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Briefs

Christmas concert this weekend

Okeechobee Community Choir, under the direction of Sandy Perry will present its 10th annual Christmas Concert consisting of Handel's Hallelujah chorus, and other seasonal favorites, on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. Sixty-five singers from 18 local churches will participate.

Christmas Around the World

The annual celebration of Christmas Around the World will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 21 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church grounds from 5 until 7 p.m. There will be a Live nativity pageant, booths and Santa Claus gifts for children and performances by the following groups: Scottish Bagpipers, Irish Step Dancers, Filipino performers, and Mexican Sere-nade. Admission and parking is free. For more information call 863-763-3727.

Christmas Food Drive under way

Affordable Art & Framing is sponsoring a Food Drive for The Okeechobee Presbyterian Church Emergency Food Pantry. Bring food or monetary donations to Affordable Art and Framing at 110 S.W. 14th St. (next to Old RJ Gators) through Jan. 1.

Buckhead Ridge hosts community parades

Buckhead Ridge will host community parades on Dec. 21, starting at 12:30 p.m., hosted by and starting at Moose Lodge in BHR. There will be an evening lighted boat parade starting at 4:30 p.m. hosted by Buckhead Ridge Yatch (that's how we spell it) Club and the BHR VFW, starting at the Buckhead Ridge Marina. All boats are welcome.

Drought Index

Current: 592
Source: Florida Division of Forestry
Local Burn Ban: None

Lake Levels

14.13 feet
Last Year: 10.27 feet

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Folk Art: Quilters show off handiwork



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Okeechobee Christian Academy sponsored a quilt show Dec. 6, 2008 at Grace Brethren Church. Local quilters provided quilts and wall hangings that were displayed throughout the church. Proceeds from the admission were donated to Okeechobee Christian Academy. Connie Upright won the Viewer's Choice Award for her appliqué quilt "Mama the Needle Worker." Persons viewing the quilt show were ask to vote on their favorite quilt resulting in this selection.



Submitted photo/OCA

Sharon Sweet was awarded First Place in the Okeechobee Christian Academy Quilt Show for her "Flowers in the Cabin" entry. This super queen size quilt has over 3000 pieces.



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Emily Lowrance was the winner of the Third Place ribbon for her "Flower Garden in Baskets" quilt. This quilt exhibited excellent hand quilting and a challenging arrangement of a traditional pattern.

Planning Board recommends requested zoning changes

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

When they met on Thursday evening, Dec. 18, the City of Okeechobee Planning Board/Board of Adjustments and Appeals recommended two zoning changes, changed land use in another case and granted a special exception.

The board changed the land use from multifamily to commercial on the N.E. 11th Street property owned by Muhammad Nooruddin. The board also recommended that the city council change the zoning from residential multifamily to

commercial public office for the same property. The owner requested these changes in order to build a medical office building on the property.

Attorney Colin Cameron submitted a zoning change request on behalf of the Association of Retarded Citizens (ARC). The N.W. Second Avenue property occupied by the ARC is zoned commercial public office even though no commercial offices have been located on the site and the applicant would like to change the zoning to public facility to be consistent with the current use of the property. The board recommended that

the city council approve the request.

In addition the board approved a special exception to allow for a drive through on the S. Parrott Avenue property formerly occupied by Captain Ds to allow for drive-through banking. City planner Bill Brisson said the proposed use would be compatible with the surrounding area and the request met required standards.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

Funding sought for county's capital projects

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County Commissioners Thursday spent considerable time at their Thursday, Dec. 18 meeting discussing capital projects. They discussed jail expansion, flood control projects and securing government funding for projects.

Joseph Mrak of RQAW had presented a feasibility study for jail expansion to the commissioners in March. He was asked to scale down the project. On Thursday he presented his revised report to the commission. His statistical analysis predicted that the jail population would increase 191 percent in 20 years.

The updated master plan presented by Mr. Mrak contains a reduction of the total project cost of about \$2.67 million. It contains a new 212 bed pod, a new kitchen, expansion of the sheriff's office administrative space and renovation of the existing kitchen, dining room, in-

mate program spaces, laundry, intake, medical and storage.

The project is broken down into three phases and incorporates new concepts to make it more cost efficient and more efficient to staff. The total cost of phase 1 is \$15,586,566. Phase 2 is \$2,804,395 and Phase 3 is estimated to cost \$429,000. The total project cost was estimated to be \$18,819,961.

Mr. Mrak predicted that the project would take well over two years from start to finish. He said that first funds would have to be appropriated for pre-construction design costs. The total amount of pre-construction cost has been estimated at \$1.7 million.

It was suggested that bonds be used to pay for the renovation.

The commission took no action and directed staff to look at financing options and the possibility of the county receiving economic stimulus funds for

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Corps temporarily closes dike trail

CLEWISTON -- Eastern sections of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail are temporarily closed until further notice while construction continues on the Herbert Hoover Dike.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has closed the trail in two locations: A 9 mile stretch from Port Mayaca to Canal Point and a 9.8 mile stretch from Pahokee to Belle Glade, while three construction crews install cutoff wall within the dike to prevent erosion.

"Safeguarding the public is our highest priority -- that's the number one reason we're rehabilitating the dike," said Ingrid Bon, project manager for the Herbert Hoover Dike. "While this construction is ongoing, we also want to ensure the safest conditions possible at these three work sites -- not only for the public but for the workers there too."

Three Corps contractors began preparations for installing the cut-off wall in October along the southeast shore of Lake Okeechobee, between Port Mayaca and Belle Glade. The Corps considers this 22-mile stretch, called Reach 1, the most vulnerable section of the 143-mile dike.

Ms. Bon said the Corps is leaving the central portion of the trail in Reach 1 open, from Pahokee to Canal Point. Since there will not be work in that section of the dike for a while yet, foot traffic and bicyclists can use the trail there. But there are no dike access points north of Canal Point to Sand Cut. Recreationists who want to traverse the whole trail distance with minimal obstruction can take Highway 715, which parallels the dike trail for 22 miles from Port Mayaca to Belle Glade.

Thousands of visitors each year enjoy the trail for walking, hiking, roller blading, bicycle and horseback riding. More than half of the 110-mile trail is paved and the remainder consists of two-track, gravel roadway on top of the Herbert Hoover Dike. Corps contractors installing the cutoff wall will return the dike, including sections of the trail that are not paved, to its pre-construction condition.

For more information, contact the South Florida Operations office at 863-983-8101 or go to ww.saj.usace.army.mil. For dike information,



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen

Santa in the Park

Santa Claus and helpers have been visiting Okeechobee lately to find out what good girls and boys want for Christmas. Alycia Schriber was among those who made sure Santa knew her Christmas wish list. The Okeechobee Kiwanis Club will sponsor Santa in Flagler Park 4 on Dec. 22 and 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Raulerson staff offers support

In an effort to help those less fortunate in our community, staff and volunteers at Raulerson Hospital held a sock and undergarment drive. Each employee was asked to bring new socks and/or new undergarments to the annual employee Holiday Luncheon hosted by Administration and Department Directors. A gigantic stocking was filled along with three boxes. The hospital auxiliary elected to forego their annual gift exchange and do the same at the luncheon held in their honor on Dec. 15. The auxiliary also filled a gigantic stocking with new socks and undergarments. All socks and undergarments were presented to Bruce Swinford, Associate Director of Big Lake Missions Outreach. The mission feeds 35-55 folks daily and in 2007, the mission serviced over 15,000 people. The mission is run by volunteers—no one receives any pay. All donations and gifts are distributed to folks in Okeechobee County.

Weddings

Cherry - Mohney

Kayla Jo Cherry and David Owen Mohney were joined in marriage on Oct. 18, 2008.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce Cherry and Karon Etherton of Okeechobee.

The groom is the son of David Mohney of Okeechobee and Maria Rodriguez of Palm Beach.

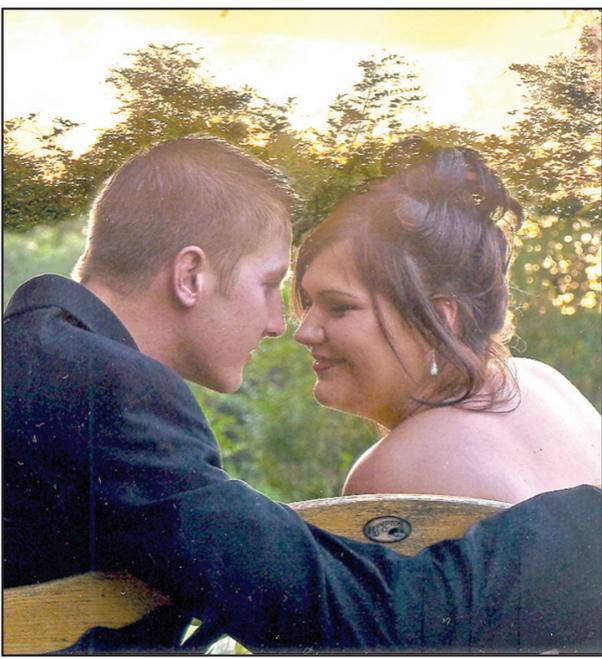
The wedding ceremony was held at Freedom Ranch in Okeechobee. John Glenn officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given away by her father and mother.

The ring bearer was Ragyn Mohney of Okeechobee (son of the bride and groom.)

The groom is employed with Leland Dyals Land Surveying.

The bride is employed with Staffords Salons.



David Owen and Kaylo Jo Mohney.

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Births



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Peyton Reed Steiert.

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Bobby and Kari Steiert of Okeechobee are proud to announce the birth of their son, Peyton Reed Steiert.

He was born on Oct. 23, 2008 at Martin Memorial in Port St. Lucie. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth. Peyton was welcomed home by his big sister Jacie and big brother Bracen.

Maternal grandparents are Julie and Roy Reno of Okeechobee.

Paternal grandparents are Nancy and Lenny Steiert of Okeechobee.

Great grandparents are Rosie Ard and Lou Reno both of Okeechobee.

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Holiday cheer

Sharon Vinson (left) delivered gifts to the Garcia Family on behalf of the Heartland Consortium to Leticia Garcia (right) the mother of the family whose husband Jose Garcia was diagnosed with cancer. The Garcia's have two daughters and one son who will enjoy the many presents donated by the Consortium members.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. North wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Northeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 74. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. East wind around 5 mph.

Lotteries

The Florida Lotto - Numbers selected Friday in the Florida Lottery are: **Cash 3:** 0-8-7; **Play 4:** 1-7-3-7; **Fantasy 5:** 2-11-20-27-36; **Mega Money:** 8-21-27-29, **Mega Ball** - 16. Numbers selected Saturday are: **Cash 3:** 9-2-9; **Play 4:** 4-2-2-3.

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Area man accused of fraud charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

INDIANTOWN — The owner of a rebuilt transmission business in Indiantown was arrested this week on grand theft and credit card fraud charges.

Edward J. Lukas, 50, Pinto St., was arrested Monday, Dec. 15, by investigators from the Florida Agriculture and Consumer Services (FACS) - Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement following a two-month investigation.

Lukas was charged with four counts of grand theft and three counts of credit card fraud. He was booked into the Martin County Jail under a bond of \$525,000.

However, with that arrest he has violated his probation from a 1999 conviction and will not be released, said a spokesman for FACS Commissioner Charles H. Bronson's office in Tallahassee.

Terrence McElroy said Lukas was selling rebuilt transmissions off his internet site -- www.transpowerfactory.com-- then not sending the part to customers who had already paid him.

"It was a credit card business," said Mr. McElroy. "He was ripping off consumers."

State investigators were able to find six victims across the country who claimed to have paid Lukas for rebuilt transmissions but never received them. Lukas allegedly refused to issue refunds after customers called to complain and phone calls, voice mails and e-mails to the business went unanswered.

Mr. McElroy said his department is trying to ascertain just how much money he conned from customers.

The investigation was triggered by complaints to the department's toll-free hotline. That number is 1-800-HELPFLA (1-800-435-7352).

Records from the Florida Department of Corrections indicate that Lukas was convicted in 1999 on a charge of theft of state funds \$20,000 to \$100,000. As a result of that conviction, Lukas was put on probation for a period of 15 years.

The web site being operated by Lukas has since been shut down.



Edward J. Lukas

Woman accused of cutting boyfriend

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee woman was arrested and booked into the county jail Wednesday, accused of cutting a man with a large kitchen knife during an argument.

Shaina Michelle Brown, 33, U.S. 441 S.E., was arrested Dec. 17 and charged with the felony of aggravated assault. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of domestic battery.

Brown was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$6,000.

An arrest report by Deputy Donald Ellis of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) states that he responded to the couple's home around 2:03 a.m. due to their arguing.

When he entered the home he spoke with Brown, who told him everything was okay and that her boyfriend had left. Deputy Ellis stated in his report that he checked the exposed areas of her person -- face, neck, upper chest, arms and legs -- and did not see any marks.

As he left the home he saw a

man leaning against a vehicle. The deputy stated that the man's neck and upper chest was scratched. He had a small cut to the lower portion of his left arm and his left hand was bleeding.

According to the report the couple began to argue and Brown reportedly grabbed the knife and held it "... in a stabbing position." She also allegedly threatened to kill the 42-year-old victim, stated Deputy Ellis.

The man, who reportedly told the deputy that he feared for his life, then grabbed the knife which then cut the webbing between his thumb and index finger. Pain caused the victim to let go of the knife, added the deputy's report. At that point, the man went outside and waited for law enforcement.

The report does not indicate if the victim received medical attention for the injury to his hand.



Shaina M. Brown

Broken tail light leads to drug arrest

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A broken tail light led to a local man's arrest on a felony drug charge and his being booked into the Okeechobee County Jail.

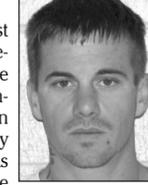
Shane William Anderson, 25, N.E. 16th St., was arrested Dec. 17 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. His bond was set at \$3,500.

Anderson, who was operating a pickup truck, was stopped by Deputy Matthew Hurst of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) in the 800 block of N.E. 60th Ave. The deputy stated in his arrest report that the Ford pickup did not

have a tag light and the lens to the right rear tail light was broken.

Deputy Hurst stated in his report that as he spoke with Anderson, the man seemed very nervous and was shaking so he asked for permission to search the truck. During that search the deputy reportedly found two 30 mg oxycodone tablets behind the ashtray.

Anderson did not have a prescription for the painkillers, the deputy's report added.



Shane W. Anderson

Woman arrested on felony drug charges

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A 22-year-old Okeechobee woman was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail late last week after being arrested on felony drug charges.

Jessica S. Romani, S.W. Second Way, was arrested Dec. 12 on the felonies of possession of cocaine and introduction of contraband into the county jail. She was also arrested on a misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia (two counts).

She was booked into the county jail under a bond of \$13,500.

Romani's arrest last Friday by a detective from the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force stemmed from an ongoing investigation from a November traffic stop, stated an arrest report.

When searched at the jail by a female corrections officer, Romani was found to be hiding a glass tube -- similar to those used to smoke crack cocaine -- and a plastic wrapper that contained a suspicious substance, the report stated.

The detective conducted a field test on the substance and the test indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine. According to the report, the suspected cocaine weighed .2 grams.

She was also charged with having unpackaged Brillo wire on her person that is normally used in the

process of smoking crack cocaine, the report continued.



Jessica S. Romani

Man arrested on cocaine charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

An Okeechobee man was arrested on a felony drug charge Monday while he was supposedly working on his car.

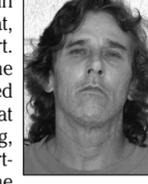
Michael J. Corsetti, 51, S.E. 94th Trail, was arrested Dec. 15 on a charge of possession of cocaine. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000.

An arrest report by Deputy Matthew Hurst of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) states that he saw a green Honda automobile parked in the road on N.E. Third St. around 2:39 a.m.

Corsetti was in the driver's seat, added the report.

When the deputy asked the man what he was doing, Corsetti reportedly told him he was working on his car.

However, according to the report Deputy Hurst saw a clear glass container in the console that had a small amount of a white residue. The deputy then performed a field test on that residue that indicated a positive result for the presence of cocaine.



Michael J. Corsetti

Okeechobee's Most Wanted

The following five people are among Okeechobee's Most Wanted persons. There are active warrants for each of them. The criteria for making Okeechobee's Most Wanted top five is based on the severity of the crime in conjunction with the age of the warrant.

If you have any information on the whereabouts of any of Okeechobee's Most Wanted you can call the Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers at 1 (800) 273-TIPS (8477). If you call Treasure Coast Crimes Stoppers, you have the op-

tion of remaining anonymous. You can also receive a reward if the information results in an arrest.

Rigoberto Gama Chavez, 31, Arson.

Estavan Villegas-Urbina, 21, Robbery.

Angie Borjas aka Stevenson



Rigoberto Gama Chavez



Estavan Villegas-Urbina



Angie Borjas aka Stevenson



Wilbert Perez-Borja



Jason Hormuth

Man accused of brazen daylight burglary

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A Miami man was arrested on several felony charges after he was accused of breaking into a home on Eagle Bay Drive and took an estimated \$1,200 in jewelry.

Alejandro Perez, 45, N.W. 112th Terrace, was arrested around noon Tuesday, Dec. 16, as he reportedly hid behind some homes across the street from the home he had allegedly just burglarized.

Perez was charged with the felonies of burglary, grand theft and possession of burglary tools. He was also charged with the misdemeanor of loitering and prowling.

He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$46,000.

Detective Rick Durfee of the

Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) said Perez apparently gained entry into the home by prying open a window at the back of the house.

Not long after he had entered the home, the young couple who live there returned home to eat lunch. The detective said as they entered through a back door, Perez left via the front door.

Shortly after sitting down to eat lunch they discovered their bedroom had been ransacked and some jewelry was missing, the detective continued. The detective said Perez also broke into a locked closet.

After OCSO deputies had responded to the home a neighbor told them that they had seen a man throw a bag to the ground. The bag, containing a hammer, was found a short time later.

Detective Durfee said a pair of gloves, apparently dropped by Perez, were also found.

Perez was later found hiding behind some houses across the street and was arrested by OCSO Deputy Sergeant Gill without further incident.



Alejandro Perez

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-JuDeane Garrett
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Thanks for participating!

TRAINING BURN: In the Okeechobee paper it shows the fire department conducting a training burn on a building down by the lake. Well, it's a very good thing that the fire department has this training and it's necessary and I'm glad they had it, but it's a shame that this old, old building that has survived all of these hurricanes and such got burnt to the ground. It is a piece of Okeechobee's history that is now gone forever. It's a shame it could not have been moved somewhere. It's a shame we're letting all of this history of Okeechobee disappear instead of preserving the heritage. *Editor's note: Unfortunately, due to damage from storms and time, the building was so deteriorated that it could not be repaired, so the property owner decided to donate it to the fire department for the training exercise.*

POST OFFICE: I was reading the article on the post office in the Okeechobee News and I would just like to ask a single question. I have a 7th court address and I would like to know how I can get the post office to stop delivering my mail to a 7th street address. The post office does not seem to want to address it even though I have made numerous complaints. I would really just like to get my mail delivered to my home.

BASKETBALL: I was at a basketball game at Yearling Middle School and I noticed that those kids from Osceola have a lot of talent on that team. I also noticed Osceola doesn't have the uniforms like the other schools have that they play. There is absolutely no interest in these kids' sports department. Sports is an important part because kids should have physical exercise and these kids deserve more support.

QUESTION: This is a follow-up question on the arrest reports you put in the paper. You said you don't put any misdemeanors in the paper as far as an arrest, I beg to differ with you, you have a lot of misdemeanors in there. It is an arrest report, it is not a conviction of the person, every person in there is innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. You have printed a lot of misdemeanor arrests in your arrest column. *Editor's note: The report, as stated in the introduction, lists DUI arrests and felony arrests. Florida Statutes determine if a crime is a felony or a misdemeanor. Felony crimes are the offenses deemed to be more serious under the law. All of those persons in the arrest report are only charged, not convicted. This is clearly stated with the report. As stated at the top of the report each time it runs, it includes DUI and felony arrests. On rare occasions when a person is charged with both a felony and a misdemeanor in a related case, we list the felony arrest and add a sentence that he was also charged with a misdemeanor charge. However, we never include a person in the arrest report unless he or she is charged with a felony or a DUI. This has been our policy for more than 25 years.*

GAS PRICES: I would like for someone to please check out why gas prices are going back up. I have been watching the news and nothing is showing up there and watching other counties and nothing is going up there. I mean they've done killed us enough, we're higher than the counties around us because of the taxes on our fuel. What's up? It went up 10 cents in like three days. This is ridiculous, it goes up and down. There is no way that it keeps jumping like that.

MAN OF THE YEAR: So, our president-elect has been named Time magazine's Man of the Year. My question is WHY? He hasn't done anything yet. He isn't the president yet. Maybe in the future he will deserve this title, but not now. I can think of dozens of more deserving people for this. Our president-elect hasn't paid his dues YET!

SCHOOL BOARD: The Code of Conduct has been developed and is in place to protect students. The section about prescription drugs is clear-any student who brings prescription drugs on campus for which they do not have a care plan will be recommended for expulsion at the middle and high school level. This part of the code is necessary to keep students from bringing drugs on campus and selling them or sharing them. Taking drugs that are not prescribed for you can cause harm and possibly be fatal. The administrator's job is to follow the Code of Conduct which was recently approved by ALL of the school board members. The administrator's job is not to determine the intent of the child who brought the prescription drug on campus. I applaud the two school board members who voted to uphold the ruling. Unfortunately, the members who voted against the expulsion have opened up the flood gates. I think my children are less safe at school because of this school board decision.

COMMON SENSE: I think the school board needs to hire principals with some common sense and then give them the authority to use a little discretion when dealing with the students. A student who forgets there was an acne pill in a book bag is not on the same level with a student who brings prescription painkillers to school or sell. The only side effect the acne pill could have had was to give someone an upset stomach. Antibiotics are not even on the list of controlled substances that require you to show an ID when you buy them. The kid should have been given a warning and maybe had to write an essay. Keeping that child out of school nine days was going too far and expulsion is just ridiculous. I am glad that three members of our school board do have some common sense.

RACISM: I have lived in several states, and I think there is sometimes more bigotry and racism in some of the northern states than there is in the south. Racism is not just about how white people and black people treat each other. There is also racism towards Hispanics, Asians, people from the Middle East, etc. As long as we stay away from attacking individuals, I think it is healthy to discuss racism just as it is healthy to discuss other issues our society faces. You can't solve a problem if you don't ever talk about it.

PARADE: I thought the Christmas parade was just outstanding this year. What a great turnout both of those in the parade and the spectators. I think we had more people than ever lined up to watch the parade. And everyone was in such a great mood. It was the best parade I have seen in a long time.

FRAUD: With the economy in such sad shape, I guess it is no wonder there are so many scams with people trying to get your personal information so they can steal your identity and all your money. Everyone should know that they should never give out any personal information over the phone unless you initiated the phone call yourself. If someone calls you on the phone, they could be lying about who they are. Never believe someone just because they call you on the phone. And don't just ask for their phone number. They could have a dozen numbers and change them every other day. Look the number up in information and call back.

WINTER RESIDENTS: We're here in the south minding our own business, enjoying our way of life. And we are regularly invaded by folks from the north. And we welcome them to come enjoy the sunshine with us. So why do we get this hostility? If we are so offensive to them, they don't have to come and live among us. And in fact, most of the winter visitors I know are very nice and really do enjoy it here. There are just a few who are rude and ill mannered and the give the rest a bad name. So have a glass of sweet tea, take a seat on the front porch and enjoy the sunshine. Try it. You might like it.

AMERICAN CARS: Buy American? The Ford Crown Victoria is manufactured in St Thomas, Ontario, Canada. The Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan, and Lincoln MKZ are made in Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY: I can sum up the big three's problems with two words, UNIONS and GREED. The president of the United Auto Workers union appeared on television this past weekend and stated that the wages of the UAW workers were comparable to the other U.S. auto workers. Dollar wise this may be true. What he conveniently left out was the cost of the other benefits the UAW employees receive. I think it was stated on one of these TV programs, that UAW employees received an hourly package of \$74.00 per hour which includes their wages and benefits. If this is anywhere near the truth no wonder they're in trouble and rightfully so. The other U.S. auto workers seem to be making a nice profit.

Letter to the Editor



Submitted photo/Victoria Osteen
Okeechobee X-Plosion all star cheerleading and dance girls filled more than 50 boxes with great things including stationary, t-shirts, and other items for shipment to local soldiers serving overseas. Their efforts will bring a smile and thoughts of home to the service men and women for the holiday season! Thanks girls!

Explosion of thanks

A big thanks goes to The Okeechobee X-Plosion all-star cheer leading and Dance Athletes that took their Saturday to fill boxes for the local soldiers that are serving overseas. The athletes spent two weeks collecting everything from stationary to designing their own personalized t-shirts to, crosswords and pictures. The girls filled over 54 boxes packed to the very top! The local VFW then picked them up and shipped them off. Congratulations girls on surpassing your goal of 30 boxes, you did an amazing job! The Xplosion athletes participating in this amazing event ranged in ages of 3-18. If you have a community service you need some help with please contact Coach Victoria at 863-441-3826, or by email at: xplosionallstarcheer@yahoo.com, www.xplosionallstars.weebly.com, Xplosion athletes participate in one community service act a month and we would love to have some more ideas!

**Victoria Osteen
Okeechobee**

Reflections from the Pulpit

The Principle of the Open Hand

Rev. Cary McKee
Pastor, More 2 Life Ministries

Goliath must have really been something to see. He stood over nine feet tall and just the scaled armor coat that he wore weighed over 125 pounds. The shaft of his spear was as big around as a grown man's arm and the point of it weighed nearly 15 pounds. He was by far the biggest, meanest, toughest dude in the valley. Championship wrestlers are big, steroids have made them bigger, but this guy was huge. His helmet looked like a five gallon bucket, and the sword he wielded in one hand was more than an average man could effectively swing with two. The sound of his bark must have been just as intimidating as what his bite promised to be. In I Samuel 17:11 we read that the entire Israelite Army, including their leader Saul, was dismayed and terrified. Goliath's voice was the first thing they heard every morning and the last thing they would hear each night. I am sure he dominated their dreams as well, as he appeared to be the unstoppable, all powerful giant.

To many of us, this economy is Goliath in every sense of the word. Many of you have no work, no money and bills to pay that loom larger each and every day. Some of you might not be there yet, but the threat of losing your job, your car, your house, your self respect, is always on your mind. The current economy is your giant. You know what he sounds like, smells like, looks like, and feels like. He is on your mind when you get up in the morning, when you lay down at night and he dominates your dreams. He is consuming you one bite at a time and it feels as though there is no escape. You feel outmanned, outgunned, outmatched, and overwhelmed. Like the Israelites you can think of nothing else but him.

So what should we do? We should do as David did. David's focus was not on the giant, but on the true slayer of giants. David reminded everyone that God had already delivered him from the paw of the lion and the bear, and surely He would deliver him again! David put his faith in the Lord Almighty, the Commander of the Armies of Israel. Armies being plural because David recognized that (like the servant of

Elisha) that there were more with him than there were against him. He chose to see things through the eyes of the King, and he behaved as if the battle were already won. That is what we should do as we face this economy.

What does that mean? It means keeping our hands open. The tendency when things begin to get tight is for us to close our hands, clench our fists and hang on with a death grip to everything that we think is security. The principle of the open hand calls for our hands to be just that ... open. As God blesses us and He surely has and will, we are to keep our hands open, allowing Him to do as He wills with that blessing. The open hand allows it to go out as fast as it comes in, leaving room for God to bless you again. It allows you to be a conduit for His blessings to flow through. God's economy explodes through the principle of the open hand. It was, after all, the example that Jesus set. (II Corinthians 8:9)

As Paul was writing to the church at Corinth in II Corinthians 8, he reminded them of the deeds of the Church of Macedonia. Now you have to understand the Corinthians were like Madison Avenue, and the Macedonians, like a poor, rural dirt road. Yet, Paul says of the Macedonians in II Corinthians 8:2 - 4, "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."

When was the last time you urgently pleaded for the privilege of giving? I know, me neither ... But I have seen the principle of the open hand at work, and I have watched God continue to fill the hand that stays open to Him. I have also seen the Lord stop filling hands that close up tight and hang on to what He has already given. As you face the giant of the upcoming economy, remember to focus on the giant slayer and not on the giant. Be a conduit of His grace. Don't let the giant of this world bully you. Practice the principle of the open hand this year, and like David, you will be running into the battle, already assured of victory.

Have a joy filled Christmas season.

Community Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 21

A.A. meeting 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 Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.
Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 101 N.W. Fifth Street Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **A.A.** weekend noon meeting Open Discussion meeting. *The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.

Monday, Dec. 22

A.A. meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. This will be an open meeting.
Okeechobee Senior Singers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 North Parrott Ave. Everyone who enjoys singing is invited to join the group. For information or to schedule an appearance, contact Patsy Black at 863-467-7068.
The **Okeechobee Historical Society** meets at noon at 1850 U.S. 98 N. Join us with a covered dish for lunch, followed by a business meeting. The dues are \$10 per person, per year, and are due in September. For information, call Betty Williamson at 863-763-3850.
Artful Appliquers is a recently formed chapter in Okeechobee. This chapter meets at the Turtle Cove Clubhouse, 10 Linda Road, in Buckhead Ridge on Mondays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Karen Graves, Chapter leader would like to extend a warm welcome to any interested persons to come by and see what they are about. For information call 863-763-6952.

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee meets at 101 N.W. Fifth Street (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick, Open Discussion, 7 p.m. *The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.*

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Tuesday, Dec. 23

Just for Today Club of Okeechobee, 101 N.W. Fifth Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972 (Behind Napa Auto Parts) **N.A.** Nowhere Left To Go Group Open Discussion at noon; **N.A.** Sickest Of The Sick Group Open Discussion. *The Just for Today Club of Okeechobee is not affiliated with any 12 step fellowships.
The Lighthouse Refuge Support Group is for women who are hurting, homeless or been abused. They meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month from noon until 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. Fourth St., and on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. at the Red Cross, 323 N. Parrott Ave. For more information call Donna Dean at 863-801-9201 or 863-357-2106.

Rotary Club of Okeechobee meets each Tuesday at noon at Golden Corral Restaurant, 700 S. Parrott Ave. The meetings are open to the public. For information, contact Maureen Budjinski at 863-484-0110.

New A.A. Meeting in Basinger: There is now an A.A. meeting in Basinger on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Basinger Christian Brethren Church on 700-A, north off U.S. 98. Beginners are welcome.

Al-Ateen - meeting will be held at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., at 7 p.m. For more information, please call Amy at 863-763-8531 or Dan 561-662-2799.

Al-Anon meeting will be held at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St., at 8 p.m.

A.A. Closed discussion meeting from 8 until 9 p.m. at the Church of Our Saviour, 200 N.W. Third St.

Grief and Loss Support Group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Hospice Building located at 411 S.E. Fourth St. in Okeechobee. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Enid Boutrin at 863-467-2321.

Family History Center meets from 1 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 310 S.W. Sixth St. Anyone interested in finding who your ancestors are is welcome to attend. There is Census, IGI (International Genealogical Index), Social Security Death Index and military information available. For information, call The Family History Center at 863-763-6510 or Richard Smith at 863-261-5706 for special appointments.

Widows and Widowers support group meets at 7:30 - 8 a.m. at the Clock Restaurant, 1111 S. Parrott Ave., for breakfast. For information, June Scheer at 863-634-8276

Gospel Sing every Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited to participate with vocal and/or instrumental music. For information, contact Douglas Chiropractic Center at 863-763-4320.

The Gathering Church Overcomers Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, 1735 S.W. 24th Ave. This is a men's only meeting. For information, call Earl at 863-763-0139.

Bible study at the Living Word of Faith Church, 1902 S. Parrott Ave., at 7 p.m. Informal and informative discussions bring many Bible truths to life. Everyone is invited.

Community Country Gospel will meet at 7 p.m. at the church next to Douglas Clinic on North Park St. Any individual or group that enjoys old time gospel music is invited to participate. For information, contact Dr. Edward Douglas at 863-763-4320.

Compulsive overeaters are invited to a weekly meeting. **Overeaters Anonymous** (OA) meets at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church, 312 N. Parrott Avenue on Tuesdays, 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.

A.A. meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 200 N.W. Second St. This will be an open meeting.

The **First United Methodist Church**, 200 N.W. Second St., will be hosting **God's Time** -- a morning of free organized Christian activities that includes play, instruction and interaction for parents and their pre-school children. The event will be held each Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Child care will be provided for infants during the class. For information, call 863-763-4021.

Heaven of Rest Church, 2947 S.W. Third Terr., holds meetings for persons with alcohol and drug related problems at 6 p.m. For information call 863-357-3053.

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Children hope for presents from Santa

Seminole Elementary School second graders wrote the following letters to Santa Claus. The letters are reprinted just as the children wrote them. For more letters, see the Wednesday edition of the Okeechobee News.

Dear Santa,
I would like a eyepod phone, easybake, game boy, far wheller and that's all.

Your friend, Carrie
Dear Santa,
I want to have a gutor. Santa I want a big slid and I want my stoking full and I want sumting Big.

Your friend, Madison
Dear Santa,
I want a rock band2 for Christmas and a DS and a Wii with a game that has a lot of parts. How is the North Pole? And this Christmas will be fun.

Your friend, Jose
Dear Santa,
I want Pokemon cars. I want cars. I want books, I want school books. I want to be good. I want games. I want a snake. I want a dog. I want a cat. I want a DS.

Your friend, Gordan
Dear Santa,
I want a full welle, a night vision too, and get one of those pumper scoter and som cool heeles and cologne and a hole buch of Playstayshins and Pokemon cards.

Your friend, Layne - I believe in you.
Dear Santa,
I want night vision and cologne.

Your fan, Tavis
Dear Santa,
I want Pokemon cards and a laptop and a little petshope, fishing kit, baby set, i-pode, workshop, starter cow.

Love, Chelee
Dear Santa,
I want a DS for Christmas so my cousins dun't lev my owt. I git a DS I won't git lev owt then we will be happe.

Your friend, Andrew
Dear Santa,
I want an ipod for Christmas, I want a laptop for Christmas. I want a DS for Christmas. How are you Santa Claus? How is rof the red nos redr?

How is Miss Santa Claus?
How is the elf's work on thys?
Your friend, Araceli
Dear Santa,
I want a Rip Stitch Black and Rock Band 2 and KSwiss shoes and puching bag and I will give you cookies and give you some milk.

Your friend, Joel Allen
Dear Santa,
I want a Power Ranger so I can play my brother. Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas.

Your friend, David
Dear Santa,
I always wanted a rolling scoot-er. How are you and your elves, reindeer roodoff? I want lots of toys for Christmas. Tell your wife, I said hi. You are so nice. I wish you came to my house. Maybe on Christmas I might leave cookies and milk for you. If mom makes cookies and leave milk on the table. I've been such a good girl. I always help my mom and dad.

Your friend, Cristina
Dear Santa,
I want a PSP and if you get me a prst I will leave you some cookies and a glas of mil and I will tell my mom to warap you a gift for Christmas. I want a gun and a

Pokemon book and a Pokemon battle and a rollbot.

Your friend, Daniel
Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas is make up and DS and I want is a best Christmas ever.

Your friend, Elyssa
Dear Santa,
I have been good. I am righting the letr to you for what I want for Christmas. How are you. I going with your rindier? I will leave some cooces.

Your friend, Brisely
Dear Santa,
I want an MP3 player. I also want a xbox and a work book. I also have been good. I will give you some cookies.

Your friend, Kristina
Dear Santa,
I want a cudr for Christmas. I ben good and funny. I will levo cookie and milk on the tabol.

P.S. If you don't make it it is ok.
Your friend, Rangel
Dear Santa,
I would like a nintendo ds, personal trainer cooking game for the ds and guitar hero III, rock band, rock band II, Ipod, mp3 player and a guitar.

P.S. I will leave you milk and cookies.
Your friend, Kayla
Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl. Here is a list of things that I want for Christmas and I will leave some cookies and milk. Ok now I will tell you what I want. A nentendo DS, a neckles, a Hannah Montana stepping thing, another ipod, a rock band 2, a Bratz singing and gautair game, some billes, a phone, a Wii, a Hannah Montana singing thing, a Cheetah girls game, a american idol thing, a computer, a laptop, a money bank, a high school musical game, some bracelets, a baby alive. Have a happy Christmas.

Your friend, Chrisia
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope your reindeer good. How are your elves? I hope you bring my dogs something nice.

Love, Derek
Dear Santa,
Waht I want from Christmas is an Ipot, nintendo DS and a bone for my dog.

Love, Osvaldo
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope the reindeer are fine. I want a spuer smashinthe chameber mach and 2009 smakdowns raw.

Love, Raul
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Thank you for all the stuff you gave us. I hope you will be here this Christmas. How are the reindeer too. I can't wait for Christmas.

Love, Dakota
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mis Claus and your elf. And reindeer. I hope you come to my home. My sister wus a DS and I wus a DS game.

Love, Cynthia
Dear Santa,
Can you please give me a four-wheeler? Can you please give my brother Mohammad a fourwheeler too?

Can you give Rheem a DS toy?
How are you and Mrs. Claus? Are you doing ok? Can you please give my dad any kind of toy?
Love, Ahmad

Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I hope the elves make lots of toys. Can I please have a Wii game and a trampoline and can I have a Ipod. Does rudolph still have a red nose.

Love, Christian
Dear Santa,
Can I have 14 tattoos and a Pokemon set. I want a skli shrt. Three Pokemon that are Arknad, Blastrord and Graelen and the game Super Moreo Brthers and a new Pokemon game.

Love, Jessie
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are the elves doing. P.S. Rudof still first? Can I plice have a forweler? Can my sister have a fone plice. Can my mom have her face crem.

Love, Daisy
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? And of course your reindeer rudolph the red noes reindeer. Could you please show me how the elves look like. I hope the reindeer are fine too. I will leave you some cookies and milk. I will like my pool. My little sister would like a toy preety one. My big sister would like a new vollyball net to her self. My big brother would like a soccer net to play soccer with his friends. My dad would like a screen TV. A big one. My mom would like a big Christmas tree.

Love, Yesenia
Dear Santa,
I hope you bring me a mp3 player and a dirtbike and a toy car and a traler and a boat. My favorite toy to play with is cars and other favorite toy is a boat and a boat is fun to play with.

Santa you are nice.
Love, Michael
Dear Santa,
How are you doing I hope you are fine. You are my favorite prsing. I fenk you are a good man. I love you a lot. I rilly hope you are fine. How are you are randeer downn. I hope they are fine. How is Miss claus doing. I hope she is doing good to. I am doing grat. I rilly hope you have a mary crismis. I hope yo make it in time around the earf in time. Sometimes I be good or bad.

Love, Kyle
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I please have a DS that is pink. My little brother wants a DS too. He told me he wanted his to be blak. The game I want is Exrsis horse rids. The game my little brother wants is Mario for his DS.

Love, Rachael
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer and how are your elves. I want a collar for my bunny. and I want a bucket of baseballs and I want a new baseball glove and a new baseball bat and a new robot and a new clock and a new radio for my bugi and Merry Christmas

Love, Wesley
Dear Santa,
How are you and Miss Claus. For Christmas I want a puppy and a DS and if my mom palc we leaf cookies and malk and my mom wel like garofeas and my sitr wel like gas, my brathr will like a cat, Mike will like a tools. That well be it.

Love, Viviana
Dear Santa,
How are you and the elf and Rudolp. I would like a toy and a game for my nintendo DS and a

school supplies and a morio game and a Jack and Annie book. My sister will like iPod PSP game..

My dad will like money.
Love, Alize
Dear Santa,
I want a dog and a cat and a Army toy and one more a clone war helmoit is Star Wars.

Love, Marc
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope your reindeer are staying healthy and blease bring me a barbie that does what I do. and please make my presents be a surprise. And please tell the elves to make me a scarf. And please don't make my three year old friend Jayda cry because she is scared of you. When she saw my neighbors Santa Claus she cried. But I hope she's not going to cry this time and my last present please bring me a hamster.

Love, Dalia
Dear Santa,
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I hope the reindeers and Rudoph are fine too. My nephew Jose wants a DVD player with a CD of Alvin and the Chipmunks. My other nephew wants a trampoline and my sister get her 20 fak-enalis. My nephew wants a bike too. I want a bike too. And get my sisters them what they want. And my brothers too. And thank you. Merry Christmas.

Love, Teresa
Dear Santa,
How do you do?
I hope you are not cold. I was good in school today. I love you. I enjoyed last Christmas. How are the reindeer. I hope the reindeer are not sick so you can give us presents.

Love, Miguel
Dear Santa Claus,
How are you doing? I love your gifts but do not worry if the other do not beleave in you, I do. The gift that I want is a Merry Christmas. That's all I need. I wish you a Merry Christmas but that's ok if you get me something eles. I hope you enjoy your Christmas.

Yours truly, Jacqueline
Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? are you have fun making the toys for

the good kids? I want a globe so I can see the world.

Love, Hannah
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you are jolly happy for Christmas. Don't push your reindeer hard. Will you help my dad be better. If you will help my dad I will be so thankful I will try to be so good.

Love, Frankie
Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you bring me a present on Christmas Day. How are your reindeer? Do you have a seatbelt on the sled? I can't wait for Christmas.

Love, Jose
Dear Santa,
How are you doing. I hope you are not too cold up there in the North Pole. I have werked very

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Chamber will be closed

The Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce will be closed on the following dates: Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve; Dec. 25 - Christmas Day; Dec. 26; Jan. 1, 2009 - New Years Day; Jan. 2, 2009. Also, there will neither be a Coffee Klatch nor General Membership luncheon for the month of December. For information call the Chamber at 863-763-6464.

BHR VFD Winterfest 2009

Winterfest 2009 will be held on **Jan. 31**. There will be catfish, cotton candy, popcorn, crafts, music and more. For more information, call 863-532-9015 or John at 863-467-8220.

Anyone interested in renting a booth for Winterfest 2009, please call John at 863-467-8220 or 863-532-9015.

Softball plans tryouts for season

The Okeechobee High School softball program will hold tryouts for 9th thru 12th graders on Jan. 8 and 9 from 3 until 6 p.m. at the OHS softball field.

Any interested athletes must have a physical to participate in the try-out. Physical forms can be picked up from the main office at OHS. If you are playing another sport at OHS and would like to try out or have any questions pertaining to try-outs please contact Coach Kim Hargraves at 863-634-6322 as soon as possible.

Scrapbooking 'Crop' to be held

The "Croppin' Crew" scrapbookers will hold an all-day crop on Saturday, **Jan. 3**, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. This month the crop will take place at Peace Lutheran Church, 750 N.W. 23rd Lane. Ann Daniels will be holding a class on how to make a 'tin box scrapbook' at 1 p.m. (Bring glue, cereal box cardboard, 1 and 1/2 yard of 3/8" ribbon and small flower or trim for top of tin.) All levels of scrapbookers are welcome. Please bring a covered dish if you wish to participate in our pot luck luncheon. For more information call Joan at 863-467-0290 or Corry at 863-467-2231.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to do vessel exams

Okeechobee-The Lake is back and so are we. Flotilla 57 - U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary we are ready to do vessel exams. They are free and we will come to you, we make house calls. Call 863-763-9570 to make and appointment to examine your boat and get it certified with a sticker.

Career Center helps in job search

The One Stop Career Center, 209 S.W. Park St., has services available at no charge to help people in their search for the right employee or job. For more, visit their web site at www.tjjobs.org; or, call 863-462-5350.

Martha's House collecting cell phones

Martha's House is collecting used cell phones to return for money. Martha's House can also have them 9-1-1 activated for participants. If you have any used cell phones to donate call 863-763-2893, or drop them off at their administrative office at 103 N.W. Fifth St.

My Aunt's House seeks volunteers

My Aunt's House, Inc. a 501 (c) (3) organization is looking for two to three volunteers to work in our Closet any day, or days, Monday through Friday during the hours of 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are also looking for a volunteer to become the director and a board member of The Clothes Closet. The volunteer should communicate well with the public and should be able to seek support from city and county officials, business executives and other organizations. Work days and hours are flexible. Call 863-634-2306 for information.

Center offers service to children

The Family Outreach Center at Sacred Heart offers a service to youth and children by giving free classes in martial arts. The classes are currently taught four days a week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 6 until 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Group providing animal rescue

Florida Wildlife Rescue Service of Okeechobee is currently providing rescue, pick up and transport of sick, injured, orphaned or otherwise impaired wildlife.

Anyone who finds a wild animal in need of help is encouraged to give us a call. A volunteer transporter, licensed by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, will be more than happy to help you and the animal.

This is a free service to the community and to wildlife.

For information, call 863-634-1755 or 863-357-7955.

Halfway house seeks volunteers

Eckerd Intensive Halfway House a Moderate Risk Commitment Program for 13-18 year old male youth is seeking volunteers who can "make a difference in the life of a youth." We are seeking volunteers to read, be a guest speaker, play music, tutor, educate youth on a trade, assist with a project, instruct youth on building a project, or just hang out with youth. Volunteer hours and times can vary. Please contact Tom Jones or Joshua Stoddard at 863-357-0047.

YMS collecting printer cartridges

Yearling Middle School (YMS) is collecting empty printer and copy toner cartridges. They are sent in for credits that go toward school supplies to be used by all students. To donate empty printer or toner cartridges, they can be dropped off at YMS, 925 N.W. 23rd Lane or at the Stitchin' Post, 620 S. Parrott Ave. Or call Miss Webb at 863-462-5056 or Linda at 863-467-1484 for free pickup.

Sour Orange Fest has new date

Lakeport will have the Sour Orange Festival on Saturday, Jan. 10, (new date for 2009). They are looking for vendors, volunteers, and patrons. If interested call 863-227-4323 or attend the next Lakeport Community Association meeting at the Community Center.

Low cost spay/neuter available

Low cost spay/neuter vouchers for dogs and cats. Participating veterinarians in Vero Beach. For information, call United Humanitarians Port St. Lucie volunteer: 772-335-3786. Email: Petscry1@bellsouth.net. Okeechobee veterinarians are invited to participate. In this low cost spay/neuter program.

State Veterans nursing homes

Are you a veteran in need of a nursing home or assisted living facility? The Florida Department of Veterans Affairs can help you. The Department operates five veterans nursing homes and one assisted living facility throughout the state, with a new nursing home being built near St. Augustine. The basic admission criteria for all of the facilities is an honorable discharge, Florida residency for one year prior to admission and certification of need of assisted living facility or skilled nursing care. The VA Nursing homes are located in Daytona Beach, Land O' Lakes, Pembroke Pines, Springfield (Panhandle) and Port Charlotte with the VA Assisted Living Facility being located in Lake City. For further information on VA nursing homes contact the County Veteran's Service Officer, Betsy Grinslade at 863-763-8124.

Historical Society collects info for book

Mrs. Betty Williamson, from the Historical Society is in the process of writing a book about Okeechobee Women. She is looking for all of the Speckled Perch Queens from 1968 to recent. Please call the Chamber of Commerce at 863-763-6464 or Betty Williamson at 863-763-3850 if you are able to help. The Queens will be listed in the book.

Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Night

The VFW Post 10539 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Tuesday night spaghetti night. All you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread and salad for a \$5 donation. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 863-763-2308.

Join the Red Hatters

For ladies looking for fun and meeting some new lady friends, the Red Hat Group is looking for ladies to join who want to do things. For information call 863-763-5836 or 863-357-1944.

Rescue available for local wildlife

Florida Wildlife Rescue Service Inc. is a non profit organization providing free rescue, pick up, and transport of sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in the Okeechobee area. We are licensed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to provide these services. If you find a wild bird or animal in need of assistance please contact us at 863-634-1755.

Obituaries

Obituaries should be submitted to the Okeechobee News by e-mailing 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.

Betty Joy Williamson, 74

OKEECHOBEE — Betty Joy Williamson, of Okeechobee, died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, in Raulerson Hospital. She was 74.

Born March 23, 1934, in Fayette, Ala., she had been a resident of Okeechobee since 1970 and was a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by her sons, Billy G. Williamson (Glenda) of Gardendale, Ala., Andy Murphy (Michelle) of Okeechobee; brother, James M. Williamson of Pinson, Ala.; sister, Judy Hubbert of Fayette, Ala. In addition she is survived by grandchildren, Chance Murphy of Okeechobee, Daniel Williamson of Gardendale, Ala., Cassie Murphy of Okeechobee, Christy Murphy of Okeechobee, and Sara Beth Williamson of Gardendale, Ala.

There will be no visitation or services.

All arrangements are under direction and care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th St., Okeechobee.

Frank Kavanaugh III

CLEMENTSVILLE — Frank Kavanaugh III, passed away Dec. 18, 2008. He was born in Plainfield, N.J., on Jan. 25, 1945, and lived in Watchung, N.J., until he attended the University of Miami in Coral Gables.

After graduation from U of M, Frank remained in Coral Gables where he and his first wife, Patricia, raised their family and where he owned and operated an import-export business, which supplied building materials throughout the Caribbean Islands for many years.

After retirement in 2002, he enjoyed his home and acreage in the Clementsville area of Indiantown.

Frank's devoted family includes one son, Michael Scott Kavanaugh, and one daughter, Kelly Jean DeLozier; two grandchildren, Julian Allstrom Kavanaugh, with a sister expected shortly; and Selene Lee DeLozier; mother, Patricia M. Kavanaugh of Hobe Sound; sister, Sandra Moore.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, at the Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church, 11933 SE Juno Crescent, Hobe Sound, FL 33405.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, Southeast Area, 2701 North Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

Arrangements are under the direction of Forest Hills Young and Prill Chapel in Stuart.

A guest registry may be signed at www.youngandprill.com.

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Advocacy group seeking members

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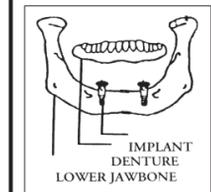
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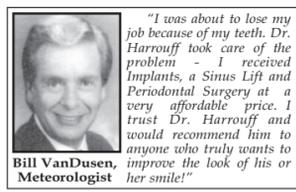
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Graduate University of New Hampshire in Zoology and Temple University Dental School. US Air Force Medical Corp. Served as Chair of Council on Dental Health. Formerly of West Palm Beach, he has merged his practice with Dr. Harrouff.

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.

Graduate of Louisville School of Dentistry in 1989. Practiced privately in Boca Raton and has recently joined Dr. Harrouff's group. Past Vice President of South Palm Beach County Dental Association.

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the project from the new presidential administration. Turning to flood control matters, the board approved a Natural Resource and Soil Conservation Service (NRSC) grant for emergency drainage projects that were a result of Tropical Storm Fay. The projects include the airport ditch, Taylor Creek, Otter Creek and an Otter Creek tributary. Total estimated construction cost is \$776,895. The projects are subject to a 25 percent match. The coun-

ty's portion of matching funds would be \$141,411.25 while the county's match portion would be \$52,812.50. The board also heard from the county's lobbyist, Dale Milita who discussed the possibility of the county getting funds for specific projects. "If you don't ask, it is an automatic no," he said. Mr. Milita suggested commissioners come to Tallahassee and talk directly to the state lawmakers. He said that federal economic stimulus money will probably go to projects where the preliminary work has been done and bids are ready to

be advertised. "Keep in mind they are looking at jobs," he said as he suggested the commissioners look at projects that would create the most jobs. County administrator Lyndon Bonner said the county has several projects that are ready to go. "We'll get you a wish list," promised commissioner Cliff Betts. "You go above and beyond," commissioner Ray Domer said of Mr. Milita's services. In other action, the board:

- amended the budget to appropriate prior year encumbrances;
- waived the fee for the use of the Okeechobee County Agri-Civic Center for a high school rodeo in January 2009;
- waived the fee for use of the Douglas Brown Community Center for a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration;
- appointed Commissioner Ray Domer to serve on the Joint Land Use Study for Avon Park Air Force Range;
- granted a three-month extension to Habitat for Humanity to complete construction of a single family residence in Playland Park;
- approved change order one in the amount of \$46,284.90 to

Close Construction, Inc. for additional work performed as part of Runway 5-23 rehabilitation at the Okeechobee County Airport which could possibly be reimbursed by the Federal Aviation Administration;

- appointed Edward W. Ball, Jr., Wendy S. Coker, Douglas L. McCoy, Michael Radebaugh, Gary Ritter, Marvin Roberts, Daryl Roehm, Jill M. Rogers, Lawrence W. Smith, II, Bryan Stokes, Osiel Torres, Dowling Watford, Jr., Ron Zobel, Darrell Donnelly and Allison Murphy to the parks and recreation master plan advisory committee;
- approved technical changes to the county's investment policy which would ensure compliance with state statute but would not change the overall premise of the policy;
- tabled, for further staff research, approval of a county wide radio system; and
- approved hours and dates for county employees for Christmas and New Years Holidays.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

December brings holiday hunting traditions

By Tony Young

There's finally a chill and a certain festiveness in the air as most of us try to take time off from work to enjoy spending quality time with family and friends and reflect on the passing year. Children will be out of school on winter break soon, and while the holiday season's upon us, so are several traditional hunting opportunities.

The second phase of waterfowl and coot season comes in statewide Dec. 6 and runs through Jan. 25. In addition to the usual hunting license and permit requirements, duck hunters also must have a Florida waterfowl permit (\$3) and a federal duck stamp (\$15).

The daily bag limit on ducks is six, but you need to know your ducks before you pull the trigger, because there are different daily limits for each species. For instance, within the six-bird limit there can be only one black duck, one mottled duck, one fulvous whistling-duck and one pintail. Only two of your six-bird limit can be redheads and three may be wood ducks. And you may have no more than four scoters and four mallards (of which only two can be female) in your bag. All other species of ducks can be taken up to the six-bird limit, except harlequin ducks, and canvasback season is closed.

This year, the daily bag limit on scaup has changed, and you may take only one through Jan. 5; then you can take two from Jan. 6 until waterfowl season ends Jan. 25. The daily limit on coots is 15, and there's a five-bird limit on mergansers, only two of which may



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be hooded. When hunting waterfowl, hunters may use only non-toxic shotgun shells. In fact, it's illegal for hunters even to possess lead shot when waterfowl hunting. Only iron (steel), bismuth-tin and various tungsten-alloys are permissible.

For something different, try woodcock hunting. Woodcock season runs Dec. 20-Jan. 18. Woodcocks are excellent game birds because they hold well for pointing bird dogs and provide a challenging shot when flushed. The daily bag limit is three. The third phase of mourning and white-winged dove season opens Dec. 13 and runs through Jan. 11. The daily bag limit's been increased this year to 15 birds.

From November on, shooting hours for all migratory birds are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. You must get a no-cost

migratory bird permit where you purchase your hunting license before you hunt any of these birds, though. The only firearm you're allowed to hunt migratory game birds with is a shotgun, no larger than 10-gauge. Shotguns must be plugged to a three-shell capacity (magazine and chamber combined). Bows also are legal.

Retrievers and bird dogs can be useful in hunting migratory game birds. Artificial decoys, as well as manual or mouth-operated bird calls, also are legal and essential gear for duck hunters.

You may hunt migratory game birds over an agricultural field, as long as the crop's been planted by regular agricultural methods. However, don't even think about "sweetening" the field by scattering agricultural products over it - or anywhere near it - or you could wind up in serious trouble. It doesn't matter if you aren't the one who scattered the bait. If you knew or should've known that such bait was present, you're accountable under the law.

Some other things you can't do while hunting migratory game birds include using rifles, pistols, crossbows, traps, snares, nets, sinkboxes, swivel guns, punt guns, battery guns, machine guns, fish hooks, poisons, drugs, explosive substances, live decoys, recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified bird-call imitations. Shooting from a moving automobile or boat and herding or driving birds with vehicles or vessels also are against the law. Bobcat and other hunting season is Dec. 1-March 1, and there's no daily bag or season limit on either species.

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Make room for vertical vegetable gardening

By Angela Sachson

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

You may be experiencing sticker shock in the produce department these days. It costs a lot to bring vegetables all the way from Colorado (the origin of my bag of carrots) and Peru (the onions). If you have a couple of tomato plants and think that's all you have room for think again. It is possible to ramp up your veggie production without taking over the entire yard. This article is about container gardening, but using containers in a major way. Containers are great for controlling nematodes and weeds and providing a controlled environment for your produce—and many containers in a small space will give you lots more great edibles.

Just follow the example of Mr. M. T. Alden, a local gardener who grows 36 full-size plants in a vertical wall just ten feet long, three feet wide and about six feet tall. Mr. Alden is a container-gardening guru and a frequent visitor to the Okeechobee Garden Club. With thousands of plants in hundreds of pots, just one of his ten foot segments should grow enough for a family. This wall of vegetables is an attractive way to mask unwanted views as well.

Hanging Around

Here is his method. M.T. places three 8-foot landscape timbers



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Hanging plants are one way to fit a vegetable garden into a small space.

in a row five feet apart. He buries the posts 18 inches in the ground after putting a notch in the top. The notch holds one-inch pipe at the top of the structure. This is the pipe that holds the 18 ten-inch pots in each section. That's saying 18 pots are hanging, but since he puts six pots on the ground, that would make 24 pots per 8 feet row.

Pots are suspended, one under the one above, for three layers. The pots are filled with a lightweight artificial mixture of manure, perlite and vermiculite. Our garden guru uses composted horse manure obtained from a friend but you can also purchase composted manure at most garden centers. The other two ingredi-

ents for this mix are easy to find too.

Mr. Alden grows just about all popular garden crops in his intensive container gardens. The ten-inch pots can accommodate one large tomato plant. The tomatoes are not staked and they have plenty of room to produce. One pepper plant can produce lots of fruit also. Other alternatives in a container are three strawberry plants, three of beans and peas, several large onions or many, many scallions that can fit in these pots. At the lower levels, three sweet corn stalks can grow upright from one pot or several potatoes can be harvested in this small size container.

Add up costs and benefits

In addition to saving space, this gardening method gets fungus-susceptible plants up where air circulation is available – reducing the need for fungicides. Note that this is also a good way to grow cukes and melons too, although you may need to support heavy melons. Mr. Alden places them near a fence to provide horizontal supports for the vines.

There is an initial start-up cost for this method—timbers, pipe, pots and potting mix, but the cost is pretty low. There are wholesale suppliers for pots and timbers are not expensive. It may be possible to ask friends and neighbors or see if growers may have lightly used materials that they can give you. Mr. Alden uses a drip irrigation system but a watering can would suffice for a small garden.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

December 15 and 16, 2008

Cows	Breaking	\$43.00	\$49.50
	Cutter	\$41.00	\$47.00
	Canner	\$35.00	\$38.00

Bulls	1000-1500	\$	\$
	1500-2000	\$54.00	\$56.50

	Monday	Tuesday
Calves	523	1008
Cows	78	142
Str	17	7
Hfns	0	6
Bulls	9	20
Yrlngs	87	38
Mix	0	22
Total	714	1243

Med #1	Steers	Hfns
150-200	147.5-185	130-140
200-250	120-155	
250-300	110-120	
300-350	104-118	81-89
350-400	92-100	81-85
400-450	84-90	71-79
450-500	78-85	70-78
550-600	75-83	68-74
600-650	73-74	

Med #2	Steers	Hfns
150-200	80-105	72.5-105
200-250	85-105	81-86
250-300	75-105	60-82
300-350	65-93	61-80
350-400	69-85	60-74

Small #1	Steers	Hfns
150-200		
250-300		82.5-88
300-350	83-108	70-87
350-400	69-80	65-75
450-500	71-80	71-74
550-600		

Prices didn't change much this week — so we ended the year steady. Steady's not bad when you look around and see all the economic problems. People that ask me if I think prices will pick up any after the first of the year, I tell them I don't think so. Plan to see these lower prices for quite a while. We still have much to be grateful for and we wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Slaughter cow and bull sale on Tuesday, Dec. 30. First sale of the '09 will be Jan. 5, 2009. Ricardo Esquirel, topped the calf market with a high of \$1.85. Gary Raulerson of Felda, had the high cow with 49.50.

See ya next week,
Todd

Native Fla. Landscaping course starts January

Plants are considered native to Florida if they were here at the time of European contact in the early sixteenth century, or in the early 1500s. Florida has over 2,400 native species of plants, with some found only in Florida. They have survived through the ages because they are adapted to Florida soils, temperature, and rainfall patterns. Each plant is associated with specific natural plant communities or ecosystems that occur throughout Florida such as the coastal strand, sand scrub, sandhills, hammocks, flatwoods and swamps.

Although the Association of Florida Native Nurseries estimates that only about 25 percent of our

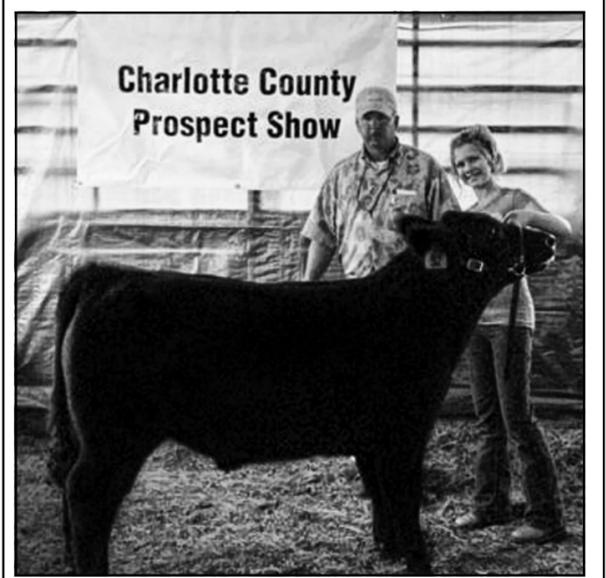
native flora is in commercial production, interest in native landscaping continues to increase as evidenced by the recent influx of native plant literature and books. Still, data indicate that native plant sales in Florida have remained essentially constant over recent years with estimated total sales of \$100.9 million in 2000.

Recently, a new course entitled "Native Florida Landscaping" was developed and added to the University of Florida curriculum to teach students how to incorporate natives into existing landscapes.

With the "Right Plant, Right Place" concept in mind, natives can offer unique attributes that

fulfill color, line, form, texture, and scale requirements of a variety of landscapes. Within the course, proven native performers of the Florida Treasure Coast are discussed with relation to function, form and landscape use.

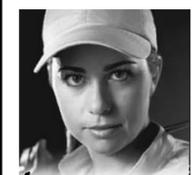
Associate Professor Dr. Sandra Wilson is offering the course for spring semester 2009 at the UF Indian River Research and Education Center just west of Fort Pierce. The course will begin Jan. 8, and will be held Thursday evenings, from 4 until 7 p.m., through April. To enroll in "Native Florida Landscaping" contact Coordinator of Student Support Services Jackie White at (772) 468-3922, Ext. 148, or by e-mail: jkwhite@ufl.edu. For course specific information, contact Dr. Wilson at (772) 468-3922, Ext. 107, or sbwilson@ufl.edu or view the course website at: <http://irrecenvhort.ifas.ufl.edu/FNL/index.htm>.



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Grand Champion

Taylor Pearce of the Chobee Roundup 4-H Club won the Grand Champion Steer honor at the Third Annual Charlotte County Prospect Show in Arcadia on Oct. 4. The 11 year old 4-Her exhibited her 740 pound Maine Anjou steer "Pepe" to top honors among other steers from around the state of Florida. The animals were exhibited as prospects of young 4-Hers who will show them at various jackpots shows throughout the state and ultimately show them at their county fair. Taylor's steer will be shown and sold at the South Florida Fair on Jan. 24, 2009, in West Palm Beach. She received a \$250 check and a championship belt buckle to wear.



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If you are interested in learning more about this gardening method, please contact the Extension office. We are thinking about a series of vertical gardening workshops if there are some takers. There is still time this season to grow some cool-season crops and warm-season crops like tomatoes can be planted up to March. That will help fill up your table and leave you plenty of produce for that Blue ribbon exhibit for the Okeechobee County Fair!

home page on the internet: <http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu>. It now has an index to some of the holiday plant articles I've written over the years. If you don't have a computer, stop by or call and we can print and send or fax you these holiday treats!

If you need additional information on container gardening, please email us at okeechobee@ifas.ufl.edu or call us at 863-763-6469. In Highlands County call 863-402-6540 and in Glades County call 863-946-0244. Okeechobee residents can stop by our office at 458 Hwy 98 North in Okeechobee, and visit our Okeechobee County Master Gardeners from 1 to 3 PM on Tuesday afternoons. Merry Christmas, and GO GATORS!

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Children write letters to Santa



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Santa's Stuck!

The fourth grade classes at Central Elementary presented a music play entitled "Santa's Stuck in the 50s." The elves found boxes of toys that were left over from the 1950s. They found slinky toys, play-dough, silly putty, hula hoops, Cat in the Hat books and other toys that were invented in the fifties. The attached photo shows Candace McGlamory as Roxie Brockman interviewing Santa (Justin Vinson). A special thank you to the parents that donated toys and games to be used as props in the play. All of the new toys that were used in the play will be donated to the local "Toys for Tots" toy drive.

The following letters to Santa were written by second graders from Central Elementary School. They are reprinted just as the children wrote them. For more letters, see the Wednesday Okeechobee News.

Dear Santa,
Can you by me a computer for Christmas? Also earrings and how can you fly in the sky with reindeers? Is that hard to fly with reindeer? and my sister what a DS and I want a laptop. and my mom what snow shoes and my brther what a xbox360.

Love, Alani Dear Santa,
I was good at school today but can you buy me a Ipod, xbox360, PSP, a dirt bike, a Wii, fourwiler, a phone to. Please and I will give you your favrite cookie and milk. I hope your reindeer are fine so you can diliver presints to nice kids. In school and listen to their mom and dads to but I hope you have a good ride here and your reindeer. But I want 1 more thing. I want a ltouch and thank you.

Love, Chase Dear Santa,
How much reindeers do you have? Can I have a nintendo DS and a Ipod for my sister.

Love, Antonio Dear Santa,
I want a playstations 3, Wii, and a xbox360 plus a game cube with a lot of games. Also \$100 dollers or \$100,000.

Love, Zamir Dear Santa,
I want a Ipod for Christmas and a new phone and I want a puppy. And a new room and one more thing. I want my mom and dad to have the best Christmas ever. Oh and what kind of cookies wood you like. Oh and I wnat a computer and a hannah montana doll.

Love, Madisyn Dear Santa,
Can you get me a fourwheeler for Christmas. I rilly want fourwheeler. Can you please get me one. Cam you get me a new bike a fast one ples. I love you santa. Can you get me a dirt bike.

Love, Martin Dear Santa,
Can you buy me a hannah montana doll. can you buy me a hannah montana nightgown. Can you buy me a bratz doll. What kind of cookies do you like? Can you buy me a bear? Can you come to my class-room so I can see you? Can you buy me a Ipod? Can you buy me a fits?

Love, Keondra Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly? I want a ipichu stuffed animal. I want a Wii fit for Christmas. Ipod, and card even board games and a guitar,

playstation 3 and rockband 2 and a kite, bird feeder and a skirt, a mop, cletes for emma and earrings, calendar.

Love, Hannah Dear Santa,
How much reindeer do you have? What kind of cookies do you like? I want a computer and my brother wants one to. Any my mommy wants a car. And can you give a bratz doll to my sister and a soccer ball.

Love, Anali Dear Santa,
Powr Ragsr and ironman and iron motr SPD Powragr and a hotwells. 100 hot talls 100 a gavdeg and 100mutr tull a 100 I ben 10 gaemdo y a xbox a playstation 3 a playstation 2 and a teplen a hermit.

John Dear Santa,
I will want Spy gear Santa. Santa you are strong you are good. I want a mp3 play a blue one or any color and a laptop. Can I have a football? I want \$100. You are wise Santa!

Love, Alec Dear Santa,
I hope you have a good very good Christmas. I want a toy Richoyewda pichoy. and a gameboy and axbox also a labtop and phone a sky blue phone and a dark one too. A nintendo DS a pet. Can you give me all of that stuffs? A very very very very good Christmas to all.

Love, Nicholas Dear Santa,
I want a playstashion2 and a xbox360 and I want a madasikaland a dirt bike and a wii and a gamebody and \$100 dollers and a ds and I want a Ipod wheta labtop and a varemachmane.

Love, Malek Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? Have any of the reindeer gave you problems at all and how are you? What kind of cookies do you like?

Love, Gatlin Dear Santa,
I have been very very good. Can you please get me a real bulldog puppy. Your the best. You mean much to me. Your elfs work very hard for the stuff we ask for.

Love, Ashley Dear Santa,
I have ben a good girl this year. I would like to have a dress. taler swift CD. A prinses doll and a swim to me puppy. And last is for my brother Dylan and he would like a thing to build.

Love, Jenna Dear Santa,
I wut you to ples braing my brother a tratr and mee plastashin2 and a new baby brother.

Love, Roderick Dear Santa,

I am good in class. Your the best Santa in the world. I wnat for Christmas a flying dear for me and my sister.

Love, Sara Dear Santa,
I ben good a litl bit good. I want a puppy please for Crismis.

Love, Scott Dear Santa,
I wnat a mokecontrol Humer for Christmas. I been good this year. I also want a dirtbike for Christmas this year. I will make you some cookies to have on the way home if you are hungry or you can save them for your wife.

Love, Dylan Dear Santa,
All I want for Christmas is for you to come to everyones house. That is what I want.

Love, Devon Dear Santa,
I have been smart this year. And good so you can give me a present. I want midnight club las vagis FeFa 2009 Smackdown Vr Raw 2009 My brother wants Fefa 09.

Love, Jonathan Dear Santa,
I want a DS. I will like Hannah Montana mack up. I will like didi. I like a Wii. I will like a beindroos. I will like a pony that has a cart. I will like a bike. I love you Santa.

Love, Brianna Dear Santa,
Please I want a laptop. I want a kitten. I want you to bring my brother a star wars. I want a new Hannah Montana electric dirt bike. I want a tex mesege thing.

Love, Sara Dear Santa,
I want three wrestling me and a dretbike. I wood get Santa a present for all of his hard work! I want a remote control car. I wood give a presint to my big brother and a new bike. I wood give my dad some close.

Love, Lataveous Dear Santa,
Santa, I want a new dolly and ldog my sister want a new pony and a sindrela fone and my brothers wants an ipod.

Love, Dariela

Dear Santa,
I've been good very good and I would like to have Wii and a giant space ship that is a star wars and a knew bike and a big hummer that comes with a remote control and bendroose and a real kitten and a helicopter that comes with a control and a stereo and a Wii package and a have to the Wii Roarn Rabbets. An under ground pool.

Love, Brenden Dear Santa,
I been very good. Can you get me a english bulldog and a skate board and a army dog and a wild monkey and a rase car.

Love, Dakota Dear Santa,
I wood like a DS. And I wood like a Hana Montana doll. And I wood like a didi. I wood like bendroos. I like a kitten and a horse. I wood like a bike. I wood like a Wii. I want Mrs. Greseth as my mom and a pool.

Love, Alexandria Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year and one thing I really whant for Christmas is a new overhead for my very, very pretty teacher Mrs. Greseth and I made cookies for you.

Love, Josh

Mrs. Albers
Dear Santa,
Hi, I would like a toy car 50 feet high. I want a cell phone. I want a PSP. Whant a really cool teacher next year and a game cube.

Love, Ryan Dear Santa,
I want a x box and a dirt bike. The color is black and blue. And a ipod. And a four wheeler. And a humer. And some guys and a little t-rex.

Love, Armando Dear Santa,
I want from you a Nintendo DS, a game boy one black one white. I want lots of clothes like long sleeve shirts and long and confy pants to where. Please I want very soft and confy PJs. I want everything in the world.

Love, Jayda Dear Santa,
I want a idog, a ipod, a psp, Ds, a bike to and Hannah montana and I want it to snow.

Love, Icelia Dear Santa,
I want a ipod and DS and baby doll and a toy dog and a doll and a scoder and a bike and a game and a PSP and a Hannah Montana game.

Love, Jasmine Dear Santa,
I would like a PSP and a game for my gameboy. And I whant a iPod and a dog that has a code. And I want a forwiler, jewelry and a good life and good grades. A dog that you wash with a tub and a dog that has a keychain and make up.

Love, Paislea Dear Santa,
I want make up for Christmas and a Ipod for Crismas and I want you to tell your elf thanks for the make up and Ipod Happy Crismas Santa.

Love, Mariah Dear Santa,
I wont speed racer the video game and speed racer sky jump for Christmas and a laptop.

Love, Chris Dear Santa,
I want a yoyo and I wnat a PSP. I want a MP3 player. I want a whoppicushin. I want a ball. I want a Ipod. I want a gift card. I want a dog. I want a fish. I want a computer.

Love, Andy Dear Santa,
I want a PSP and I want my DS.

Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
I want a Ipod for Christmas. I wnat to talk to the reindeer and pet and a Ds and a game boy. I want a gift card and a female dog.

Love, Cheyenne

Mrs. Entry
Dear Santa,
I have a few questions to ask you Santa. In your sled, do you have a hot cocoa machine. How small are the elves. How far away do you live from the North Pole. Do you live in a mansion. Does Mrs. Claus cook for the elves.

Love, Gage Dear Santa,
I want a DS and DS game called Diamond Pearl and two dakes of Pokemon cards. I want a PSP and a bicycle. I want a Wii and a fake WWE Champion and a computer and Miami Hurricane hat.

Love, Jose Dear Santa,
How are your elves doing. I like your elves and how is your brother doing? Don't let your elves hurt your machine. I want a DS and a Wii and the game super smash brothers and Pokemon cards.

Love, Sterling

Dear Santa,
I would like a DS wiht the game Sim City Crearor for my DS and a skate bored and I want it to be black with skulls on it and Dogz2 for my DS please and a Razor Scooter.

Love, Jordyn Dear Santa,
I wish I mete one of your elves and How are your reindeers. One day I want to go to the north pole. And you are machineing evrey day. I wander how will it be if I was live with snow and you.

Love, Yasmin Dear Santa,
So, how are you? How are your reindeers? Are they been good? Are the elves doing good work? Is Mrs. Claus doing good? What is your favorite elf and reindeer. My favorite reindeer is Comit. When is your birthday and when was you born.

Love, Charlie Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer and your elves and how is Mrs. Claus and how are your hard workers that makes toys and How is your sled Santa. Is it a old sled. How is your workers that makes the toys and other toys that are girl toys.

Love, Colby

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Merry Christmas

Season Greetings from the Raulerson Hospital won the Most Creative holiday card in the Okeechobee High School Band Holiday Stroll in the Park with their Rocking Horse card.



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Season's Greetings

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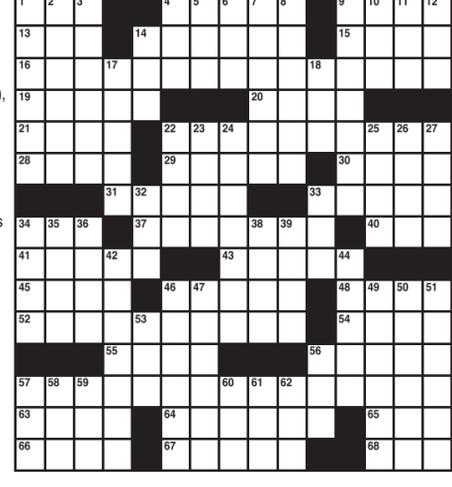
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Friend of Sarkozy
 - 4 Contents meas.
 - 9 Deli option
 - 13 Start to stop?
 - 14 First name in R&B
 - 15 Actor Bana
 - 16 GP due for a whopping hangover?
 - 19 Lively dances
 - 20 "Since ___ You Baby": 1956 hit
 - 21 Service designation
 - 22 The flash in flashy jewelry?
 - 28 Sheboygan's st.
 - 29 Church areas
 - 30 Taro Festival site
 - 31 Liszt's forte
 - 33 Construction area sign
 - 34 Check out
 - 37 Gang of bakery thieves?
 - 40 Through
 - 41 Unacceptable
 - 43 Sluggish
 - 45 Comet co-discoverer Hale
 - 46 Abounds
 - 48 Rattles on
 - 52 Wardrobe for Stallone playing a transvestite?
 - 54 Squib
 - 55 Pushes (through), as a Senate bill
 - 56 Foreword
 - 57 Prankster's item, and this puzzle's theme
 - 63 Since
 - 64 Following a doc's orders, in a way
 - 65 Lincoln center?
 - 66 Rush
 - 67 Junctions
 - 68 Olympus OM-2, briefly
- DOWN**
- 1 "You bet!"
 - 2 Capital of the Comoros
 - 3 Habituates
 - 4 "An auld knave's bairn"; Scottish proverb
 - 5 Drop the ball, say
 - 6 Small songbird
 - 7 Lei bringer, perhaps
 - 8 Backup band said to be named for a car
 - 9 Four, often
 - 10 Sub ending
 - 11 Zip
 - 12 Adept
 - 14 Work. workers
 - 17 W.E.B. Du Bois was among its founders
 - 18 ___ Hai: Israeli monument site
 - 22 ___ B'rith
 - 23 Swimmer's place
 - 24 Ticked notes
 - 25 Jenny Field's son
 - 26 Whopping
 - 27 Stratrum
 - 32 Financial pg. debut
 - 33 Dept. head
 - 34 Headwinds may affect them, briefly
 - 35 Elided pronoun
 - 36 PayPal parent company
 - 38 "I've Got the Music ___": 1974 hit
 - 39 Cape
 - 42 Ready to tap
 - 44 Evening
 - 46 Beats
 - 47 Supposed inhabitant of ancient Qumran
 - 49 Top-level projects?
 - 50 Gist
 - 51 One may be seen just outside a large office building
 - 53 Pan
 - 56 HMO concern
 - 57 Touch
 - 58 Equi- cousin
 - 59 Roman sun god
 - 60 14-Down org.
 - 61 Dreamer's acronym
 - 62 Pleasure seekers?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Local school children write letters to Santa Claus

The following letters to Santa were written by South Elementary School second graders. The letters are reprinted just as the students wrote them. For more letters, see the Wednesday edition of the Okeechobee News.

Dear Santa and Elves,

I am very excited for Christmas. I have been a very good girl this year. I really want a skatbord, ipod, and a barby cruse I also want some play horses because I saw those on tv and I really want them cause I need a lot more toys to play with. And I really hope your elvs can make those wonderful toys to play with. And I also want a lab top because so I can take it on a trip that I do evry year. I have been beging my mom but it is to much money. And that way I can share with my sister and we will love that present. And I need more pants. And some more shrts. I really hope you and your elvs have a wonderful crismas eve this year and miss clus. How oid is she? And how oid are you?

Your friend,

Abigail

Dear santa and elves,

I am very excited for Christmas. I have been a good girl this year. I want rock band and wii with games and every thing from walmart. How is rought. How is your elves good or bad. Can I have lab top for Christmas. Because I love them. You can go on lin to Disney and I can www. Funschool .com . please. One more thing can I go with you to the north pole with you.

Your friend,

Adriana

dear santa

what I what for chrstmas a lego starwars walking gunship. I have ben a good boy. **Your friend,** angel

dear santa, I am excited for Christmas. I have been a very good boy/ this year. I what moster truck and a xbox360. and a play stashen 3 and a game cube. And a moncontroll car and a walki talki. And a base ball bat. And a moncontroll airplane

year friend anselmo

Dear sant claus

can I have some things for crismas I hope youn can . I don't want to be on the noty list so if you give me some presents so I want a toy pendbear and a toy bird a toy mouse and a toy turtle and real puppy for crismas and makeup and a toy giraffe and a toy cat I dresevnts. These things beicus I bin a good child the hole desember.

Your frend

Ashley travieso.

Dear Santa Claus

and reindeer I'm excited about Christmas eve . are you? I what a razar for Christmas.and a lot of wedkinds and a Ds for Christmas are you a guitarhero?

Truly your,love,

Aubrie.

Dear Santa

I want a big box to play in. I want some new shoes.I want a Electric guitar. How do you get into a house if it don't have a chimney.What do your reindeer eat? How are you doing this year. Commit is my favrit reindeer of all.

from

austyn scruggs

Dear santa,

I want to get a toy car,a train that is blue,and a new toy train and more.

I deserve this because I like to help.

I alwas believe you every desember,

Yours truly,

ayan

Dear Sant clus

how is it at the wrok shop with the elfs? How do you ger aroud the world? Hers four thing I wont is laptop psp nitendow wii.cus it is fun on the laptopand wii and Psp. Heres one anther thing it is a ribesite.

From Bradly kirk

DEAR, SANTA,
HO HO HO SANTA I want PSP,A X BOX 360
PLAY SAIN,1,000\$
PLASE BECAUSE I HEIP PEOPLE
AND MY TECHER
YOUR ,FRIED,
BRYAN

DEAR SANT,

MY NAME IS CAMBL PLATT. I AM SEVEN YEARS OLD.I LIKE TO PLAY WITH MY DOGS.
I WOULD LIKE A FORWEL-ERE AND A IPOD. I WOULD LIKE A XBOX 360.

YOURS TROULY
CAMBELL PLATT,

Dear Santa Caus,

Can I have D-Rex Becausea and a new Hulk toy, and a new Poke-man game,and new Pokemmon cards and a new Dinotoy and a green Dis and a Spongebob toy and a toy truck and a Pet Hamter. I Deserve this Because I am a very good boy.

Your friend Chase

Dear sata

I am very exided for crismes I been a very good boy this yery and I hope iget resits this yere cuse the thags on the list thos are the thags I wont the best but the thang iwont the best is the pug and that is the thang I wont the best

yore fred chase

Dear santaclaus,

I want alotofstarwars and diosaurs and d-rex andtrunstrer wall For chrismasyourfrend chris p.s I deserve because I am a good boy.

chris

Dera santa

i been a boy I wate a 100,000 and 4 will scooter and 3 will scooter and bran now dert bick give my mom a goid neckiace .

Cutler

Dear sant,

I have been a good boy . I whnt a labtop cus I b e c u s my unkl don't have a labtop so I wont brak it.

Your friend,

De'Nitrik

Dear Santa claus,

How do you make it around the whole world in one night? What are all the reindeers name? This is one thing I would like for Christmas is a Wii because you get to move

and play at the same time. How is it in the North Pole? What is it like in the toy shop with all the Elfs?

Yours truly,Dylan Smith
Dear santa,
I wish I had a psp and a drume sate and a folwetre and a pete dog and a ds and a miker and a phoe.

Your friend,

Dillon Hill

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is diamond. I love you Santa Claus. You are my favorite person in the hold wide world. I love you Santa Claus and I love your Elf's too. I am so excited to get presents. I love Christmas. I wish it was already Christmas and I love that you geve evrebody: I am so excited!

Love, Diamond To: Santa Claus

Dear santa

I what a comput and a starwar jeiej lesns

And a bkengn
Brig my wii the ead

David

Dear Santa claus,

Ive always wanted guithero for my d.s.
I wanted to visit you but I always fall asleep.

I.m making suger cookies for you but for the reindeers I am leaving one carrit out.

I also want a webkin they are stuff annamals .you can feed them and dress them.

How many elfs do you have . I can,t wait till chistmas

Love Danielle,

Dear santa

I was good all year and I want a ipod and a labtop.i want a lab-top so I can go and get songs for my ipod. I want a ipod so I can hear songs and I wont get bord. It is fun when you get a present on Christmas .

From daniel .

Dear Santa claus .

My name is Wilnyha Jones and I I love christmas . I am excited for chrismas. Thank you for giving me presents like a dollhouse and a x box 3 60.

to santa claus from wilnyha

Dear santa

I want tow Hannah montan house s and some make up and shoe s and stuft annal s and a gameboy and moon sand and brbie s and playshoe s and a cheer-leading outfit and a pet hamstr and a bell from your slay and I want to ask you something how si roudodf doing.

Taylor

Dear,santa, and elfs,

I am having a great year. Are you having a great year? Do you have kids? How is your best elf? Are you going to give me a Brats doll? I whant ten of them. Can you get me them? The resen why I whant one is becaou they will not be saleing them after crismis. Becaus the man that made brats he was working for the Barbie compney and they fond out that he was saleing them and took hem to cort. And I rely want one. I have ben trying to clect them. So please can you get me ten of them? I rely like them a lot. And if I don't get one I'll frec out becaous I love them a lot so please get me ten.

Your friend, Sydney

Dear Santa,

I want for chismas is d-rex a mew toy three ds games one game is spore creatures the other one is petz dogs pack the last one is drawn to life spong bob.

From, Stormy

Dear SantaClaus

How are you
How are the reindeer
How is the workshop
How are the elfs
I love Christmas
Are you having fun
I now i am

Yours turey Shelby Warren

Dear santa claus ,

I want 10 million dollors for my family ,a beautiful doll , a big Enormous house ,and a journal. I deserve this stuff because I realy am

A good nice girl
Yours truly,
Sarika chauhan

Dear santa,

I wut bicycle, toys, shous, closes,labotop, swing, howes, doll .

Juliett Navarro-Nieto

Dear santa,

I am very excited for Christmas I am a very good boy this year.i want a lot of good present this year.i like to play with my toys.i hope you like the cookie that we made.

Your friend rick.

Dear Santa

I have been a good girl this year. Can I please have a Palimiino pony,chiwwia puppy and I really want my family to have the best Christmas ever! I am very excited for Christmas.thank you so much for every thing.How are you doing this year. I really love you.

Your friend Meghan faith kuschel

Dear Santa,

I belive that you can give lot's of children a good chistmas. I hope that you you come to our house the Rodriguez family we been good .I want the best Christmas ever.How are the raindeer doing/I want lot's of presint's.

Love,

Marisol

Dear santa claus,

I want my old dog back . I want a mp3player. A new tv. A toy dolhin . A toy unicorn. I want to singing barbies . two mittens . a Hannah Montana chapter book . why because I am a good girl .

your friend ,maria medrano

Diana rios .

Dear Sanata

For Crisitmis I want DS and I want it red. I and my mom wants a new pare shoes I want them blue my mom wants them pink. I want to ask you a

Question how many elfs do you got.

Luis Rivera

Dear dad,

I no you are a good dad I love you did you give me a laser I deserve because im a good boy.

your son rocky

Dear parents

I know wut I wut for chistmas army fo two and a ds and a game for the ds.

Kenny son keegan

Dear santa

How is it at the toy shop with all of the elfs? I hope misses clous is doing well.Are you? I hope you are.Now I am going to tell you some things Iwant for Christmas. I would

Like some baderys for my mp3 player a stocking some glitter pins a lunch box and

Makers.

Yours truly kari ditcher.

dear st,nick,

for chistmas I want a spa.i want a new tv.i want new dog.i deserve presenet because I been good.

Your friend

kalyn

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Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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7	1	2	7	4	8	1	4	6	3	5
6	5	8	6	3	7	9	1	2	4	2
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OHS Girls' soccer falls at home



By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Chelsea Barkley scored the only goal of the game with 30 minutes left in the game as Port St. Lucie High School defeated Okeechobee High School in soccer, 1-0, Wednesday night.

Okeechobee couldn't get a lot of shots on net against the quick Jaguar defense. Emily Raulerson had their best chance with 21 minutes left in the game but her shot went wide.

Kailey Skinner saved four shots for Port St. Lucie, (4-10). Megan Clements had another strong game in net for Okeechobee with double digits in saves.

Jaguar Coach Joseph Scott III said his team has four freshmen and one sophomore in the starting lineup. He said his team has shown progress throughout the year. "We played as a team for the whole game. All year long we've

played either a good first half or a good second half. Tonight we played both halves as a team."

Port St. Lucie had over 10 shots on goal but many of them missed the net. Clements was there to

kick or swat away most of the shots and kept Okeechobee in the match.

Scott said his team has a bright future. He noted they hustled hard to prevent Okeechobee from getting scoring opportunities.

"I had nothing to do with this tonight. The girls played, and they played very well," he added.

The JV Brahmans defeated PSL 4-0.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Emily Raulerson of Port St. Lucie battles with Okeechobee's Rachel Fairchild during Wednesday's match.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Nicky Ingram of Okeechobee, #9 battles with Sara Brunsting of Port St. Lucie during Wednesday's match.

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Girl's hoops defeat Forest Hill

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee High School Girls Basketball team celebrated a state ranking with a 43-32 victory over Forest Hill on Thursday night.

Okeechobee is ranked 10th in the Class 4A poll. It is the first time Okeechobee has been ranked in many seasons. It's been so long, no one could actually remember the last time Okeechobee was ranked.

Coach Tony Sherlock said the girls might have started to let the accolades go to their heads as they turned in a subpar effort against the Lady Falcons, (2-9).

"We kind of played to their level. We should have beaten them handily," he said.

Okeechobee had three players in double figures as Dorothy Burkhardt, Jewel Buck and Markeisha Youmans all had 10 points. Buck pulled down nine rebounds and Youmans had six

steals on defense. Monica Koger chipped in with seven points.

Forest Hill was led by Shanovia Smith who had 11 points. Valerie Day added nine points.

Okeechobee led 14-8 after the first quarter and 26-16 at the half. Forest Hill cut the lead to 31-29 after three quarters.

"The game was close for three quarters but we pulled away in the final quarter and didn't allow them to score a field goal," Sherlock noted.

Okeechobee outscored the Falcons 12-3 in the final eight minutes.

"Forest Hill is improved a little bit, but we have to play better than that," he said.

Okeechobee is off now for the Christmas break. They will host Moore Haven on January 5th.

The Okeechobee JV blasted Forest Hill.

OHS Bowling Team finish impressive season

The Okeechobee High School boys bowling team finished their season with a 8-8 record. It was an impressive season considering there weren't any returning starters from the 2007/2008 team.

What made the year more successful was this year's team was competitive in every match and won at least one game in all but two matches.

A few breaks here and there and it easily could've been a 12-3 season. With everyone returning next year the expectations will be high. This year was truly a group effort as you will see by the awards that were given to the team.

The Brahman Award and Coaches Award was given to

Mathew Payne. Mathew kept the team motivated and never gave up in any of his matches.

The MVP went to Chris Spruill. Christ maintained the highest average on the team throughout the year.

Adrian Banda received the Best All-Around Award. Adrian had the highest series and the highest game.

Noe Arroyo and Ricardo Herrera received the Most Improved Award. These two players worked really hard throughout the year and both fought their way into the starting line-up by the end of the season.

Now for the girls...

The Okeechobee Girls bowling team finished their season

with a 7-9 record. The girls team was also in a rebuilding year with only three returning players and only one starter.

The year was a good year and a learning year. We did not lose any players this year so we look forward to the coming year.

This year at the awards banquet Danielle Racine received the Brahman Award, usually awarded to the team captain, Brittany Herndon the MVP Award, she usually kept us in the matches with her great scores.

Reba Spiess had the Best All-Around Award, and the two Most Improved Awards went to Britany Haggard, a three year player and Amanda Rathbun a rookie player who came out this year

and started 90% of the games.

Rounding out the awards was Britany Herndon who picked up the Coach's Award for winning the player of the match the most times.



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Steppers

Chaka Smith poses with members of the Yearling Middle School steppers who entertain during basketball games. They are under the direction of Pat Grant.

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