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## Briefs

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The Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court will be closed from noon until 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21, for their annual Holiday Lunch.

### What does the election mean?

What does the presidential election mean to you? If you would like to share your thoughts or opinions about the presidential election, letters to the editor may be emailed to okeeneews@newszap.com or sent Okeechobee News, P.O. Box 2349, Okeechobee, Fla. 34974. Comments may also be made online on the public issues forums at www.newszap.com (click on Okeechobee).

## Drought Index

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Local Burn Ban: None

## Lake Levels

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# Treasure Island fires investigated

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Two fires on the same street Tuesday night were put out without difficulty and no one was injured in either blaze. Now investigators are trying to figure out if it the fires were the result of just a weird coincidence, electrical problems, kids playing around, or an arsonist

Detective Anthony Stafford of the State Fire Marshall's Office in West Palm Beach said they have not ruled anything out and are still investigating to determine

the cause, "We have canvassed the neighborhood with the help of the Sheriff's Office, and so far we haven't found any witness that saw anything suspicious," he said.

One possibility is power surges that struck the neighborhood on two or three occasions Tuesday night before these fires started. Detective Stafford said he is working with Florida Power and Light to determine what impacts these power surges could have had on these trailers.

County Fire Rescue reports said fire crews responded to 3927

S.E. 26th Street around 6:40 pm and found a single wide mobile home almost fully involved in flames. The property is owned by David Conroy of Plantation. Firemen used 3,500 gallons of water to put out the flames. Paramedic Dale Fulwider's report said the trailer was a vacant residence and there were no injuries reported. Four units and eight firemen and volunteers were on the scene for close to two and a half hours. About \$20,000 in property damage was reported.

Shortly after they left the area, fire crews were dispatched to

4023 S.E. 26th Street at approximately 9 p.m. to the second blaze. Firemen found a double wide trailer owned by Frank Mayo of Belle Glade 75 percent involved in flames. The fire report from Lt. Ron Suit said firemen used 10,000 gallons of water to put out the flames. City Firemen responded to provide mutual aid in this blaze.

Three units and five firemen were on the scene for about three hours. The property damage estimate was placed at \$160,000. Again the building was vacant and there were no

injuries reported.

An adjacent trailer owned by Dean Claycomb at 4013 S.E. 26th Street, suffered some heat damage due to this fire. The damage estimate was \$700.

County firemen were recalled to the scene Wednesday morning to put out a rekindle of the earlier blaze. Fire extinguishers were used to put out the flames.

Detective Stafford said one of the trailers had electrical problems caused by the hurricanes earlier this decade. "We are go-

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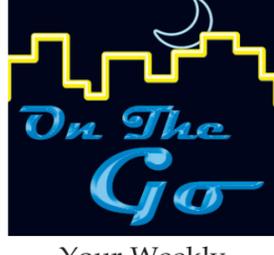
## Show Jumping: Free at Agri-Civic Center



Okeechobee News/Katrina Eischen

The Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center is hosting The First Coast Invitational at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center this weekend and next weekend. For more photos and a short video, go to www.newszap.com, click on "Okeechobee" and then click on "Public forums."

## Horse show, concert this weekend



Your Weekly Entertainment Guide

Share your news and photos for this column by email to caguilar@newszap.com

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County is hosting its first equestrian world event, **The First Coast Invitational** at the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center.

This event is free to spectators which can come watch the show jumping competitions each day beginning at 9 a.m. The event will continue for a total of seven days: Nov. 20 through 23; and Nov. 28, through 30.

Featured \$30,000 Grand Prix events will be held on Saturday,

Nov. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 30, both beginning at noon with opening ceremonies. The opening ceremony features an expedition from Medieval Times coming from Kissimmee.

All events are free admission for spectators!

This event is the vision of Bill Joyce, President and CEO of Worldwide Horse Show Services, which brings the excitement of Show Jumping to the everyday person as a spectator event. The Okeechobee event

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# City discusses zoning changes

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee City Council discussed several measures dealing with development of the downtown area at their Nov. 18 meeting.

The council approved two petitions submitted by Elbert Batton and Frannie Watford on behalf of property owners Abdul and Yasmin Cumber. In order to use their 1.92 acres on N.E. Fourth Street for commercial purposes, the owners requested a change in the future land use map from single family to commercial.

City planner Bill Brisson said the request was consistent with the general pattern of commercial expansion in the area. The area could hold 12 single

family homes. Mr. Brisson said the impact on the infrastructure of commercial would be the same as with 12 single family homes.

The applicants' second request was a zoning change from residential single family to light commercial for the same property. The planning board had recommended approval and Mr. Brisson recommended approval.

Next, the city approved a rezoning request from Roland and Michele Mossel to rezone 0.321 acres on N.W. Ninth Street from industrial to residential single family. The property is nonconforming and contains a residence. The owners want to refinance but the

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# County installs commissioners

By Pete Gawda  
Okeechobee News

The installation of newly elected and reelected commissioners was the highlight of a very short meeting of Okeechobee County Commission on Thursday, Nov. 20. Commission meetings often last into the late afternoon. However, this one concluded in a little over one hour with commissioners tending to housekeeping chores and making decisions on a handful of noncontroversial matters.

Judge Jerry Bryant administered the oath of office to Margaret Garrard Helton, the first ever Republican commissioner, for her first term. Ray Domer was sworn in for his second term and veteran commissioner Clif Betts was sworn in for his seventh term. The judge said the ceremony was unique in that it was three old friends, three graduates of Okeechobee High School and

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# Blood Roundup a success

By Betty Bockoras  
Special to the Okeechobee News

The Third Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup was a great success with 482 people registering to give blood, and 432 units actually drawn. Last Friday morning seven "Big Red Buses" and a total of 65 personnel from Florida's Blood Centers, pulled into the back parking lot of the First United Methodist Church of Okeechobee. The church had generously offered use of their Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday for Okeechobee's third annual Blood Roundup.

Each donor was offered free

donuts upon arriving and hot dogs and drinks before leaving. Prizes and gifts were given out, and every donor received a free T-shirt and a goodie bag given by local merchants. Phil and Scott Eddings provided music throughout the day.

Some people were wearing a stick-on tag that spelled "ALYX." These were donors who had agreed to give via one of the four, high technology blood machines lined up along the east wall of the room.

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components of the blood back into the donor -- all in one sitting. Donors to ALYX must meet specific physical requirements.

Regular donors give a pint of whole blood, which is later transported back to the blood center where the red cells, plasma and platelets are separated. Each part of the blood can be used for different situations in the life-saving process, allowing each donated pint to help three people.

"Donating blood is a gift of life," said Russ Colwell, Donor Development Coordinator for Florida's Blood Centers. His

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Courtesy photo/Betty Bockoras

The "Big Red Bus" from Florida's Blood Centers was in Okeechobee last weekend as part of the annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup at the First United Methodist Church. The "Roundup" attracted donors who donated 432 units of blood. Since blood is broken down into components, each donated unit can help an average of three patients.

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# Concert

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will be held spanning seven days over two weeks.

Show Jumping has been an Olympic event since the 1900 Summer Olympics in Paris and the equestrian events are the only Olympic events in which men and women compete directly against each other. The course itself was created by a former Olympian and there are several Olympian level riders in the competition.

## Music in the air

There is music in the air at the Church of Our Savior where "Beginnings and Beyond," a free musical event, will showcase a variety of musicians and singers as well as a variety of musical styles. The concert will be presented Sunday, Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. at Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third Street.

The program is free and open to the public. Those who attend are asked to bring packages of disposable diapers to be donated to Healthy Start.

"Beginnings and Beyond" will trace the musical history of Western music. Nicole Wood will narrate the musical program, which will feature music from different eras including: Medieval/Pre-Renaissance - "Ave Maria" (Plainsong Chant, 13th Century);

Renaissance -- "Five Songs" (John Dowling, 1563-1626); Baroque -- "Prelude in A Minor" (Johann Sebastian Bach) and "Concerto in D Minor," Second Movement (Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750); Classical -- "La Malinconia" (Maurio Giuliani, 1781-1829); Romantic -- "Concerto for Violin and Piano," first movement Op. 64 (Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1809-1847); Twentieth Century -- "Weep You No More" (Roger Quilter, 1847-1953); "Someone to Watch over Me" (George Gershwin, 1898-1937, and Ira Gershwin, 1896-1983); and, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" (Peter Lutkin, 1858-1931).

Musicians involved in the program include Kevin Kinnaird, John Olsen, Edward Petuch, Ken Keaton and Valeria Polunina.

Healthy Start is a non-profit organization which assists new mothers and their babies. The organization is currently in need of donations of disposable diapers, so Church of Our Saviour has asked all those who attend the free concert to bring donations of diapers.

Do you want to see your events posted in the weekly entertainment column? Forward any publicly open events including entertainment such as: dancing, bands, comedians, theatre, special events, special community events, contests, etc to [cagular@newszap.com](mailto:cagular@newszap.com).



Submitted photo  
John Olsen will perform at "Beginnings and Beyond," the free musical event at Church of Our Saviour on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 5 p.m.

# Fires

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ing to leave the fire cause as undetermined for now," he said. "These power surges could be a factor. They had blinking lights and other problems in homes in that neighborhood that night."

Anyone with information on these fires can contact Okeechobee County Fire Rescue at 863-763-5544 or the State Fire Marshall in West Palm Beach at 561-640-6704.

Detective Stafford said a determination on whether the fires were caused by an arsonist will likely be made in the next couple of days.

# Correction

An error appeared in an article on page 3 of the Wednesday, Nov. 19 edition of the Okeechobee News with the headline "Magistrate imposes fines." The article incorrectly stated that Ethel Jackson was fined up to \$250 a day beginning Nov. 19. What actually happened is that the magistrate gave Ms. Jackson until Dec. 11 to come into compliance. If the derelict, condemned structure on her N.E. 14th Avenue lot has not been removed by that time she could be fined up to \$250 a day. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error.

# Okeechobee Forecast

**Today:** Sunny, with a high near 73. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.  
**Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 46. North wind around 10 mph.

## Extended Forecast

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 70. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

# Lotteries

**Florida Lottery** — Here are the numbers selected Wednesday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 4-2-3; **Play 4:** 2-4-1-0; **Lotto:** 1-6-10-38-46-49; **Fantasy 5:** 9-13-17-19-33. Numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery: **Cash 3:** 9-6-5; **Play 4:** 6-3-6-3.

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# Woman charged with hitting boyfriend

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

It took five staples to close a wound in an Okeechobee man's head after he was struck with a beer bottle by his girlfriend, stated an Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) arrest report.

Ella F. Hayes, 47, N.E. 13th Ave., was arrested and charged with the felony of aggravated battery. She was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$2,500.

Also arrested in connection with the case was Willie James

Rosier, 44, of the same address. He was arrested on a misdemeanor battery charge, and booked into the county jail under a bond of \$500.

The couple had been arguing for much of the day on Nov. 18 and had been drinking, stated an arrest report by OCSO Deputy Howard Pickering. The argument came to a head when Hayes hit her boyfriend in



Ella F. Hayes

the head with a beer bottle, continued the report.

Deputy Pickering's report states that he arrived at the scene around 7:42 p.m. Tuesday and found Rosier with blood on his head and face. The deputy went on to state that Hayes accused Rosier of hitting her in the face. The woman's right cheek was swollen, added the deputy's



Willie James Rosier

report. Hayes was placed under arrest and Rosier was taken to Raulerson Hospital where it took five staples to close the wound on the top of his head. Once Rosier was released from the hospital he was placed under arrest and taken to the county jail.

In his report, Deputy Pickering stated that another OCSO deputy had been called to the same residence earlier in the day due to the couple's arguing. The report goes on to state that both Hayes and Rosier were "heavily intoxicated."

# Exposure played part in woman's death

By Eric Kopp  
Okeechobee News

Autopsy results indicate that hypothermia may have been a contributing cause in the death of a local woman who was found in a canal, said the detective working on the case.

Detective Sergeant T.J. Brock of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) said exposure to the elements played a part in the death of Wanda Faye Garcia, 50. Ms. Garcia was found lying face up and covered in mud by men working on a canal Monday, Nov. 17.

"The temperature did get into the low to mid 40s that night and her body was wet. I believe that was a contributing factor," said Sgt. Brock.

According to Dr. Stuart Graham of the District 19 Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Pierce the results of the autopsy are preliminary and an official cause of death has not been determined.

An official cause of death won't be determined until a toxicology screen has been completed.

Sgt. Brock said it will take six to eight weeks to receive those results.

"There was nothing suspicious, as far as a cause of death, found in the autopsy," said Sgt. Brock. "We have ruled out a violent murder."

He said no gun shot or stab wounds were found on the body and there was no indication she had been choked.

Ms. Garcia was last seen around 9 or 10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.

The ditch where the woman was found by Jody Choate, 39, and John Alan Ming, 46, is near Ms. Garcia's N.W. 34th St. home.

OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman said the ditch starts at the end of N.W. 34th St. and runs between North Elementary School and then past the Okeechobee County School District bus ga-

rage. The ditch also runs along the north side of the soccer fields and is near the boundary fence of the Okeechobee County Airport.

"Footprints were found where she walked into the ditch," said Detective Van Deman. "There are no indications that anyone was with her."

While the ditch was fairly dry Monday, there had apparently been water in the ditch earlier, he added. Detective Van Deman estimated the ditch to be about 15 feet deep and at least 25 feet wide.

"She was pretty much covered from head to toe in muck," said Detective Van Deman.

He went on to explain that the ditch is shell rock and muck and had been artificially drained. He went on to say that portion of the ditch where Ms. Garcia was found is "all muck."

The cause of hypothermia usually is extended exposure to cold temperatures or a cool, damp

environment, states information found on the MayoClinic.com web site. An internal body temperature of 95 degrees Fahrenheit (F) or lower signals hypothermia.

However, it does not take frigid temperatures to bring on hypothermia. It can occur when the temperature is above 40 degrees (F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat or submersion into cold water.

The MayoClinic.com web site said common signs of hypothermia are shivering, which is the body's attempt to generate heat through muscle activity, and the "umbles" -- stumbles, mumbles, fumbles and grumbles. These behaviors may be a result of changes in consciousness and motor coordination caused by hypothermia.

Severe hypothermia eventually leads to cardiac and respiratory failure then death, states information on the web site.

## Arrest Report

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).

- Jennifer Rey McCann, 26, N.W. 240th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 15 by Deputy Michael Hazellief on charges of driving under the influence, refusal to take a blood alcohol test and refusal to obey police. Her bond was set at \$750.

- Robert Brash, 22, N.E. Eighth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 17 by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - burglary of a structure while armed and violation of probation - grand theft. He is being held without bond.

- Christopher Hill, 37, 26th Ave., Vero Beach, was arrested Nov. 17 by Deputy G. Popovich on Okeechobee County warrants charging him with violation of probation - forgery, violation of probation - uttering a forged instrument, violation of probation - giving false information to a pawnbroker (two counts) and violation of probation - uttering forged bills. His bond was set at \$20,000.

- Brandon Kyle Bowen, 24, N.W. 58th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 12 by Officer R. Holroyd on a charge of possession of a controlled substance without a

prescription. His bond was set at \$1,000.

- Yvette R. Toombs, 43, Hampton Road, West Palm Beach, was arrested Nov. 12 by Deputy Harold Hancock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with violation of probation - tampering with physical evidence and violation of probation - possession of drug paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

- Becky Lee Cook, 28, S.E. 62nd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 18 by Deputy Harold Hancock on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with grand theft. She was released on her own recognizance.

- Justin Andrew Jenkins, 24, N.W. 20th Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 18 by Deputy Justin Akins on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with the felony of aggravated battery on a pregnant person. His bond was set at \$15,000. He was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana under 20 grams. His bond on that charge was set at \$500.

- Laura J. Hollister, 25, S.W. Second Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 18 by Deputy Steven McKinley on a misdemeanor charge of resisting a law enforcement officer without violence. Her bond was set at \$2,500. She was also arrested by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging her with failure to appear - obtaining a controlled substance by fraud (two counts).

- Richard Caballero, 19, S.E. 29th Court, Okeechobee, was ar-

rested Nov. 19 by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with possession of cocaine with intent to sell (two counts). His bond was set at \$10,000.

- Vernon Bernard Ervin, 35, N.W. 12th St., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 19 by Officer J. Bernst on a warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of cocaine. He is being held without bond.

- Shelby Ramon Willis, 25, N.E. Seventh, Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 19 by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with sale or delivery of cocaine and possession with intent to sell or deliver cocaine. His bond was set at \$100,000.

- David Edward Taylor, 37,

was arrested Nov. 19 by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with attempted aggravated battery. His bond was set at \$5,000.

- Billy Cecil Bailey, 50, S.E. 33rd Ave., Okeechobee, was arrested Nov. 19 by Deputy G. Popovich on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with sale or delivery of oxycodone and sale or delivery of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$50,000.

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**Thanks for participating!**

**MEALS:** If I go into a restaurant and have a great meal I think the person who prepared it and the cook should be complimented on it. Then if the opposite of this is true and the meal is bad then I don't believe to blame the staff that was there over 8 years ago or to blame someone who is going to be cooking. So I don't believe it's right to blame President Clinton or President-elect Obama for what the Bush Administration has cooked up.

**HORSE JUMPING:** I am so excited that this horse jumping event starts this weekend at the Agri-Civic Center. I heard that some of the horses and riders competed in the Olympics and that they expect over 100 horses. Free admission too. I can't wait for the grand prix on Saturday starting at noon. What a great event and celebration at our Agri-Civic Center.

**RESPONSE:** For the person thanking the Lord and God for Obama, should be thanking the Lord for Okeechobee. After all Okeechobee has more going for us.

**CARS:** I saw in the speak out where someone called in and said that if people had bought American Cars there wouldn't be a crisis with our car companies. The reason people don't buy American cars is because those other countries took our scrap metal and recycled it and made better automobiles than American companies did. And people want to buy the best automobiles that's why there is a crisis.

**SCOUTS:** I am calling to thank Okeechobee County for their support of Pack 964 and Troop 964 during their selling of popcorn. Thank you.

**EARTH'S AXIS:** I was in the Navy and when we steered our ships we went by magnetic north. Which means 'true north' was seven degrees off the axis. I believe the world is tilting more and more and no one is addressing this issue. They are blaming it on global warming, from carbons in the atmosphere and this and that, which probably has an impact too. But what I'm saying is the whole globe, the whole world is tilting. It's starting to tilt more north. So new areas become desert regions. India isn't getting any rain, their wells are drying up. California, they're not getting any rain that's why they are getting these fires. I don't know why no one has addressed this, but with me having been in the military, I know that the world is tilting more and more off the axis. So the Arctic is going to be down and the Antarctic is going to be up and everything else is going to be messed up. That's what is going on.

**SCAMS:** This latest scam, where they call you up and pretend to be from the television cable company to try to trick you into giving out personal information, is just one more reason you should never give out any personal information on the phone or by email. Suspect every phone call and every email. These scam artists are getting more and more aggressive. No matter what someone tells you on the phone, never give out bank or credit card information to someone who calls you.

**SKUNK APE:** I heard the Skunk Ape has been spotted near Buckhead Ridge. I hope he's keeping warm on these colder nights.

**ELDERLY:** With the economy in such bad shape, people are getting desperate and the scam artists are getting more aggressive. Many are targeting elderly folks. If you have elderly relatives, make sure they are aware of the problem with all the scams going on. Check on them and make sure they don't give anyone access to their bank accounts or credit cards. In many cases, it's a good idea for an elderly person to allow a trusted adult child or other relative handle paying the bills for them. I saw a television program where an elderly man lost his home because someone stole his identity and all his money. It can actually get that bad.

**FUNDRAISING:** I own a home and pay school taxes. I do not appreciate the schools expecting the children to also sell junk to raise money for the school. My child is at Osceola Middle School and we have already had two fundraising drives this year. And we are not even through the first semester. With the fact that so many people have lost their jobs, it is really not fair to be sending stuff home with the kids to sell. People can't afford to be throwing money away on junk they don't want or need, and they feel bad when they have to turn the kids down. And if the kids don't sell a certain amount, they don't get to go to the big party with the other students. I think they need to do away with any fundraiser that has the "megaevents" and you don't get to go if you didn't sell a certain amount. School should be about learning reading, math and science, not about making kids feel bad if they can't sell a bunch of useless junk.

**JROTC:** I heard the JROTC has a new instructor to replace the one who resigned. I am curious how the students are reacting to the new instructor. Is everything back on track?

**AUTO INDUSTRY:** I think it is wrong to bail out the auto industry with more loans unless the government requires they make some big changes. Unless they make the commitment to convert to alternate fuels and to make more economical vehicles that people can afford, loaning them more money is just throwing it in a black hole. Also, they need to get rid of the current management that got them into this hole and get some new people with new ideas in there. And the unions should have to agree to come back to the table and renegotiate the salaries so that the companies can actually at least break even. If they are just going to operate the way they have been and keep losing money, there is no sense bailing them out.

**TEENS:** There has been a lot of chat about juveniles drinking. It does not surprise me. I suppose that is a parent's worst nightmare. We in Law Enforcement do what we can. However, I will give you an example of what one parent did. I personally know this to be true because I saw it. When she dropped her son off at the movies, she drove away like all the other parents. Then she circled back and parked out near the highway where she had a view of the whole area and watched. When her son walked out - she saw him. Sometimes she would confront him and sometimes she would just watch. She did this until he was 18 and on his own. By the way, he now pays rent to her and still lives at home. He is in the union and drives back and forth to WPB everyday to work. This parent took her responsibility seriously and took her own time on Friday and Saturday nights when she could have been out having her own good time. I guess a person would have to decide just what one actually calls a GOOD TIME, raising the kids or partying. This was just an example -- you find what works for you and know you did your best.

**PARENTS:** Knowing where your kids are and who they are with is essential. And it doesn't hurt to make your house the one the kids like to hang out at because you provide plenty of pizza and snacks and don't complain about their music or how they dress.

**OBAMA:** I never voted for Obama. But I'm willing to give the guy a chance. There is too much discrediting going on and the guy hasn't even served the first day in office. I hardly think that he could make things much worse than they already are now under this last eight years of the Dubya administration.

**CHRISTMAS:** I suspect it is going to be a tough Christmas for a lot of people. If you are lucky enough to still have a job, don't forget that many are unemployed. Try to be a little more generous this year to the toy drives and the food drives. There are many in our community who lost their jobs and are losing their homes. We can get through this if we help each other.

**HOLIDAYS:** Please start watching the newspaper. Many entities that will be feeding people, assisting the homeless etc, will be placing public notice ads.

**NEW TEAM:** Now that Obama is picking his cabinet, it seems like we are just getting the old Clinton team back. I thought the election was about change, not a return the Clinton administration. Remember, Bill Clinton is the one who signed the legislation deregulating the banking industry. This whole financial mess the country is now in could have been avoided if he had vetoed that bill. Sure the Congress passed it, but the president makes the final decision and he is the one who signed that legislation into law. Bush can be blamed for the war in Iraq, but the whole mess the economy is in can be directly traced to the deregulation of the banking industry, which happened while Bill Clinton was in office. The way people talk about George Bush, it seems that most people don't even know that the change in the banking laws happened under Clinton's watch.

# Letters to the Editor

## Thanksgiving meal planned

I am writing this letter to share with you about a community Thanksgiving Supper we have planned as an outreach to the Okeechobee community. As you know with the current economic situation in our country more and more individuals and families find themselves in need. We feel lead to use this opportunity to let the love of God through Jesus Christ work through us to reach others at their point of need.

On Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m., we plan to open our doors to anyone in the community wishing to have a Thanksgiving meal. Church members will be involved in the serving of the food in addition to partaking in the meal as we fellowship with our neighbors

who find themselves in need this holiday season. Immediately after our meal we will move to our sanctuary where a worship service will be held. However, while we encourage everyone to attend, no one eating the meal will be obligated to do so.

If you are an area grocer, we are sharing the request for our need of turkey for this meal. All other side dishes and drinks will be provided by either the church or individual church members.

Sincerely,  
**Brad Spencer, Pastor**  
**Treasure Island Baptist Church**

## A salute to military spouses

During the early wars it was practically unheard of for women

to be in the active military. They volunteered as nurses and caregivers and of course, "Rosie Riveters." Today the military is full of as many women as it has men. A lot of them are married or are single parents trying to make a better life for their children. On Monday, all the active and retired military were honored, as they should be. They fought for our country and the right to live freely and to enhance relations between other countries. The wars are still going on and our men and women are still out there.

But one person that tends to get overlooked is the military spouse. They seem to get put on a sideline. No one offers them a free dinner out. No one congratulates them for a job well done. They don't even receive any medals for holding down the fort at home while their spouse is holding up the fort at war.

These men and women at home have a private war of their own. Struggling to keep peace and sanity, always worrying about their spouses safety while trying to manage a job, raising children, paying bills, fixing broken plumbing, broken toys and broken hearts. All on their own. Most of them have a friend or family member to talk to and can relate to. But a lot of them are far from family and can't afford to run up a phone bill every time they need to be comforted over some bad day's experience.

I wish I knew who they all are. I would love to wrap my arms around them and let them know that not only do I pray for their spouses at war, but also for them. I pray that they trust the good Lord to see them through every day. War is hell for everyone, but it is hardest on the ones waiting on the sidelines.

If you know someone who is a military spouse, congratulate them, offer them a free meal, or a day off. They deserve it.

Military spouses everywhere, I salute you!

**Cheryl Gawda**  
**Okeechobee**

# Community Calendar

## Friday, Nov. 21

**Tops Take off Pounds Sensibly #669** meets at 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. The public is invited. All persons interested in a sensible approach to losing weight and becoming a part of a caring group are welcome to come and see what we are all about. For information, contact Ollie Morgret at 800-932-8677.

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick (OP, SP) 8 p.m. \*The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

**A.A. meeting** from noon until 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. It's an open meeting.

**A.A. meeting** from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open speaker meeting.

**Business Women's Referral Networking Luncheon** will be held on the third Friday of every month at the Brahma Bull Restaurant, 2405 U.S. 441 S.E., at 11:30 a.m. for networking. The lunch will be at noon. Women should bring business cards and information to promote their business. The meeting provides networking opportunities for women in business and is open to the public. No membership is required. For information, contact Robin Delgado at 800-299-8878; or, by e-mail at [info@flainjurylawyer.com](mailto:info@flainjurylawyer.com).

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting, Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church,

312 N. Parrott Avenue on Fridays, 6 until 7 p.m. (Use 4th Street entrance.) **Overeaters Anonymous** is not a diet club. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. For more information call Loretta at 863-763-7165 or 863-697-0206.

## Saturday, Nov. 22

**Just for Today Club of Okeechobee**, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **A.A.** weekend noon Open Discussion; **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group Step Study 7 p.m.; **N.A.** Nowhere Left To Go Group Open Discussion 8 p.m. \*The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

**Ballroom dancing in Okeechobee** A group class in ballroom dancing is being offered in Okeechobee at Church of Our Saviour Parish Hall, 200 N.W. Third Street on Saturday afternoons at 4 p.m. The cost for the hour lesson is \$10. Private instructions are also available. Come and enjoy the fun with or without a partner. For more information call 772-794-9040.

## Sunday, Nov. 23

**A.A.** meets from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St. It will be an open step meeting.

**A.A.** open 12 step meeting from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Church of Our Savior, 200 N.W. Third St.

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**Foster Parent Orientation** will be hosted by the Hibiscus Children's Center on the last Monday of every month from 6 until 7 p.m. The orientation is for those interested in fostering or adopting in Okeechobee County. This meeting requires no RSVP and is a question/answer forum. It will be at the IRCC Okeechobee Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave. For information, call the Foster Care Program at 1-800-403-9311.

**Narcotics Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. for open discussion at the Just for Today Club, 101 Fifth Ave. For information call 863-634-4780.

**Okeechobee Senior Singers** meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited. For information or to schedule an appearance for your organization or group, contact Marge Skinner at 863-532-0449.

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## Election thoughts

What the recent Presidential election means to me: Elation-Deflation Relief-Apprehension Hopefulness-Hopelessness Optimism-Pessimism Peacefulness-Anxiety Certainty-Uncertainty Positivism-Negativism Summary-Turmoil Barack Obama was not my candidate of choice because he did not convince me that he is



Submitted photo/Cherish Pilgrim  
This shows a few of the finished "horsemen" projects.



Submitted photo/Cherish Pilgrim  
The Steed Family (Rick, Toni and son Brock), Hoot Worley and family, Mimi Arnold, BJ Spinweber and DR Daniel were among those who attended the Horsemen dinner.



Submitted photo/Cherish Pilgrim  
Brock and Toni Steed, Joy and Hoot Worley, BJ Spinweber, DR Daniel, Mike and Cindy Ricker, Rene Burck and Dana Bunch, Nancy and Jerry Jolicoeur attended the Horsemen dinner held at the Brahma Bull Restaurant on Monday, Nov. 17.

# The secret to great deviled eggs lies here

Kim Bass was in the medical field for 30 years but always wanted to work in a library. When the opportunity arose she jumped at the chance, no more driving over an hour each way to work. Kim is 10th generation Floridian. She moved to Okeechobee in 1971 but was raised in Belle Glade. Kim reads 4 to 5 books a week. Let's just say that reading is her passion. She reads everything.



on saucepan and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat, leaving eggs in the hot water for 10 minutes. Run cold water over the eggs to stop cooking. Remember for those of you with fresh eggs, the older the egg, the easier to peel.

Utensils needed: sauce pan with lid, measuring spoons,

spoon, knife, fork, plate, 2 bowls (one for egg shells).

Ingredients:  
 6 eggs equals 12 deviled eggs  
 1 1/2 tbsp. finely chopped chutney  
 4 tsp. reduced calorie mayonnaise  
 2 tsp. Dijon mustard  
 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper  
 1/4 tsp. salt  
 Peel cooled eggs, discard shells. Rinse eggs and slice eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks carefully, being careful not to damage the whites. In a bowl mash the egg yolks with a fork, do not pack them. Moisten yolks with the rest of the ingredients. Mix well. Spoon yolk mixture into

the whites. For a fancier presentation a pastry bag or a plastic bag with the corner cut off can be used to pipe the mixture back into whites. Place finished eggs onto plate.

Kim stated that she has made the eggs this way and added different twists depending on who the eggs were for or where they were going. In the past she has added French dressing, ranch dressing, deviled ham, anchovy paste, horseradish, blue cheese, Roquefort cheese, sweet pickles, black olives, chives, celery seed, parsley, basil, paprika, mustard, ketchup, and even smoked salmon. Whatever she had on hand and inspired her.

The way the recipe reads, a serving is two halves and a serving equals 98 calories.

Remember, that if you would

like to share your opinion, and your recipe, please contact me at Kitchen\_talk@yahoo.com. Thank you, Heather.

## Tucker joins Seacoast board

Brandon Tucker, President, The Tucker Group joined Seacoast National Bank's Community Board in August 2008. The community board meets on a quarterly basis. The members are responsible for advising the bank on the delivery of its products and services in the community. Brandon, a native Floridian, born in Pahokee, attended Florida State University and is currently the President/Co-

Owner of The Tucker Group, LLC.

Mr. Tucker graduated from Okeechobee High School and holds licenses as a Florida Real Estate Broker and Florida Auctioneer. He is also heavily involved in



**Brandon Tucker**

community organizations including; Director, Economic Council of Okeechobee County, Inc., Co-Chair Growth Management Committee, Okeechobee County Agri-Council, Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee, Okeechobee County Board of Realtors, National Association of Realtors and Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, Beta Eta Chapter of Florida State.

"Brandon is a dedicated cus-

tommer and will be an asset to our board," said Mark Smith, President & CEO of Seacoast Big Lake Region.

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## Chartier joins Seacoast board

Rick Chartier, Owner ICS Computer joined Seacoast National Bank's Community Board in August 2008. The community board meets on a quarterly basis. The members are responsible for advising the bank on the delivery of its products and services in the community. Rick, a native Floridian, born in Hialeah, graduated from Okeechobee High School. He attended IRCC earning an AA degree and finishing at UCF with a double major in management and management information

systems. Rick also received a minor in computer science.

Rick is licensed and insured to work in the field of IT, which includes computers, network lines, telephone systems and network cabling. He is also involved in the community with representation



**Rick Chartier**

as a Board Member of the Economic Council, Member of the Main Street Economic Restructuring Committee, active in the First Baptist Church ROC (Recreation Outreach Center) and coaches First Baptist Church flag football.

"Rick is a loyal customer and will be an asset to our board," said Mark Smith, President & CEO of Seacoast Big Lake Region.

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da and approximately \$2.4 billion in assets, and is one of the largest independent banks headquartered in Florida.

## Okeechobee Main Street adds community calendar

By Chauna Aguilar  
 Okeechobee News

Have you ever wondered where you can go to get all of the up-to-date events that are going on in Okeechobee, whether it be a benefit fundraiser, a government meeting or even a circus event?

Okeechobee Main Street and the Okeechobee Tourist Development Council is teaming up to establish the Okeechobee Community Calendar. This calendar will

include all of the big events that go on in the local vicinity and all of the community fundraisers and government meetings as well.

The calendar will also include small meetings and socials of every club, group or organization that would like to submit information.

The goal is to have a central hub for all of the calendared happenings of the community that will be posted on web-sites such

as the city and county web-sites and also throughout the local news media. Because it is online, this service will be available to citizens of Okeechobee as well as anyone who is visiting the area or researching the area as a possible place to move.

So, remember, whether it's a school function, non-profit organization, club, group or church event OKMS and the TDC would like to post it for you.

To submit information or to be added to the email distribution list please email: communitycalendar@mainstreetokeechobee.com.

This calendar will be distributed via email monthly to subscribers.

For more information call the OKMS office 863-357-MAIN (6246).



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Monday: Open 11-8 p.m. - Social Bingo 1 PM

Tuesday: Open 11-8 p.m.

Wednesday: Open 11-8 p.m. - "Taco Day" 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tacos - \$1.50

Music with Jim Elders 2-6

Thursday: Open 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. - Social Bingo 6 p.m.

SAL Steak Dinner third Sunday each month \$12 donation.

Legion and Auxiliary meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

The fourth Tuesday meeting includes a carry in dinner at 6 p.m.

SAL Meet the third Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Friday night dinners resume on Nov. 7.

Christmas Basket Drawing to be held - tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. New Years Eve Party tickets on sale now! \$20 per couple, \$10 per single "buy now to avoid the rush" Members - Guest only.

### Am-Vets #2001

Am-Vets No. 2001 will hold a regular informational meeting on the first Saturday of the month at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post #9528, 2002 U.S. 78 W., at 10 a.m. Applications for new members are available. Call Helen James at 863-824-7644 or Lou Eder at 863-357-0467.

Am-Vets Ladies Auxiliary meetings are the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Contact the Post at 467-2882 for information.

### Eagles Aeries #4137

Eagles Aeries #4137 is located at 9983 U.S. 441 N. For information on events, call 863-763-2552.

Every Tuesday bingo at 1 p.m. Food will be available for a donation.

Wednesdays: bar bingo starting at 4 p.m. Food will be available.

Every Thursday: washer toss at 1 p.m.

First and third Thursday: Auxiliary at 6 p.m.; Aeries at 7 p.m.

Fridays: steak night (16-oz.) starting at 5 p.m. for a \$12 donation. Music will be by Jimmy Harper.

Saturdays and Sundays: music at 7 p.m.

First and third Sunday: breakfast cooked to order from 9 until 11 a.m. for \$5 donation.

### Okeechobee Masonic Lodge #237

The Okeechobee Masonic Lodge is located at 107 N.W. Fifth Ave. For information about the club and events, call Jose Verano at 863-634-2071.

The Masonic Lodge holds their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m.

### Order of the Eastern Star - Chapter #128

The Order of the Eastern Star has many fun activities planned on the first and third Tuesday of each month. For upcoming activities, contact Mary Ann Holt at 863-634-8087.

### B.H.R. Moose Lodge

The lodge is located on U.S. 78 W. in Buckhead Ridge. The Lodge's phone number is 863-763-2250.

Sundays: breakfast will be served from 9 until 11 a.m. With many items to choose from.

Mondays: WOTM Chapter meeting the first and third Mondays of every month 7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bingo and food, food served at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6 p.m.

Thursdays: dinner will be served from 5 until 7 p.m. Call the Lodge for the menu.

Thursdays: Music for dancing at 7:30 p.m. Call to see who is playing.

Thursday: 5-Card Bingo at 6 p.m. food available at 5 p.m.

Fridays: dinner served from 5 until 7:30 p.m. Music for dancing at 7:30 p.m. Call to see who is playing.

Saturdays: dinner starting at 6 p.m.

Saturdays: Prime Rib Dinner served from 6 until 8 p.m. the first Saturday of the month.

### Moose Family Center #1753

The Moose Family Center #1753 is located at 156 N.W. 36th St. in Okeechobee. Please call the Lodge at 863-763-4954 for further information, sudden changes and menus. Guests are invited to enjoy the activities and consider membership.

Every Sunday breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m.

Horseshoe practice every Sunday at 2 p.m. and Thursday Evening.

Every Monday, Pool tournaments - sign up, 7 p.m. Food is served.

Women's meeting second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Officers meetings first and third Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Men's meetings, second and fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Moose Legion meetings third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Bar Bingo Thursday at 1 p.m. and Friday night at 7 p.m. - Food Served. (you must be a member to play bar bingo)

Dinner and music almost every Saturday night.

### VFW Post #4423

Music by the 'Saxman' at 5-9 p.m. North VFW members and friends welcome Sunday, Nov. 16.

The VFW North Post #4423 is located at 300 N.W. 34 St. The Post phone number is 863-763-0818.

Happy hour Monday through Thursday 4 until 6 p.m.

Mondays: 50-cent hot dogs.

Tuesdays: Washer toss at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays: Pizza and Grill 5 until 7 p.m.

Fridays: Bingo at 1 p.m. Pizza and Grill 6 until 9 p.m. Karaoke 7 until 11 p.m.

Saturdays: Bar Bingo at 1 p.m. Karaoke 7 until 11 p.m.

Sundays: Dinner 2 until 4 p.m.

Post and Ladies Auxiliary meetings third Sunday of every month at 11 a.m.

Men's Auxiliary Meeting 3 Monday of every month 7 p.m.

Membership for 2009 is overdue. Annual members are asked to please pay their dues.

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### VFW Post #9528

The VFW Post 9528 is located at 29012 E. State Road 78 in Buckhead Ridge. For information call 863-467-2882. Post opens at 11 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

We are taking applications for men or women who would like to join the VFW, Ladies Auxiliary, the Men's Auxiliary, AmVets or the Ladies AmVets Auxiliary.

Wednesdays: Dinner by Ladies Auxiliary, Mens Auxiliary, or AmVet Ladies Auxiliary at 5:30 p.m. Music will be available.

Thursdays: Bar Bingo at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available.

Fridays: 16 ounce stead dinner with baked potato, salad and rolls will be served from 5:30 until 7 p.m. for an \$11 donation. Pork Loin dinner available for \$7. Dancing immediately following dinner.

Sundays: 5:15 p.m. bar bingo. Food will be served for a donation.

Membership meetings are held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 10 a.m.

House Committee meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. For information contact Robert Hare, Post Commander at 863-467-2882. Call for Menu.

All games and special events are shown on seven televisions, two of which are big screen. The game room has a regulation size pool table.

### VFW Post #10539

Post hours are 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. Closing times are discretionary and dependent on the number of patrons but usually not before 8 p.m. on weekdays and 11 p.m.

on weekends.

Happy hours: 10 to 11 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Noon to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Monday: Card Bingo at 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Ladies Auxiliary all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner \$5 donation beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Bar Bingo at 12:45 p.m. Lunch by Ladies Auxiliary. Kitchen open from 5 until 8 p.m. Evening music.

Thursday: Music, kitchen open from 5 until 8 p.m.

Friday: Music, kitchen open from 5 until 8 p.m.

Saturday: Noon, dollar hotdogs, \$1.50 Polish Sausage, both with Chili and all the fixings. Card bingo at 5 p.m. Music and dancing at 7 p.m. \$50 gas card giveaway.

Scheduled meetings: VFW First Sunday at noon, Ladies Auxiliary second Monday at 7 p.m., Men's Auxiliary second Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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### Shrine Club

The Okeechobee Shrine Club, S.R. 78 W., members will meet the first and third Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. The club is also available for weddings and parties. For information call the club at (863) 763-3378.

They are now open three days a week. Weekly specials are:

Tuesdays: Noon until 9 p.m.: Spaghetti dinner - donations only, music from 6 until 9 p.m.; happy hour 3-6 p.m.

Thursdays: Noon until 9 p.m.: Fried Shrimp dinner or clams \$6 donation; happy hour 3-6 p.m.; shrimp skewers 2 for \$3.

Fridays: Noon until 9 p.m.: Catfish dinner \$6 donation; happy hour 3-6 p.m.

### Cypress Hut Eagles #4509

The Cypress Hut Fraternal Order of Eagles post #4509 located at 4701 U.S. 441 S.E. is now open to members Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., Sundays from 1 to 10 p.m. Information can be found by visiting [www.foe4509.com](http://www.foe4509.com), or calling 863-467-1154.

Food is served several evenings a week.

Aerie meetings are at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the old Cypress Hut flea market restaurant.

FOE Auxiliary meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month

Friday night: 16 oz rib eye steak dinner with the trimmings beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Editor's note: To add listings or make changes to the service club news, please email [okeeneews@newszap.com](mailto:okeeneews@newszap.com).

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**KOA honors its Veterans**  
Okeechobee KOA honored its Veterans at a dinner Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Convention Center. Approximately 120 veterans and their spouses attended the program. Our speakers were Don Grove, Ray Kubitz and Carl Muffett, retired military veterans residing in the park. Veterans representing WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War and the Iraq war were honored as well as two purple heart recipients.

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# School board chooses leaders

By Chauna Aguilar  
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County School Board chair is now Kelly Owens and the vice-chair is India Riedel, as was determined at their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18, where both Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Riedel were sworn in for another term of office by Former Judge Bill Hendry.

The board also approved the amendment or rewrite of the Bullying and Harassment policy. This rewrite was completed by a committee made up of local citizens, teachers, parents and community leaders. According to Ken Kenworthy, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) has already confirmed that the new policy will make the district in full compliance with Florida Statutes.

The committee collaboratively developed a draft policy prohibiting bullying and harassment of any student or employee and submitted it to the superintendent for approval. The policy was developed to focus on victims, bullies, bystanders, encouragers, and those who allow it to happen. The new policy touches on all issues including a statement officially prohibiting bullying and harassment in the Okeechobee County School District.

According to the policy, "bullying means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is further defined as unwanted and graphic or physical behavior, including any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, by a student or adult, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation."

The policy includes consequences for committing bullying or harassment as well as how to report an offense.

Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) Criteria for Bullying and Harassment Policies were followed and a model policy was also used to create the local policy. Some offenses could also be reported to the Florida's School Environmental Safety Incident Reporting (SESIR), the statewide report on school safety and discipline data.

The previous policy for bullying and harassment was only a paragraph long and had not been revised since 1998. The newly revised policy is now eight pages and adequately covers the required specifics concerning bullying and harassment.

The board approved of the salary schedules of non-bargaining unit members and the Superintendent's contract, which includes such positions as principal, assistant principal, school psychologist, and lunchroom manager to name a few.

The board approved three bids for new telephone system replacement from locally based CML Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$180,860 for systems to be placed at North Elementary, Seminole Elementary and Everglades Elementary. The individual bids for each school came in lower than estimated by district engineers and due to the local company will allow for immediate service when needed in the future.

The board also approved a bid from Ocean Gate General Contractors, Inc. for the Okeechobee High School calf barn replacement project in the amount of \$175,000. Ocean Gate previously built the North Fire Station for the County and they have been very pleased with its construction according to Dale Barrett, director of operations. The bid by Ocean Gate came in well under the estimated amount of \$300,000; which will save the district an estimated \$125,000. The construction field is so competitive right now in this economy that there were many bids for this project. Mr. Barrett contacted Ocean Gate to confirm that their bid was accurate for

what was called for with the calf barn as the highest bid for the job was \$90,000 higher. They assured him that the bid for \$175,000 was accurate.

In other business the board also approved:

- a memoranda of agreement which was ratified by the Okeechobee County Education Association for the Florida Atlantic University FIAT programs;
- Literacy First agreement for professional development and web-site license and services at Seminole Elementary School payable by Title I funds;
- the district plan for services to English Language Learners;
- designations and appointments to various committees and councils of the school board members for the fiscal year;
- revisions to personnel allocations and employment of personnel; and
- the donation of a 1995 Blue Bird Bus to the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at [www.newszap.com](http://www.newszap.com). Reporter Chauna Aguilar can be reached at [caguilar@newszap.com](mailto:caguilar@newszap.com).

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"We think it's a perfect match,"

said Billy Marcum, the insurance company's president. "We are honored to have been chosen to take care of the insurance needs of Riverside Insurance customers. We are known for 'putting our customers first,' and that is also true of Riverside Bank."

With a strong reputation for customer care, Marcum & Associates is a multi-faceted insurance company that represents more than 60 insurance providers to meet the insurance needs of its customers. It currently serves over 11,000 clients from key locations throughout Florida and has

premium revenues of more than \$18 million annually.

"Billy Marcum and his staff have the expertise to provide hometown insurance services to our customers," said Cindy Robbins, Riverside Bank President and Chief Operating Officer. "Our insurance customers will be in great hands. Work is already underway to transition our customers' insurance coverage and we are confident that they will continue to receive outstanding service from Billy and his staff."

# Parker receives a promotion at Edward Jones

Sharon Ming, the local Edward Jones financial advisor, said Becky is very deserving of the promotion.

"Becky has demonstrated an outstanding ability to juggle the many complex tasks and responsibilities associated with helping run this office. I'm very pleased that her exceptional ability and dedication to the firm have been recognized and rewarded," Ms. Ming said.

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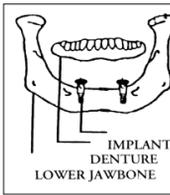
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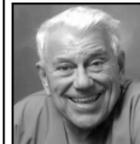
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Wade B. Harrouff, D.D.S.

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Graduate University of Tennessee 1977. Author, lecturer who has appeared on TV, radio and print (WPBF/ABC, Palm Beach Illustrated and more) as the authority on implants as well as general dentistry. Member of International Congress of Oral Implantology. American Academy of Implant Dentistry & Misch Institute of Advanced Implantology.



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**Ford Crown Victoria-1998 8 Cylinder, Very good condition, Beige. \$4000 (863)763-3660**

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### Public Notice 5005

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION** Case No. 2008-CP-075

**IN RE: ESTATE OF DAVID A. KANADY** Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of David A. Kanady, deceased, whose date of death was February 21, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Okeechobee County Judicial Center, 312 NW 3rd Street, 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 or 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 or other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

Personal Representative: Yvette M. Kanady 21700 Woodview Drive Willingdon, IL 60481

Attorney for Personal Representative: ANTHONY W. YOUNG, P.A. Attorney for Yvette M. Kanady Florida Bar No. 109685 1138 South Parrott Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34974 Telephone: (863) 824-6776 Fax: (863) 824-6778 301555 ON 11/21/2008

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION** FILE NO. 2008 CP 208 DIVISION - Probate

**IN RE: ESTATE OF ROAN CLARK MATTSON** Deceased

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ROAN CLARK MATTSON, deceased, whose date of death was August 17th, 2008, and whose Social Security number is 594-90-3024, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest Third St., Suite 125, Okeechobee, FL 34972.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below

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lending institution is requesting the zoning change.

Nunez' are planning to build a commercial complex. Plans call for a billiards parlor and a restaurant with outdoor dining on the creek.

include four laning of S.R. 70, canal cleanup, stormwater retrofit, municipal building improvements, support of Okeechobee Utility Authority's request for wastewater treatment funding, and intersection improvements.

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the third female commissioner the county has ever had.

commissioner Marvin Werrell was elected second vice chair. While other committee appointments remained in place, Mrs. Helton was elected to take Mr. Posey's positions as the county representative to Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, the Heartland Library Cooperative Board and Okeechobee Battlefield Friends.

In the first of two items dealing with recreation, the board authorized the purchase of two bleachers for the C. Scott Driver Recreation Area for \$11,215.

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daughter would have died, but four units of red blood cells saved her life.

in competition to win four monetary prizes, organizations were urged to register under their group's name; 68 different organizations did so.

first-place name "Hemoglobin Harry," was turned in by Mrs. Pritchard's fourth grade class at Central Elementary. Their prize will be a meal cooked by C.O.P.S. of the Okeechobee Sheriff's Department.

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## FWC sets Dec. 3-4, meeting in Key West

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort in Key West, Dec. 3-4.

The Wednesday, Dec. 3, agenda will focus on inland issues, including proposed legislation to clean up boating statutes related to vessels and vessel registration. Also, Commissioners will consider final action on boating restrictions in Martin and Okeechobee counties, based on a vessel traffic study and requests for revisions from stakeholders and governmental bodies.

A revised final order to deny the City of Naples' application for a permit to post waterway markers in the Naples Bay area is on Wednesday's agenda. The FWC granted the permit in March 2007, but an appeals court overturned the decision, requiring the Commission to execute a new final order denying it.

In addition, Commissioners will hear staff reports on Everglades water and wildlife issues and consider draft rules to improve Florida's quota hunt program for sportsmen who use the state's wildlife management area system. The Commission also will review a set of draft rules concerning wildlife and FWC-managed areas.

Commissioners also will hear an update on a general management plan for the Big Cypress National Preserve Addition and an update on the recent summit, "Florida's Wildlife: On the Front Line of Climate Change."

Also during Wednesday's session, Commissioners will review and consider a land swap by the

Saddle Creek Corp., City of Lakeland and the state Board of Trustees at the FWC-managed Tenoroc Fish Management Area. The proposal is for an FWC-managed, 10-acre tract to go to Saddle Creek Corp. in exchange for 40 acres adjacent to state-owned land.

FWC Commissioners will select a new chairman and vice chairman for 2009 during the Thursday, Dec. 4 session.

A final public hearing on proposed rule amendments for gag and red grouper in Gulf of Mexico state waters is on Thursday's agenda. These proposals would reduce the recreational bag limit for Gulf gag grouper from five fish to two fish daily per person, prohibit the recreational harvest of Gulf gag grouper from Feb. 1 through March 31 and increase the recreational bag limit for Gulf red grouper from one fish to two fish daily per person.

Another final public hearing will take place on proposed rule amendments that would increase the recreational minimum size limit for greater amberjack from 28 to 30 inches fork length and increase the commercial and recreational minimum size limit for gray triggerfish from 12 to 14 inches fork length in Gulf state waters.

In other marine fisheries action, the FWC will consider a draft rule amendment that would end the moratorium on the reduction of lobster trap certificates and provide that the number of trap certificates will be reduced by 10 percent to a purchaser only when they are sold or transferred to someone outside the immediate family of the certificate holder.

The Commission also will consider a series of draft rule amendments for the marine life

(aquarium species) fishery. The proposed rules would add new fish and invertebrate species to marine life regulations, establish or change size and bag limits and gear specifications for several marine life species, and make other administrative and technical marine life rule changes.

In addition, the FWC will consider a draft rule that would establish six regional closed seasons around the state to the harvest of blue crabs with traps. These closures would extend for a period of up to 10 days each to help identify and retrieve lost and abandoned blue crab traps from Florida waters.

Commissioners also will review and discuss several federal Gulf and Atlantic fishery management issues.

FWC meetings are open to the public, and anyone requiring special accommodations to participate in the meeting should advise the FWC at least five days prior to the meeting by contacting the FWC's Office of Human Resources at 850-488-6411. If you are hearing- or speech-impaired, contact the FWC using the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (voice).

The full agenda is available online at MyFWC.com/commission/2008/Dec08/index.htm.

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## Outdoors

By Teresa Mataushek  
Okeechobee News

Head down to Pahokee tomorrow for the Big "O" Hike around Lake Okeechobee.

The hike will begin in Pahokee on Saturday, Nov. 22 and will end in Pahokee on Nov. 30. Yes, that is nine days of walking anywhere from 9 to 14 miles a day in order to make it all the way around the lake.

Now keep in mind, there is a little bit of a challenge to this walk. Hundreds of people have tried over the years and (for some reason) only about 20 to 30 percent of the walkers manage to finish the nine days.

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## Boys' soccer wins by shutout

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

Ivan Torres, Raunel Denova and Raziel Castillo found the net as Okeechobee opened up their soccer schedule with a 3-0 victory at Ft. Pierce Central Tuesday night.

Pablo Caballero had his first career shutout as he handled two save chances in net for Okeechobee.

Okeechobee was not at full strength as Alan Najera and Eddie

Guerrero are playing other sports. They should be available to the team next week.

Coach Lonnie Sears said the team played well on offense but not very well on defense against Fort Pierce.

"It was pretty good offensively. We had a great build up, and passed the ball outside in and crossed the ball well. We also had one unassisted goal. It was real good offense," he said.

The word for defense was a bit different, awful. Sears said his played didn't possess the ball enough and that could come back to haunt them against better teams.

"It was not pretty on defense. We are going back to old times. Our younger guys made some mistakes and they don't think possession is important. You can't beat good teams without possessing the ball," Sears said.

Sears would not use the excuse of not being at full strength. He said he expects his younger players to play well, noting they have enough talent to win.

"Without those two guys we still have enough talent to beat most teams in our area," Sears stated.

The boy's team played at John Carroll on Thursday night. The soccer team opens their home schedule on Monday night when they host Ft. Pierce Westwood at 7 p.m.

## Pop Warner plays in bowl games

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

The five Okeechobee Pop Warner teams travelled to Royal Palm Beach for Turkey Bowl battles and two of them came back with championship trophies.

The Tiny Mites squad won two games to win their division. They defeated Royal Palm Beach 14-0 and Port Salerno 21-7.

Another winning team was

the Junior Pee Wee team. They defeated Lake Park 30-0 and then defeated Royal Palm Beach 21-0.

Lamar Williams, Antowyn Fludd, and Brandon Shockley had rushing touchdowns in the victory over Lake Park. Shockley also hit Luis Leon with a touchdown pass.

In the championship game the running game was at peak performance as Shockley, Williams, and Fludd all ran for scores. Luis Leon

caught six passes for 70 yards in the victory.

The Junior Midget squad fell in their only game Saturday, 12-6 to Royal Palm Beach. Algeron Morris and Adrian Minondo had fine days running the football and on defense. Coaches also praised Cade Stokes and Ricky Harris for great efforts on defense.

The Midget squad fell 14-8 to Royal Palm Beach. QB Tony Decarlo had a solid game. Quandrel

Ridley had a strong game running the football.

The Mighty Mites made it to the championship game but fell to Port Salerno 21-14. The Mighty Mites won their first round game, 14-0 over Royal Palm Beach.

The Pop Warner Program is considering winter league football. If interested call James Shockley at 863-634-3482.

## Lady Brahman remain unbeaten

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News

His job has turned out to be a lot easier than he had originally thought. Lady Brahman basketball improved to (2-0) Tuesday with their second straight road win in consecutive nights, 62-31, in Lake Placid.

Tony Sherlock has seen his girls run through the first four opponents with victories. Two of those games were exhibitions at the Sebring Tip Off Tournament.

Despite that fact, Sherlock is impressed with how his girls have done so far, "I think the girls are starting to come together. They seem to feed off each others emotion and they are working as a team."

Lake Placid stood no chance against the new breed Brahman. Okeechobee jumped on them early and took a 13 point lead after the first quarter. They led by 20 at the half and were able to clear the bench in the second half. All of the Brahman players got some playing time and some valuable experience.

"It's good that everybody on the bench scored. I don't have much to say. It was just one of those games," he added.

Balanced scoring was recorded by the offense. Essence Williams continued her smooth transition to high school ball with a team high 15 points. Markeisha Youmans had 12 points and eight rebounds. Monica Koger had 10 points. Jewel Buck had 13 points and nine rebounds.

"Lake Placid is a young team. They played four freshmen in this game. We jumped on them and

played well," Sherlock said.

The Junior Varsity squad defeated Lake Placid 37-19.

The Lady Brahman open their home schedule next Monday when they host Avon Park.

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**Outgoing Okeechobee County Commissioner Elvie Posey, left, receives a plaque and proclamation recognizing his service to the county from commission chairman Clif Betts. The recognition took place at the Thursday, Nov. 20 commission meeting.**



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda  
**Judge Jerry Bryant, left, installs Okeechobee County Commissioners, left to right, Margaret Garrard Helton for her first term and Clif Betts and Ray Domer for successive terms. The installation ceremony was the highlight of the Thursday, Nov. 20 county commission meeting.**

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# Scouting report: William T. Dwyer Panthers

By Charles M. Murphy  
Okeechobee News



## Scouting Report

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This year we have a lot more physical talent, but we are young," he said. Daniels is concerned about how his squad did against Jupiter last week. The team led 28-3 at the half but struggled in the second half and held on for a 28-17 lead. "If we play like that this week we'll be putting the gear away

and going home for the year," he noted.

"I expect a very competitive game. Lonnie Pryor is one of the best players I've seen. Okeechobee is good at running the ball and passing the ball. They also do a great job of calling plays," he added.

Other key players for the Panthers are linebacker Matt Elam, running back and defensive back Donald Russell, tight end Nick Leary and defensive tackle Urban Petry.

Branham Coach Chris Branham believes his team will have a chance in this game. He noted the defense will have to stop the big play and the offense will have to control the ball. He expects a strong effort from his team.

"We have the best team in Florida. By that I mean we have kids who love each other, support each other, and work well together," he said.

Okeechobee is pretty much completely healthy. The only player who will miss the game is Justin Conrad who suffered a concussion against Jensen Beach

two weeks ago.

Okeechobee earned a state ranking for the first time in many years this week in a vote by Florida Sportswriters. Okeechobee was ranked 10th in Class 4A. Dwyer was ranked third.

Branham said Dwyer is the eighth best team in Florida this year in all classifications. He noted Dwyer or Armwood Seffner will win the 4A title. However he claims Okeechobee can beat Dwyer if they play a clean game and don't make stupid mistakes.

"We can't match up with them athlete for athlete, but as far as team play, maybe," he said. "We have the number one offense in this area for a reason. If we control the ball, don't make stupid mistakes and penalties and don't blow assignments we will win. If we go out there and play timid and don't do what we're capable of doing, it is going to be a long night for Okeechobee."

Branham said Matt Elam is the best defensive player he has seen at the high school level since he returned to Florida to Coach seven years ago. He compared their group of athletes to the athletes Lakeland high school put on the field against Okeechobee last year.

"The thing that will separate these two teams will be mistakes. Once you reach the playoffs in Class 3A and above, all of the teams are good. It comes down to who makes the fewest mistakes," he added.

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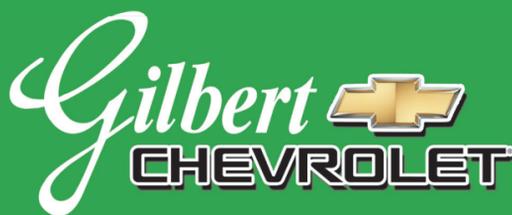
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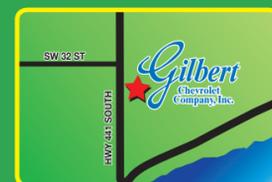
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