Weekend music festivals proposed

By Katrina Elsken
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Commission will consider a request for temporary use permits for music festivals at their Thursday, Sept. 11 meeting.

Clifford Rosen is requesting permits for public events at the 800-acre property commonly known as Sundance Trails, on the north side of Northeast 120th Street, about 2 miles west of Northeast 128th Avenue.

Following a public hearing on Aug. 26, the Okeechobee County Planning Board unanimously recommended that the commissioners authorize issuance of multiple temporary use permits subject to the following conditions:

1. Okeechobee Music and Funfest events shall be authorized for one 3-day weekend in March 2015, one 3-day weekend in November 2015, two 3-day weekends in March 2016, two 3-day weekends in November 2016, two 3-day weekends in March 2017 and two 3-day weekends in November 2017;
2. A separate permit shall be issued for each festival event;
3. The Temporary Use Permit may be modified in consultation with the Fire Rescue Department, the Sheriff’s Office and the property owners;

Grand jury indict Spencer & Spivey

Two men face first degree murder charge in Aug. 8 shooting of William Curry

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A grand jury returned a true bill Tuesday afternoon and indicted two local men of first degree murder in the Aug. 8 killing of William B. Curry Jr.

Travis A. Spencer, 25, and Terrance T. Spivey, 22, were both indicted Sept. 9 on charges of first degree felony murder with a firearm, burglary of a dwelling with an assault or battery while armed, robbery with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon.

Because the murder charge is...
Logo to represent city centennial

Special to the Okeechobee News

The City of Okeechobee Centennial Committee began their meeting on Monday, Aug. 25, with reports from committee members. Sharie Turgeon, the media liaison, discussed the recent WOKC interview which the final Call to Artists was made for the Centennial logo. Submissions were to be in the City Clerk’s office by end of day on Aug. 19 to prepare for the upcoming meeting. Ms. Turgeon also had notified the committee of another scheduled interview with WOKC to announce that a logo had been approved and would be announced at an unveiling at the “Kick Off Dinner” for our Centennial year in January 2015. The committee agreed to keep the logo design under wraps to officially present the logo in a grand way at that first event. The committee has also discussed that a number of media are eager to work with the Centennial Committee and the City to help celebrate its birthday.

School liaison Jeanne Enfinger continues to work with Superintendent Ken Kenworthy and others to secure venues for upcoming events. Committee members that are appointed to coordinate the events will be asked to follow up with these venues.

Historic time line liaison Magi Cable has been pouring through countless records to ensure that our history is not only recognized but celebrated as accurately as possible. The committee members that are appointed to certain events will be able to use the time line to research events and activities that may be included in the celebrations.

In planning for the events that will take place this next year the committee appointed members to oversee particular events. If you are interested in helping plan and facilitate one of these exciting events please stop by one of the meetings and let us know where you would like to help.

The meeting ended with an air of excitement as the logo submissions were viewed and voted on. The final logo design is still under discussion but a first draft and an artist were chosen to represent our fair city and it’s centennial. The artist will be given suggestions by the committee and then asked to submit a completed logo. The final submissions were the following day.

Fundraising ideas continue to be gathered by the committee.

The Centennial Committee would again like to welcome the public to the committee meetings which are currently being held at City Hall in the City Council chambers the second and fourth Monday of each month. These dates may change with the holidays approaching, so be sure to check the City of Okeechobee website for changes.

For more information visit facebook page: www.facebook.com/OkeechobeeCentennial, the city web site www.cityofokeechobee.com or contact the Office of the Clerk at 863-763-3372 ext. 215 or mjahner@cityofokeechobee.com.

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A local man reportedly told an Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO) deputy he is missing some prescription pain killers and cash since two women visited his home.

OCSO Deputy Sergeant Paul Ferrell indicated in his report the victim noticed is missing seven fentanyl patches and $500 in cash. The victim apparently told Sgt. Ferrell he first noticed the cash and patches missing after two women were in his U.S. 441 S.E. home.

The alleged thefts occurred sometime between Sept. 1 and Sept. 8, added the report.

Sgt. Ferrell went on to indicate the man had gone through his home thoroughly to make sure he had not misplaced the items, but he could not find them anywhere.

Road Watch

Motorists are reminded to wear safety belts and drive with caution, courtesy, common sense, and patience as they travel through work zones. Remember, speeding fines are doubled in work zones. Travelers can visit www.FL511.com or dial “511” from their phone to learn about traffic conditions on major roadways across the state. Roadwork planned this week includes the following:

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US 441 (North Parrot Avenue) from 290th Trail to NW 344th Street: Maintenance project: Crews will repair concrete mitered end sections. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

US 98 from SR 70 to CR 68 (NW 160th Street): Maintenance project: Crews will be repairing roadway shoulders. There are no planned lane closures, but use caution and watch for workers close to the road.

SR 70 east of Okeechobee/NE 34th Avenue to Williams Road/NE 48th Avenue: Maintenance 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.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy in the morning followed by scattered thunderstorms in the afternoon. High 86F. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Thursday Night: Scattered thunderstorms in the evening, with mostly cloudy skies overnight. Low 72F. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Friday: Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms. High 89F. Winds NE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

View all our online sections in the comfort of your own home or on the go!
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast Inc. (NHTC) will hold its fourth annual Race for Recovery at the Mets Stadium in Port St. Lucie on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 7:30 a.m.

October is Mental Health Awareness Month. In 1990, the U.S. Congress established October as Mental Illness Awareness Month in recognition of NAMI’s efforts to raise mental illness and substance abuse awareness. Since then, mental health advocates across the country have joined with others in their communities to sponsor activities, large or small, for public education about mental illness and substance abuse.

New Horizons asks that the community come out and celebrate recovery! Help us end the stigma of brain diseases that keep people from getting help! Support our clients, families and friends. Help raise funds for the only critical care clinic for children on the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee. Monies raised will also assist NHTC to continue caring for and providing services to adults with mental health and substance abuse challenges. New Horizons provides services at little or no cost to those struggling with alcoholism, drug addiction, anxiety, depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia as well as any and all mental health concerns. We provide a variety of evidence-based recovery programs administered by professional medical and therapeutic staff.

Run, walk or just come out and enjoy the morning for fellowship and fun. Race for Recovery registration is available online at www.active.com or call 772-672-8333. Cost to run or walk is $30 per person in advance or $35 the day of the race. Email rgonzalez@nhtcinc.org with questions.

A private, non-profit organization established in 1958, New Horizons of the Treasure Coast and Okeechobee’s mission is to provide accessible, recovery-oriented behavioral health care services to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our community.
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 forum 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!

Drainage
• How about really even taking some elevations to prove water does not run uphill. I hope the new commissioner will realize the simple issues are the important ones. Like drainage, less government building, addition of employees and expansion of departments, more private development and new enterprises. We shall see, and many shall watch. One more election will determine our new commissioner, so what is their platform?
• You think the county will actually consider elevation when working on the ditches? Dare to dream! The drainage system should be priority for the county, but considering what a mess it is, I wouldn’t expect it to be fixed for 10 years. If you are planning to buy property, or build anything, check out the land during the wet season.

What now?
• Now that the county and the sheriff have come to a budget compromise, I wonder what they will have to talk about at the county commission meetings. Could they possibly get back to figuring out how to open the Okee-Tantie Campground? Maybe possibly get back to figuring out how to re-open the Okeechobee Campground? What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place.

Budget
• $14.3 million for the year — that is more than $1 million a month for law enforcement, court security and the jail. That is a lot of money for a small, rural county to come up with. We managed to find the funds for this year, but what happens next year and the year after that.

Cell phones
• When are people going to learn that cell phones and driving do not mix? Talking on the phone while driving is distracted driving, especially if you have to use one hand to hold the phone. Texting while driving is suicide. You need to watch the road, not a phone screen. People got along just fine in the days before cell phones. That message can wait until you pull off the roadway.

Smart meter?
• Sparks have been seen coming from a meter on a home. Due to inadequate training, some meters are not installed properly. What safety precautions are taken while installing Smart Meters adjacent to gas lines? Is it possible that fire could start from an arc from a meter located above a gas meter? Could fire be started by an arc from a Smart Meters. Smart Meters have not been proved safe and not harmful through the testing that there are no health impacts and there is no harm.

Automated cashiers
• “Welcome to McDonald’s. My name is HAL 9000. May I take your order?” Designed to boost efficiency and make ordering more convenient for customers, a new computer system will also open up a gold mine of data. McDonald’s could potentially track every Big Mac, McNugget, and large shake you order. The touch screens will only accept debit or credit cards, adding to the slow death knell of cash and coins. And cashiers.

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Letters to the editor

Vote ‘yes’ for CSC
I’m writing you in support of the Children’s Services Council of Okeechobee, which provides grants to programs that assist the youth and children in our county. In 1992, I started a Martial Arts Youth Program in Okeechobee. In 1994, I applied for a grant to the council for the first time. Since then, the program has received a grant every year to the present. We have registered over 2,000 participants through the years. Many children have participated over five years. And some children even ten years.

The program provides a FREE positive alternative activity to children during after-school hours. This is a structured activity that is enjoyable. It also promotes physical fitness and character development. The classes occur four days per week—Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays—from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.—teaching Tae-Kwon-Do and Arnis (Philippine Martial Arts) at the Pavilion of Sacred Heart Church, 901 S.W. Sixth St. The class sizes range between 5-25 students, and the classes are taught by four instructors.

The program assists in the reduction of children being drawn to negative activities such as substance abuse and delinquency. The program collaborates with parents in encouraging children to improve school performance. The goal of the program is to empower children through character development, and ultimately, to help them achieve their full potential in life. Students are taught the significance of every aspect of their training in martial arts; for example, developing martial art skills introduces students to concepts such as focus and concentration, physical fitness, persistence, and patience. To be more specific, for example: sparring. Sparring develops a student’s attitude towards dealing with adversity and goals in life. Martial arts training build self-confidence, discipline, and leadership skills. Students are often amazed at what they can accomplish after only a few months of training. Each level of training, from white-belt through black-belt, presents increasing challenge for each student. In addition to demonstrating a student’s skills for his/her rank, he/she is also required to understand important concepts. For example, before a new student is promoted to the first rank of yellow-belt (after three months) the student must understand the “Tae Kwon Do Code,” which teaches a student to be honest, helpful, respectful, and “to stand by the weak.” Students are asked what the code means and how it applies in their daily lives. A young student, for example, could explain, “helping each other” as helping his or her parents and brothers and sisters at home, or for teenagers, he or she could explain the importance of social responsibility and community service. These concepts are introduced to the students in class and during testing as explained by the instructors. Once a student is promoted to a higher rank, he or she is expected to perform as an example and as a role model to lower ranking, younger students, and particularly, his/her younger brothers and sisters. Among many things the children learn, they are encouraged, (1) to obey their parents at all times, (2) not to fight with brothers and sisters, (3) to always be honest, (4) to keep his/her room clean, (5) to help with household chores, (6) to listen to school teachers, (7) to do his/her homework and improve his/her grades, (8) to spend extra time studying after homework, (9) to be helpful to others, and (10) to continue martial arts training until he/she reaches black-belt.

Since the program’s initial funding with the Children’s Services Council many children have benefited from these classes. Every year, the program has performed martial arts demonstrations at special events including the Speckled Perch Festival and other similar occasions.

This November is a critical time to “revote” the Okeechobee Children’s Services Council. Many children in Okeechobee have benefited from programs funded by the council. The Martial Arts Youth Program has only been made available to the youth and children of Okeechobee through the funding of the council in the last 20 years. If the council was not continued under Referendum #1, it would mean a great loss not only for those youth and children who are currently participating, but to many in the near future in our county.

To vote “Yes” for Referendum #1 means to keep much needed services and programs for our youth and children in the county.

Sincerely,
Roger Azcona
The following individuals were arrested on felony or driving under the influence (DUI) charges by the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD), the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) or the Department of Corrections (DOC).

- Isidoro Castilleja, 26, S.W. 13th Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 2 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - driving while license suspended - habitual offender. He is being held without bond.
- Eric Anselmo, 19, S.W. Second Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 4 by Deputy Corporal Ari Majeure on a DOC warrant charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - burglary of a dwelling, violation of probation - burglary of a structure (three counts), violation of probation - grand theft motor vehicle and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.
- John Collier Smith, 34, S.E. 22nd Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 4 by Deputy Cpl. Ari Majeure on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with uttering a forged bill. His bond was set at $2,500.
- Darris Dale Mills, 55, S.W. 11th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 4 by Deputy Cpl. Ari Majeure on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of grand theft and the misdemeanor of petit theft. His bond was set at $4,000.
- Miguel Alan Rodrigues, 28, S.E. 36th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 5 by Deputy Richard Varnadore on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of dealing in stolen property and the misdemeanor of petit theft. His bond was set at $25,000.
- Ronze Cummings, 55, N.W. 12th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 5 by Sergeant Belen Reyna on felony charges of domestic battery by strangulation and resisting a law enforcement officer with violence. His bond was set at $15,000.
- Aaron Joe Guacin, 25, N.W. First St., Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 5 by Deputy Brant Harden on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of burglary of an occupied structure, grand theft and criminal mischief. His bond was set at $9,000.
- Angel Lacinda Cortez, 32, S.W. Ninth Way, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Brant Harden on a DOC warrant charging her with the felony of violation of probation - possession of a controlled substance (buprenorphine). She is being held without bond.
- Jerry Austin Smith, 16, was arrested Sept. 6 by Deputy Leland Schoonmaker on a felony charge of possession of marijuana over 20 grams and a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail and then released into the custody of his parents.
- Tommy R. Carter, 35, U.S. 98 N, Okeechobee, was arrested Sept. 7 by Deputy Corporation To assess the impacts of the Okeechobee Music and Festival, a preliminary concept plan has been treated. However, they apparently did not have their wounds treated. Then, at least 12 must agree on the sentence. If convicted, McBride could face a maximum sentence of up to 15 years on each charge.

a capital felony, Spencer and Spivey could face an automatic sentence of life in prison if convicted. At this point it is also possible the state could seek the death penalty.

Asst. State Attorney Ashley Albright explains the case and said police have been handed down, he and Assistant State Attorney Don Richardson will meet with State Attorney Bruce Colton to determine if the state will seek death.

Mr. Albright said that meeting will take place in the next couple of weeks.

The burglary and robbery charges are first-degree felonies, said the prosecutor, which means Spencer and Spivey could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if they are found guilty on either of those charges.

“They could receive up to life, but it’s not mandatory,” he said.

The grand jury also indicted Latisa McBride, 38, on two felony counts of arson after the fact.

If convicted, McBride could face a maximum sentence of up to 15 years on each charge.

All three are currently being held without bond in the Okeechobee County Jail.
Vickie Elaine (Hazellief) Murphy, 57

LAVELLE — Vickie Elaine (Hazellief) Murphy went home to The Lord on September 7, 2014. She was born November 10, 1956 in Fort Pierce to Doyle and Syble Hazellief. She had been a resident of Labelle for 19 years and worked with special needs children at West Glades School near Muse. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Labelle. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Joshua Dewayne Rigdon.

She is survived by her husband of 19 years, Ronnie Murphy of Labelle; brothers, Dewaine Hazellief (Wendy) of Okeechobee, Darrell Hazellief (Bonita) of Okeechobee and Gene Allen Hazellief (Helen) of Fort Pierce; daughter, Margaret Williams (Jim) of Labelle; and two sisters, Darrell Rigdon (Emily) of Palmdale and Cliff Rigdon of Okeechobee. She has three grandchildren, Tori, James, and Laine, of Labelle, as well as beloved nieces, Nicki Campbell (Chad) of Okeechobee, Ashley Arnold (Scooter), Sheline Henron (Joe); and nephew, Travis Hazellief (Ralon). She loved as daughters, Sonja Kelly of Okeechobee, and Leigh Grafton of Laurel, Miss. She cherished the students and staff at West Glades School.

Visitation will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Friday, September 12, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home with Pastor Frank Deery officiating. Interment will follow at Engler Cemetery.


FOE plans jam session

The Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4137, 9985 U.S. 441 N., is calling all musicians for a pickin’ and grinnin’ jam session and barbecue Saturday, Sept. 13, starting at 1 p.m. A yard sale will be held from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Barbecue chicken dinners will be available for a $5 donation. To Ae- rie members: Show your card and get a free dinner for membership appreciation. The event is open to the public. For information, call 863-763-2552.

4-H club meeting set

The Barnyard Buddies is a small animal noncompetitive 4-H club for children 5 to 18 years of age. The first meeting of this year will be held Saturday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. at the 4-H extension office, 458 U.S. 98 N. Enrollment forms will be available at that meeting, or at the office.

Church hosting speaker

Dr. Ben Alpert from the Chosen People Ministries will be the guest speaker at Bassinger Christian Brethren Church Sunday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m. Dr. Alpert will be speaking as part of the Fall Feasts of Israel program. This event is open to the public, and members of the Christian and Jewish communities are invited.

Hospital hosting lecture

The Dine with the Doctor’s topic this month is Septis is Serious! This lecture will start at 5:30 p.m., Friday, September 12, 2014 at Unity Church in the Gardens, 550 Bush RD, Jupiter, Florida 33458. Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.Buxton&Bass.com.

Sign guestbooks at http://www.legacy.com
Teen kicked man in face, said deputy

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A teenage girl with a penchant for running away from the Youth Treatment Center on U.S. 441 North has been arrested for allegedly kicking a director of that program in the face as he tried to wake her for breakfast.

Daniela Alzate, 15, was arrested Saturday, Sept. 6, on a felony charge of that program in the face of a youth facility at least three times.

Her most recent brush with the law came about after the male victim and a female staff member tried to get Alzate out of bed for breakfast around 10 a.m. Saturday. When the victim told her it was time to get up and that breakfast was ready, Alzate reportedly cursed, began to swing at him and then kicked him in the jaw area.

Deputy Potter indicated the victim later went to a hospital because his jaw was hurting.

The two staff members were able to pin the girl to the floor, stated the report.

Deputy Potter went on to state in his report that the sheriff’s office has dealt with Alzate five times, including the three times she has fled the facility, since Aug. 25.

The Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO) has run from the facility at least three times.

By an arrest report by Deputy Bart Potter, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office (OCSO), Alzate has run from the youth facility at least three times.

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Both girls were recovered early Saturday, Aug. 30, in Lantana by the Lantana Police Department.

The Okeechobee County Sheriff’s Office investigated the following reports of crimes last week.

ASSAULT
• 8000 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
• 2500 block of U.S. 98 N.
• 3000 block of U.S. 98 N.
• 2600 block of N.W. 53rd Terrace

BURGLARY
• 2000 block of S.W. 34th Terrace
• 3800 block of N.W. 21st Ave.
• 1500 block of N.W. 43rd Ave.
• 2200 block of N.W. 42nd Ave.
• 3400 block of N.W. 25th Ave.
• 2400 block of N.W. 50th Ave.
• 200 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
• 300 block of S.W. 30th Terrace
• 3200 block of N.W. 24th Ave. (vehicle)
• 2900 block of N.W. 23rd Ave.
• 3900 block of N.W. 19th Ave. (vehicle)
• 3700 block of N.W. 19th Ave. (vehicle)
• 3900 block of N.W. 19th Ave. (vehicle)

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF
• 2200 block of N.W. 32nd Drive

FRAUD
• 2700 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
• 17900 block of U.S. 98 N.

THEFT
• 2800 block of S.E. 36th Ave.
• 2700 block of N.W. 53rd Terrace
• 1100 block of N.W. 106th St.
• 2400 block of S.E. 24th Blvd.
• 4800 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
• 1800 block of S.W. 23rd Terrace
• 100 block of S.W. 19th Ave.
• 8600 block of S.E. 59th Drive
• 12300 block of N.E. 112th St.
• 3300 block of N.W. 18th St.
• 12300 block of N.W. 112th St.
• 7500 block of U.S. 441 S.E.
There are many reasons why a woman may have a hysterectomy, a surgical procedure to remove part or all of the uterus. According to Board Certified Gynecologist James Bradfield, the most common are bleeding abnormalities, tumors or enlargements of the uterus, problems with endometriosis, pelvic adhesions and pelvic infections. Dr. Bradfield performs laparoscopic hysterectomies at Raulerson Hospital. The benefits of performing a hysterectomy using a laparoscope vs. the open abdominal incision include a smaller incision site, less bleeding, and a quicker recovery. In fact most laparoscopic hysterectomies are performed as outpatient procedures, meaning no hospital stay is necessary. Dr. Bradfield has more than 30 years of experience in his field. He presents his patients with options and treats them in a personal yet professional manner. If you are facing surgery, consider that Raulerson Hospital has been named a Top Performer by The Joint Commission on Key Quality Measures including Surgical Care.

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Gov. LeRoy Collins Thursday asked President Eisenhower to add Okeechobee to seven counties in South Florida eligible for an emergency cattle feed program because of rain damage.

Collins Wednesday asked the president for the program in Highlands, Glades, Hendry, Collier, DeSoto, Charlotte and Lee Counties after the U.S. Department of Agriculture disaster committee for the state declared the areas entitled to federal assistance. In a telegram to the President, Collins said, “I am advised ... that pasture lands in Okeechobee county are in a similarly flooded condition as the seven counties listed in my telegram of Jan. 8.”

Mayor H.H. Raulerson is in receipt of a letter from the Interstate Commerce Commission of Washington, D.C., in which they state they will hold a public hearing in Okeechobee on October 5 concerning the Florida East Coast Railway Company and their desire to discontinue that part of their railroad known as the Okeechobee Branch.

The meeting will be held at the court house beginning at 9:30 o’clock in the morning.

There has developed much opposition to the move to discontinue train service on this line and recently a meeting was held at Orlando where committees were formed to gather information to be produced at the commission hearing. Another such meeting will be held at Kissimmee tomorrow with a view of getting all facts ready for the hearing.

A large number of citizens from many sections of the state will be on hand for the hearing here in October.

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**Employment Full Time**

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**Employment Full Time**

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Bus Driver - Seasonal Position (6 to 9 months) ECMHSP is now accepting applications for Bus Driver for a Migrant Head Start Program. Responsible for providing transportation for children. Preferred: High School Diploma or GED. Commercial Driving License (Class A or B), with P & S endorsement. Bus Driver Certificate of Training and document-experience driving a bus. Accepted: High School Diploma or GED, Commercial Driving License (Class A or B), with P & S endorsement. School Bus Driver Certificate of Training. Starting salary $12.32 - 13.01. Personal Leave and employer-matched retirement plan. Call 252-734-7108/fax resume 252-234-1635

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Annual Prayer Walk
Members of the community met Tuesday at the Freshman Campus for the annual Prayer Walk sponsored by the Okeechobee Ministerial Association (OMA) to pray for the schools, teachers, students, support personnel, parents and administrators in that area: School Board District Office, Faith Academy, Okeechobee Christian Academy and Rock Solid Academy. Left to right are: Reverend Richard Barker-Westside Christian Church/ Okeechobee Correctional Institute; Rebecca Wyatt; Roxy Wyatt; Shawna Peacock; Ayden Peacock; Grace Frank; Heaven Peacock; Anthony Metcalf; Reverend Jim Dawson and Reverend Dr. Edward Weiss. Not pictured is Reverend Immoline Harris.

Students of the week

WM employees give back
Waste Management employees donated their time to help Martha’s House. The playhouse pictured was built by senior district manager Tony Bishop and painted by public affairs representative Teresa Chandler. Materials for the project were donated by Home Depot, W & W Lumber and Waste Management. Curtains were made by WM’s Dawne Pressendo. Martha’s House will soon have playhouses for sale which will help with costs of services they provide. For information, call Jonathan Bean at 863-763-2893. Pictured: Home Depot’s Jim Hazen, Martha’s House executive director Jonathan Bean, WM public affairs representative Teresa Chandler and WM senior district manager Tony Bishop. Not pictured is W & W Lumber’s John Hartis.

 Rotary hosts guest speaker
Art Ciasca, of Suncoast Mental Health Center, Inc. was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Okeechobee on Sept. 2. Suncoast has provided a spectrum of services to the four-county area of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties for several decades. Their primary focus has been adolescent treatment, mostly from school referrals. Recently, due to public demand, they have included adult services except case management. Left to right is Rotary president Rob Willson and Suncoast CEO Art Ciasca.

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

**ACROSS**
1. "Little Red Book" chairman
2. Hardly enough
3. Online memo
4. School URL
5. Staying with the most white bears
6. Bedsheet material
7. Body art, briefly
8. Mood
9. Self-images
10. Scoopulm fool
11. One of a Valentine's Day dozen
12. Lauderdale
13. Vandalizes
14. Made amends
15. Map that may show land subdivisions
16. Longer hit
17. River through Russia
18. "Philatelist's prize" winner
19. Salary
20. Author Joyce Carol Oates
21. One of India's official languages
22. Hang in midair
23. Surrender, as to territory
24. Words that attract shoppers
25. Nothing-to-do fantasy
26. Tanning lotion
27. Star of the show
28. Vandalizes
29. Favorite of the audience
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31. Tanning lotion
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46. "I get you now!"
47. Took an oath
48. Woman often followed by a train
49. Aquatic frolicker
50. Sail supports
51. Frozen waffle brand
52. Quark isolate
53. Model of 75 SSNs, e.g.
54. So-called sixth sense
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**Community Events**

**Boys in grades one through five are invited.**

**Banquet and Fundraiser will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, starting 1:30 p.m.**

Lunch will be available for a small fee. A diner consisting of cube steak, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, and dessert will be served Friday, Sept. 12, from 5 until 7 p.m. for a donation of $8.

**Democratic group to meet**

The Okeechobee Democratic executive committee will meet Thursday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Okeechobee Public Library, 206 S.W. 16th St. Any interested Democrat is invited.

**NRA Banquet slated**

The annual Okeechobee Friends of NRA Banquet and Fundraiser will be held Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Okeechobee KOA Convention Center, 4276 U.S. 441 S. Doors will open at 6 p.m. For information, to purchase tickets call 863-634-8678; or, go to www.friendsofnra.org. Tickets also available at The Gun Shop, 2020 S. Parrott Ave.

**Church plans craft fair**

A Fabric and Craft Sale will be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Ave., from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. All proceeds will be given to the Food Pantry in memory of Sandy Brown.

**Church provides backpacks for kids**

The Church of God of Prophecy gave out backpacks filled with school supplies to each student that attends Seminole Elementary during the school’s Aug. 14 open house. At right, Wonda Woodham and Sidney Barber, of Church of God of Prophecy, wait for the first graders at Seminole Elementary to come and get their backpack filled with school supplies. Below left, Tammy Sweeney and Audrey Turbeville, of Church of God of Prophecy, prepare the new toothbrush packets to be handed out to each student. Toothbrush packets were donated by Everglades Pediatric Dentistry in Okeechobee. Below, right, Audrey Turbeville hands Riley Mullens, a Seminole Elementary student, her new toothbrush packet donated by Everglades Pediatric Dentistry.

**Okeechobee churches host special programs**

**VFW offers bingo, karaoke**

VFW North Post #4423, 300 N.W. 34th St. will host bingo Friday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. Friday karaoke will be provided by D&K Entertainment from 7 until 10 p.m. The grill will be open: Wednesday from 5 until 7 p.m.; Friday from 5 until 9 p.m.; and, Saturday from 5 until 7 p.m. Lori’s Sunday dinner will be served from 1 until 3 p.m. and will feature sausage and peppers. All proceeds will benefit our veterans programs. The public is invited.

**SSN will meet Sept. 12**

The executive roundtable of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee County will meet Friday, Sept. 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the board room of the Okeechobee County School Board office. The public is invited. For information, call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, ext. 257.

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**The Gathering Church.** 1735 S.W. 24th Ave., invites all to attend “Living Free” a Christian recovery group for women on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Theresa Brown at 863-357-4418.

**The Gathering** hosts “Joy in the Mourning” a grief support group and bible study for anyone who has lost a loved one, through death or divorce. All are welcome to attend. The support group will meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. For more information, call Gale at 863-623-8504.

**Note:** An Okeechobee Church Directory is now available at Florida.Newszap.com with addresses and service times for local churches, or go to www.newszap.com/okeechobeechurches. Send additions or corrections for the online directory to okeenews@newszap.com, or fill out the form provided on the website. The Okeechobee News welcomes news from area churches for this weekly column. E-mail okeenews@newszap.com.
RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 20, 2014, and entered in Case No. 14-CA-03636, in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, et al., are the Plaintiffs, and WILLIAM A. CANTRELL, et al., are the Defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in the Jury Assembly Room, Second Floor, Okeechobee, Florida 34973, at 11:00 AM, on October 5, 2014, the following described property:

ADDENDUM A

MORTGAGE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The land referred to in this exhibit is located in the County of Okeechobee and the State of Florida in Book 647005 at Page 1947 and described as follows:
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LOT 2, BLOCK 52, of RIVERSIDE UNIT 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, as recorded in PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 22, of the public records of Okeechobee County, Florida.

The following procedures will be followed in the sale:

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. If any party is a person with a disability who needs any accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34946, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notice. The person needing assistance must notify the Court of the time before your appearance if they require more than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2014.

Sharon Robertson, Clerk of the Court
Superintendent/Deputy Clerk

Florida, Okeechobee County, Florida.

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!
Moreland’s 3 TDs leads OHS JV in 37-6 win

Okeechobee News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Darkeous Moreland had three touchdowns to lead the Brahman junior varsity football team to a 37-6 victory over Martin County on Sept. 4

Moreland caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Kysell Richardson in the first quarter, caught a 6-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter and added a 25-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to lead the Brahman junior varsity football team to a 37-6 victory over Martin County.

“Wasn’t just me,” he noted. “We have a whole team that puts in work every day in practice and we do things as a team. We all played well.”

Moreland finished with 68 total yards in the game.

The team was disappointed last week in a shutout loss to Vero Beach and wanted a revenge in the game.

“We were pretty pumped up in the locker room and we played our hardest,” he said.

OHS got on the board early in the second quarter after Demetrius Clark returned a Tiger punt 17 yards to the Martin County 16-yard line. Two plays later Richardson found Moreland wide open in the flat at the 10-yard line and he ran in the touchdown to put OHS in front 6-0.

“A touchdown really set up your offense and defense,” Moreland said. “I faked the defense when I said (out loud) I would block #30. I faked the block and cut to the outside.”

OHS drove 66 yards in just five plays on the next drive which was capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Richardson to Janavious Punx. Jessie Mond ran in the extra point to make it 14-0 at the half.

Futch said it was a good bounce-back victory for the squad.

Moreland scored a 22-yard touchdown on a nifty pass and run in the third quarter but that was called back by penalty. Undaunted he scored two plays later on a 6-yard touchdown reception. He ran in the extra point to make it 22-0.

From there the Brahman defense held up allowing just one big play that covered 76 yards in the final seven minutes of the game.

Harris said the team did their assignments and practiced hard all week to get prepared.

“We were really ready for this game and we should be ready for any team we face on our schedule from here on out,” said Harris.

Game notes

Demetrius Clark had 58 yards in returns, a 68-yard pass reception and a 32-yard pass reception in the game. Mateo Vasquez had two tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.

Futch had a 47-yard punt return. Angel Garcia scored on a 3-yard touchdown run. Okeechobee plays at Clewiston next Thursday night.

Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

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Okeechobee News

• The OHS boys bowling team lost to Sebring 4-3 on Sept. 4. Sebring won the first game 816-750 and the Lady Brahman took the second game 804-716. Sebring won two of the three Baker games 210-156, 107-156, and 137-128. OHS coach Carole Olney said Sebring defeated Okeechobee at districts last year and she expected a very competitive match up.

“There was a lot of pressure on everyone involved today, but the girls were pretty evenly matched,” she said.

Jessica Olney had a high game of 198 and a 392 series for OHS. Meghen Davis had a high game of 195 and a 358 series. Olney said the boys went back and forth and OHS was hurt with open frames as they couldn’t finish off some makeable spares.

“The only thing that beat us was we do not have self-confidence and are not able to perform under pressure,” she added.

• The OHS boys bowling team lost at Sebring 5-2 on Thursday. Sebring won the first two games 890-722 and 981-760. Okeechobee took two of the three Baker games 162-231, 161-91 and 142-85. Brian Chapman had a high game of 256 and a 452 series. Adam Simmons rolled a 301 series.

Sebring was led by Cole Rankin with a high game of 266 and a 474 series. David Daniels added a high game of 246 and a 452 series.

Olney said the boys played well with a lot of strikes and played at a high level for much of the match.

“There was a lot of energy out there and the kids were very supportive of each other. I’m very happy with what I see developing from the boys,” she added.

OHS travels to Lincoln Park on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

• The Lady Brahman golf team split a tri match with Martin County and Fort Pierce Central Thursday at the KOA Golf and Country Club. Martin County shot 157, Okeechobee shot 207 and Fort Pierce had three players who shot 176.

Holly Davenport shot an even par 35. Zoie McDavis finished with a 40, while Brianna Brown and Peyton Blair each carded a 41 for the Lady Tigers. Hannah Raulerson shot 44 and Cameron White 49 for OHS. Tiffany Zeller had a 56 and Fernanda Grisales shot a 58 for OHS.

OHS coach Bruce Conrad said the team wastes too many shots each round with poor chips, three puts on the green and other poor shots. He said this can be corrected and improved upon.

“We talked to the team about the wasted shots and we lose 25-30 strokes per match. If we could eliminate 20 bad shots the team could score in the 180s,” he added.

Conrad said that will be their goal in the upcoming weeks. Winds were also unpredictable at the course on Thursday but the temperatures were a little cooler for the players.

• The Brahman boys cross country team finished 15th out of 23 teams at the Martin County Under the Lights Invitational held Friday, September 5th at Halpatiokee Park in Stuart.


Pine Crest was the team champion of the event. Victor Nunez led the Brahman junior varsity team with a 16th place finish and a time of 19:52. The JV team finished ninth out of 17 teams.

• The Lady Brahman cross country team finished 18th out of 21 in the girls race. Alexis Muller led OHS with a time of 24:03 good for 76th place. Charleigh Heather finished 94th with a time of 24:46. Ruth Palacios finished 116th with a time of 26:11.

Carrie Wharin took 119th place with a time of 26:21.

• The Okeechobee Youth Football League took two out of five contests against Sebring Saturday in games played at Firemen’s Field. The Sebring teams won the flag, 25-6, the Mighty Mites 40-0 and the Sejnor game 14-13. Okeechobee prevailed in the Pee Wee Division, 18-7 and the junior’s contest 12-6.

The Okeechobee Wildcats youth football team has started off with strong results in the Glades Tri County Youth Football league this year. The 7-8 year old team has started 1-2 with a victory over Moore Haven. The 9-10 year old team is also 1-2 with their lone victory over Moore Haven. The older boys, ages 11-12 are 2-0 with victories over Pahokee and Moore Haven. Caleb Cruz is off to a good start for the 7- and 8-year-old team and Leon Edwards is off to a strong start for the 9- to 10-year-old team. The Wildcats are scheduled to host teams from Cape Coral on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the soccer complex across from North Elementary School with games to start at 10 a.m.

• The OHS cross country program will host a 5 K fundraiser this Saturday at the Agri-Civic Center. For information contact the high school or coach A.J Mayernik at 412-225-7258.