the average of non-county residents housed in the jail.

As he sat at the desk and looked at the numbers in front of him, he removed his glasses and shook his head.

"They (commissioners) want us to work off the property tax. But, to run this sheriff's office that's not enough," he said. "I don't think you'll find a sheriff's office in the state of Florida working on a budget from eight years ago."

County commissioners agreed Tuesday to meet in executive session Friday, April 4, to discuss Sheriff May's latest offer. They will have to reach a decision one way or another very soon, since they and the sheriff are scheduled to go before the hearing panel April 15.

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Obituaries

Earl Edward Harmon, 54

OKEECHOBEE — Earl Edward Harmon died March 26, 2014. He was born July 28, 1959 in Reading, Pa. A resident of Okeechobee for 29 years, he owned and operated Harmon's Tire. He enjoyed fishing and was a member of the Eagles.

Mr. Harmon was preceded in death by his daughter, Shelly; brother, Arthur; and sister, Kim.

He is survived by his son, Earl Harmon, Jr. of Summerfield; three daughters, Keri Childers of Belleview, Laiten Varner and Casey Varner both of Ft. Pierce; five grandchildren; four brothers, Nelson Harmon of High Springs, Eddie Harmon (Jody) of Fellsmere, Ronald Harmon of Seymour, Ind., and Troy Harmon (Shaina) of Okeechobee; three sisters, Jean Harmon of Winnifield, Louisiana, Julia Stearns of West Palm Beach and Lori McClure (Minh) of West Palm Beach; grandchildren, Trey, Lillie, Rachel, Natalie, Kamrynn.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until services at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

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

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

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Ethel Mae Kibler, 68

OKEECHOBEE — Ethel Mae Kibler went to be with our Lord March 27, 2014. She was born March 20, 1946 in Amissville, Va. to Earl and Viney Judd Holmes.

A resident of Okeechobee for 35 years, she was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church of Okeechobee. She enjoyed spending time with her family and horses.

Mrs. Kibler was preceded in death by her husband, Orville "Junior" Kibler, Jr. and her brother, Tim Holmes.

She is survived by her son, Tony Kibler (Lori); daughter, Theresa McNitt (Les) all of Okeechobee; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; brother, Jerry Holmes (Kim); mother, Viney Holmes all of Deerfield Beach; sister-in-law, Debbie Holmes of Stuart; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 3 p.m. until services at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Bobby White officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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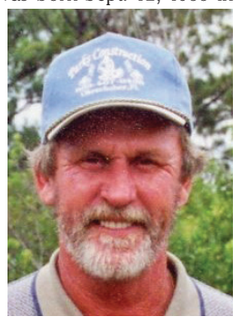
James Virgil Parks, 58

OKEECHOBEE — James Virgil Parks died March 27, 2014. He was born Sept. 12, 1955 in Lou Gap, Ky. to the late Garvin and Mary Mullins Parks.



A resident of Okeechobee for 25 years, he owned and operated Parks Construction and Concrete. He enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, hunting, horse racing, sports and spending time with his family.

Mr. Parks was preceded in death by his son, Jamie Parks.

He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Jackie Hale Parks of Okeechobee; son, Tim Parks (Rhonda) of Mount Sterling, Kentucky; daughter, Lora Williams (Shawn) of Smithfield, North Carolina; grandson, Kennedy Williams of Smithfield, North Carolina; two brothers, Earl Parks (Shirley) of Frenchburg, Kentucky and Jerome Parks (Brenda) of Jeffersonville, Kentucky; three sisters, Priscilla Davis (Donald) of Jeffersonville, Kentucky, Margaret Gross (Jimmy) of Frenchburg, Kentucky and Henrietta Ferguson (Ralph) of Hazelgreen, Kentucky.

The family will receive friends 12 p.m. until services at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Evergreen Cemetery with Pastor Rick Aspden of More 2 Life Ministries officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Okeechobee, PO Box 1548, Okeechobee, FL 34973.

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Sign up for Shockwaves swim team April 14-16

The Okeechobee County Recreation Department will hold sign ups for the Shockwaves swim team **April 14, 15 and 16**, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Sports Complex Pool. Registration includes a $15 application fee and a $60 team fee. Swim suit and meet fees are not included in the registration fees. For information, call the pool office at 863-467-7667.

Color Craze 5K Run/Walk to benefit Pregnancy Center

A Color Craze 5-K Run/Walk for Life will be held Saturday, **April 19**, at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center, 4601 S.R. 710 N. The race will start at 10 a.m. The registration fee on the day of the event is $50. If you register before March 25 the entry fee is $40. You can register online or in person at the Pregnancy Center, 808 N.E. Park St. Children 12 and under are free. For information, call 863-467-8748.

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Farm Credit honors many cattlemen by buying lunch

Farm Credit of Florida representatives stopped by the Okeechobee Livestock Market on Tuesday to surprise everyone there for the Tuesday sale with free lunch.

Farm Credit representatives paid all of the lunch tickets at the Okeechobee Livestock Market's restaurant.

"It's our way of saying thank you for the hard work it takes to provide food for all Americans," said Ashley Layson of Farm Credit of Florida.

The event was part of Farm Credit's observation of National Ag Week.

Supported by the Agriculture Council of America, The National Ag Week program encourages every American to:

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Farm Credit of Florida's $829 million portfolio includes many of Florida's leading agribusiness owners. Headquartered in Royal Palm Beach, the cooperative has offices in Alachua, Arcadia, Homestead, Live Oak, Ocala, Okeechobee, Palatka, West Palm Beach, Trenton, Vero Beach and Wauchula.

Okeechobee News/**Katrina Elsken**

Wade Kempfer, 8, and Wes Kempfer, 10, were among those enjoying a free lunch at the Okeechobee Livestock Market on Tuesday, courtesy of Farm Credit.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

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

	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	LAST WEEK:
COWS:				
800-1000	70.00	- 108.00	88.35	96.46
1000-1200	70.00	- 117.00	97.55	104.31
1200-1400	82.00	- 114.50	99.32	105.65
1400-1600	89.00	- 117.00	102.79	104.00
BULLS:				
1200-1400	89.00	- 139.00	111.60	115.20
1400-1600	100.00	- 130.00	114.89	115.13
1600-1800	114.00	- 128.00	120.83	121.00
1800-2000	119.00	- 136.00	128.67	134.50
STEERS:				
150-250	200.00	- 355.00	288.75	297.55
250-300	210.00	- 315.00	263.17	265.35
300-350	200.00	- 270.00	245.53	254.02
350-400	185.00	- 250.00	230.65	239.00
400-450	160.00	- 235.00	206.23	226.85
450-500	170.00	- 222.50	198.83	204.03
500-550	155.00	- 207.00	184.92	193.92
550-600	150.00	- 180.00	162.70	176.11
600-650	156.00	- 172.00	161.00	156.76
650-700	148.00	- 166.00	155.00	156.20
HEIFERS:				
150-250	200.00	- 325.00	251.51	257.05
250-300	185.00	- 250.00	224.42	232.22
300-350	175.00	- 245.00	215.97	218.89
350-400	160.00	- 217.50	193.55	202.22
400-450	150.00	- 202.50	183.18	196.00
450-500	152.50	- 200.00	180.43	181.96
500-550	132.00	- 186.00	171.27	165.90
550-600	159.00	- 176.00	168.75	168.92
600-650	120.00	- 176.00	160.80	156.00

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY
CLFS	405	629
COWS	207	322
STRS	34	6
HFRS	5	18
BULLS	28	18
YRLINGS	13	21
MIX	0	0
TOTAL	692	1014

Prices a little softer this week on some cattle but still good. We are still seeing smiles as everyone picks up their check! Steers 600-650# were up $4 and heifers 500-550# and 600-650# were up $4-$5.

Fra-Mar, Okeechobee, topped the calf market with a high of $3.55 bought by B & M Cattle.

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Tips help patients communicate with doctors

March 30 is Doctor's Day. Here are some tips to help with communicating with your doctor.

• Write a list of questions and concerns before your doctors visit.

In the midst of their appointments, many people forget what they wanted to ask their doctor. The best way to avoid this problem is to write out a list of questions and concerns. Your family members can write down questions too.

• Write down instructions and information your doctor gives you.

If you have a new diagnosis, write it down and get the correct spelling. Also ask what further tests or treatments you may need and write those down too.

• Share information.

Tell your doctor about any current symptoms. If there are several, rank them in order of which ones are the most critical. Do not be embarrassed to share information about your health and your body. Health issues can be difficult to talk about, but it is important that your doctor has all the information so he/she can recommend the best possible care.

• Don't wait to be asked.

If your doctor does not specifically ask for information that you think is important, tell him/her.

• Repeat the instructions or process back to your doctor.

Repetition will help you both know if you understand the instructions given for taking medication or using new equipment.

• Ask for written materials about your diagnosis, medication or condition.

Doctors and healthcare facilities can provide patients with written information regarding diagnoses, tests, procedures, medications and medication side effects.

• When speaking with your physician, ask him/her to clarify anything that you do not understand. If your doctor's explanation still isn't clear, try asking your nurse. Sometimes just hearing someone else explain information in a slightly different way can clear up confusion or misunderstandings.

• Follow up.

If you realize afterwards that you have questions, your symptoms get worse or if you need to make a test appointment or find out test results, call your doctor.

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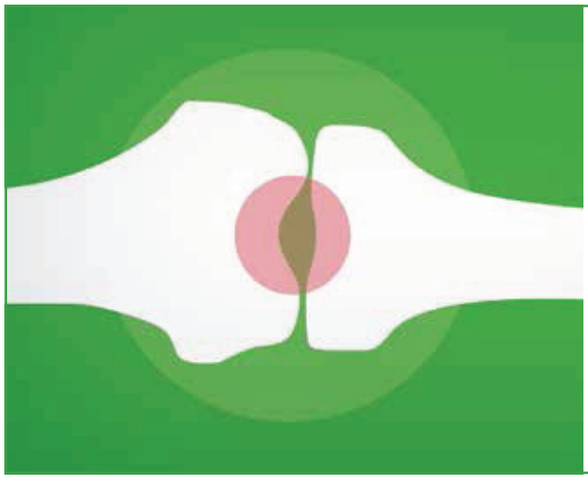

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Road Watch

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

Okeechobee County

• **SR 710 from SR 70 to the Martin County line:** Maintenance project: Crews will be working on the shoulder and repairing non-paved driveways on both sides of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, however, use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

• **SR 78 from Okeechobee County line to Lemkin Creek Bridge:** Construction project: Expect daytime lane closures with flaggers directing traffic Monday through Friday as crews remove and replace the asphalt on the southbound lane and turn lanes throughout the project. Motorists should use caution, be prepared to stop and add time in their schedule to reach their destination. Project improvements include removing and replacing the existing asphalt, adding shoulders, replacing guardrail, and signing and pavement markings. Expected completion is spring of 2014. The contractor is Lawrence Lynch Corp.

• **SR 70 east of Okeechobee/N.E. 34th Avenue to Williams Road/N.E. 48th Avenue:** Maintenance permit project: Crews are relocating utilities along the south side of the road. No lane closures are scheduled, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

• **SR 70 E. from the Okeechobee City limits to N.E. 30th Avenue:** Maintenance project: Crews are repairing the sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. No lane closures are scheduled, however, use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SRT

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at the sheriff's office.

The six hopefuls Thursday, March 27 had to run 1.5 miles for time; had 1 minute to do as many pushups as they could; 1 minute to do as many sit-ups as they could; had to do as many pull-ups as they could before turning loose of the bar; lift and flip heavy tractor tires; and, of course, shoot.

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Deputy Sergeant Rob Coleman said the hopefuls also had to sit down with SRT leaders and assistant leaders to answer a set of questions. Trying out for the elite unit were OCSO deputies Jose Garduno, Yero Todman, Ben Lisle and Steve McKinley. Fire/medics Jarrod Akins and Robert Walter, from Okeechobee County Fire/Rescue (OCF/R), were also trying to make the team.

The SRT unit is the same as the more commonly-known SWAT team — only the name is different. The team is called upon when situations dictate that these highly-specialized men be the first to face the unknown and make it safe for others.

While they were competing against each other in many of the exercises, that did not include shooting. Deputy Matt Hurst, one of the unit's team leaders, said the shooting range was a qualifier for the gun-carrying deputies.

"Gun-carrying deputies must shoot at 90 percent. SWAT standards are 90 percent," he explained. "The medics have to shoot, but their shooting is not a qualifier because they are not gun-carrying law enforcement officers." And while shooting at targets from distances of 1 yard up to 25 yards sounds easy, it must be taken into consideration what the hopefuls had to endure before they actually stepped on the range.

After doing the 1.5-mile run those trying out for the squad were taken to the gun range where they had to flip a 250- to 300-pound tractor tire end-over-end along a 14-yard course, then flip a second tire back to their starting point.

"That will show their drive and strength," explained Deputy Hurst, who said those qualities are needed when they are called upon to carry someone out of harm's way.

As an example of the time it took to complete this exercise, Fire/medic Akins covered the course in 42.1 seconds while Deputy Garduno did it in 39.6 seconds.

Okeechobee News/**Eric Kopp**

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy Matthew Grumbling did 12 one-handed pullups Thursday, March 27, during training for the OCSO Special Response Team.

As for the shooting exercise, all of those trying out for the team were forced to put their body under stress before they took to the course. The course consisted of six stations and the shooter was required to stop at each station and fire two shots, then go through the course the opposite direction and fire two more shots from each station.

Prior to this, however, they each had to run up the dirt berm surrounding the range; run along the top of the berm that circles the range; come down the berm; then, drop and do 25 pushups. After the pushups, they went to a barrel where they found their handgun in pieces. At that point, they had to re-assemble their weapon, load it, then advance to the shooting stations.

"The purpose of the running and pushups is to put their body under stress," said Deputy Hurst.

Re-assembling their guns, he continued, "checks their motor skills."

To their credit, everyone trying out for the team completed their physical tests.

Now, all they have to do is wait to see if they did enough to become a member of the SRT unit — which may be harder than the physical strain.

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By Tammi Kelly
Okeechobee News

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Page views on our website (which equates to numbers of pages viewed) almost reached a million, as we had 907,450 compared to 366,753 last year … a 148 percent increase.

"Unique visitors," which equates to the number of different people who came to the site, increased to 262,651 ... a gain of 277 percent!

I saw this recipe in my Better Homes and Gardens Magazine for this month and I thought I needed to share it with the world. It's a new twist on a old favorite.

Dark Chocolate Bacon Cupcakes

Ingredients: 12 slices bacon, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, 2 cups white sugar, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon sea salt, 2 eggs, 1 cup cold, strong, brewed coffee, 1 cup buttermilk, 1/2 cup vegetable oil, 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder, for dusting.

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly browned. Drain, crumble and set aside.

2. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, 3/4 cup cocoa powder, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Make a well in the center and pour in the eggs, coffee, buttermilk and oil. Stir just until blended. Mix in 3/4 of the bacon, reserving the rest for garnish. Spoon the batter into the prepared cups, dividing evenly.

3. Bake in the preheated oven until the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 20 to 25 minutes. Cool in the pan set over a wire rack. When cool, arrange the cupcakes on a serving platter. Frost with your favorite chocolate frosting and sprinkle reserved bacon crumbles on top. Dust with additional cocoa powder.

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Brahmans 'squeeze' out 2-1 win over Blue Streaks

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Bailey Kirton dropped down a successful suicide squeeze bunt to score Christian Crews with the winning run to give Okeechobee High School a walk off 2-1 victory over Sebring Thursday night at OHS.

Okeechobee had struggled on offense against Sebring righthander Josh Crouch for the first six innings before Crews beat out an infield hit, advanced two bases on a bizarre sacrifice bunt, and then scored on Kirton's bunt out in front of the plate, which came with two strikes.

"I had to get that bunt down," Kirton said. "If it was foul it would have been an out. That was a big play right there. I was kind of nervous and I'm just glad I got it down."

Brahmans coach Eric Kindell surprised everybody in the ball park with the gutsy call with two strikes that goes against the baseball book of strategy. He said he trusts his team and wants to build their confidence.

"Christian kind of gave it away because he took off early on a few pitches, so I took it off for a few pitches. I never thought anybody would do it to me so it's a good time to do it," he explained.

The entire squad mobbed both Crews and Kirton after the play to celebrate a rare home win this year for OHS (5-9).

"We are taking small steps in the right direction," Kindell said. "The big thing is to be ready at the end of the year. If we keep getting better that is all that matters."

Kutter Crawford pitched six strong innings for Okeechobee. He scattered five hits and struck out 10 batters. Josh Crouch pitched well for Sebring as he took the loss despite a strong complete game. He no-hit the Brahmans until the fifth.

The first hits were big for the Brahmans. Crews singled to left and stole second. Kevin Coleman came up as a pinch hitter and with two outs ground a single into left field. Crews beat a strong throw home by Seth Cannady to tie the score, 1-1.

Coleman said he stays ready on the bench because he never knows when he'll be called upon to contribute.

"I was just thinking to get the ball on the ground and it happened that I got it into the gap and scored him," he added.

Coleman said this should be a confidence boost for the team and certainly helps make the gun more enjoyable.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Kutter Crawford scattered five hits in a strong performance against Sebring Thursday.

Sebring had opened the scoring with a run in the top of the first. Jordan Austin walked and stole second, Cullen Lovett singled and Austin scored when Jimmy Peck bounced into a double play.

Paul Jackson picked up the win in relief for Okeechobee thanks to an outstanding defensive play in the top of the seventh. A pinch hit single put a runner on and pinch runner Jarred Lang tried to go from first to third on a sacrifice bunt off the bat of Ty Little. At first it appeared he would get there as no one was covering third base. Crawford somehow dashed back to get the throw and dove and tagged Lang just before he could reach the base safely. That play was big because Austin followed with a single and Lovett walked. Jackson bore down and struck out Peck to end the threat.

"Jackson is a leader on this team and to be honest with you I expect him to bear down and get it done," Kindell said. "He wants to move onto the next level, so he has to want to be in that situation. I have confidence in him."

Kindell also praised Crawford who was able to have one of his best outings of the year despite walking three batters and hitting two others in the early innings.

Kirton said he thinks the team will get a boost of confidence and perhaps use this to get more victories this season.

Okeechobee News/**Charles Murphy**
Layton Thomas swings at a pitch from Josh Crouch of Sebring as catcher Jimmy Peck (left) looks on Thursday.

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Blood drive is planned

The bloodmobile will be in Okeechobee Sunday, **March 30** at Walmart from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Legion offers Sunday bingo

American Legion 64 will host Sunday night bingo on **March 30** 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. Open to the public. The American Legion now has free WIFI for its lounge and dining room patrons.

Learn to deal with stress

Are you concerned that stress is impacting your health? Join Julia Murchison L.M.T. on Monday, **March 31**, at the Bad Apple Salon, 310 S.W. Second St. from 5:15 until 6:30 p.m. for a discussion on wellness through mind and body connection. This is a 60-minute talk to help you find the signals your body is sending, learn simple stress busting techniques and participate in a guided meditation. Contact Julia at 863-634-6482 to reserve your spot.

Sit & sew planned for April 1

ConKerr Cancer's next sit & sew will be held on Tuesday, **April 1**, from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church on Parrott Avenue. Bring your sewing machine (or serger) and child-friendly fabric and sew with other ladies in our community who want to help put smiles on the faces of children stricken with cancer or battling other life-changing illnesses. This month we will sew pillowcases for the upcoming Easter holiday. Easter pillowcase kits will be available for you to sew at this meeting. For information or to donate material, call Joan at 863-467-0290.

Hospice to host yard sale

Hospice, 411 S.E. Fourth St., will host a yard sale Wednesday, **April 2**, and Thursday, April 3, from 8 a.m. until noon. For information, call 863-467-2321.

Book signing set for April 3

The Okeechobee County Library will host author Saber on Thursday, **April 3**, at 5:30 p.m. Saber is appearing for a book signing for his recent release of "Darque Reflections."

Church serving fish dinner

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 701 S.W. Sixth St., will hold a fish dinner (baked or fried) Friday, **April 4** and April 11. The cost is $8 for adults and $4 for children. Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. The dinner will include fish, potatoes, cole slaw, beverage and dessert.

100-target Fun Shoot slated

Okeechobee Christian Academy will host a 100-target Fun Shoot at the OK Corral Gun Club on Saturday, **April 5**. Shooters can take the course from 8 until 10 a.m. Lunch will be sponsored by Tin Fish Restaurant. Various levels of sponsorship are available. All proceeds benefit the Okeechobee Christian Academy. For information, contact Sarah at 863-634-2276, or by e-mail at 3krboys@gmail.com.

Courage Kickoff planned

The Chobee Courage Kickoff will be held Saturday, **April 5**, at the Okeechobee Freshman Campus starting at 10 a.m. Lots of food, give-a-ways, motivational speakers, music, fun, fun, fun! The first 100 boys will have a chance to win a $100 gift card. The Chobee Courage Project is a mentoring program for boys ages 12-18. Girls are welcome. Contact Melvin or Shirlean at Martha's House by calling 863-763-2893.

Community Choir needs you

The Okeechobee Community Choir, in its 16th year under the direction of Sandy Perry, is rehearsing for its Easter Cantata Concert, to be presented Palm-Sunday weekend, April 11, 12 and 13 at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave. New members, especially our winter visitors, are invited to join! Rehearsals are on Sundays from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. and Mondays from 6 until 8 p.m. in the sanctuary at Okeechobee Presbyterian. A choir of 51 voices, representing 18 area churches, presented the Easter cantata last year. Singers aren't required to have soloist-quality voices, but have to match pitch, read music a little and love to sing. Rehearsals are fast-paced and loads of fun. Rehearsal CDs are provided to each choir member. There is a $15 fee for music and the rehearsal CDs. For information, call Sandy at 863-634-7714.

Trail program set for April 7

The Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association will present a program on Palm Beach County's Trail Connections. The program will highlight the connections between the county parks and natural areas. The presentation will be at the Nature Center at Okeeheelee County Park, at 7 p.m., on Monday, **April 7**. Okeeheelee County Park is located on Forest Hill Blvd., west of Jog road. Call Paul Cummings at 561-963-9906 for information.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Red Cross is always seeking volunteers with various backgrounds, talents and skill levels who are interested in helping when disasters strike. Please attend the Volunteer Job Fair Open House on Saturday, **April 12**, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Red Cross Service Center, 323 Parrott Ave. For information, call 863-763-2488.

Bridal Expo set for April 12

A Bridal Expo will be held at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St., Saturday, **April 12,** from 2 until 7 p.m. Tickets are $5. All proceeds benefit My Aunt's House. For information, contact Tammi Kelly at 772-708-6764; or, by e-mail at tammiphotos@gmail.com.

Project Prom needs dresses

Project Prom needs formal dresses and tuxedoes/for OHS students. Dress donations of all sizes and lengths will be accepted. South Elementary, 2468 SW 7th Ave., will be open Saturday, **April 19**, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for teens to try on clothes. OHS IDs are required. To donate, call Tammi at 772-708-6764 or Kourtney at 863-634-6225.

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Fri., Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 & 9:30, Sat., Sun., & Wed. 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30. Mon 3:00 & 7:00
III: "MUPPETS MOST WANTED" PG
Fri., Tues. & Thurs. 7:00 & 9:00, Sat., Sun. & Wed. 2:00, 4:15, 7:00 & 9:00, Mon 3:00 & 7:00

The Democratic Women's Club of Okeechobee will have their first organizational meeting on

Saturday, April 5, 2014 ◆ 11:30AM
Beef O'Brady's private dining room
608 South Parrott Ave ◆ Okeechobee

A Presentation will be given by Elli Million on Immigration Reform.

All like-minded women and their friends are welcome to attend.

RSVP is appreciated but not necessary ◆ 863.214.4680

PUBLIC NOTICE

Okeechobee Utility Authority will temporarily change its method of chlorinating potable water to insure the future safety of our drinking water. The water users may notice an unusual chlorine taste or odor in their tap water after March 31, 2014. These conditions will last thru April 14, 2013.

These temporary conditions will not be harmful to your health; however, if you are on kidney dialysis, you should consult your physician for special instructions concerning this matter. If you have tropical fish or aquatic animals, you should contact you local tropical fish store for advice and take appropriate action to insure that you have properly treated the water before adding it to your aquarium.

The hydrant flushing during this period may cause the water to become cloudy and discolored. This is a temporary condition and should not last more than a few hours.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience you may experience during this time. Please keep in mind that this is necessary to provide safe water for the customers of Okeechobee Utility Authority.

If additional information is needed, contact Kevin Rogers at 763-3239. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause you. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

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ESTATE AUCTION
MONDAY MARCH 31ST, AUCTION AT 6:00 pm
917 WEST PARK ST.
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974
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Found Male Dog On Micco Bluff Rd. To identify dog please call 239-404-1109

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LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME FOR 1YR OLD MIXED BREED, APPROX. 20LBS, GETS ALONG WELL WITH OTHER ANIMALS CALL FOR MORE INFO. 772-971-9047

Garage/ Yard Sales

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3435 S.E. 36th. Avenue
Friday & Saturday
April 4th & 5th, 8am-2pm
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Employment Full Time

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Employment Full Time

Driver: FT/Benefits
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Employment Full Time

Homestyle Country Cook Needed!

At private hunting camp in Lake Port. Must be able to clean lodges. Starting pay is $8.00/hr during training.

Please send resume to:

okeechobeeoutfitters@yahoo.com

or call 863-655-2454 or 863-634-7449. Ask for Carla or Danny.

When you want something sold, advertise in the classifieds.

SOD FOREMAN
Experienced, Self Motivated, Able to work on farm equip. Must have vehicle. Send resume to priest032809@yahoo.com

Employment Full Time

We are immediately hiring experienced heavy equipment operators (track hoe/dozer/loader/ off-road truck/etc.). Please contact Tim Braun at 954-328-4650

Time to clean out the attic, basement and/or garage? Advertise your yard sale in the classifieds and make your clean up a breeze!

Employment Medical

Hospice of Okeechobee
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Full Time RN / Night Position
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Okeeechobee, FL 34973

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How do you find a job in today's competitive market? In the employment section of the classifieds

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Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

Merchandise

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BUY • SELL • TRADE
CONCEALED WEAPON CLASS $49
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suncoastgunshows.com
Call 772-462-1521 for info.

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Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2014-CP-44

IN RE: ESTATE OF
GERALD ETHAN ERWAY,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of GERALD ETHAN ERWAY, deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which 313 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative'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 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 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 March 30, 2014.

Personal Representative:
MARGARET ERWAY
314 Spruce Street
East Rochester, NY 14455

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
GLENN J. SNEIDER, ESQ.
Florida Bar No. 280461
Sneider Law
200 SW 9th Street
Okeechobee, FL 34974
(863) 467-6570
464540 ON 3/30;4/6/2014

Public Notice

RFP #2014-08
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FL
INVITATION TO BID
POOL CHEMICALS AND BULK TANK BID

Notice is hereby given that Okeechobee County, Florida, hereby requests sealed bids for the supply and delivery on an annual basis of pool chemicals consisting of sodium hypochlorite (liquid chlorine) and non-fuming Pool Acid to the Sports Complex swimming pool located at 580 NW 27th Lane, Okeechobee, FL. Contractor shall also include the installation of a 1,000 gallon minimum capacity High Density Polyethylene tank if the Contractor cannot supply a visual inspection as specified in 5240.44 of the South Florida Building Code-Hazardous Storage Section for the existing tank.
The Agreement will be for a term of one (1) year, and may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year terms, upon mutual written consent of the parties.
Bids should be submitted on the "Invitation to Bid" summary sheet. Detailed specifications may be obtained from Albe Scoggins, Parks and Recreation Director, 640 NW 27th Lane, Okeechobee, FL 34972, (863) 763-6950.

Bids are due no later than Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. and shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked "OKEECHOBEE COUNTY POOL CHEMICALS AND BULK TANK BID, RFP #2014-08". Proposals are to be submitted to: Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners at 304 NW 2nd Street, Room 222, Okeechobee, FL 34972. Bids received after the deadline for submission will not be opened or considered.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER; FAIR HOUSING & HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE JURISDICTION. Okeechobee County reserves the right to waive formalities or informalities, to reject or award any and all bids or part(s) thereof, or to negotiate further with any or all bidders and accepts no responsibility for the expense of preparation or delivery of bids to the County. Responses to the "Invitation to Bid" will be submitted to the Board of County Commissions on or after May 08, 2013, with recommendation(s) for bid award(s).

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
Okeechobee County, Florida
464559 ON 3/30/2014

Frank Irby., Chairman
Okeechobee Board of County Commissioners

Public Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M. AT 17429 NW 242ND STREET, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 (FIELD OFFICE). A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST FROM THE UNDERSIGNED. IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING; THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PRECEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSES THAT PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, WHICH INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED, IS MADE. ANY PERSON WISHING TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING MUST HAVE THEIR NAME AND TOPIC PLACED ON THE AGENDA ONE WEEK BEFORE THE DATE OF THE MEETING. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRECEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT'S OFFICE BY CALLING (863) 763-4601 AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE MEETING.

NOTICE: COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT HAS AN ONGOING AQUATIC SPRAYING PROGRAM, DISTRICT WIDE.

DOROTHY M. MILES
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
17429 NW 242ND STREET
OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972
(863) 763-4601 OR (863) 634-3166
464464 ON 3/30/2014

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Gp. co-founded by Victor Herbert
6 Bonkers
10 Harbinger
14 Cheri of "Scary Movie"
15 "... __ the dreadful thunder / Doth rend the region": "Hamlet"
16 Gossipy Barrett
17 Specific gravity
20 Vietnamese observance
21 Hitch
22 Vintage cars
23 Onetime Kenny G label
25 Play with robots
26 Linebacker Manti __, 2012 Heisman Trophy finalist
29 Publicly traded investment company with a limited number of shares
33 Wagner works
34 Do a hitch in the military
35 Put away
38 Dove competitor
40 Slangy turnarounds
41 Settings for Manet
43 Finished a flight-training requirement
45 Mad man?
48 Agnus __
49 Auction ending?
50 Take out
53 1977 medical novel
55 Time of jour
57 Baa maid?
58 Classic children's novel, and what to look for in this puzzle's three other longest answers
62 __ of Sandwich
63 "This can't be happening!"
64 Script parts
65 Additionally
66 E or G, e.g.
67 A bit daft

DOWN
1 Angiogram image
2 Take the helm
3 Irish musical ensemble __ Woman
4 Altar constellation
5 Road trip refresher
6 __ lamp
7 Universal donor's type, briefly
8 Food fish
9 Successful squeeze play result
10 "... __ they say"
11 What humidity measures
12 Forest friend of Frodo
13 Dissenting vote
18 "Hold your horses, I'm coming"
19 Unhip types
24 Like right-lane traffic, usually
25 Goodwill store transaction
27 Green condition?
28 Laudatory verses
30 Helpful tip for a puzzle solver?
31 "Behind the Candelabra" co-star
32 Like the Middle Ages
35 Large quantity
36 Account
37 Company bigwigs
39 "Get it, daddy-o?"
42 Note next to a red F, maybe
44 Green shade
46 Church VIP
47 "You __ worry"
51 "Rockin' Robin" chorus word
52 Itty
54 Peace Prize city
55 On its way
56 Platte River tribe
58 Leaves in a bag
59 Kubrick's out-of-control computer
60 Sigma preceder
61 2016 Olympics host

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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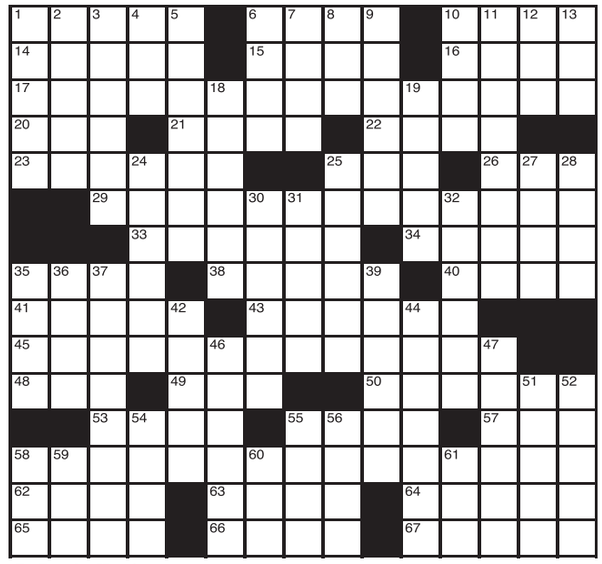

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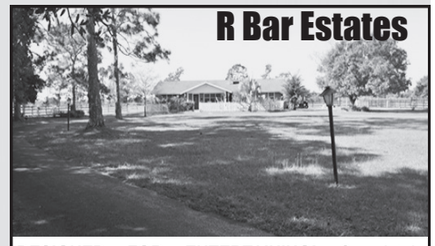

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