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County to seek RFPs for Okee-Tantie

Private company sought to manage campground

By Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Board of County Commission Thursday voted to seek Request For Proposals (RFP) for a private company to manage the Okee-Tantie campground.

Terry Burroughs, of the Chamber of Commerce of Okeechobee County, encouraged the board to involve the private sector.

"Once you invest the county's money in it, you are competing with other businesses," he said,

"I would rather see private business, private risk," said Commissioner Joey Hoover.

He went on to say he did not think the county should compete with businesses that are paying taxes.

Since the park was originally state property, the county's deed for the park has provisions that require state approval if the county seeks outside management.

"We have to have a business plan that shows how much the county is going to get," said Commission Chairman Frank Irby. "When we show it to the state, the state will decide how much they are going to get."

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Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Work under way on main intersection

The Florida Department of Transportation has started the improvement project for State Road 70 from N.W./S.W. Fourth Avenue to N.E./S.E. Third Avenue. This project improves the intersection at U.S. 441. This week, crews were clearing the right of way in order to move utility lines. The work on this intersection is expected to continue for months. The DOT advises motorists to observe posted speed limits, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and drive with caution in the construction zone. During this project, crews will add turn lanes, widen and resurface the roadway, improve drainage, replace traffic signals and build curbs, gutters, and sidewalks. Estimated completion is summer 2015. The contractor is Ranger Construction Industries, Inc.

City planners green light detox center

Patients not allowed to leave the building unaccompanied

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

City planners approved an alcohol rehabilitation detox facility and an occupational rehabilitation and therapy center at 608 N.E. Second Ave. at a recent meeting.

Muhammad Nooruddin, representing the owners of the property, A.M.S.A. Holdings, LLC and E.A.A.S. Holdings, LLC, proposed one of the facilities as an inpatient, drug and alcohol rehabilitation detox facility. The second will be operated as a short-term residential physical, occupational rehabilitation and therapy center. Special exceptions were approved for both uses.

There were two conditions placed on the special exception. The first prohibits the admittance of any patient into the drug alcohol rehabilitation facility unless dropped off by a friend or relative and requires that no vehicles will be left at the facility overnight. No drug or alcohol patient shall be allowed to leave the building unless accompanied by a friend or relative or facility employee, upon his release from the facility.

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Board nixes more air quality tests at center

By Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee News

Questions about air quality at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center were debated at the Thursday meeting of the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners.

Judicial District 19 Chief Judge Steve Levin requested the commissioners approve the expenditure of \$5,600 for Environ International Corporation to perform a walk-through inspection of the judicial center.

According to information presented at the meeting, there are occupant concerns over possible microbial contamination in various areas of the center due to water infiltration during storms over the recent months.

ENVIRON International Corporation offered an inspection to include the following:

- A non-intrusive inspection of common areas, offices and courtrooms for possible visual microbiological impacted building materials will be conducted.
- A limited intrusive inspection (inspection behind base trim, beneath carpeting) of readily accessible areas where typical business operations are unlikely to be impacted will be conducted.
- The moisture content of substrates such as gypsum wallboard, wood framing or studs, and/or other porous building materials will be evaluated with a moisture meter or moisture-sensing device.
- Inspection activities will be documented and photographs will be taken as deemed necessary.
- Dust samples will be collected in two areas of the building. One sample will be

collected in the known area of the building which reportedly had been occupied by a canine. The other sample will be collected in an area where occupants have voiced concern over indoor air quality. These samples will be analyzed for culturable molds and canine allergen.

- Inspect representative air handling units (AHUs) including some AHUs serving courtrooms. This will include inspection of airstream surfaces of supply air ducts that may be accessible.

- Review building history and HVAC System operation with building management and facilities staff.

The Scope of Work will require a fixed-fee payment of \$5,600 after the submission of a letter report on the judicial center.

County Commission Chairman Frank Irby questioned the need for another study of the building.

"We had one done in April and one in August," he said.

Bio-aerosol and allergen sampling studies were performed by GLE Associates, Incorporated on April 18 and Aug. 4 at a total cost of \$5,380.

Donnie Oden, county director of facilities services, said those studies "showed we were cleared throughout the building."

"All of those tests were below the limits of anything that would be bothering anyone," he said.

"Why would we do another test, spend \$5,600 of the taxpayers' money?" asked Chairman Irby. "We can study it to death. Basically they didn't agree with who we hired to do this. They are saying their expert is better than our expert."

"We did air sampling tests and also did vacuuming tests of different surfaces," said Mr. Oden.

"When I see people who are symptomatic, something may be lingering in there," offered Commissioner Bryant Culpepper.

He said if the judges are not satisfied with the tests already conducted, they should approve the additional testing and "put this to bed."

"If it does exist, it is something that can be very dangerous," added Commissioner Culpepper. "The health and welfare of the judges and courthouse staff is very important."

Commissioner Culpepper made a motion

to approve the budget transfer. The motion died for lack of a second.

"We've had two testings and one of the judges continued to believe there was a problem despite the clean bill of health from the tester," said county attorney John Cassels. "I think the chief judge decided rather than have a disgruntled judge assigned here, the chief judge decided to ask for an additional test."

The funds requested would come from a courthouse account.

"They spend it on court-related technology," explained county administrator Robbie Chartier.

"And the chief judge is saying this is an OK

use for this purpose," added Mr. Cassels.

"The ramifications of having an adverse judiciary could have far reaching effects," the attorney pointed out. He said while he understands the commissioners do not want to spend taxpayers' money, "I believe the ramifications of not doing the tests would be worse."

"Right is right and wrong is wrong, and appeasement is appeasement," said Commissioner Joey Hoover. "If they bring back some evidence of something that was missed, that would be different. They are judges, they have to have evidence."



Special to the Okeechobee News

Rotary learns more about DHCAC

Leigh Woodham (right) was the speaker at the meeting for Rotary on Sept. 23. Ms. Woodham is the director for the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and they have a packed season of events on tap. Check them out online at www.dollyhand.org.

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Tonight: Thunderstorms in the evening will give way to partly cloudy skies overnight. Low 73F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%.

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Saturday Night: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms before midnight. Low 72F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 60%.

Sunday: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 86F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

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Fatality

- According to the headline in Wednesday's paper, an Okeechobee County deputy was found to be at fault in the December 2013 crash in which two young women died. FHP certainly took long enough with this investigation. If only he had turned on his lights and siren before hitting the gas pedal, this accident could have been avoided.

- I hope this will be a wake-up call for the sheriff's office and from now on they will have a policy that the deputies can only exceed the speed limit if they are running with blue lights.

- I've heard this said many times, relating to LEO driving at excessive speed while responding to calls, "If the officer does not make it to the scene he can't help anyone" .. and in this setting compounded the original call for help. Heartbreaking, and I feel compassion for all who were caught up in this tragedy.

- I'm glad he was found at fault but really wish he would have been punished more harshly than he was.

- I have seen comments on Facebook asking why the sheriff's office is not arresting the deputy involved in the crash. The sheriff's office did not handle the investigation. They, and rightfully so, turned everything over to Florida Highway Patrol. The FHP and the State's Attorney's Office handled the investigation. If you are unhappy with the investigation, don't badmouth the city, county or the sheriff. The investigation was done by the state, not the local officials.

- The deputy was responding to a domestic with violence and weapons. Yes, he was going too fast in a rush to possibly save someone's life and, yes, he didn't have his blue lights on, but he did have the right of way. He will have to live with this for the rest of his life as will the parents, family and friends of these girls. It was a tragic accident.

- What may become of situations like this is that when someone calls 9-1-1 for assistance, the responding officers may become too paranoid about accidents and even though it's an emergency call, they may end up driving the speed limit and then someone else may die.

- Or, maybe they'll seek professional treatment for their paranoid disorder and after they've completed that treatment they will know to flip the switch to turn on the red and blues to give fair warning that they are flying like a bat out of hell.

Pet of the Week

Allie Mae is a young, female Shetland Sheepdog mix. She has learned to get along with other dogs, but is not recommended for a home with very young children. She is house trained, spayed and current on shots.

She is available for adoption at Okeechobee Humane Society/Pet Rescue on Highway 98, next door to the Livestock Market. For more information, contact Humane Society Pet Rescue Florida, at 863-357-1104.

To see more available animals go to petfinder.com. Homes are also needed to "foster" animals who are waiting for a permanent adoptive home.



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Letters to the editor

Children's Services Council helps feed families

Earlier this year, Treasure Coast Food Bank partnered with the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee to bring a unique service to the Okeechobee community.

Working with the Children's Services Council, we opened the Okeechobee Teen Pantry — the first teen pantry in our four-county service area. The Teen Pantry is a new way of assisting families in the community who may not always have enough food. The Teen Pantry also provides something more to Okeechobee youth — it provides a sense of dignity that can be found in items as simple as a new notebook, a pair of flip-flops, or perhaps their own bottle of shampoo.

The Okeechobee Teen Pantry is filled with a variety of items, including school supplies, personal hygiene items, snacks, make-up, and occasionally seasonal items like flip-flops. Teens know when their families are struggling. They might not want to ask for money for school supplies or other personal items. The Okeechobee Teen Pantry allows them to have what they need with no impact to the family budget.

Although our retail partners generously support the program with product donations, funding to support the Okeechobee Teen Pantry comes from the Children's Services Council. Since opening, Okeechobee Teen Pantry has provided hundreds of teens with tens of thousands of items. More teens visit every week. There is no question that purchasing these items would have cut into the budgets of families who can least afford such cuts.

Funding for the Children's Services Council comes up for a revote in November. Please support the Okeechobee Teen Pantry and the other valuable work of the Children's Services Council by voting YES on Referendum #1.

Sincerely,
Judith Cruz, CEO
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Florida Business Watch is a trade association of private sector government contractors and a proud member of the Florida Local Government Coalition, which is raising awareness of city and county services that affect our daily lives through Local Works Day on Oct. 3.

Florida's quality of life is not an accident ... local governments, their private sector partners and dedicated staffs make the difference. Please take a moment to celebrate the trusted services that help us all through each and every day.

Edward G. Fontanin
Wade Trim

Florida Business Watch Board

Brooks to retire

Pritchards & Associates recognized John R. Brooks for his 13 years of service to the agency. John and his wife, Sally, have both been a part of our agency for many years. Sally started at our agency as a CSR and then pursued a teaching career. John has helped us as our field photographer since 2001 and now looks forward to sleeping in and enjoying his retirement to the fullest!

Thank you, John!

The Pritchards & Associates team



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County Services awards

At the Thursday Okeechobee County Commission meeting, the Board of County Commissioners honored county employees whose service reached milestones during the past quarter. Kathleen Schwier and Audrey Kuipers each received awards for five years service. Ms. Schwier works for Senior Services. She delivers meals and provides support to homebound seniors. Ms. Kuipers is a nutrient technician with the Soil and Water District. She will become the District Program manager on Oct. 1. Cynthia Howell, a driver for the Veterans Service Office, was honored for 10 years service. Mrs. Howell drives Okeechobee County Veterans to the VA hospital in West Palm Beach. Left to right are county administrator Robbie Chartier, Mrs. Kuipers, County Commission Chairman Frank Irby, Mrs. Schwier and Mrs. Howell.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elskan

Domestic Violence Awareness

At their Thursday meeting, the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioners issued a proclamation designating the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Jonathan Bean (left) of Martha's House, accepted the proclamation from Commission Chair Frank Irby (right).

Retired Americans go back to school

Special to the Okeechobee News

Some older adults go back to school to train for a new post-retirement job. Others do it to improve their social lives. Whatever the reason, it's a way to keep active and learn new skills. And, says the Association of Mature American Citizens, you can do it on a shoestring since many community colleges and colleges offer low-cost or no-cost

programs for senior citizens.

Don't be off-put by your age. You will have the advantage over your younger classmates. After all, you've been there and done that and they are new to the game.

The main benefit of returning to the classroom for seniors is the sense of accomplishment they achieve. In addition, it will keep your brain active in your later years.

Battle of Okeechobee Re-enactment planned

The Battle of Okeechobee will be held on Feb. 28 and March 1 at the Okeechobee Battle Historic State Park. Battle re-enactments start each day at 2 p.m. Gates will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$10 per car. For information visit www.okeechobeebattlefield.com.

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The special exception was approved 5-2.

Planners also voted to approve a wholesale warehouse proposed at 1127 S.W. Park St. The parcel measures just under one acre. Peggy Ociepa applied for the special exception in the heavy commercial zoning district. The warehouse will not include any storage of flammable liquids.

The planning board required that four parking spaces on the east side of the office must be built to city standards with pavers or a dustless surface. The driveway must also meet city standards and landscaped buffers

will be required.

A petition for special exception to allow a mechanical and repair service business in a heavy commercial zoning district at 1127 S.W. Park Street was also approved by planners.

This petition was submitted by Peggy Ociepa and had the same conditions as the petition for the warehouse on this property.

The planning board also approved a special exception for a day care center in a commercial professional office zoning district at 1811 S.W. Second Ave. Just over half an acre will be used for the project proposed by Tammie Henderson on behalf of property owner, CWS 13, LLC. The city did require that the driveway and parking lot be brought up to city code.

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If the commission decided the county should run the park and invest \$1.2 million to get 50 lots on line, it would be somewhere between years five and 10 before the county would recoup their investment, pointed out Commissioner Hoover.

"Just like any other business, it takes a while before you recoup that investment," he said. "If a private firm is willing to step up and invest their money in it, it is much more palatable to me."

"I, personally, do not want the county to spend money out there," said Mr. Burroughs. "I would prefer a private business spend their money out there."

County attorney John Cassels said a recent "somewhat scary" court case could also affect their plans for Okee-Tantie.

The St. Lucie County case dealt with a privately-owned marina which was operating in competition with two municipal marinas. The owners of the private marina argued it was unfair that they had to pay taxes while the municipal marinas did not.

"The argument by Harbortown was that we are performing the exact same function as the two municipal marinas, yet we are taxed and you are not," he said.

The judge agreed and ruled that the city marinas should be taxed, he said.

"It's an eye-opening warning to all local government that your property is not always exempt from ad valorem taxes," he said. "They are interpreting some Supreme Court

cases that only the core governmental functions are truly tax exempt and only if that function is not, or cannot be, provided by private enterprise."

"We don't need to be running this park," said Commissioner Bryant Culpepper.

Mr. Burroughs said going through the RFP process will provide transparency. He offered to help county staff with the RFP.

Commissioner Hoover said the county does not have a good history of handling the park in-house.

"We were running it up to 2012 and the costs were exceeding the revenues," he said.

During the public comments period, Larry Gabor pointed out the county had a businessman who came to them with a proposal to operate Okee-Tantie and they turned it down.

"If you had accepted his proposal, we would not be here today," he said. "Okee-Tantie is, to the RV world, dead. It doesn't exist."

He said it will take professional marketing to bring back the campers. He said the county would do well to let someone with a history of success in the business run the campground.

"These people have a lot of money to spend and want a nice place to come to," he said. "Okee-Tantie could be a jewel -- and it should be," he said.

The county commission voted unanimously to go through the RFP process for companies interested in running the campground.

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Moose will host fish fry

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Eagles offering steak dinner

The Cypress Hut Eagles, 7401 U.S. 441 S.E., will offer choice 16 oz. ribeye steak and seafood dinners Friday, **Sept. 26**, starting at 5:30 p.m. New to the menu will be a 12 oz. sirloin steak. Entertainment will be provided by Martin Music. Saturday is game day from 2 until 5 p.m. and the Auxiliary dinner, with Hard Country providing the music. Sunday is fried chicken by the Eagle Riders from 2 until 6 p.m. Monday is sloppy joes and Tuesday is the weekly dart tournament with burgers being served. Call 863-467-1154 for information.

Eagles serving steak dinner

The Fraternal Order Of Eagles, 9985 N. U.S. 441, will host a steak dinner Friday, **Sept. 26**, from 6 until 9 p.m. with 16 oz. rib eye steak served with garlic bread, baked potato, salad and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by Gerry Harmon from 7 until 11 p.m. For information, call 863-763-2552.

Benefit for Reece Lopez set

A benefit will be held for Reece Lopez on Friday, **Sept. 26**, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. There will be pulled pork sandwich dinners for a donation of \$10. There will be drawings and more. For information, pick up or delivery, call Kat at 863-697-2426 or Jen at 863-633-8557.

Craft Fair fundraiser slated

There will be another fundraiser at Okeechobee Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 312 N. Parrott Ave., Friday and Saturday, **Sept. 26 & 27**, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Softball sign ups end Sept. 26

The fall adult softball registration deadline is **Sept. 26**. Registrations are being taken at the Parks and Rec Office, 1718 N.W. Ninth Ave. The first game has been scheduled for Oct. 6. For information, check out their Facebook page or call 863-763-6950.

Eastern Star hosting dinner

Okeechobee Chapter #128 Order of the Eastern Star will host a country fried steak dinner Friday, **Sept. 26**, at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Ave. Dinner will be served from 4 until 7 p.m. For tickets, contact Karen Saucier at 863-467-6721 or Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427.

Blood donations needed

Community volunteers are needed to help save lives by donating blood:

- Saturday and Sunday, **Sept. 27 and 28**, at Walmart from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Elk Lodge offers BBQ dinner

Okeechobee Elk Lodge #2871, meeting at the American Legion Post #64, 501 S.E. Second St., invites you to join them Saturday, **Sept. 27**, for dinner. The dinner includes barbecue chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad and rolls for a \$10 donation. Eat in and take out are available. There will be no delivery charge on orders of five dinners or more. For information, call Jim at 315-778-7407.

R.C. swap meet planned

The Okeechobee Model Airplane Club and the Okeechobee R.C. Racing Club are jointly sponsoring a parking lot swap meet Saturday, **Sept. 27**, at Big Lake Hobbies, 110 S.W. 14th St., for anything that is radio controlled. Sellers are expected to arrive by 8 a.m. and stay most of the morning. This is a free event, so if you have anything that's radio controlled to sell, bring it. If you are looking to get into radio control sports this is a great opportunity to get some good deals to get you started. Members of both clubs will be on hand to answer questions and introduce you to the hobby. For information, call 863-357-3592.

Tourney benefits soccer team

A cornhole tournament to benefit the Okeechobee High School soccer team will be held Saturday, **Sept. 27**, starting at 9 a.m. in the Yearling Middle School gymnasium, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane. The tournament will be for two-man teams. The cost is \$25 per player. For details, contact Lonnie Sears at 863-634-1334.

V.F.W. Post offering breakfast

Buckhead Ridge V.F.W. Post 9528, 29012 E. S.R. 78, is open to the public for the following activities: Sunday, **Sept. 28**, breakfast from 8:30 until 11 a.m. plus \$1 bloody marys, screwdrivers and drafts. Then it's five-card bingo at 5 p.m. Dinner is available for a \$6 donation on Wednesday from 5 until 7 p.m. It will be hosted by the ladies auxiliary. Thursday bingo and food starts at 1 p.m. Friday night dinner features pork loin, fish and shrimp for a \$7 to \$8 donation. Live music will be offered from 6 until 11 p.m. All proceeds benefit veterans programs and their families. Call 843-467-2882 for details.

Legion has Sunday bingo

American Legion Post 64, 501 S.E. Second St., will host Sunday night bingo on **Sept. 28** at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. in the bingo area. All proceeds to 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.

Family workshop scheduled

The Florida Department of Education will host a family engagement workshop Monday, **Sept. 29**, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Yearling Middle School, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane, entitled "The Perfect Brainstorm in 3-D." This interactive workshop will inspire students, parents and community members to get excited about, and involved with, The Florida Standards. The 3-D workshop will explain why the standards are beneficial to all Floridians, and teach families specific age-appropriate activities to support learning at home. Parents and kids of all ages are encouraged to attend. For information, call 863-462-5056.

Hospital hosting lecture

The Dine with the Doctor's topic this month is Sepsis is Serious. This lecture will be held in the Raulerson Hospital cafeteria, 1796 U.S. 441 N., Tuesday, **Sept. 30**, with dinner being served at 4:30 p.m. for \$5. The lecture is free and will start at 5 p.m. RSVP by calling 863-763-9228.

Healthy Start board to meet

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition board of directors will meet Wednesday, **Oct. 1**, at 11 a.m. in their office located in the White House Plaza, 1132 S. Parrott Ave. The meeting is open to the public. The coalition is part of a statewide network 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.

Five wishes workshop slated

A five wishes workshop will be held Thursday, **Oct. 2**, at 2 p.m. and again on Dec. 4 at the Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St. The five wishes is a brochure/check list which explains what an individual should do with regard to the five wishes in case of serious illness. For information, call Carolyn Thomas at 863-467-8644.

IRSC site of 2014-15 sessions

The Fielden Institute at IRSC is now accepting registration for the 2014-15 session offerings. Among the new offerings, members can look forward to discussion groups and class offerings on topics such as computers, photography, writing, gardening, creativity and local history to name a few. The Institute is a program of the IRSC Foundation and is designed to serve men and women age 50 or older who are interested in returning to the college classroom to learn -- simply for the joy of learning. The open house will be from 9:30 until 11 a.m. Friday, **Oct. 3**, in the Williamson Conference Center Auditorium at the Okeechobee IRSC Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. To RSVP, call IRSC at 772-462-7880; email Katherine Hazellief at khazellief@irsc.edu; or, visit www.irscfoundation.org.

Shrine offers dinner, dancing

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, 1740 S.W. 53rd St., will host a spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Oct. 7**, from 4 until 7 p.m. Reservations are not required. Music will be provided from 5 until 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit Shrine charities. For information on the activities of the Okeechobee Shrine Club, contact: Kip Gardner at 863-357-0427; Dr. Randall Mims at 863-763-9200; or, the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

Women's health luncheon set

Raulerson Hospital will host a Women's Health luncheon Wednesday, **Oct. 8**, at IRSC Williamson Center, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and presentations will be from noon until 1 p.m. Space is limited, so RSVP to 863-763-9228.

Change Medicaid plan now

If you or your child is currently on Medicaid and assigned to a certain insurance plan or physician, you have only a few weeks left to make a change. Otherwise, you may not be able to change your plan for one year. The number to call is 877-711-3662; or visit www.flmedicaidmanagedcare.com. You should act before **Oct. 31**. For local assistance, call the Dr. Fred Brown Children's Health Center at 863-763-1951 and ask for a health benefits counselor.

Quilt, Craft Bazaar to be held

The Quilters of Peace Lutheran Church are planning their Quilt and Craft Bazaar for Saturday, **Nov. 15**, in the Fellowship Hall, 750 N.W. 23rd Street. A limited number of tables are available for craft vendors from the community, \$10. There will be all kinds of crafts, quilts, lunch, a huge bake sale and a white elephant sale. To reserve a table or for information, call Dottie Allen at 863-801-8100.

Habitat office has moved

Habitat for Humanity has moved from the Trading Post Flea Market to a new building at 1321 S.R. 70 E. -- across from Race Trac convenience store. They are accepting donations of household items, furniture and decorative items but no clothing. They plan to open the store in October. For information or for pick up or drop off information, call Diane at 863-634-1686.

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OCSO lights and siren policy won't change

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Sheriff Paul May said Wednesday his office will not change its policy regarding when a deputy should operate his/her patrol unit with its blue emergency lights and siren activated.

That statement comes on the heels of a Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) report released Sept. 23 in which a former deputy was blamed for causing a 2013 accident in which two local women were killed.

That report stated then-Deputy Joseph Gracie was on his way to a domestic violence call at speeds topping 90 mph without his blue lights or siren on when the crash occurred in front of McDonald's restaurant, 401 Park St.

FHP Trooper Corporal Mark Zook indicated in his report the former Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) deputy will be issued three citations — two for careless driving causing death, and one for failing to

utilize the emergency equipment on his patrol unit to warn other traffic.

The latter citation is based on Florida state statute 316.126, which states when an authorized vehicle is on its way to an emergency "... it shall warn all other vehicular traffic along the emergency route by an audible signal, siren, exhaust whistle or other adequate device or by a visible signal by the use of displayed blue or red lights."

Killed in that Dec. 1, 2013, crash were Elizabeth Arellano Renteria, 21, and Hilda Marisol Medrano, 21. A back seat passenger in Ms. Renteria's 2000 Ford Focus was Isamar Sanchez Jaimes, who was 20 at the time. Although severely injured, Ms. Jaimes did survive.

According to the FHP probe Ms. Renteria was eastbound and attempting a left-hand turn into the restaurant from the inside lane of the four-lane highway when the crash occurred. Gracie, followed by fellow deputies William Jolly and Matt Crawford, was westbound on Park Street.

Fourth suspect arrested in burglary case

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Detective James Pickering has gathered up all the pieces and his burglary puzzle has now been put together with the arrest of a fourth suspect.

The Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) investigator said earlier this week his investigation into the Aug. 14 burglary of a woman's N.E. Third Street home has been completed with the arrest of Charles Wayne Suarez,

Suarez, 27, Brinkerhoff Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Friday, Sept. 19, on a felony charge of grand theft. He is being held in the Okeechobee County Jail on \$35,000 bond.

It just so happens that his father, Charles Wayne Suarez, 46, had been arrested a couple of weeks earlier for his part in the alleged burglary. He is charged with grand theft and burglary, and is being held on \$185,000 bond.

Two other local men — Jamie Glenn Wilson and Joseph Paulshane Moore — have been arrested for their alleged connection in the break-in.



Charles Suarez

Wilson, 32, S.E. Second Street, is charged with burglary and grand theft. He is being held on \$170,000 bond.

Moore, 31, is charged with one count of grand theft and is being held on \$20,000 bond.

Detective Pickering explained the four men broke into the locked home while the woman was not at home, and took so many items the woman doesn't know what all is missing.

"They got, conservatively, \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of items," he said, in a prior interview. "They took their time and made several trips. They went there two to three times."

Some of the items reportedly taken include: a commercial grade mixer/blender; a television; military medals, patches and chevrons; collector Barbie® doll's; a barber chair; guitar; other kitchen equipment; rifles; and, clothing that belonged to the woman's dead husband."

The OCPD detective has recovered the mixer/blender, rifles, barber chair, guitar and military medals. However, many of the items allegedly stolen have not been recovered.

According to arrest reports the four men are all slated to appear in circuit court for their arraignments next month.

OCSO Deputy Megan Holroyd was answering the domestic violence call, and the three other deputies were responding as backup since one of the persons involved in that domestic situation was armed.

Sheriff May said his agency's policy states that when a deputy is dispatched to a call his/her supervisor — whether it be a sergeant or corporal — will decide if the deputy is to run with their blue lights and siren activated.

This decision will be based on "whatever the situation dictates."

"If no sergeant or corporal is available, the deputy can use their own discretion," he added.

Apparently, this crash occurred before Gracie had spoken with his supervisor.

But, can a deputy responding as backup to a call run with their blue lights and siren activated?

"Yes," Sheriff May, "but certainly not at the speed he (Gracie) was driving. Just because your blue lights and siren are on doesn't mean you have to run at warp speed."

In that FHP report Cpl. Zook said Gracie, Deputy Jolly and Deputy Crawford, were all at the Race Trac convenience store/gas station, 1596 S.R. 70 E., when the domestic call came across their radios. That store, stated the trooper, is about .8 miles or 4,224 feet from the crash scene and it took Gracie about 43 seconds to travel that distance.

About 1 second prior to impact, Gracie was traveling at a speed of 94 mph, stated Cpl. Zook.

The report went on to estimate Gracie's speed at impact to be 87 mph.

Gracie, now 47, was forced to retire because his injuries were so severe he could no longer work as a law enforcement officer. He and his family have moved out of state.

Sheriff May did not comment on the accident itself on the advice of counsel. He said he's been told lawsuits will possibly be filed against the sheriff's office.

Report: OCI employee caught with cell phones

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An employee at the Okeechobee Correctional Institution (OCI) has been arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle cell phones into the facility.

Denzel Martel Bivins, 21, Grand Concourse, Sebring, was arrested Monday, Sept. 22, on two felony counts of introduction of contraband into a state correctional facility. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail on a bond of \$5,000.

An arrest report by Deputy Ryane Ammons, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), stated two cell phones were found on Bivins when he was searched upon entering the prison. Bivins apparently

was trying to hide them in his jacket.

According to the report Deputy Ammons and OCSO Deputy Matt Crawford, along with OCI personnel, then searched a vehicle belonging to Bivins. During that search Deputy Ammons said he found three cell phones in the glove compartment, and seven more similar cell phones in the trunk.

The report also indicated charging cables for the phones were found and seized.

Deputy Crawford's K-9 Nero performed an exterior sniff of the vehicle and reportedly gave a positive alert. Deputy Crawford then started searching the vehicle and allegedly found a suspected marijuana cigarette.

Deputy Ammons stated that cigarette was field tested, and that test indicated a positive result for the presence of marijuana. The cigarette weighed .4 grams, added the deputy.



Denzel Bivins

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Sheriff asks for \$165,000 for cost overruns

By Katrina Elsen
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) budget was back on the agenda at the Okeechobee County Board of County Commissioner's meeting on Thursday.

Sheriff Paul May asked the board to authorize him to spend his collected 'due to monies' to balance the fiscal year 2013/14 budget. These funds totalling \$165,114.58 include revenue from senior meals, the prisoner incentive payments, Florida DOC, investigative fees, witness fees, fingerprints, crash reports, interest earned and other miscellaneous revenues.

County Commission Chairman Frank Irby questioned why the sheriff needed to spend the additional funds, since the finance reports he

has seen show the sheriff's office as operating within the approved 2013-14 budget of \$13.7 million.

The sheriff explained that the financial report the chairman had did not show the encumbrances.

He said they need to use the funds to cover cost overruns, primarily in medical expenses and fuel costs.

"We spent \$90,000 over what we budgeted for hospital care for inmates," he said.

Chairman Irby asked if the sheriff was requesting a budget amendment.

The sheriff balked at using that term.

"When I accepted the budget last year, I made it clear that you have my reserves," said the sheriff. "This request is to use my 'due to' money instead of asking for reserves.

"My budget always included my reserves -- the contingency in my budget," he said. "There was a time when I held a large amount of money in my reserves and I gave you a lot back.

"The law allows us to hold up to 10 percent contingency in our budget," he said. "We would never need that much, but it was there."

"The budget that we had at \$13.7 million was your approved budget," said Chairman Irby.

"Minus the contingencies," added the sheriff.

In the future, the financial reports from the sheriff's office will include the encumbrances, said OCSO Major Noel Stephen.

The board voted 3-1 to approve the transfer of the requested funds, with Chairman Irby voting against it.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The City of Okeechobee has tentatively adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. A public hearing to make a FINAL DECISION on the budget AND TAXES will be held on:

Tuesday, September 30, 2014
6:00 p.m. at

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

BUDGET SUMMARY

City of Okeechobee - Fiscal Year 2014-2015

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF OKEECHOBEE ARE 10.09% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	GENERAL FUND	PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT FUND	GRANT FUNDS	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FUND	CAPITAL IMPROV. PROJECTS-IMPACT FEES FUND	LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
ESTIMATED REVENUES:							
Taxes:	Millage Per \$1000						
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,750,713						\$ 1,750,713
OTHER TAXES (INS. PREM. UTILITY, ETC)	\$ 626,153	\$ 583,679					\$ 1,209,832
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,319,291	\$ 67,210	\$ 516,838		\$ 100		\$ 1,903,439
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 859,548						\$ 859,548
FINE, FORFEITURES AND PENALTIES	\$ 13,570					\$ 500	\$ 14,070
USES OF MONEY AND PROPERTY	\$ 1,000	\$ 600		\$ 5,300			\$ 6,900
OTHER REVENUE	\$ 48,523			\$ 237,600			\$ 286,123
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 4,618,798	\$ 651,489	\$ 516,838	\$ 242,900	\$ 100	\$ 500	\$ 6,030,625
Transfers-In	\$ 1,251,462		\$ 373,162				\$ 1,624,624
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	\$ 3,744,185	\$ 546,177	\$ 7,425	\$ 4,903,949	\$ 46,564	\$ 6,100	\$ 9,254,400
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS & BALANCES	\$ 9,614,445	\$ 1,197,666	\$ 897,425	\$ 5,146,849	\$ 46,664	\$ 6,600	\$ 16,909,649
EXPENDITURES:							
LEGISLATIVE	\$ 130,890						\$ 130,890
EXECUTIVE	\$ 187,175			\$ 750			\$ 187,925
CITY CLERK	\$ 213,429						\$ 213,429
FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 263,168			\$ 1,500			\$ 264,668
LEGAL COUNSEL	\$ 86,213						\$ 86,213
GENERAL GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES	\$ 341,186			\$ 47,200			\$ 388,386
LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 2,087,019			\$ 340,500	\$ 21,500		\$ 2,449,019
FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 1,418,228			\$ 14,800			\$ 1,433,028
TRANSPORTATION	\$ 1,142,952	\$ 709,000		\$ 55,000	\$ 15,000		\$ 1,921,952
OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE				\$ 25,000			\$ 25,000
LAW ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL FUND						\$ 3,605	\$ 3,605
APPROPRIATIONS GRANT FUND			\$ 105,000				\$ 105,000
FDOT-GRANT FUND			\$ 23,425				\$ 23,425
OTHER GRANTS			\$ 769,000				\$ 769,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 5,870,260	\$ 709,000	\$ 897,425	\$ 484,750	\$ 36,500	\$ 3,605	\$ 8,001,540
OPERATING TRANSFER-OUT		\$ 398,000		\$ 1,226,524	\$ 100		\$ 1,624,624
FUND BALANCE/AND TRANSFER/RESERVES	\$ 3,744,185	\$ 90,666		\$ 3,435,575	\$ 10,064	\$ 2,995	\$ 7,283,485
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$ 9,614,445	\$ 1,197,666	\$ 897,425	\$ 5,146,849	\$ 46,664	\$ 6,600	\$ 16,909,649

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Economic Council of Okeechobee CARE Award presented

Special to the Okeechobee News

Congratulations to Penrod Construction Company recently awarded the Economic Council of Okeechobee CARE Award, or Community Award Recognizing Enhancement, for renovations to their office located at 210 N.E. Third Ave. in the City of Okeechobee. The award was sponsored by CPA Tax Solutions, PLLC.

About the building

In the beginning the condition of the structure was inadequate for their construction office needs. Remodeling the structure took five months to complete and included custom moldings, granite counters, porcelain tile, custom furnishings, exterior paint, refinished driveway and parking areas, and new landscaping.

Corey Penrod said, "While the outside is nice to look at, the inside is what really gets complimented."

Penrod added that he believes the enhancements have helped his business, saying "what was once an eyesore in the city is now a gorgeous building that draws attention."

The Economic Council of Okeechobee is



Special to the Okeechobee News/Sandra Pearce Photography
Penrod Construction Company was recently awarded the Economic Council of Okeechobee CARE Award for renovations to their office located at 210 N.E. Third Ave. Left to right are Paula Younger, Christa Culbreth Luna, Corey Penrod, Desiree Penrod, Susan Giddings and Tara Minton Rowley. The award was sponsored by CPA Tax Solutions, PLLC.

proud to recognize Corey Penrod and Penrod Construction Company for their efforts to improve the appearance and quality of life in Okeechobee.

Health Assessment Team working to improve life in Okeechobee

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Health Assessment Team were the featured speakers at the monthly meeting of the Okeechobee Community Collaborative Council Tuesday.

Brian Sell of the Health Department said the team includes several organizations. Objectives are to decrease obesity which encourages more exercise and healthy diets. Another objective is improvement of access to healthy foods at schools and in the community through the Treasure Coast Food Bank. A third objective is more recreation. The team has encouraged a park with trails on Taylor Creek in the city. They also promoted DUI awareness and addressed the teen pregnancy prevention efforts in the community.

This year they plan to improve mosquito surveillance and improve literacy and reading skills. The paws to read program involves trained dogs that help young kids with reading. They interact with the pet, work with the dogs, and improve self-esteem and learn responsibility.

"Hopefully this is something long term that will improve the health of our community," he added.

The council agreed to participate in another gift drive for Christmas for My Aunts House to assist needy families in Okeechobee. Cash donations, gift cards, clothes, toys and other items can be donated.

Treasure Coast Food Bank wants to hold a food truck to assist needy families in Okeechobee next month. Agencies can certify clients to receive assistance. Fresh vegetables, meats, and dairy are often available. For more information, call 772-489-3034.

The Healthy Start Coalition seeks donations for a yard sale. They accept items needed for expectant mothers and those with young children.

The next meeting of the Juvenile Justice Council is Oct. 17 at 12 noon at Beef O'Brady's Restaurant.

The Okeechobee Children's Services Council continues to build support for the referendum on the November ballot. Post cards will be mailed to every registered voter, and The County Fair has agreed to put up a sign of support. They also have a Facebook page to promote what they are doing for the community.

Raulerson Hospital will host a women's health luncheon on Oct. 8 at Indian River State College, Williamson Center at 11:30 a.m. They will also host a pumpkin patch on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m.

Martha's House Domestic Violence Shelter will partner with Breast Cancer Awareness in October to raise awareness about domestic violence. The agency serves 500 women and children annually in Okeechobee. An event will be held Friday, Oct. 3, at Scott Driver Boat Ramp similar to a candlelight vigil service to remember the victims of domestic violence. The event will begin at dusk. Jonathan Bean said the goal is to build awareness about the problem of domestic violence, which he compared to a women's public health issue.

The Okeechobee County United Way



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Brian Sell of the health department was the featured speaker at the monthly Community Collaborative Council meeting in Okeechobee.

hopes to raise \$110,000 in their annual campaign this year.

ANNIVERSARY

**SANDFORD D. KNEER
 LOIS J. KNEER**

Sanford D. Kneer and Lois J. Kneer, of Okeechobee, Fla., celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The Kneers were married on Sept. 26, 1940 in Ft. Madison, Iowa.

The bride was the former Lois J. Kelley of Laura, Ill. Their children are Ronald Kneer and wife Nikki, Victor Kneer and wife Kaye, both of Okeechobee, Richard Kneer and wife Joyce, of Monmouth, Ill. They have six grandsons; one granddaughter; and nine great-grandchildren.

Sanford retired from Letourneau Westinghouse (Wabco) in Peoria, Ill.



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Garcia paces OHS JV in grid win

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Angel Garcia rushed for 104 yards and one touchdown and the Brahman defense held Sebastian River to only five first downs as the junior varsity squad toppled their visitors 22-6 Wednesday night at OHS.

The JV had to wait about 45 minutes to start the game due to a late-arriving bus from Indian River County and overcame a sluggish offensive performance to win for the second time this year.

Demetrius Clarke picked off a short pass by Sharks' quarterback Darian Archer at the OHS 16-yard line and returned it almost untouched for the only score of the first half.

"I just saw the offensive line was pass blocking and looked for the receiver and watched the quarterback and the ball happened to land in my hands and I just took it," he said.

The offense got untracked in the third quarter as quarterback Janavise Futch broke loose for a 52-yard touchdown run.

Garcia capped off the game with strong runs on a 63-yard drive in the final six minutes. His 18-yard touchdown run sealed the victory for Okeechobee.

"It feels real good. My legs weren't stopping. I push my hardest but I couldn't have

done anything without the offensive line," he explained.

Joe Walters had a scooped up a fumble and ran 55-yards in the third quarter for the Sharks only touchdown. Derrell Simmons had an interception and a 30-yard reception for Sebastian.

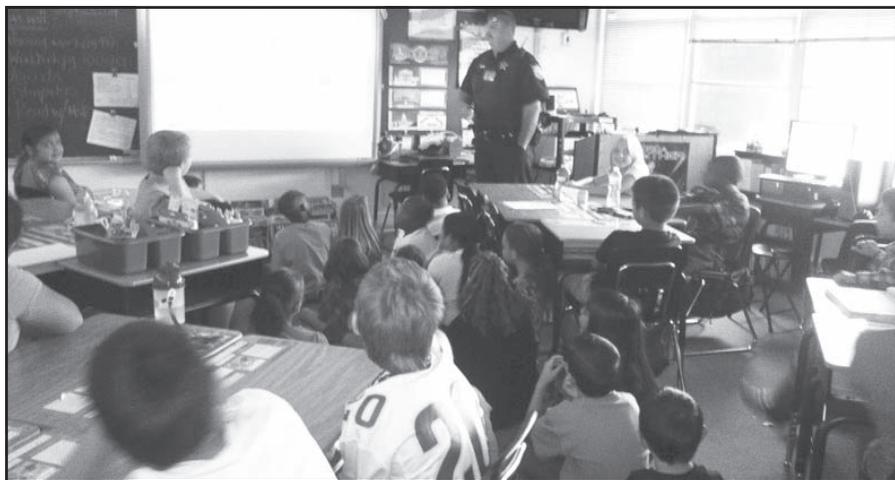
A 39-yard touchdown run by Malcolm Chambers of OHS was called back by a penalty.

Brahman coach Joseph Smith said the entire team did everything they were asked to do and he used the analogy of changing from a caterpillar to a butterfly to reach his team this week.

"We told them to leave it all on the field, empty the tank and become a new creation and a new player. Everything you saw on the field was already in those guys," he said.

Smith said due to early release and rain the team wasn't able to have a full practice this week. They still included some new offensive plays known as the zone read and the team responded well.

"Angel kind of put the team on his shoulders, he's an upper classman and we expect that from him. It was a great game and definitely one that was fun to watch," Smith added.



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On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Central Elementary third graders were taught lessons on Cyber Safety by Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office Deputy John Fisher. The students had fun and learned a lot about internet safety.

FWC confiscates venomous reptiles

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WEST PALM BEACH — Ten venomous reptiles are now in a safe facility after the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) removed them from a man who wasn't licensed to possess them.

FWC investigators charged Brian Buchowski, 28, of West Palm Beach with unlawful possession of the venomous reptiles and several other related violations. The snakes were being kept in unsafe containers, were not properly labeled, and he did not have the required bite protocol in place.

Each violation is a misdemeanor charge and punishable by up to \$500 in fines and up to 60 days in jail.

The animals — five copperheads, three monocolobras, a black and white spitting

cobra and a white-lipped pit viper — were seized and placed with a licensed individual.

"Removing these reptiles was important to protect public safety and the well-being of the animals," said Lt. Chris Harris, a supervisor in the FWC's West Palm Beach office. "There are important captive wildlife rules that need to be followed, particularly where venomous reptiles are concerned. We're fortunate no one was hurt and we were able to get them to a safe facility where they will be well cared for."

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By Dr. Ramesh Kumar
Big Lake Cancer Center

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Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

• The Okeechobee High school Lady Brahman **volleyball** team matched up against some of the best teams in South Florida this past weekend at the East Coast Challenge at Martin County. Okeechobee defeated familiar opponent South Fork, 25-23, 18-25 and 15-13 but lost to Park Vista 25-15, 17-25 and 9-15, Lake Worth Christian, 14-25 and 18-25, Martin County 14-25 and 9-25 and Vero Beach 23-25 and 16-25. Okeechobee reached the championship round of the copper bracket against Park Vista.

• The Okeechobee **Youth Football League** earned forfeit victories Saturday when the Four Corners Bucs failed to show up for a slate of games at Okeechobee High School. The Brahman travel to Lake Wales for five games this Saturday.

The Okeechobee Wildcats were scheduled to play at least two games this Saturday in youth football action in the Tri County Athletic League starting at 10 a.m. at the soccer fields across from North Elementary School.

• The OHS Brahman **boys cross country** team had a strong fourth place performance this past weekend at the Cobra Invitational in Boca Raton. The Brahman's ran well together as only 1:03 separated the Brahman's top runner Emmanuel Gaona from the fifth place finisher Ramon Liberato. Garcia finished 29th overall with a time of 19:21, Lucas Penido was 31st at 19:27, Brendan Patterson, 32nd at 19:29, and Isaac Garcia 37th at 19:46.

The girls squad finished 11th out of 17 teams with a nice effort by the team leaders. Alexis Muller finished 37th overall at 24:39,

Charleigh Heater finished in 50th place at 25:47, and Carrie Wharin 67th at 26:58.

Coach A.J. Mayernik said he felt the boys were impressive and that both teams started to make waves at the event.

"I think the girls are learning to develop team chemistry," said the coach. "I think all of the teams have been working hard with energy and enthusiasm and are continuing to exude Brahman pride."

The boys junior varsity finished second out of eight teams at the event. Victor Nunez was third overall with a time of 19:59. Victor Gaona took ninth place and Adrian Hernandez finished in 10th place overall.

• Rain played havoc on the sports schedule Tuesday as the swim meet scheduled against John Carroll and Pine Creek was postponed in Okeechobee. A makeup date was not immediately set.

• The Lady Brahman golf team was also washed out for the second straight day on the Treasure Coast at the Saints Country Club in Port St. Lucie.

• The Lady Brahman **bowling** team played a strong match in a (7-0) shutout of Jensen Beach at home on Monday. Jessica Olney rolled a high game of 170 and a 335 series to lead OHS. Heather Chandler rolled a 256 series to lead Jensen Beach.

Coach Carole Olney said the visiting players are trying to adjust to the lanes which are slower than they are used to on the Treasure Coast.

The Brahman boys fell 5-2 to Jensen Beach. Brian Chapman had a high game of 232 and a 387 series for OHS. Phil Smith and Mike Hamon had 200 games for Jensen Beach. Smith rolled a 376 series.

On Tuesday at South Fork the Lady Brahman continued to cruise with another (7-0) victory. Jessica Olney had a high game of 184 and a 363 series. Jordan Wiggers led South Fork with a high game of 185 and a 352 series.

The Brahman boys fell to South Fork 6-1. Chapman had a high game of 224 and a 398 series. Cody Snyder led the Bulldogs with a high game of 248 and a 498 series.

Olney said the girls won despite missing several spares. She said while the boys team had a lot of strikes they also had too many open frames to win.

The bowling teams host Port St. Lucie on Oct. 2 at 3:30 p.m.

• The makeup date for the Yearling at Osceola soccer match was set for Oct. 13 at 4:30 p.m.

Jupiter won the girls title while John I Leonard took the boys crown this year.

This Saturday the cross country team competes at the Fleet Feet Invitational at South Fork High School.

• OHS Lady Brahman **golf** had a rough week with back-to-back rainouts on Monday in Martin County and Tuesday in Port St. Lucie.

• The boys **swim team** defeated Sebring 205-196 and the girls fell 218-187.

Highlights for the girls team included Aubrie Reister who won the girls 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle, Christina Orender who won the 50-yard freestyle race and the 100-yard butterfly, and the victorious 200-yard freestyle relay team of Orender, Megan Bolan, Jacqueline Orender and Reister. The 400-yard freestyle relay team also prevailed behind Orender, Morgan Bolan, Hunter Bosworth and Reister.

Highlights for the Brahman boys team included Michael Muros who won the 200-yard freestyle, William Castillo who took the 100-yard butterfly, Nathaneal Bean who won the 500-yard freestyle and Cameron Whitlock who took the 100-yard backstroke. The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Castillo, Ryan Daniel, Muros and Bean took first place. Also victorious was the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Castillo, Daniel, Bean and Muros.

• The Yearling Middle School **soccer** team defeated Gifford in a recent match 3-1 to remain unbeaten on the season. Coach Erick Rios said the match was intense for several minutes and was competitive throughout. The team has struggled getting matches in due to rain and thunderstorms. Five of the first seven matches of the year have been postponed. David Solorzano scored the winning goal against Gifford. The Dolphins got a goal from a penalty kick. Yearling will make up a match with Sebastian on Oct. 16 and with Osceola on Oct. 13. The match Wednesday with Storm Grove was also postponed. Volleyball was also postponed.

Pemayevt Emahakv defeated the Moore Haven junior varsity squad 25-5 and 25-6 on Wednesday. Aleina Micco led the way with nine services aces and two kills. Julia Smith had nine aces and one kill. Jacee Jumper had three aces.

• The Osceola **volleyball** team defeated Sebastian Middle School 25-14 and 25-16. Ashley Snyder had two aces, two assists and three kills. Delany Jones had one assist and four aces. Mattie Garcia had four aces and one dig. Aubrie Hataway had one dig, one ace and two kills.

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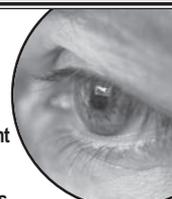
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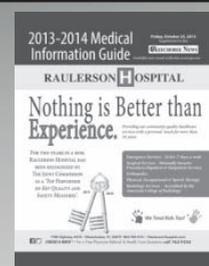
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Public Notices

Public Notice

NOTICE The Value Adjustment Board of Okeechobee County will convene its Annual Organizational Meeting on Tuesday October 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the "Judge William L. Hendry Courtroom" at the Historic Courthouse, 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.

Any person deciding to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record must include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the County Administrator's Office not later than four (4) working days prior to the proceeding at 304 N.W. 2nd Street, Room 123 Okeechobee, Florida 34972, or call 863.763.6441. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call TDD 1-800-222-3448 (voice) or 1-888-447-5620 (TTY).

Commissioner Joey Hoover, Chairman Value Adjustment Board Sharon Robertson, Clerk Value Adjustment Board 467431 ON 9/26/2014

Public Notices

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PROCUREMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) - CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Pursuant to Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, the State of Florida Consultants' Competitive Negotiations Act and the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF), the DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE will consider the contracting of a CONSTRUCTION MANAGER (CM) for providing professional services for the following construction project:

REMODEL OF THE FORMER FAU BUILDINGS Located at the IRSC Pruitt Campus 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

This project will consist of working with the project architect/engineer team in the design phase, including value-engineering, the development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) and construction services for the remodel of portions of the three (3) former FAU Buildings.

Business entities interested in providing construction management services for the Indian River State College (IRSC) Project(s) are hereby notified that their "Statement of Qualifications" submittals must be received in the IRSC Facilities & Sustainability Office at 2209 Virginia Avenue, Building "S", Room 233, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981-5596 by the DEADLINE DATE OF FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2014, at 2:00 P.M. Submittal requirements are one (1) original and five (5) copies.

Instructions for completion and submission of the Construction Management "Statement of Qualifications" may be obtained at the IRSC Facilities & Sustainability Office, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Building "S", Room 233, Fort Pierce, Florida 34981-5596; or preferably by e-mailing your request to tlynch@irsc.edu or calling the Facilities Planning Office at 772-462-7360.

IRSC reserves the right to waive any informality in the selection process and to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications. 466971 ON 9/12,19,26/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2014TD116

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that SOUTHERN HOMESITES INC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 1652 Year of Issuance: June-01-2012

Description of Property: LOT G TRACT 10 WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF TRACT 10 SECTION 34 AS TO THE SOUTHERN COLONIZATION COMPANY PLAT OF TOWNSHIP 34 SOUTH RANGE 33 EAST ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4 PAGES 3-3E INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

1-34-34-33-0A00-00010-0000 Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: JAZMINE K PRICE

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 30th day of October, 2014. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Robin R. Parrish Deputy Clerk

NOTICE REGARDING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990: In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact Court Administration no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at 250 NW Country Club Drive, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34986, 1.772.807.4370 within two working days of your receipt of this notice. IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL 1.800.955.8770. 467197 ON 9/19,26 & 10/3,10/2014

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF ANNUAL LANDOWNERS AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL OWNERS OF LANDS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT THAT, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW, A MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF THE COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2014 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE ADMINISTRATION ANNEX BUILDING, OKEECHOBEE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, 458 HIGHWAY 98 N., OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

- 1. ELECT ONE SUPERVISOR; 2. RECEIVING ANNUAL REPORTS AND TAKING SUCH ACTION WITH RESPECT THERETO AS THE LANDOWNERS MAY DETERMINE; AND 3. TRANSACTING SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE BOARD.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR COQUINA WATER CONTROL DISTRICT WILL HOLD A BOARD OF SUPERVISOR MEETING AT 9:30 A.M. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA MAY BE OBTAINED UPON REQUEST FROM THE UNDERSIGNED. IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING; THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS 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 PROCEEDINGS 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) 447-1015 467273 ON 9/19,26/2014

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 2014TD115

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that DELANE REX LINEBERRY the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 3425 Year of Issuance: June-01-2011

Description of Property: THE EAST ONE HALF E1/2 OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY COMMENCING AT THE QUARTER SECTION CORNER ON THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST ALONG THE QUARTER SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1905.30 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF FOUR SEASONS DRIVE THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC WEST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1918.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 396.00 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 396.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 396.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 0 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 220.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN & COMPRISING A PART OF THE SOUTH ONE-HALF S1/2 OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA ALSO DESCRIBED AS LOT 20F OF AN UNRECORDED PLAT KNOWN AS FOUR SEASONS ESTATES 1.00 ACRE

1-17-37-36-0A00-00003-020F Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: AMPARO BARTRA GUSTAVO A BARTRA

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 16th day of October, 2014. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

SHARON ROBERTSON, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT Okeechobee County, Florida /s/ Robin R. Parrish Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

A public auction will be held at B M J Towing, Inc. Lot at 414 South Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974 on Friday the 10th day of OCTOBER, 2014 from 10:00-11:00 A.M. Pursuant to Florida statute 713.78 for unpaid towing and storage. Year, Make, Model & Vin's as follows

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Terms of sale are cash, and no checks will be accepted. The seller reserves the right of final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Said automobiles will be sold in "AS IS" with no guarantees. 467454 ON 9/26/2014

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

2014TD114

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that BE A MAN BUY LAND LLC the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Certificate No: 3421 Year of Issuance: June-01-2012

Description of Property: BEING A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA ALSO KNOWN AS LOTS 120D 103D 106D AND 107D ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF FOUR SEASONS ESTATES AND BEING FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS COMMENCE AT THE SW CORNER OF SAID SECTION 17 THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 57 MIN 33 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF SW 2ND AVENUE THENCE NORTH 00 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 3208.32 FEET TO A POINT LYING ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF NW 3RD STREET THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 00 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET THENCE NORTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG 05 MIN 07 SEC WEST A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING LESS & EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING COMMENCING AT THE 1/4 SECTION CORNER OF THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST ALONG THE 1/4 SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 662.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SAID SECTION 17 FOR A DISTANCE OF 600.00 FEET FOR POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET THENCE RUN SOUTH 00 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 89 DEG 24 MIN 08 SEC WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEG 04 MIN 22 SEC EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH RANGE 36 EAST OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA ALSO KNOWN AS LOTS 106D AND 107D FOUR SEASONS ESTATES AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION

1-17-37-36-0A00-00003-102D Said property being in the County of Okeechobee, State of Florida

Name in which assessed: JOSEPH FREDERICK GAZZA

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Okeechobee County Judicial Center, Jury Assembly Room, 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 10:00 A.M., on the 16th day of October, 2014. SUBJECT TO CURRENT TAXES

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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-153 JUDGE: GARY L. SWEET

IN RE: Estate of WILMA MARIE KNOPP, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Formal Administration

The administration of the Estate of WILMA MARIE KNOPP, Deceased, whose date of death was July 13,2014, and whose social security number is xxx-xx-1354, Case Number 2014-CP-153 is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, Suite 125, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

If you have been served with a copy of this notice and you have any claim or demand against the decedent's estate, even if that claim is unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated, you must file your claim with the court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF A DATE THAT IS 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER YOU RECEIVE A COPY OF THIS NOTICE.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with the Court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. EVEN IF A CLAIM IS NOT BARRED BY THE LIMITATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL CLAIMS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WILL BE BARRED TWO YEARS AFTER DECEDENT'S DEATH.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is: 9-19-2014.

CHARLENE MARIE KEEFER Personal Representative 2201 SE 29th Street Okeechobee, FL 34974
 John D. CASSELS, JR. Attorney for Personal Representative FBN: 0261521 Post Office Box 968 Okeechobee, FL 34973-0968 (863) 763-3131 jdc@legal-one.com pleadings@legal-one.com 467266 ON 9/19,26/2014

Brahmans hosting Heritage Panthers

By Charles M. Murphy
 Okeechobee News

Heritage-Palm Bay might have graduated a lot of players from a team that won 13 games in a row last year, but they appear to have reloaded with their sights set on another deep playoff run.

The young Brahmans know they will be overmatched on paper this week, but still are eager to test their mettle against a top team.

Okeechobee's offense finally got something going last week with over 360 total yards and 28 points. While the team continued to struggle in the passing game, the running game finally clicked with several big plays, including runs of 55 and 39 yards from the line of scrimmage.

OHS coach Chris Branham said the team put in a great effort last week to get their first win. He praised the senior leaders on the team and he noted his team never wavered despite the adversity they faced.

"I'm so proud of the kids, they took a lot of steps in terms of maturity and it took every player on the field for us to be a success," he noted.

Key players for the Panthers include running backs



Scouting Report

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They are not what they were last year. We must play to our ability and if we do, they better pack their lunch because I feel we can compete," he added.

Another key to the game will be Okeechobee's ability to stop Gaines and King running the football.

Gaines will play running back, quarterback, and even wide receiver and will get the ball the majority of the time.

"He's as special a player as Okeechobee will see this year. He is a great high school back and they go to the enth degree to get him the football," he added.

On the injury list, Okeechobee returns Cornelius Horton from a shoulder injury. Caleb Smith also returns from concussion-type symptoms.

Alex Garcia is out for the season with a knee injury. Drayton Billie may be limited due to flu symptoms.

Juanyae Ford will miss the game due to a severely sprained ankle.

Heritage opened the season with a 17-14 loss to Palm Bay, then rebounded to defeat Rockledge 27-10 and Jensen Beach 34-7.

Okeechobee lost to Glades Day, 6-0, Sebring, 30-13, and Martin County, 10-3, before last week's 28-21 victory at Westwood.

The kickoff tonight is at 7 p.m. There is a charge for parking and admission.

For the game story, see the link on the Okeechobee News Facebook page.

Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- "Dracula" author Stoker
 - 5 + or - particles
 - Ocean movements
 - Wine city near Sacramento
 - "The Bridge on the River ___": 1957 film
 - "Step ___": "Out of my way!"
 - Goes on to say
 - Pizzazz
 - Trademarked copy
 - Runner on a corridor floor
 - Derisive expression
 - Harbor structure
 - Public health agcy.
 - Brake part
 - Actress Loren
 - Sunscreen letters
 - Twenty-one-gun show of respect
 - Multi-vol. references
 - Runner in a long race
 - Steam-emitting appliance
 - "Fideles": carol
 - Ot. halves
 - Dry twigs for a fire
 - Old Russian ruler
 - DDE's predecessor
 - Eye protector
 - Stiller's comedy partner
 - Runner in a nursery
 - Sheikhdom of song
 - Sunburn soother
 - Golden Fleece ship
 - Access Facebook, say
 - Prefix with bucks
 - Vitamin ___: PABA
 - Noisy migratory birds
 - Subtle call for attention
 - Satisfy to the hilt

- DOWN**
- Slight depression, with "the"
 - '50s sci-fi monster
 - Confuse
 - Gave false clues to, e.g.
 - Swedish furniture chain
 - Big-eyed
 - Civil rights org.
 - Mount climbed by Moses
 - Many an H&R Block employee
 - "It's clear now"
 - Very inexpensive
 - Old name for Tokyo
 - Male or female
 - What a cuff may cover
 - Is indignant about
 - Failed to
 - Lets the lure fly
 - Desertlike
 - Bumbling sort
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 - Where the major headlines are
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 - Diagnostic aid
 - "What's more ..."
 - 42 Tigers and Cubs
 - Comical Boosler
 - Fixes up, as a fixer-upper
 - Snail-mail attachment
 - Putters' targets
 - Primary artery
 - Name synonymous with synonyms
 - More than apologize
 - Debt-laden corp. takeovers
 - Clouds (up)
 - 61 Accomplishment
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 - prerequisite
 - Fish delicacy

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ANSWER:

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Help for vets is available

Betsy Grinslade, the county Veterans Service officer, is accredited with the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, VFW and DAV and has been working in this capacity since October 1999. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The office closes at 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The County Veterans Service Office is located in the old courthouse at 304 N.W. Second St. The phone number is 863-763-6441, ext 5. If you have any questions about VA benefits for veterans, widows, and/or family members, contact Betsy Grinslade for assistance.

B.R.A.T. needs volunteers

Building Relationships Among Teens (B.R.A.T.) Club in Okeechobee is looking for volunteers. If you are over the age of 21, and a fun-loving and energetic person, we want you! Come help at various youth events. Contact Tammi Kelly at 772-708-6764.

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