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## County to repeal impact fees

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Commission voted Thursday to place a 60-day moratorium on the county's impact fees to give staff the time to draft an ordinance to repeal the impact fees. Impact fees that have already been collected, but have not yet been spent for their designated uses, will be refunded.

The commissioners initially considered a one-year moratorium on impact fees which would have allowed the county to keep the funds already collected. Such a moratorium required a super majority of four votes, and

Commissioner Joey Hoover opposed it.

Due to the death of Commissioner Ray Domer, the board has only four members. The governor will appoint a new commissioner, but has not yet given the county any time frame for that action.

"To just suspend them or stop them without having an idea where you land is not an effective plan," said Commissioner Hoover. "Whatever the board decides to do, you have to decide what is the end game."

County attorney John Cassels advised the board to decide whether or not they have changed their philosophy on impact fees.

"Have you changed your philosophy in re-

gard to whether or not impact fees are a tool to pay for the cost of development?" he asked.

"If we have a moratorium that you can renew each year, it gives time to find projects," said Commissioner Bryant Culpepper.

Deputy county administrator Jim Threetwits said some of the impact fees collected have been spent for items such as equipment for the fire stations. Some of the funds were being saved for use in larger projects.

For example, the impact fees to benefit the road department were being saved up to construct a building.

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## School district given 4-H Award

By **Katrina Elsken**  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School District was honored Oct. 4 with the Okeechobee County Friend of 4-H Award. The presentation came at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet, held in the cafeteria at Okeechobee High School.

"The highest honor that the Okeechobee County 4-H program bestows is the Okeechobee County Friend of 4-H Award," explained Extension Agent Debbie Clements. "The award was first established in 1989 and continues to honor persons or organizations that have performed exemplary service to the Okeechobee County 4-H program.

"In the past, honorees have been individuals, families, businesses and governmental organizations that have gone above and beyond to provide resources, time and expertise to the 4-Hers of Okeechobee County," she said.

"The Okeechobee County School District website has the heading, 'Achieving Excellence: Putting Students first,' followed by the words Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Ethics (PRIDE). Although the words of the 4-H motto are different from the slogan on the Okeechobee County School District website, the meanings are the same. 4-H and Okeechobee County Schools value the



Special to the Okeechobee News  
The Friend of 4-H Award was presented to the Okeechobee County School District at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet on Oct. 4 at Okeechobee High School. (Left to right) Joe Arnold, Robin Laskey and Carrie Thompson accept the award from Okeechobee County Extension Agent Debbie Clements.

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# Magna-Bon to expand at industrial park

By Katrina Elsen  
Okeechobee News

Magna-Bon received approval Thursday to expand their operation at the Okeechobee Industrial Park. The company currently has six employees and plans to add three or four more employees after the additional building is completed.

The company, which makes agricultural products to control bacteria and fungus, has been in Okeechobee since 1997.

The original Land Lease for Lot 22, located in the Okeechobee County Airport and Industrial Park, was entered into on Nov. 1, 1997, by and between the Okeechobee County Industrial Development Authority and Magna-Bon with Robert H. Cook, Jr. and Nancy C. Cook, as guarantors. The initial term of this lease was for 20 years beginning Nov. 1, 1997, and terminating on Oct. 31, 2017.

In 2005, the lease was transferred to Magna-Bon II, LLC. Frank Miele, managing member of Magna-Bon II, LLC, has continued to operate said company and abided by all terms and conditions of the original Land Lease.

At the Thursday county commission

meeting, Mr. Miele requested that the commissioners approve construction of a new building on Lot 22 and extend Magna-Bon's lease at the industrial park for an additional 20 years.

Mr. Miele said while copper has been used to combat bacteria and fungus for many years, the difference with their product is that they are able to get results with much less copper than used in traditional products.

"It's only 5 percent metallic copper," he explained.

The Magna-Bon product is used to treat a variety of fruits and vegetables including citrus, cherries, peppers, apples, tomatoes, onions, walnuts and grapes.

Mr. Miele said it is used to fight citrus canker and they have six years of research in the use of the product to fight citrus greening.

"We are very close to some kind of solution to reducing this bacteria that is affecting the citrus," he said.

"We can do more with less copper, which means less impact to the environment," he said.

The FDA has approved a Magna-Bon product to use as a preharvest wash, he said.

Magna-Bon also makes products to clean ponds and to treat roofs.

"We appreciate businesses like y'all and are happy you want to expand here," said Commissioner Joey Hoover.

In other business, the board approved a request to use the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center for the Ag Ventures education program.

On behalf of Ag Ventures, Mariah Anuz, explained they have moved the program from spring to the fall to accommodate the school schedule.

"I was out there last year and it is amazing how much attention the fourth graders gave to each exhibit and how well behaved they were," said Commissioner Margaret Helton.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to learn about agriculture," said Commissioner Bryant Culpepper.

The Fourth Annual Ag Ventures will be held Nov. 3, 4, 5 and 6. Matt Dorriety, Agri-Civic Center Director, has confirmed that these dates are available.

Nov. 3 and 4 will be set up days. Nov. 5 and 6 will be Ag Venture education days and at the conclusion of Nov. 6, all materials and stations will be removed.

Ag Ventures will provide \$1 million general liability insurance.

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**Saturday:** A few clouds from time to time. High 88F. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** Clear skies. Low 68F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High 88F. Winds E at 10 to 15 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A few clouds from time to time. Low 71F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

**Monday:** Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. High 87F. Winds ESE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

## Legislative delegation will meet Oct. 24

The Okeechobee County Legislative Delegation meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m. in the Okeechobee County Historic Courthouse located at 304 N.W. Second St., Okeechobee, FL 34972.

Discussion of issues regarding local legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session will be held at this time. All proposals for local bills are expected to be presented at the hearing and must be drafted in bill form,

accompanied by a Resolution from the local government supporting the proposed legislation. This information must be received by Senator Grimsley's District Office at 205 S. Commerce Ave., Suite A, Sebring, FL 33870 by 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15. The material may be hand delivered or mailed to the above address.

Individuals wishing to address the delegation on local bills being considered

should plan to attend the public hearing. Following the consideration of local bills, the public will be invited to address the delegation on state issues that are of concern.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on the agenda for the Okeechobee County Legislation Delegation meeting, please email Larry Ford at ford.larry@flsenate.gov or by phone at 863-386-6016.

## Healthy food of the week: Apple

Food for Thought

### From the Florida Department of Health in Okeechobee County

The apple is a fruit that practically everyone has eaten, and there are thousands of different varieties grown in the United States and worldwide. The oval shaped fruit has a peel that has varying colors from green, red or golden yellow and the fruit is grown on a medium-sized tree. Most apple varieties prefer to grow in a cooler climate than what Florida provides, so the apples we see in the grocery store are not grown locally. Fall is the apple's peak harvest season in northern areas of the United States.

You may have heard the saying, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," and though it takes more than a daily apple to keep you healthy, there is scientific evidence that apples may prevent health problems connected to the risks that our bodies are exposed to each day. Apples contain vitamins A, B1, B2, C and niacin, and nutrients such

as iron, potassium, phosphorous and magnesium. Apples are also high in fiber which helps reduce cholesterol and heart disease, as well as antioxidants which reduce the risk of cancer.

The apple is most nutritious when eaten with the peel which contains most of the fiber and antioxidants.

With only 80 calories in the average apple, it is a sensible, easy snack that satisfies your hunger longer. Unsweetened applesauce in addition to being healthy can be used as a fat-free substitute when baking or cooking and used in place of oil, butter or shortening. Though the apple is a common fruit, it is uncommonly good for you!

Make 5-2-1-0 your goal every day.

5 - Fruits and vegetables a day (including the apple);

2 - Only 2 hours or less of screen time a day (TV, computers, video games);

1 - One hour of physical activity a day;

0 - Sugar-sweetened drinks (drink more water and non-fat milk).

## Parent guide sent home with students

Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy announced "The Successful Student" 2014-2015 is now available. A copy of this parent guide will be sent home with every Kindergarten - 12th grade student on Friday, Oct. 10. This book, mandated by the state, is designed to provide students and parents in Okeechobee with the most current information on a variety of educational topics. The parent guide includes testing information, report card schedule, school calendar, and bus safety rules. In addition, there is information on tutorial services, extended day and after-school programs for elementary, middle and high school students. Information on the Migrant, ESE and Federal Programs as well as opportunities for parent participation, attendance, rules for school bus riders and homework helps are also included.

As partners in education, parents are valuable team members with educators throughout the district.

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### Vote 'yes' on CSC

• In the upcoming election, there is a referendum on the Children's Services Council. By law, this has to be voted on to renew it and keep it. I urge everyone in Okeechobee to vote yes to keep the Children's Services Council. It does so much for all of the children in Okeechobee from helping babies get a good start, to supporting summer programs for the school age kids to helping reduce the number of teen pregnancies. Without the CSC, many programs would just disappear.

### Lake level

• Before they built the dike, the lake level fluctuated a lot more than it does now. If you look back in history, you will see it got up to 25 feet at times and down to 8 feet at others. But the footprint of the lake was much larger then. The water used to come up to about where Osceola Middle School is now.

• The 11.5 to 15.5 feet schedule currently used by water managers is keeping the lake pretty healthy. The fishing has been great the past two years. When they used to keep the lake level higher, it just about killed off the fisheries because there were no spawning areas. The high water stacked up against the dike and drowned out the marshy areas around the edges.

• Maybe if we could stop the water from flowing so fast from the Orlando area, then we wouldn't have so much water coming into the lake.

• When the government used millions in tax dollars to buy thousands of acres of land for the Kissimmee River restoration, in some cases using eminent domain to force people out of their homes, the water managers said they were going to slow the flow of the water down the river so that it could be cleaned naturally by vegetation before it entered the lake. What happened to that plan? The water is flowing faster than ever. To save

the lake, they must slow the flow of water into the lake.

• What the officials won't say publicly, but pretty much everyone knows, is that the well being of Lake Okeechobee and the coastal estuaries are being sacrificed in order to keep the theme parks and wealthy neighborhoods in Orlando from being flooded. They send the water south down the Kissimmee River in a torrent. The river is flowing so fast that everything along the way is churned up. You can see the plume of dirty water entering the lake at the mouth of the river.

• We were really lucky this year. We have just enough water to go into the dry season with the lake at the top of the schedule. The rains are going to slow now and the lake will start dropping soon as water evaporates. I don't think they need to release any water. It's already October. We are past the real danger of storms.

### Hurricane shelter

• It's not just the poor people that use a shelter in time of need. It's also the elderly, disabled, and displaced persons who have the need to keep their family safe or at least safer than whatever may happen or about to happen to them.

• And the money it will cost to keep this facility up and running, where will that money come from?

### Drugs

• As a parent, I am very concerned at recent reports of students bringing drugs to school. Even more troubling, I have to wonder where young children get the drugs. Are they getting them from older siblings or even their parents? I hope law enforcement is keeping an eye on these cases and finds out just where the children got the drugs.

### Medical marijuana

• So many claims are being made about amendment 2. I have to wonder if people have actually read the whole thing. Claims are being made in TV ads that just don't make sense. Before you vote, read the whole thing for yourself. *Editor's note: For links the complete text of all three proposed amendments to the Florida constitution, see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.*

## Letters to the editor

### Festival award

Okeechobee Main Street received a Secretary of State Merit Award for the Top of the Lake Christmas Festival.

Okeechobee Main Street acquired the privilege in 2010 of coordinating the Christmas Festival for our town. This festival had gone through a lot of different changes and faced challenges with past organizations passing the torch. For the past four years Okeechobee Main Street has not only continued with the traditions from past festivals such as vendors, arts and crafts and entertainment but has added the Holiday Window Decorating contest. Main Street has also continued to coordinate the unrivaled lighted night parade which is one of the most anticipated and well-attended parades that our community has. In 2013 we were approached by One Stop Party Shop with an idea to add a snow play area and movie in the park.

Okeechobee Main Street took the idea to the city and was given the opportunity to construct a snow play area in addition to the traditional festivities of the holiday festival. The snow, however, was an additional unexpected cost of over \$3000 to the organization, so we approached our local chapter of the Children's Services Council of Okeechobee County for help with funding as well as sponsorship from a new business, owner of the Tin Fish Restaurant Joseph Melluso.

The Hargraves from One Stop Party Shop were an important part of making it snow in Okeechobee and purchased the materials needed to build the snow area. Although snow in Okeechobee is practically unheard of it is not impossible, we proved that this past December.

With the hard work of our board members, volunteers and staff at One Stop Party Shop we were able to set up a snow play area of approximately 40x40 with two snow men snow blowers that can produce up to 300 gallons of snow and 200 pounds of bulk instant snow. The area had one entrance to manage the approximate 150 guests into the snow area and Toys for Tots bins were lined up at the entrance where over 300 presents were collected for the community.

The snow play area attracted visitors from all corners of our community. There were children of all ages spending time and making several visits to the snow area. Squeals of delight were heard throughout our down-

town area and families came together to share in the holiday spirit. With the cooperation of the city and the continued help of our community through sponsorships and grants we are looking forward to another 'snow day' at the top of the lake.

Okeechobee Main Street accepts this award on behalf of our community and the collaborations that are possible that make our city shine.

### Sharie Turgeon

executive director

Okeechobee Main Street



Special to the Okeechobee News  
Pictured left to right are: Maureen Burroughs, Secretary of State Ken Detzner, Sharie Turgeon and Bridgette Waldau.

### Prayer house message

I am still on marriage and the right way to be married. What God puts together, let no man put asunder or separate us. But, Satan has put a final spirit over some in Romans I Ch. 26, For this cause God gave them up into vile affections for even their women did change. The natural use into that which is against nature. 27 And likewise also the men leaving the natural use of a woman burned in their lust one toward another man with men working that which is unseemly and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

This is just one of the things Satan will do to your mind and make you think it is all right. He is after your mind.

**Rev. Dorothy L. Green**

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# Man accused of rape hit with enhanced charges

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News



Conrad Anthony Thitchener

A state's attorney issued an arrest warrant Wednesday that enhanced the charges against a local man accused of raping a West Palm Beach woman last year.

Conrad Anthony Thitchener, 46, was being held without bond in the Okeechobee County Jail on four counts of sexual battery. He was also charged with one count of kidnapping, one count of battery and one count of criminal mischief.

Assistant State Attorney Robert Moeller, who is prosecuting the case, essentially dropped the four counts of sexual battery then issued a new warrant charging Thitchener with four counts of sexual battery - threat of force.

The other charges are unchanged.

The new charges mean Thitchener is now facing four first-degree felonies, instead of four second-degree felonies.

Thitchener's bond has also changed. He is now being held on \$1,000,000 bond.

Arrest reports from the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) stated Thitchener fled Okeechobee shortly after the Dec. 23, 2013, incident.

He was apprehended May 13, 2014, by the Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Police Department, and later returned to Okeechobee.

Poughkeepsie is listed as his place of birth.

According to OCSO reports Thitchener and the victim did not know each other prior to Dec. 23. The alleged rape took place in his small travel trailer that was parked in an RV park on U.S. 441 S.E.

Once inside his trailer, Thitchener came up from behind and put his arm around the woman's throat in a choke hold, stated the report. The victim reportedly told OCSO investigators she felt something hard against the back of her head and thought it was a gun.

The two began to fight and during their battle they broke the glass out of the oven door, so shards of glass were now scattered across the kitchen floor, continued the report.

Apparently the woman began to scream, but Thitchener reportedly threw her to the floor "like a rag doll" and allegedly ordered her to "shut up, or I swear to God I'm going to kill you!"

The woman reportedly told detectives each time she would reach for the door, her alleged attacker would grab her around the neck and pull her away from the door.

Detectives stated Thitchener then raped the woman in his bedroom and bathroom.

A few days later he sold the trailer and fled to New York, indicated the reports.

Thitchener's arraignment has been set for Nov. 26 in front of Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer. Records indicate he is being represented by Fort Pierce defense attorney Michael R. Ohle.

## Historical Society to meet

The Okeechobee Historical Society will have their next meeting on Monday, **Oct. 20**, beginning at noon in the Museum on Hwy 98 N. They ask that anyone interested in joining bring along a covered dish to share. Yearly dues are \$10 per year. The Tantie Quilters are also resuming their meetings every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. and they encourage anyone interested in quilting to join them. If you are interested in visiting the museum, it is open on Thursdays during the time the Tantie Quilters are meeting.

## FRIEND

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same qualities in youth and adults, and both support the effort of 4-H to develop those qualities in our youth and future adults. A supportive school system is necessary for a high-quality 4-H program. Okeechobee 4-H is blessed to operate in a county with a school system that recognizes and supports the value of the 4-H program.

"The Okeechobee County School System is led by Superintendent of Schools Ken Kenworthy, who has chosen to follow the footsteps of Phoebe Raulerson and Dr. Pat Cooper his 4-H supportive predecessors, acknowledging the educational value of activities 4-H members participate in outside of school. However, Mr. Kenworthy has taken that support to a higher level by making sure that 4-H is in the loop and aware of any pending legislation or committee dis-

cussions being held that may influence the way that 4-H is supported or treated by the school system," she said.

"People within an organization or system tend to emulate the actions of their leaders and all parts of the Okeechobee County School System have been most gracious and giving to the Okeechobee County 4-H program," she said.

Mrs. Clements said the school system allows 4-H programs to use their facilities. She said the teachers and administrators work with the 4-Hers to allow them to make up work they miss when attending educational activities through 4-H.

"Thank you for the support of the Okeechobee School Board and the entire Okeechobee County School system," said Mrs. Clements. "We realize that we could not reach the accomplishments and skills we have gained without your tremendous support. Thank you, members of the Okeechobee County school system."

## IMPACT

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"There were plans and targets," he said.

Contractor Mark Brandel said he supports a moratorium.

"When I sit down with a customer and they want to build a home for \$140,000 or \$150,000, I have to sit down and explain the fees we can't control," he said.

In addition to the impact fee, there are costs such as the survey to determine if the property will be required to carry flood insurance.

"On a \$150,000 home, there is at least \$5,000 worth of expenses that we can't control," he said. "That is a big chunk of change that they are not going to use to buy new furniture."

"Anything that impedes my opportunity to build is a big impediment to me," said Mr. Brandel.

"There are still a lot of foreclosures and a lot of empty doors," he said.

"It's still all about jobs in our community."

Commission Chairman Frank Irby said he was not in favor of impact fees when they were first discussed.

"I think an impact fee has a bigger impact on the small businesses in our community and on individual homeowners than on big businesses," Chairman Irby said,

"I think it stifles local businesses and homeowners more than it does big business," he said.

"If we put a moratorium on the impact fees, we could review it each year," said Commissioner Margaret Helton.

"If we can't do away with them, we could suspend it or put a moratorium on it and find ways to spend the money," said Chairman Irby.

"A moratorium is designed to give you a temporary period while you do research to determine if you want to make a change," said Mr. Cassels.

"If the economy heats up, if we have a moratorium we can bring the impact fees back," said Commissioner Culpepper.

"We have to take a long-term view," said Commissioner Hoover. "What are you going to do when the economy fires back up and you are facing what the board was facing in 2004, 2005 and 2006?"

"Have a long-term view, not just what sounds good today."

When you talk about existing business, how do you look at these businesses when they've been here paying all this time and you have new businesses come in and it puts more demands on them financially?" he continued.

"The thing that hits more home to people when you are looking at commercial investment is your ad valorem tax rate."

For a large investment in a commercial business, you are looking at what are the taxes going to be over 10 years," he said.

Commissioner Culpepper said he knows of a business that was considering making a multi-million dollar investment in Okeechobee but decided to go to another county in-

stead due to the impact fees. When pressed for more information, he refused to name the business.

"If we have a moratorium for a year, and we see an influx of businesses and new houses then we will know we did the right thing," said Commissioner Helton.

"I will not support a suspension or a moratorium until you decide what your end game is," said Commissioner Hoover.

"A moratorium would let you stop the bleeding while you consider what to do," said Chairman Irby.

"I think you need to have your end game in place before you decide to jump off the ship," insisted Commissioner Hoover.

Commissioner Culpepper made a motion for a one-year moratorium for impact fees. Commissioner Helton seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hoover voted against it, so it failed to reach the required super majority vote.

"The only reason I voted against it is because I don't think you have a plan," said Commissioner Hoover.

"I would agree with Joey that the level of taxes has more to do with a business coming to town," said Chairman Irby.

"I don't think impact fees keep a business from coming here. I think it hurts business fees that are already here when they want to expand," he said.

Commissioner Hoover made a motion for a 60-day moratorium on the fees while staff drafts an ordinance to repeal the impact fee ordinance and refund the unspent money that has been collected.

He said if the county keeps the money, they have to use it for the designated projects it was collected for — but won't have collected enough to pay for the projects — so 72 percent of the funds needed for the projects will have to come from the county taxpayers.

Chairman Irby said even if they keep the impact fees only about 30 percent of projects would be paid by the fees because the impact fees did not generate enough money.

"It was clearly a surprise this (impact fees) wasn't a windfall," said Mr. Cassels.

Commissioner Hoover's motion to repeal the impact fees, following a 60-day moratorium, passed unanimous.

Commissioner Helton asked to make a statement.

"When I was chairman of the board, I had a business owner who came in, opened a new business in town, and came to me and wanted to know what I could do for them," she said.

"I could not do anything because I have one vote on this board," she continued, adding that she directed the business owner to county staff.

"I think that any time any of us are approached by a business, it should be turned over to staff," she said. "None of us have all of the answers."

## Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing [obits@newszap.com](mailto:obits@newszap.com). Customers may also request photos and links to online guest books. A link to the obituaries is available at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com).

### Ellis Hall, 73

OKEECHOBEE — Ellis Hall, affectionately known as Sweet, of Okeechobee, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014.

A Florida native, Ellis was born on April 20, 1941 in Pahokee to Perry and Velma Hall. He is survived by his beloved wife of 36 years, Diane Richmond Hall; and his two daughters with ex-wife Janet, Deborah Hall and Christa (Shannon) McNeill. One of six siblings, Ellis is survived by his sisters, Kay (Joe) Thompson, Gloria Wyatt and Nelda (Rick) Erwin; as well as his brothers, Roy (Jean) and Terry Hall; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is survived by five grandchildren, Arielle M'hamssa and Justin, Jordan, Jaci and Morgan McNeill. He was predeceased by his parents; brother-in-law; Jim Wyatt, sister-in-law, Gale Hall; and nephew, John Wyatt.

He was a hard-working, passionate fixer of things, an electrician by trade, and our own MacGyver who boasted that he could fix anything but a broken heart and the crack of dawn. He was a consummate whistler. He had a tune that meant Come Home and Eat; I'm full; and I'm bored. He loved to play; he would race kids running backwards, and he never let a child win out of pity. If you beat Sweet, you earned it.

Ellis was a charming, easy-going, calm-natured guy and a good story-teller who liked to laugh. He spoke few words but always meant each one. He loved entertaining in his home and riding in his truck with his dogs. Although he was short in stature, his wife thought he was the tallest man in the room. He loved the outdoors, especially the Glades, but his heart's desire was always to go West and go native like Jeremiah Johnson. We imagine him now on a mountain in a snow-covered log cabin poking the fire and drinking a beer, a dog curled up by his feet.

The viewing will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, 2014 at the Canal Point Baptist Church in Canal Point. A second viewing will be 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014. Services to begin at 10 a.m., followed by graveside burial in Port Mayaca, then the community is invited for lunch afterward at Canal Point Baptist.

In lieu of flowers, you may send a donation payable to either Canal Point Baptist Church or Alzheimer's Association to P.O. Box 575, Okeechobee, FL 34973.



### Loucenda Murphy, 48

OKEECHOBEE — Loucenda Murphy died October 7, 2014. She was born August 18, 1966 in Houston, Texas to Samuel Jackson Herd, Sr. and Virgie Rogers Herd. A resident of Okeechobee for over twenty years, she enjoyed raising her grandchildren and her job as the General Manager of Best Western.

Mrs. Murphy is survived by her husband of eleven years, Joe Murphy; son, Timothy Jewell; daughter, Samantha Jewell; two grandchildren, McKaylnn and Aubrey all of Okeechobee; brother, Sam Herd, Jr.; close friend, Pam Flannery both of Paoli, Indiana.

No services will be held at this time.

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

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

### Roberto Oscar Jimenez, 73

OKEECHOBEE

Roberto Oscar Jimenez died October 8, 2014. He was born December 4, 1940 in Victoria Del Las Tunas, Cuba to Julio Hernandez and Emalina Risco. A resident of Okeechobee for over 50 years, he worked as a mechanic for many years at Baby Auto Sales in Okeechobee.

Mr. Jimenez is survived by three sisters; niece, Rebecca; and close friend, Julio Beletran.

No services will be held at this time.

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

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IRSC Foundation.

There are many opportunities to qualify for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded based on career interests, academic achievement, organizational affiliation, county of residence and other criteria. Information and scholarship applications are available online at [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org).

In addition, IRSC students who plan to graduate December 2014, or May, June or August 2015, with plans to continue their education at a university may be eligible for transfer scholarships. Applications for transfer scholarships are also now being accepted with a Jan. 15, 2015 deadline to apply. For more information on available scholarships, contact the IRSC Foundation office at 772-462-4786 or visit [www.irscfoundation.org](http://www.irscfoundation.org).

## Golf tournament to benefit annual Blood Round Up

A golf tournament will be held Saturday, **Oct. 18**, at the Blue Heron Golf Club as a fundraiser for the Okeechobee Blood Roundup.

The tourney will get under way with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The field will be limited to 12, four-person teams.

The entry fee is \$140 per team, or \$35 each. There will be prizes, food and goody bags.

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# County fair contract changes considered

By Katrina Elskan  
Okeechobee News

Does the Youth Livestock Show need their own contract with the county to hold their annual show at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center?

That question came up for discussion at the Thursday meeting of the Okeechobee County Commission.

The county fair's contract with the county expires in 2017. The Fair Committee has asked for an extension, so that they can save money by entering into multi-year contracts with their vendors.

County attorney John Cassels suggested the county commission consider a revolving 5-year contract, which would allow the county to extend the contract for one year following the review of the annual county fair.

"It could be reviewed each year and then extend it so it would always have 5 years," he said. "They can get better deals with vendors, such as the tents, if they can make multi-year deals."

"You could always put the brake on it, at any renewal time," he added.

County administrator Robbie Chartier said the question has also come up as to whether the fair should have a contract for the entire site or if the Livestock Show Committee should have their own separate agreement with the county.

"If you are going to change something as fundamental as the term, you should use that to evaluate the entire contract," said Mr. Cassels. He said the contract states the fair is 10 days and it has gotten shorter.

Brad Lundy, president of the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show Committee said that while "we are 100 percent in support of the Okeechobee County Fair Association," they would like the county to consider giving the Livestock Show Committee a separate contract.

He said giving the County Fair a contract for the whole facility, "creates a lot of complicated schedules and conflicts."

"It also handicaps the county from being

able to use that facility," he said.

"If something ever happened to the fair association, there wouldn't be a contract in place for the Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show," he said.

For calendar year 2015, Okeechobee Youth Livestock Show plans to start setting up in the Horse Barn and Arena on Wednesday, March 4, with the show to begin March 7 and the sale on Friday, March 13, in the evening; clean up will be on March 15. The fair will be held March 10 through March 15. This

is the first time the sale will not be on the third Saturday, as has historically been the case. This is occurring in order to accommodate the fair.

"Right now the way it is written, the fair association would be in control."

"The impression I got was that there are economic issues in regard to the dates used," said Mr. Cassels. They were making some changes to compensate for the change of the Cattlemen's Association.

Commissioner Joey Hoover suggested the Fair Committee and Youth Livestock Committee representatives meet with the county attorney and the county administrator to work out an outline of the proposed contract changes.

"If the fair committee has no interest in changing the existing contract other than extension, then nothing will change until the contract expires," pointed out Commission Chairman Frank Irby.

"I am not interested in renewing the current contract for 5 years," he said.

"The rolling contract makes more sense to me. They would always have a 5-year agreement unless something happened that caused us to have a problem."

"If they would like to discuss the extension, then we need to address these other issues," said Mr. Hoover.

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### Moose serves meatloaf dinner

Okeechobee Moose Lodge #1753, 159 N.W. 36th St., invites you to join them Friday, **Oct. 10**, for a meatloaf dinner from 5 until 7 p.m. for a \$7 donation. Music by Chuck Darling will be provided from 6 until 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, the Tiki Hut will be open starting at noon.

### Lodge offering breakfast

The Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth St., will host a breakfast Sunday, **Oct. 12**, for a donation of \$6 per plate. The public is welcome and carry out is available. Breakfast will be served from 8 until 11 a.m. All proceeds go to local Mason giving.

### Eagles offer steak & seafood

Cypress Hut Eagles, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., will serve choice ribeye steak and seafood dinners Friday, **Oct. 10**, starting at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Hard Country. Saturday is the auxiliary dinner with entertainment starting at 6 p.m. Sunday is fried chicken from 2 until 6 p.m. For information, call 863-467-1154.

### VFW has upcoming events

Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 E. S.R. 78, will be open to the public for various activities. Sunday, **Oct. 12**, breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 11 a.m. and then it's five-card bingo at 5 p.m. Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 15, is at 5 p.m. This week the ladies Amvets are serving beef tips and noodles. Thursday, Oct. 16, is bingo and food at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, dinner features steaks, pork loin, fish and shrimp for \$7-\$8 donation plus live music with Bobby Osborne from 6 until 10 p.m. Call 843-467-2882 for details.

### Benefit car wash planned

A car wash and bake sale will be held for Alexander Conner on Saturday, **Oct. 11**, starting at 8 a.m. in the Taco Bell parking lot, 3498 U.S. 441 S. All funds raised will help with funeral expenses. For information, call Shelly Doyle at 863-801-8463; or, Jeremy Arnold at 863-801-4030.

### Feed seminar set for Oct. 16

Jones Supply, 801 S.W. Park St., is hosting a feed seminar Thursday, **Oct. 16**, at 6:30 p.m. and will be teaching FFA and 4-H kids how to properly feed their hogs. For information, call 863-467-0351.

### Benefit planned for Oct. 11

Cypress Hut Eagles #4509, 4701 U.S. 441 S.E., will host a benefit dinner and auction for Dewey Lightsey on Saturday, **Oct. 11**, at 2 p.m. There will be food, music and fun. Come out and support a great cause. For information, contact Lorraine at 239-707-3005; Rhonda at 863-261-3585; or, Nadene at 863-634-3592.

### Auction benefits bowling team

The OHS bowling team will host a Quarter Auction on Friday, **Oct. 17**, at the American Legion, 501 S.E. Second St. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the auction will start at 6 p.m. Bring your quarters for a great event to help the team raise money for all their needs. To become a vendor or for information, call Donna Watson at 863-634-9043.

### Lions Club plans swap meet

The Indiantown Lions Club will hold a community flea market in Post Park in Indiantown, Saturday, **Oct. 11**, from 7 a.m. until noon. Dealers are welcome. Proceeds will go back into the community. Space rental is \$15. Diabetes screening will be available. For information, contact Richard at 812-459-4788.

### Howl-O-Ween bash slated

Bella's Angels will hold a Howl-O-Ween bash at 30076 E. S.R. 78, behind the Buckhead Ridge Fire Department on Saturday, **Oct. 18**, from noon until 5 p.m. There will be games, pet costume contests, cake walk, bounce house and more. Email bellasangels1012@yahoo.com.

### Ag Venture is looking for local volunteers

Ag Venture is looking for volunteers! Ag Venture will be held Nov. 5 and 6 at the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center. If you would like to help out with set up or on the days of the event, call Melissa at 863-634-7712 or Mariah at 863-763-3117.

### County Parks and Rec has moved its office

Okeechobee County Parks and Recreation Department has moved to its new office at 1718 N.W. Ninth Ave. It is now located in the county offices across from IRSC. For information, call 863-763-6950; or, visit their Facebook page.

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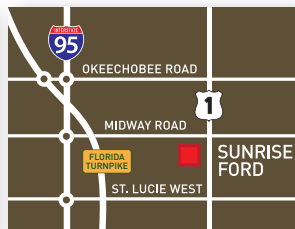
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# Root, Nunez pace Lady Brahmans in net win

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Makayla Root had 12 service points including three aces in the second game and Cheyenne Nunez added 12 service points and four aces in the third game as Okeechobee rolled past Westwood, 25-17, 25-5 and 25-6 in high school volleyball action Wednesday at OHS.

Okeechobee overcame a slow start in the match as they improved to 10-6 in district play and further solidified their #2 seed in the district tournament later this month.

OHS coach Taylor Pritchard admitted the first game was sluggish and a little closer than she would have liked.

"The first set was not a fun one. I told them they were lucky they weren't having practice tomorrow. They picked it up; it is hard to play games like this and to keep your momentum going. I just really told them, play a clean game, try to keep out the mistakes and get your serves in and finish quickly," she said.

Pritchard said the key is to keep the players focused on the game and not on homecoming activities or other things. That is part of the reason she scheduled only one match for homecoming week.

"You don't want them lollygagging where their heads go somewhere else. You tell them to finish quickly and then they can think of these other things," she added.

The regular season ends next week with two home games and a tournament on the Treasure Coast.

Pritchard said she feels the team will be tested against Lake Placid and Sebastian River next week and also at the tournament where they could meet Fort Pierce Central, who upset Okeechobee last year.

Freshman Megan Hargraves said the victory was a good one for Okeechobee.

"We had a little advantage over them. They had one good outside hitter who helped them a lot," she said.

Hargraves admits it can get boring when there aren't a lot of return volleys from the other team, but it can be a lesson for a team to always stay sharp.

"You don't really know what to do with yourself at the end of the game but you stay together and stay up," she said.

Hargraves has quickly worked her way into the lineup and said she appreciates how welcoming the other girls have been to her as she strives to improve her individual skills.



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Left to right: Odessa King, Raylee Coleman and Michaela Myers celebrate a point Wednesday during the Lady Brahmans' victory over Westwood.

"I was a little worried at the beginning because I didn't know what to expect but I knew what I was capable of and just worked my hardest," she added.

Hargraves said the team may have had some ups and downs but have stayed focused and still have high hopes they can make a deep run in the post season again

this year. "We came together as a team really well and have played some great matches, like the one at South Fork. We hadn't played together in a really long time and it's been really cool to come together," she added.

The match Tuesday at home against Lake Placid will be senior night.

# Sign up now to be an Outdoors Woman at FWC workshop

Special to the Okeechobee News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) plans a weekend workshop for women who want to learn a variety of outdoor skills. The FWC's "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" (BOW) workshop is Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, near West Palm Beach.

The FWC invites women 18 and older to attend the workshop to learn or improve their skills on a variety of outdoor recreational activities. In four three-and-a-half-hour sessions, the workshop sessions teach such skills as survival, kayaking, outdoor cooking and understanding the woods, at all levels of physical activity.

The BOW program offers a fun and supportive atmosphere to experiment and enjoy

the camaraderie of other women who want to experience Florida's great outdoors. The camp is open to anyone who wants to learn in a relaxed, noncompetitive, hands-on environment. The camp's instructors strive to make participants feel comfortable.

"Patience is a key ingredient to the success of the program," statewide BOW coordinator Lynne Hawk said. "Our instructors are there to guide people through the activities. There is no stress."

The camp is in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area in northwest Palm Beach County. The setting is a rustic, summer-camp facility with basic, modern amenities. Lodging is dormitory style, with meals served in the cafeteria. Sessions begin Friday afternoon and end Sunday with lunch.

The cost is \$200. However, partial schol-

arships are available for participants who qualify. Workshops are limited to 100 participants; reservations are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

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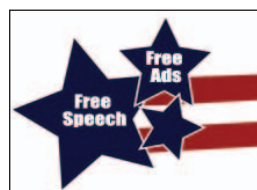
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## Okeechobee Sports News in Brief

By Charles M. Murphy

Okeechobee News

• The Lady Brahmans **golf** team dropped a tri-match Tuesday with Lincoln Park Academy and Jensen Beach at Sailfish Country Club.

As a team, OHS finished with a total of 221, while Lincoln Park finished with a shot 197 and Jensen Beach finished at 213.

Hannah Raulerson led the Lady Brahmans with a round of 51, and Cameron White carded a 54.

Brianna Fitzpatrick ended her round with a 38 and Taylor Sukmana had a 40 to lead LPA.

Sailfish will be the home course for the district tournament next week.

OHS coach Bruce Conrad said the course was in great shape and unbelievable. There were very challenging holes for the golfers with plenty of bunkers and water hazards.

"The girls got a lot of bunker practice and with the large rolling greens we had many three putts," he added.

Conrad said he hoped the experience of playing the course will assist the girls when they play districts next week.

"Hopefully, the girls gained a sense of how you can manage a course like Sailfish and I hope we put in a better showing in districts next week," he said.

• The Yearling Middle School **volleyball**

team was routed by the Gifford Dolphins in their home gymnasium Tuesday, 25-15 and 25-7. Ashley Bowers led YMS with nine assists. Lyn'D Lewis had two kills and one block. Samantha Ruiz had one ace and Malorie Thomas had one service ace and seven kills.

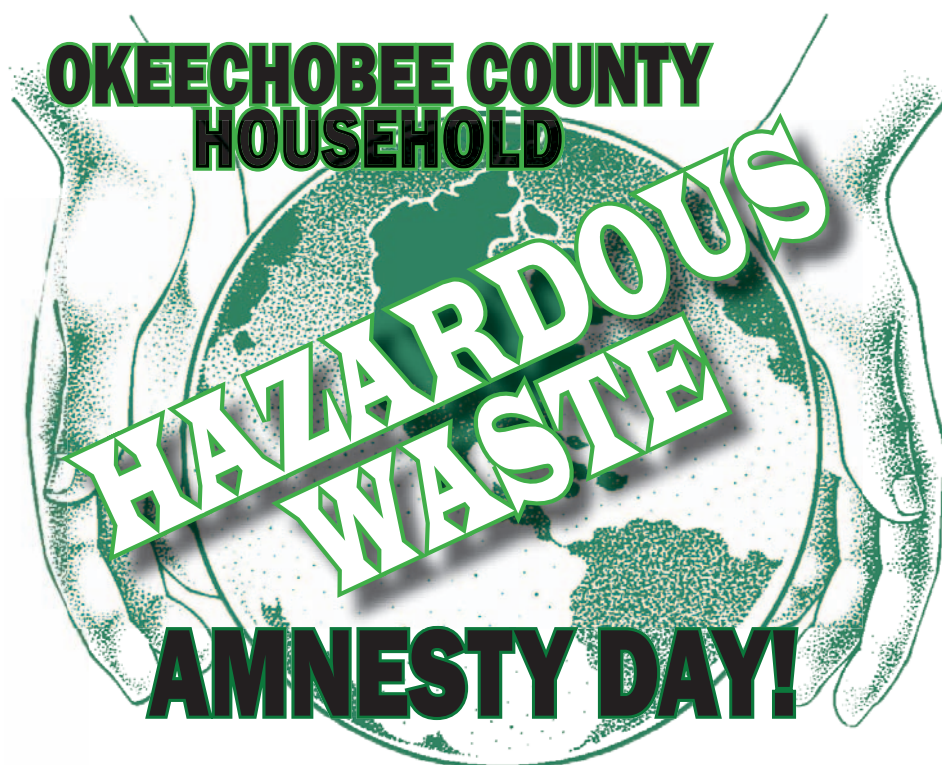
YMS lost 13 consecutive points in the first game after battling with the Dolphins early on. Still they made a run of their own, cutting the Dolphin lead to 20-15 after a kill by Lewis. After a time out, the Dolphins ran off five consecutive points and never looked back.

The Dolphins went on a 6-0 run early in the second game and never trailed by fewer than five points after that.

• Yearling **soccer** remained undefeated at 5-0 with a 6-1 victory Tuesday over the Gifford Dolphins. Bryan Pinon scored four goals, Bobby Gomez had two assists, Sebastian Chaves one goal and one assist, Bryan Leal one assist and Antonio Vega one goal for YMS.

Coach Erick Rios said the team continues to learn and despite being a little disorganized at times, was able to defeat a team by at least five goals.

Rios said the team missed some point-blank shots on net and must work on that before Thursday's showdown with undefeated Osceola.



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**Bobby Gomes, from YMS, takes a shot on goal between two Gifford defenders Tuesday. Yearling won 6-1.**



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**The backline of the Yearling defense includes: (left to right) Kendall Harrison, Ashley Bowers and Mariah Wooten.**

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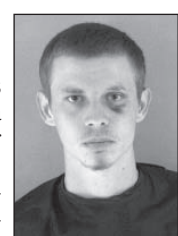
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# Convicted burglar draws prison term

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News



Michael Holmes

An Okeechobee man is going back to prison just a little more than a year after he was last released.

At his sentencing hearing Monday, Oct. 6, Michael Ronald Holmes, 23, entered a plea of no contest to felony charges of burglary, grand theft, possession of a short-barreled shotgun/rifle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon (two counts), possession of ammunition by a convicted felon and possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Those charges stem from two different 2014 cases.

After finding Holmes guilty, Circuit Court Judge Sherwood Bauer Jr. ordered him to serve three years in prison on the burglary and grand theft charges. On the other case, Holmes was sentenced to a four-years stint. All of the sentences are to run concurrently, said Judge Bauer.

Holmes, of a S.W. 57th Ave. address, was released from prison Aug. 25, 2013, after serving about a year. He was convicted in 2012 of trafficking in stolen property and giving false information to a secondary metals recycler.

On Jan. 6 of this year, Holmes and two other people were arrested on the gun charges after their vehicle was stopped by Officer Jeremy Larue, of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD).

A subsequent search of the vehicle turned up two syringes, a hand-held stun gun, a 12-gauge shotgun, a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun with a 17-inch barrel, a Kevlar bulletproof vest and shotgun shells.

The officer's arrest report stated the syringes contained a clear liquid that, when field tested, indicated a positive result for the presence of meth.

In his sentencing order, Judge Bauer said Holmes will serve two years on probation upon his release from prison, surrender his driver's license for a period of two years and pay \$6,277.48 in restitution to the victim from whom he stole jewelry. He was also ordered to pay court costs and fees.

Holmes will receive credit for the 166 days he's already served in the Okeechobee County Jail.

Judge Bauer also told Holmes he must serve a minimum/mandatory sentence of three years on the firearms possession charges.

The judge also told the defendant his probation can be terminated early if the restitution and the costs of his supervision are paid in full.

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• Johnny Randolph Slone, 53, Pelican Drive, Fort Pierce, was arrested Oct. 7 by Deputy Corporal Aric Majere on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felonies of giving false verification of ownership for regular metals \$300 or more (four counts) and giving false information to a secondary metals recycler under \$300 (12) counts. His bond was set at \$160,000.

• Shea S. Dryden, 25, S.W. Hosanah Lane, Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 7 by DOC's Mack Jonassaint on a felony charge of violation of probation - domestic aggravated stalking. He is being held without bond.

• Timothy Locklear, 30, Halmark Ave., Lake Placid, was arrested Oct. 7 by Deputy Yero Todman on DOC warrants charging him with the felonies of violation of probation - worthless check over \$150, violation of probation - grand theft and violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument. He is being held without bond.

• Kaytlyn Chanise Stevens, 25, S.W. Third Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 8 by Deputy Jose Garduno on a felony charge of grand theft-auto. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

• Jill Ann Vanes, 31, N.W. Sixth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 8 by Deputy Timothy Gillis on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with the felony of possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

• Bobby Miranda, 22, S.E. Martin Luther King Blvd., Stuart, was arrested Oct. 8 by Deputy Timothy Gillis on an amended DOC warrant charging him with the felony of violation of probation - robbery. He is being held without bond.

• Gilbert Pickens, 51, N.E. 13th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Oct. 8 by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force on felony charges of sale of a controlled substance (cocaine) within 1,000 feet of a specified area (park) and possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a specified area (park). His bond was set at \$200,000.

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**CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Okeechobee Code Enforcement Board will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** or as soon thereafter, City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. Please contact Sue Christopher, 863-357-1971, or website [cityofokeechobee.com](http://cityofokeechobee.com), to obtain a copy of the agenda. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

**ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the Code Enforcement Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the Fire Department no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-357-1971.

**BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the Board Secretary for the City's records.

By: Jamie Gamotea, Code Board Chairperson  
 467554 ON 10/10/2014

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF**  
**THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL**  
**CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR**  
**OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**CASE NO. 2014-CP-120**

IN RE: ESTATE OF:  
**PEARL SANDERS HENDRICK**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of PEARL SANDERS HENDRICK whose date of death was May 25, 2014 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-0249, is pending in the circuit court, nineteenth judicial circuit of Florida, in and for Okeechobee County, Florida, probate division, which address is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and address of the personal representative and the attorney for the estate are set forth below.

ALL CREDITORS of decedent, and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, or whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file such claims with this court:

**WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.**

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

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

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this notice is October 10, 2014.

Sherry D. Fogleman  
 Personal Representative  
 10400 SW Fox Brown Rd.  
 Indiantown, FL 34956  
 LAWF OFFICES JOHN R. COOK, P.A.  
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 467660 ON 10/10/17/2014

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**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Technical Review Committee of the City of Okeechobee will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact Patty Burnette at 863-763-3372, or website [cityofokeechobee.com](http://cityofokeechobee.com), to obtain a copy of the agenda.

**ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the Technical Review Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the General Services Department no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

**BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Committee in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item **MUST** be provided to the Committee Secretary for the City's records.

By: Brian Whitehall, City Administrator  
 467557 ON 10/10/2014

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Okeechobee, Centennial Celebration Ad Hoc Committee (CCAHC) meeting will be held on **Monday, October 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, Florida. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Contact City Clerk's Office at 863-763-3372 x215, or website, [cityofokeechobee.com](http://cityofokeechobee.com), to obtain a copy of the agenda.

**ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the CCAHC with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the City Clerk's Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

**BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the CCAHC in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item **MUST** be provided to the Committee Secretary for the City's records.

By: J.D. Mixon, CCAHC Chairperson  
 467555 ON 10/10/2014

**NOTICE OF CITY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**

**NOTICE:** The City of Okeechobee Planning Board will meet as the Local Planning Agency on **Thursday, October 16, 2014 at 6 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at City Hall, 55 SE 3rd Ave, Rm 200, Okeechobee, FL, to consider any proposed amendments to the adopted Land Development Regulations (LDRs), submitted by City Staff or citizens. All amendments are forwarded, with a recommendation, to the City Council for final consideration.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend. Please contact General Services at 863-763-3372, or website, [cityofokeechobee.com](http://cityofokeechobee.com), to obtain a copy of the agenda or to view the proposed amendments.

**ANY PERSON DECIDING TO APPEAL** any decision made by the Planning Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceeding is made and the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any person with a disability as defined by the ADA, that needs special accommodation to participate in this proceeding, contact the General Services Office no later than two business days prior to proceeding, 863-763-3372.

**BE ADVISED** that should you intend to show any document, picture, video or items to the Planning Board in support or opposition to any item on the agenda; a copy of the document, picture, video, or item must be provided to the Board Secretary for the City's records.

By: Brian Whitehall, Zoning Administrator  
 467556 ON 10/10/2014

**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-G000**  
 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY... NATIONAL STORM MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff, VS. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF DUDLEY J. MOUNTJOY, SR. A/K/A DUDLEY JAMES MOUNTJOY, SR., DECEASED. et. al. Defendant(s).

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA... JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, VS. MARIA C. OVIEDO, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION TO: WAYNE ASHE Last Known Address: 3570 NW 18TH ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34972 THOMAS ASHE Last Known Address: 6855 NE 11th ST, OKEECHOBEE, FL 34974

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 35 EAST, RUN THENCE N 85° 34' 25" W ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID SECTION 7 FOR A DISTANCE OF 1398.60 FEET, THENCE RUN N 07° 57' 45" W FOR A DISTANCE 249.45 FEET FOR P.O.B THENCE CONTINUE N 07° 57' 45" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 149.31 FEET, THENCE RUN S 85° 39' 25" E FOR A DISTANCE OF 163.37 FEET, THENCE RUN S 02° 53' 55" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 145.93 FEET, THENCE RUN N 85° 39' 25" W FOR A DISTANCE OF 135.26 FEET TO P.O.B. LYING IN AND COMPRISING A PART OF SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANG 35 EAST, AND CONTAINING .50 ACRES MORE OR LESS TOGETHER WITH A 1992 DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME, VIN NUMBERS: 32620200AE & 32620200BE TITLE NUMBERS: 62037098 & 62037099

The action was instituted in the Circuit Court, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Okeechobee, Florida; Case No. 2012-CA-000533; and is styled JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION vs. MARIA C. OVIEDO; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II; RAFAEL CORREA; LORETTA S. BUSH; THOMAS ASHE; WAYNE ASHE. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Mikael Hirsch, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 255 S. Orange Ave., Ste. 900, Orlando, FL 32801-3454, within 30 days from the first date of publication and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately after service; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 47 2013 CP 000184 AXMX IN RE: ESTATE OF ELIZABETH RENTERIA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of ELIZABETH RENTERIA, deceased, whose date of death was December 1, 2013 and whose social security number is XXX-XX-5199, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL, 34972. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT: All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 14000067CAAXMX JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, VS. ARIANNA B. HODGES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARIANNA B. HODGES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION To the following Defendant(s): UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARIANNA B. HODGES (RESIDENCE UNKNOWN) YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property: LOT 9, BLOCK 64, BASSWOOD, UNIT NO.6, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 50, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a 3429 NW 40TH DRIVE, OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34972- has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on Kahane & Associates, P.A., Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Ste. 3000, Plantation, FLORIDA 33324 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the THE OKEECHOBEE NEWS and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Florida Rules of Judicial Administration Rule 2.540 Notices to Persons With Disabilities - If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Corrie Johnson, ADA Coordinator, 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

SPANISH: Si usted es una persona discapacitada que necesita alguna adaptacion para poder participar de este procedimiento o evento; usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno a que se le provea cierta ayuda. Favor de comunicarse con Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora de A.D.A., 250 NW Country Club Drive, Suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 por lo menos 7 dias antes de que tenga que comparecer en corte o inmediatamente despues de haber recibido esta notificacion si es que falta menos de 7 dias para su comparecencia. Si tiene una discapacidad auditiva o de habla, llame al 711. KREYOL: Si ou se you moun ki kokobe ki bezven asistans ou aparey pou ou ka patispe nan prosedu sa-a, ou gen dwa san ou pa bezven peye anyen pou ou jwen ou de ed. Tanpri kontakte Corrie Johnson, Coordinadora ADA, 250 NW Country Club Drive, suite 217, Port St. Lucie, FL 34986, (772) 807-4370 o'mwen 7 jow avan ke ou gen pou-ou parent nan tribunal, ou imediatman ke ou resevwa avis sa-a ou si le ke ou gen pou-ou ale nan tribunal-la mwens ke 7 jow; Si ou pa ka tande ou pale byen, rele 711. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 29th day of Sept. 2014. SHARON ROBERTSON As Clerk of said Court BY: Arlene Nealis As Deputy Clerk 467543 ON 10/3,10/2014

NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF NAMES OF POTENTIALLY INELIGIBLE VOTERS

Pursuant to Section 98.075(7) of the Florida Statutes, the following persons are hereby notified that they are potentially ineligible to be registered to vote. Failure to respond within thirty (30) days of this notice may result in determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor of Elections and removal of the registered voter's name from the statewide voter registration system. Kelley N. Sherman Last known address: 100 SE 10th Ave #10 Okeechobee, FL Leonard J. Summa Last known address: 301 SE 8th Dr Okeechobee, FL

If further assistance is needed, please contact the Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections. Diane Hagan, Okeechobee County Supervisor of Elections 304 NW 2nd St, Room 144 Okeechobee, FL 34972 (863)763-4014 467636 ON 10/10/2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE WILL HOLD A REGULAR BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014 AT 3:30 P.M. IN THE JOHNSON AUDITORIUM LOCATED IN THE CLARE & GLADYS WOLF HIGH TECHNOLOGY CENTER ON THE INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE CHASTAIN CAMPUS AT 2400 SE SALERNO ROAD, STUART, FLORIDA 34997. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN THAT AT 9:00 A.M., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014, AN AGENDA MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE BEN L. BRYAN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE MAIN CAMPUS, 3209 VIRGINIA AVENUE, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA 34981-5596. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO PLACE BEFORE THAT BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION ARGUMENTS CONCERNING ISSUES OF LAW OR POLICY OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF ANY PERTINENT FACT THAT MAY BE IN DISPUTE MUST NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ANY PERSONS WISHING TO APPEAL THE DECISIONS OF THIS BOARD WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH

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PURPOSE MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE. 467432 ON 10/10/14 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO.: 47-2014-CP-000128 IN RE: the Estate of MARY FRANCES HUFFINES, Deceased, NOTICE TO CREDITORS The administration of the estate of MARY FRANCES HUFFINES, deceased, whose date of death was May 12, 2014, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 NW 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The first publication date of this notice is: October 3, 2014. Personal Representative: DANIEL HUFFINES 2530 N NC Highway 62 Burlington, NC 27217 Attorney for Personal Representative: COLIN M. CAMERON, ESQ., P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 270441 200 N.E. Fourth Avenue Okeechobee, Florida 34972-2981 Telephone (863) 763-8600 467533 ON 10/3,10/2014

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Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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- DOWN 1 Paycheck surprise 2 2012 Romney defeater 3 Popeye's hamburger-loving pal 4 Neighbor of Syr. 5 Peke or Yorkie 6 "Dies \_\_": Latin hymn 7 Mooches, as a cigarette 8 Flows out 9 Bomb on stage 10 TV's "Mistress of the Dark" 11 Elite group of athletes 12 Loud bell 13 Within: Pref. 18 Swiss Alps melody 24 Sacred wader of old Egypt 26 Corrida cheer 28 Food for Fido 29 Dweebs 31 Red "Sesame Street" Muppet 32 Performs 33 Annoy 34 Shoppe modifier
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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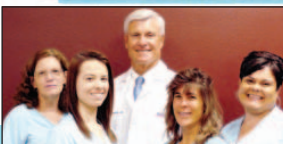
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# Brahman gridders host 0-4 Jaguars

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee comes off a bye week with a legitimate shot at a win tonight when they host the struggling Port St. Lucie Jaguars (0-4) at the high school homecoming football game.

Pregame festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the introduction of the candidates in the homecoming court.

All week the high school has been full of activities for homecoming and football coach Chris Branham said he hopes the team can remain focused because this is a district game the team has got to win.

"We played an excellent game against Heritage and one blown assignment and one big play was the difference. It was a heartbreaker and we could have won that game," he noted.

Branham said the young team still has its moments in practice and must work on being more consistent from day to day. He might try shortening the bench tonight and has changed his pistol wing T offense to just one back and multiple wide receivers. Bubba Fludd has taken over as the primary quarterback.

"Fludd has been the fastest guy on the field on every play this year. We have worked to emphasize that all the assignments, however small, are important in a football game. We continue to put in great efforts and get better each week," he said.

Port St. Lucie is coached by Ryan Solesky who is in his first year. They have lost to Fort Pierce Central (33-16), Martin County (29-13), Jensen Beach (34-10) and Heritage (35-3).

The Jaguars have had a hard time with defense as they have given up 725 rushing yards and 524 passing yards in the first four games of the season.

Quarterback Chris Durden has thrown for 194 yards and two scores. Jeremy Russell has thrown for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Fifteen players have had a rushing attempt this year but none have more than 54 yards on the season.

Wide receiver Elijah Sinclair might be the Jaguars top threat as he has caught nine passes for 123 yards and a touchdown. Place kicker Donald Delahave had a 42-yard field goal and is three of six on field goals this year.

Branham said the team must be at its best to beat any team and can't afford to take any opponent lightly. He predicted an exciting



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football game for the large crowd expected to be on hand.

"Port St. Lucie has some speed at the skill positions and is sound and aggressive to the football on defense. On any given play they could take it 60 yards," he added.

Branham said his defense continues to play well and the offense has made some strides. He said the team has too many playmakers not to make things happen and score points.

"Our youth continues to get us. We must do our assignments and follow the play book. We can't just be fast and quick. You also have to

hit the holes and go where you're supposed to," he added.

The team returns Juanyae Ford and Drayton Billie to the lineup after recent illness and injury.

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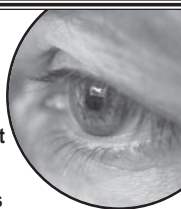


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