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Briefs

Raulerson Hospital presents "Ladies Health Day"

On Jan. 20, from noon until 1 p.m., a "Ladies Health Day" luncheon will take place at Indian River State College in the Raulerson Hospital Auditorium. The Raulerson Hospital Auditorium is located in the new Williamson Conference and Education Center at 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue at IRSC. The guest Raulerson Hospital staff physicians will be James Bradford M.D., Board Certified Gynecologist, Albert Bravo M.D., Board Certified Gastroenterologist and Internal Medicine, and Philip Moyer M.D., board Certified General/Vascular Surgeon and Diplomate American Board of General Surgery. Reservations are required. Please R.S.V.P. to Bill Casian at 863-824 2702. Only 100 seats are available for this event.

Inauguration Day event planned

The Okeechobee Executive Committee of the Democrat Party invites everyone to attend a free Inauguration luncheon. There will be a large screen television to watch the ceremonies of the historic swearing in of Barack Obama. The luncheon will be Tuesday, Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. Fifth Avenue.

Public workshop on recreation

A public workshop for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Needs Assessment will be held Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Okeechobee Civic Center on Highway 98 at 7 p.m. All public input would be appreciated.

Drought Index

Current: 653
Source: Florida Division of Forestry
Local Burn Ban: None

Lake Levels

13.71 feet
Last Year: 10.06 feet



Source: South Florida Water Management District. Depth given in feet above sea level

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FDLE helps track sex offenders

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) has started a Web site that could prove to be one of the most important sites a parent could ever visit -- even if used for nothing more than peace of mind.

Parents, or anyone for that matter, can go to www.fdle.state.fl.us to register and receive notification via e-mail that a registered sexual offender has moved into their neighborhood.

"Citizens can be alerted when

an offender moves into their community, near their child's school or any area where they have a concern," said Trena Reddick, an FDLE public information officer in Tampa. "It's a great way to monitor who is moving into the community."

The notification service, which was launched about eight months ago, is free and open to anyone. All you have to do is go to the FDLE web site and follow the prompts to register. There is no limit on how many e-mail addresses you can enter.

A subscriber will receive an

alert whenever a registered offender moves within a 5-mile radius of a specified address. This means a subscriber could enter the address of their home, their children's school or a playground frequented by children.

The alert will include the offender's name, date of birth, address and photo.

Although not currently operational, the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) is working on their web site which will also provide a link to the FDLE site.

Michele Bell, of the OCSO

sex offender unit, said as of Wednesday, Jan. 14, there were 90 registered sexual offenders in Okeechobee County. Mrs. Bell said 82 of them are listed as offenders, while eight are listed as predators.

According to the FDLE web site, there are several criteria that must be met for a person to be designated as a sexual predator, which includes: a conviction for a qualifying and capital, life or first-degree felony sex offense committed on or after Oct. 1, 1993; a conviction for any felony violation or attempt thereof for

a qualifying offense committed after Oct. 1, 1993, in addition to a prior conviction for any felony violation or attempt thereof for a qualifying offense; and, a written court finding designating the individual as a sexual predator.

Also, also as of July 1, 2004, if anyone is civilly committed under the Florida Jimmy Ryce Sexually Violent Predator Act they must register as a sexual predator whether they meet the aforementioned criteria or not.

On Sept. 11, 1995, Jimmy See Offenders — Page 2

Stardust Lanes: Now a 'family fun' center



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy

Robert and Glenda Petz are the new owners of Stardust Lanes.

Bowling alley has 'new' owners

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

The sounds of falling bowling pins and video arcades will stay in Okeechobee.

New owners have purchased Stardust Lanes, Okeechobee's only bowling center, and they have high hopes for the future. New is a relative term as one of the owners has long ties to the community and has a familiar name in the bowling business in Okeechobee.

"We did it for the people because we want them to have something," owner Glenda Petz said.

She and her husband, Robert Petz, took over the bowling center on Jan. 9.

Petz and his family have been involved with the bowling center since January, 1988. His family sold the property in June, 2002. The facility has had two owners since then.

Petz still lived in Okeecho-

bee and bowled here each week. He noted he never lost the love he felt for the bowling business.

"I told Bobby we need to really work hard on this. We don't want league bowlers to have to drive out of town to bowl," Glenda added.

Bobby expects to bring back some of the more popular programs he had in place when his family operated the facility. That includes a large arcade with redemption games for kids, a program for kids, a full bar on the concourse and a snack bar.

Kids can earn tickets with these arcade games and redeem them for prizes like toys, novelties, candy and other things that interest kids.

The Youth American Bowling Alliance will be brought back as well. They will create leagues for children. The couple expects this will encourage some young kids to bowl.

Glenda said she and her husband love bowling and love the community. She noted they wanted to do something for the people. "We can't let these people down," she said.

Glenda said she expects it will take a lot of work to get the bowling center back to its glory days. She noted the reaction she has received has been very positive so far.

"For most people this is the best thing in the world that could happen. They know we are doing it for them so they are going out of their way to help us," she noted.

The 24 lanes are in good shape and were very well maintained. There was no disruption in service. The entire staff of 10 employees was retained by the new owners.

"They all are very happy, and seem to be really on board

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Don't let crimes go unreported

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

Area investigators are asking citizens for one simple favor -- call them if you are a victim of a crime.

"We have a lack of reporting among the citizens," said Detective Sergeant Brad Stark of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO). "A lot of crimes, especially among the migrant community, are not being reported."

He pointed out that many times area citizens are victims of robberies, burglaries and crimes against person but, for

whatever reason, they choose not to tell law enforcement. And, Sgt. Stark continued, if an area is being targeted by criminals, law enforcement doesn't know there's a problem there if no one files a report.

Many times, added the concerned detective, members of the migrant community won't report crimes against them because if they are here illegally they feel they could jeopardize their chance at becoming a U.S. citizen here.

"Still," he continued, "they

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Community to honor Dr. King

By Pete Gawda

Okeechobee News
"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." - Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail, 1963.

Residents of Okeechobee will be using various means today and tomorrow to honor the legacy and memory of clergyman, civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King, who was killed April 4, 1968, would have been 80 on

Jan. 15. In 1983 the Monday following his birthday was made a national holiday. This year the holiday falls on Jan. 19. However, the celebration began early in Okeechobee with a banquet last night.

The celebration will continue this evening. First Missionary Baptist Church, 906 N.W. 9th Ave., is hosting a memorial program at 6 p.m. honoring Dr. King with the theme "Breaking Barriers." The program will

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Teachers nominated for annual award

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee County Teacher of the Year selection process has begun and the following is the second of four articles with additional details of a couple of the Teachers of the Year from each school in district. Each issue will showcase additional candidates for the District Teacher of the Year honor.

Jeremy Goff was chosen as

Central Elementary School's Teacher of the Year. Mr. Goff graduated from Indiana State University with his bachelors degree in Elementary Education with a minor in reading.

He has been with the Okeechobee County School system for seven years and has held his current position as a fourth grade teacher for six years.

Mr. Goff has a unique classroom where he co-teaches, which means that half of his

student have been identified as ESE.

"Teaching in this environment has allowed me the opportunity to attend various workshops on how to help students who have learning disabilities and emotional disabilities," explained Mr. Goff. His principal has asked them to go and help other teaching pairs and offer them advice and tips on how to be successful in

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Jeremy Goff



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this type of program. Mr. Goff is also the technology coordinator at his school and provides most of the computer training for the faculty. He also works in professional development by being involved in the teacher mentoring program. To help his students and others within the school he tutors students in reading or math for the FCAT practice. Mr. Goff utilizes programs such as SuccessMaker with his daily reading lessons. This pro-

gram is computer based and asks the students questions based on what they read. His philosophy of teaching is complex, according to Mr. Goff, he believes that parents will be the most important teacher in a child's life. He also goes on to explain that he believes that all children need to be shown love, but also need to be shown discipline and boundaries. "All children are capable of learning, just not at the same level or rate. Some children can grasp concepts very easily, while others struggle and take longer to understand," stated Mr. Goff. Mr. Goff serves on many committees at CES to continue to try to make it the best that it can be. He

goes above and beyond to help any of his teaching peers with any of their questions or needs and makes himself available for his student's parents by attending P.T.O. meetings and other events at CES. The Teacher of the Year candidate for Everglades Elementary School is Amy Hyde. Ms. Hyde graduated from Mary Baldwin College in Virginia with her bachelor's degree in sociology with minors in Asian studies and political science. She also went on to receive her masters in public administration from the Virginia Commonwealth University. She has worked at EES for four years, two as a fourth grade

teacher and two as her current position teaching kindergarten. Ms. Hyde believes that "learning begins in the heart, not the head. If a student is to be modeled into a scholar, his/her spirit must be reached. Through his/her heart, we can reach the mind." She also continues that teachers instill in students the enjoyment that comes from learning which she demonstrates daily in her primarily kinesthetic teaching approach which allows her students to feel the satisfaction of learning new material through the use of engaging material in all subject areas. Ms. Hyde chose to take a different approach to community involvement which has greatly affected her view of students in her classroom. She volunteered

500 hours with the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office by working hands on with the office staff and officers on patrol. Every evening after school, Ms. Hyde would volunteer until 10 p.m. at the OCSO. During some of the ride-alongs with officers on patrol she was witness to some intense moments. Her experiences though volunteering led her to have more compassion in the classroom. "We do not always know the world our students come from. At such young ages, they are sometimes unkempt, uncared for and neglected. These children need our understanding, as well as our knowledge," explained Ms. Hyde. She strives to adopt old knowledge and blend it with new methods to continue to foster the growth and

adaptation of her students and Okeechobee as a whole. In addition she also has volunteered her time to tutor students in her own time whenever needed throughout her years at EES. The Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Tuesday, Feb. 10, board meeting at the Okeechobee School Board room at 6 p.m. In the coming issues the Okeechobee News will showcase each candidate for the Okeechobee District Teacher of the Year prior to the announcement of the District winner on Tuesday, Feb. 10. Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Chauna Aguilar can be reached at caguilar@newszap.com.

Offenders

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Ryce was abducted after getting off his school bus in the Redlands, an area south of Miami. After a three-month search by multiple state and federal agencies, the boy's backpack was found in a trailer occupied by Juan Carlos Chavez. Chavez led authorities to the boy's dismembered body. Florida legislators passed the Jimmy Ryce Act on May 1, 1998. The act directed the head of the Department of Children and Families to create a multidisciplinary team that will determine whether an inmate is a sexually violent

predator. The act also keeps sexual predators in custody even after their sentences are completed, if they are found to still be a danger to the community. While sitting on Florida's death row, Chavez appealed his conviction but on March 8, 2007, a judge denied him a new trial or a new sentencing hearing. The Jimmy Ryce act differs from the Jessica Lunsford Act in that the latter requires tighter restrictions on sex offenders, such as wearing electronic tracking devices, and increased prison terms for some convicted sex offenders. Jessica Lunsford was 9 years old when she was abducted from

her Homossassa home, raped and then murdered by John Couey. Couey, then 47, was already a convicted sexual offender when he was sentenced to death on Aug. 24, 2007. He also received three consecutive life sentences. Information on sexual predators or offenders convicted of certain crimes after Oct. 1, 1993, is available to the public on the FDLE web site <http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>. Locally, information on registered sexual offenders is available to the public by contacting either Michele Bell or Connie Curry at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office, 863-763-3117.

Crimes

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have an equal right to due process of the law." Another OCSO detective, Ted Van Deman, said often times members of the migrant community will carry a lot of cash on their person because they can't use a bank since they are unable to obtain any type of identification. "And, they are (then) targets due to their lack of reporting," he said. This is not just a problem in Okeechobee, it's a problem throughout the state. Sgt. Stark said he has talked with other agencies that are having the same problems with the migrant community. To illustrate their point, both Sgt. Stark and Detective Van De-

man alluded to the recent arrests of two local juveniles for their alleged connections in some home and car burglaries. Tyler Randall Watford, 17, and Josue Ayala, 16, were both arrested by Sgt. Stark this week. Watford was arrested Monday, Jan. 12, on charges of grand theft (two counts), burglary of an occupied dwelling and burglary of a conveyance. Ayala was arrested the following day on charges of grand theft and burglary of an occupied dwelling. Both teens were booked into the Okeechobee County Jail, then taken to the Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Center in Fort Pierce. The two OCSO detectives said after that story ran in the Okeechobee News they have received several phone calls from people who had not reported that

they, too, had been victims. "Right now, we're not going to add any additional charges," said Detective Van Deman. "But, these people (new victims) will be added to the restitution list." If you are the victim of a crime, and live in the county, simply contact the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office at 863-763-5521 and a deputy will respond and take the initial report. From there, the report will go to that department's Criminal Investigations Division. If you live inside the city limits, call the Okeechobee City Police Department at 863-763-5512 and the same process will be followed. "We urge all individuals to report crimes so they can be investigated," said Sgt. Stark. "We need the information, no matter how insignificant it seems to the victim."

Bowling

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with this," she noted. "Were having a staff meeting to boost their morale." Glenda said this will no longer be a bowling alley it will be a family fun center. "There is a huge difference," she said. "You have music and drinks for the adults, and games for the kids. There is something for everybody. We did this for families, to create something that an entire family can do

together." The snack bar will have basic foods like hamburgers, French fries, and soft drinks. The bowling center will have an adult game room in a couple of months. Some smaller changes will be made. Hours will change to accommodate winter visitors and families. They will have special birthday packages, moonlight bowling on Saturday nights, and glow bowling on Friday that includes bowling, juke box music and strobe light shows. "They took away some pop-

ular things in the past. Some people were very disappointed when that happened. I think this will make a lot of parents happy because there is something for all ages. You must have something for every generation to enjoy," she said. "We're really excited to make it work and to make it successful. You can only do that by having happy customers," she noted. The new owners will also renovate where needed and make other improvements to the building.

Dr. King

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feature several speakers offering reflections about Dr. King as well as songs by the choirs of First Missionary Baptist Church and New St. Stephen A.M.E. Church and performances by the Chobee Stealers and POP Steppers and a candle ceremony.

Tomorrow, the official holiday, the celebration will begin with a 9 a.m. march from Douglas Brown Community Center, 726 N.W. 16th Ave., to Flagler Park. In the past this march has included many young people carrying posters honoring Dr. King. The march will be followed by a parade through the downtown area beginning at 10. Participants will then go to Douglas Brown Community Center for speakers, praise dancing,

stepping, skits, food and music. The event is sponsored by the Okeechobee County Improvement Association and is open to everyone. For more information contact President George Roberson, 863-610-0973, Vice President Bertha Boswell, 863-763-4823 or Secretary Rita Doss-Jones at 772-380-3518 or 863-467-0597. Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com. Reporter Pete Gawda can be reached at pgawda@newszap.com.

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PSL man charged in vehicle burglaries

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A Port St. Lucie man is facing multiple felony charges in connection with a series of vehicle burglaries in both the city and county on Thursday, Jan. 15.

Orlando Donovan Fontenette, 42, Sandria Drive, has been booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a total bond of \$42,000.

In the city, Fontenette has been charged with four counts of burglary of a conveyance, four counts of grand theft and one count of criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. In the county, he has been charged with the felonies of burglary of a conveyance and dealing in stolen property. He was also charged with the misdemeanors of petit theft and criminal mischief.

"He's a career criminal," said Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) Detective Bryan Lowe of Fontenette.

According to OCSO Detective Ted Van Deman, when Fontenette was arrested Thursday afternoon by OCSO Deputy Paul Jackson he was found to be in possession of "a window breaking device." Also, in the front seat beside him, was a purse that was reportedly identified by a victim as hers, added the detective.

Detective Van Deman said Fontenette, who is originally

from Louisiana, does not have a Florida driver's license. He was identified by a Florida identification card he was carrying.

Detective Lowe said at the time of his arrest, Fontenette also had approximately \$1,500 in cash on his person. He apparently used an ATM card that was in another victim's purse, said the detective.

"The victim had their PIN number attached to the back of the ATM card," Detective Lowe explained.

Fontenette was arrested by Deputy Jackson shortly after leaving the Beall's Outlet Store on U.S. 441 S. While he was being detained, a victim was summoned to the scene and identified her yellow purse in the front seat of the silver Volvo being driven by Fontenette, stated Deputy Jackson's arrest report.

The deputy's report also stated that there were two empty purses in the backseat.

In an arrest report by Officer Chad Troutman of the Okeechobee City Police Department (OCPD) Fontenette reportedly took a Toshiba laptop computer from an unlocked car parked behind a business on S.W. Second



Orlando D. Fontenette

Ave.

Officer Troutman stated in his report that the computer was also found in the front seat of Fontenette's four-door Volvo.

OCPD Officer Justin Bernst, who charged Fontenette in a second vehicle burglary, said another woman's vehicle was burglarized while it was parked at her place of employment on S.W. 16th St. The driver's side window was broken out and a purse valued at \$400 was taken, as well as the victim's driver's license, Social Security card, a debit card and a credit card, stated his report.

Fontenette was also charged in two alleged vehicle burglaries by OCPD Officer Belen Reyna. In one of those cases the Port St. Lucie man is charged with taking a \$250 purse that contained \$275 in cash from an unlocked car, stated the officer's arrest report. The victim also reported that two credit cards and two checkbooks were also in her purse, added the report.

In yet another case, Officer Reyna states in his report that the driver's side window of the victim's vehicle had been broken out and a \$400 purse was taken. The purse contained Social Security cards, medical cards and a coach purse containing \$80 in cash, the report continued. Also in the purse was \$1,330 in cash that was the victim's house and car payment, stated Officer Reyna.

Following Fontenette's arrest, the victim was contacted and identified the empty purse as the one stolen from her vehicle, the report stated.

Detective Van Deman said there were eight reported vehicle burglaries in the county Thurs-

day and that Fontenette is only charged with one of them.

"There's no reason to believe he's connected to those burglaries at this time," said Detective Van Deman. "We have no way to link him to those burglaries. But, we're still following leads."

Fontenette had apparently emptied the purses, but kept the purses and cash, said Detective Lowe. Along with not having a driver's license, Fontenette also had no credit cards on him when he was arrested, Detective Lowe added.

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Nurse arrested on drug charge

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A registered nurse has been arrested and charged with taking morphine from Raulerson Hospital, where she worked.

Lisa Lynn Husted, 40, S.E. 18th Court, Okeechobee, was arrested Monday, Jan. 12, on a charge of possession/delivery of a controlled substance - morphine. She was booked into the

Okeechobee County Jail then released on her own recognizance after her first appearance hearing.

An arrest report by the Okeechobee Narcotics Task Force states that Husted took the



Lisa Lynn Husted

drug under the names of patients for whom she was providing care, and sometimes under the names of patients who were not under her care.

The report goes on to indicate that she would sometimes go to the hospital on her days off "... to access the dispensing machines ..."

Task force detectives had initially assigned Husted a \$5,000 bond per state guidelines.

Produce vendor accused of attempted bribery

By Eric Kopp
Okeechobee News

A produce vendor has been arrested for allegedly offering a code enforcement officer a bribe to allow him to keep selling alongside the road.

David Duane Tyson Jr., 26, N.W. Fourth Ave., was arrested Thursday, Jan. 15, on a felony charge of bribery of a public official. He was booked into the Okeechobee County Jail under a bond of \$5,000.

Records indicate that he has posted bond.

Tyson was arrested by Deputy Thomas Kitchen, of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), for allegedly offering to give the code enforcement \$100 so that he could keep his business open.



David Duane Tyson

In Deputy Kitchen's arrest report he states that Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Officer Timothy M. English told him on Jan. 10 that he had written Tyson a code citation for selling produce without a license. The fine, continued the report, was \$100.

Mr. English told the deputy that Tyson offered to give him \$100 to let him keep his business open.

The report goes on to state that Mr. English said he had given Tyson verbal warnings in the past.

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



Daisy Acevedo



Estavan Villegas-Urbina



Angie Borjas aka Steven-son



Wilbert Perez-Borja



Jason Hormuth

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-

portunity to receive a reward if the information results in an arrest.

Daisy Acevedo, 33, H/F, DOB: 8/22/1965, Unemployment Compensation Fraud.

Estavan Villegas-Urbina, 21, Robbery.

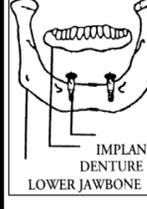
Angie Borjas aka Steven-

son, 29; DOB: 03/08/1979, Poss. of Methamphetamine, Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia.

Wilbert Perez-Borja, 25, H/M, Poss Cannabis more than 20 Grams; possession with intent to sell.

Jason Hormuth, 28, DOB: 02/27/1980, VOP - Dealing in stolen property.

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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place.

Thanks for participating! Okeechobee police department

SMASH AND GRAB: There were a sum of smash and grab car burglaries today in Okeechobee. Thanks to the City of Okeechobee Police Department, the culprits are already spending the night in the May's Inn. Way to go City Police!

LOCK YOUR CAR: That is the perfect example of why we should not be so complacent! I leave things in my car all the time that I have no business leaving there because we are in good ole Okeechobee. Just yesterday I left my laptop in my front seat while I ran into Publix. Boy do I feel dumb today! And very lucky!

VEHICLE BURGLARY & THEFT: I would like to thank the Okeechobee County Police Department and Okeechobee County Sheriff's Department for their due diligence in the apprehension of the person responsible for burglarizing and stealing from my vehicle and several others. If it had not been for the teamwork of these officers I might never have recovered my laptop and several other people would not have received their belongings back. Please learn from our experience and DO NOT leave valuables in your vehicle at any time. Our present economy along with other things going on in today's society brings out the worst in people. Don't fall victim to this. Be smart. Be safe. Protect your valuables.

BURGLARIES: The police have been telling us this for months. Lock your car every time. Don't even leave it unlocked when it is parked in front of your house. And don't leave any valuables in the car. If you have a camera, computer or packages and have to make another stop, lock everything in the trunk. Don't leave it in view of someone looking into the car windows. They can smash a car window pretty quickly, then you are out both the item taken and the cost of replacing the car window.

Who do you think will fill Mr. wherrell's spot?

QUALIFICATIONS: What qualities do you think a commissioner should have to be able to do the job? Education: It's about time we had some commissioners with a college degree. It may not be absolutely necessary, but an education does often make a difference. Ability to communicate: Both to express themselves and to comprehend what others are saying; Understanding of local government: Know how the system works, and how our county government relates to the city and to other government agencies, and how to get things accomplished; Common Sense: The wisdom and ability to understand the needs of the local citizens and to coordinate those needs with the needs of the county as a whole, with a vision to the future.

APPLICANTS: It's in the Wednesday paper that Steve Porter decided to withdraw his name from consideration. That is a shame. He was probably the most qualified candidate on the list. I do understand some people filed after Friday so they weren't on the list that was in the newspaper on Sunday. The governor's office stated they will continue to accept applications until the governor makes a decision to appoint someone.

EDUCATION: Education is most definitely a good attribute to have when applying for this position. It is about time we get at least ONE commissioner with a college degree!

COLLEGE: I know some people who are college educated and are dumb as a box of rocks. And I know people that are not so educated and know more than the educated ones. Being college educated doesn't impress me at all. I want someone who is going to do the right thing at the right time, and someone who won't rush to make a decision concerning my county.

Banning cell phones while driving

CELL PHONES: I completely agree with those who said it should be against the law to talk on a cell phone while driving. Five years ago, I was in a bad accident, in which it turned out the person who hit me was talking on the phone and just not paying attention. After several surgeries I am back on my feet, but my life is forever changed. When you are driving, 100 percent of your attention should be on driving.

HEADPHONES: From what I understand, in some places it is illegal to use headphones while driving. I am for banning anything that covers your ears, even if it is just one ear. You have to be able to hear what is going on around you. I think the only acceptable form of phone use would be a speaker phone built in to the car or some other way. I have a friend in California who uses one and its clear as day, and if he is on his phone outside the car and then gets in the car and turns the car on, the phone automatically switches - without disrupting the call, which is pretty cool.

RADIO: The radio would be as dangerous if you were having a two-way conversation with it ... some people do. When your mind needs to focus on other things while driving you tune the radio out. You do not have to think while listening to the radio like you do in a conversation. So there is little distraction from the radio playing.

DISTRACTION: If you think there is little distraction from a radio playing, then you haven't heard this guy that drives around town in that black truck. He has a set of speakers that will literally jar your guts if you are standing outside when he passes. Talk about shaken-baby syndrome. I would think his brains/guts are jelled from all the sonic blasts. Those should be illegal!

STATE LAW: There is a state law restricting the volume of automobile stereos. Any music audible 25 feet away or more is too loud, and the driver can be fined \$68.50. The pounding bass noise decreases driver's ability to hear pedestrians and other vehicles near them.

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Community Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 18

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 Savior, 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, Jan. 19

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, Jan. 20

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 Beginning's meeting of **Narcotics Anonymous** will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at Believers Fellowship Church, 300 S.W. Fifth Ave. It will be an open discussion meeting. For more information call Monika Allen at 863-801-3244.

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.

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

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.

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.

The **Camera Club** meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Learn types and uses of film; speeds and technology; and, how to see your world and capture it on film. Class is basic through extensive. Registration is \$20, and each class is \$10. Call Bobbi at 863-467-2614 for information. Some of the proceeds will go towards Big Lake Mission's Outreach.

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.

The **Okeechobee Lions Club** meets at 7 p.m. at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 700 S. Parrott Ave. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome. For information, contact Elder Sumner at 863-763-6076.

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.

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 Brenda Nicholson at 863-467-2321.

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 preschool 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.

Haven 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.

Letter to the Editor

Meals on Wheels appreciates help

I want to sincerely thank the Club Members for making Christmas a very special time for our Meals on Wheels recipients. They are the frailest and most needy of our services and probably the most appreciative!

The canned goods, with the price of food, are always needed and appreciated. Your packages were beauti-

fully wrapped and I saw a lot of thought, caring, and love go into them. You have a wonderful group that have giving hearts and we recognize and appreciate that more than you can know.

Sincerely,
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Special magistrate could impose fines

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Enoch Clark was cited for having condemned structures and a mobile home on a N.E. 14th Avenue lot.

Ruth Lightsey was cited for violations on two different properties. According to code enforcement officer Blanca Saucedo, Ms. Lightsey has a derelict and abandoned housing unit on her S.E. 25th Street property. Ms. Lightsey was also cited for having a derelict and abandoned mobile home and shed on her S.E. 38th Avenue property.

Code enforcement officer Beth Albert cited Lallman and Moham-dai Singh for junk on their N.W. 160th Street lot.

According to Mrs. Saucedo, John and Lori Williams have

If you go . . .

What: Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate hearings

When: 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 20

Where: Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, 1798 N.W. Ninth Ave.

Okeechobee County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Lois Nichols could be imposing fines on four of the ten cases she will be hearing Tuesday afternoon.

If Clark and Viola Bufford have not obtained the necessary permit and placed a skirting on their S.E. 38th Avenue mobile home, they could be fined up to \$250 a day for every day of noncompliance.

Last month Wendell Cowart was ordered to remove a derelict building and deck and repair an electric meter on his U.S. 441 S.E. property. If that has not been done, he could be fined up to \$250 a day.

On Dec. 16 Special Magistrate Nichols instructed Geraldine Smith to remove the derelict structure from her N.W. 22nd Avenue lot by Jan. 15 or face a possible fine.

Jesus and Maria Cabrera could be fined if their S.W. 77th Terrace property is not in compliance.

overgrowth, unlicensed vehicles and an improper pool barrier on their N.W. 38th Avenue property.

Charels Whitehurst was cited for having an unlicensed vehicle, a boat and overgrowth on his S.E. 36th Avenue property.



Submitted photo/OMS

Students of the week

Osceola Middle School recently selected the Students of the week for Jan. 12-16. In the front row from left to right: Savannah Mann, Prissy McDonald, Maddison Hanner. In the back row from left to right: Devin Rucks, Haley Starnes, Jenna Wolff, Heather Harned.

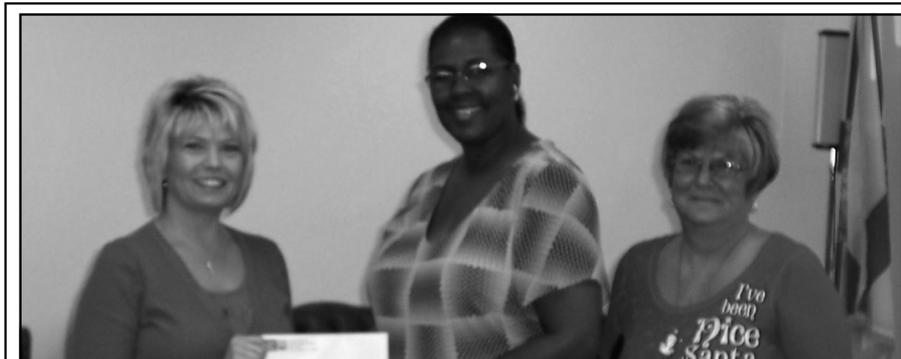
Not pictured due to absence are: Alexis Calvillo and Alyssa Coleman. Congratulations to OMS terrific students!



Submitted photo/Humane Society Pet Rescue FL, Inc.

Pets of the Week

Peewee and Susie, both 13 weeks old need a good home. Susie is very curious and Peewee is a real sweetie and likes to be pampered. Both have had their first booster shot & worming. Adoption fee \$75 each. We do not have a facility, please call for an appointment 863-532-1110 Humane Society Pet Rescue FL, Inc. P.O. Box 233 Okeechobee, FL 34973-0233



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar

United Way helps Planned Parenthood

The Okeechobee County United Way board members Jennifer Lafferty (left) and Cheryl Sutton (right) presented Roslin Brown (center) with a check for Planned Parenthood to assist in their work in Okeechobee County with the youth in preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

January 12 and 13, 2009
Sales: Monday, Noon; Tuesday, 11 a.m.

Cows		
Breaking	\$49.00	\$53.00
Cutter	\$38.00	\$46.00
Canner	\$30.00	\$40.00
Bulls		
1000-1500	\$53.00	\$64.00
1500-2000	\$56.50	\$65.00
Monday	Tuesday	
Calves	463	1479
Cows	101	203
Str	11	24
Hfrs	18	
Bulls	49	63
Yrlngs	25	105
Mix	33	
Total	700	1874
Med #1	Steers	Hfrs
150-200	155-175	117-135
200-250	132-150	110-120
250-300	125-135	100-117
300-350	117-130	86-100
350-400	107-120	85-100
400-450	98-106	83-94
450-500	92-100	80-87
550-600	83-90	79-84
600-650	80-88	72-81
Med #2	Steers	Hfrs
150-200	112-125	85-92
200-250	107-125	85-105
250-300	100-117	73-92
300-350	94-107	75-89
350-400	83-101	72-85
Small #1	Steers	Hfrs
220-235	110-135	
250-300	110-120	88-95
300-350		75-88

Prices held up real good this week with most all cattle selling as good as last week. We had a lot of good calves and we appreciate our customers!

Top prices go to Charletta Knight, Miami, and Chandler Cattle, Okeechobee with a \$1.75 Calf and Corrigan Ranch of Vero Beach with a \$.54 cow.

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Frances Aletha Walker Barnett, 84

BURKE, VA — Frances Aletha Walker Barnett, died in a nursing home on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, of pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer's. She was 84.



She was the widow of Hope Morris Barnett, a railroad man, of Brooksville, and the daughter of John Hardy Walker, former Okeechobee County tax assessor and cattleman, and Thelma Holmes Walker, both of pioneering Florida families.

She was a longtime member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass., and a onetime Reader of the Christian Science Society in Okeechobee.

She is survived by her daughter, Caroline Janos, and her husband, Leslie Janos, and their son and his two children, all living near Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; her daughter, Sandra Barnett, and her husband, Gale "Tex" Vathing, of Vienna, Va.; her brother, Jerry Walker, onetime Okeechobee City Councilman, and his wife, Juanita, of Okeechobee, and their family living in Florida, Texas and South Dakota; by the Florida and North Carolina families of her deceased brother, John Hansen Walker, and her deceased sister, Deretha Youmans; and by Irene Sadie Sanders Stein, of Okeechobee, her first cousin, who was raised by Thelma and Hardy Walker and who was like a sister to their children.

Aletha's body was cremated in Chantilly, Va., on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009, and will be transported in a blue cloisonné urn back to Florida later this year, where she will join her husband, Hope Morris, to rest in peace in the Basinger Cemetery, Basinger, Fla.

Rev. Earl Lookabill, 57

LEXINGTON, N.C. — Rev. Earl Mason Lookabill, 57, of East Old Highway 64, passed away Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, in his home after two years of declining health.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Davidson Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Frankie Matthews, Rev. Michael Bowers and Rev. Cary McKeel. Burial will follow in Cedar Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Rev. Lookabill was born Feb. 14, 1951, in Davidson County, to Early Jacob Lookabill Jr. and Naomi Meachum Lookabill. He was a graduate of Piedmont Bible College, served in the U.S. Air Force, and was a retired minister. He attended Sheets Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. Lookabill was preceded in death by his father.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Austin Lookabill of the home; sons, Matthew Lookabill and wife Trisha, of Lexington, and Austin Lookabill and wife Rachel, of Okeechobee, Fla.; daughters, Mary-Royce Lookabill and Theresa Jean "TJ" Lookabill, both of Boynton Beach, Fla.; four grandchildren, Mason Lookabill, Demetri Smith, Jacob Lookabill, and Xavier Edwards; a brother, Charles Lookabill of Lexington; and a sister, Terry Barnette and husband, Byron, of Lexington.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Davidson County, P.O. Box 1941, Lexington, NC 27293, or Helping Hands Ministry c/o Rich Fork Baptist Church, 3993 Old Highway 29, Thomasville, NC 27360.

Online condolences may be made at www.davidsonfuneralhome.net.

Community Events

Small business center open

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is now open once again thanks to the Florida Gulf Coast University picking up and carrying the baton of the SBDC program until it is to be handed off to Indian River State College later this year. IRSC will then be the home for Okeechobee's Small Business counseling. An FAQ seminar will be held at the Okeechobee County Public Library on Thursday, **Jan. 22**, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. All who are interested should call or email to reserve a spot. Seating is not the issue, but in order for the session to not be cancelled, we need to know that people are coming to the seminar. For information, call 863-517-0097 or through email at spmoore@fgcu.edu

SAL steak dinner to be held

The Sons of the American Legion will sponsor their monthly ribeye steak dinner on Sunday, **Jan. 18** from 3 until 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post 64, 501 S.E. Second Street. Dinner includes steak, baked potato, salad, roll and dessert, as well as iced tea, coffee and live entertainment.

King Memorial planned
A Memorial Program for Martin Luther King will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, **Jan. 18** at Missionary Baptist Church, 906 N.W. Ninth Avenue. The public is invited.

Fountain of Life has guest speaker

Dr. Ben Alpert, age representative of Chosen People Ministries, will be speaking at Fountain of Life Church, 1302 S.W. 32nd St., on Sunday, **Jan. 18**, during the 11 a.m. worship service. The meeting is open to the public and Fountain of Life Church would like to invite the Christian and Jewish community to attend. For more information please call 863-763-8945.

Business women's meeting set

The Women of Tomorrow Chapter of American Business Women will meet at noon on **Jan. 22**, at Beef o'Brady's. Join us for lunch and a program. Bring a friend! Be part of the plans for a great 2009. For questions, call President Karin Ammons at Cas-sell's and McCall 863-763-3131.

Small business 'start up' seminar set

Small Business Development Center of Florida Gulf Coast University will present, "Frequently asked questions of starting a business" on Thursday, **Jan. 22**, from 2 until 4 p.m. at the Okeechobee County Library. There is no cost to attend the class but reservations are recommended. The seminar will answer common questions and focus on helping new and hopeful business owners to take the next step.

Call Sean Moore to reserve your seat at: 863-517-0097 or email him at spmoore@fgcu.edu.

Book club to meet

Friends of the Okeechobee Library Book Club will meet on Thursday, **Jan. 22**, at 6 p.m. at the library. The book for discussion is "Her Doctor Prescribes Dancing at Daybreak." The author, Connie Titus will join the group in discussing her book. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call Jan Fehrman at 863-357-9980.

DuPuis Management center host Starry Nights

Celebrate the 2009 International Year of Astronomy as you explore the night sky at DuPuis Friday, **Jan. 23**. Telescopes will be set up for observations. Prepare for a tour of the Milky Way galaxy. This is a free event and begins at 6 p.m. and will be held at DuPuis Management Area Visitors Center, 23500 S.W. Kanner Hwy., Canal Point. Rain date: Jan. 24. Please contact Kim Kanter at 1-800-432-2045 ext. 3339 or kkanter@sfwmd.gov for more information.

Smoked chicken dinner to be held

A smoke chicken dinner, sponsored by United Methodist Men, 200 N.W. Second St. (behind Walgreens), will be held on Friday, **Jan. 23** from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. (take out only, delivery available for 10 or more dinners), from 4 until 7 p.m. (dine-in or take out.) The menu includes 1/4 chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert for \$6 donation. Tickets are available at the church office or you may fax orders to 863-763-2481 by 10:30 a.m. Thursday include contact name, phone number and address to deliver dinners.

Safe Boating Class planned

Flotilla 5-7 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary would like to invite all boaters to attend a one day Safe Boating Class. It is required by the State of Florida, anyone 21 years and under who operates a vessel powered by 10 hp or more must pass an approved Safe Boating Course. The course will be held on **Jan. 24**, at the Flotilla Building at Okee-Tantie from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Seating is limited so advanced registration is required. Coffee and lunch will be provided. For information and registration call 863-763-0165 or 863-610-2433.

Church has special guests

Sunday, **Jan. 25**, New Testament Baptist Church will have The Walker family. They are a family with 7 children and each child sings and plays a musical instrument. They will be singing special music during the morning service at 10:30 a.m. For more information please call 863-763-6682.

VFW hosts ham dinner

The VFW post 9528 in Buckhead Ridge will host their annual ham dinner on Sunday, Jan. 25, from noon until 4 p.m. The menu consist of VFW special baked ham, green beans, coleslaw, yams, dessert raisin sauce. The post will honor policeman, fireman, and E.M.T. who are special this year. The post will be accepting applications from eligible veterans for the VFW. Entertainment will be provided, hourly drawings will be held for steak dinners. Members and guests welcome. Donation is \$7.

Orchid Club Meets

The next Okeechobee Orchid Club Meeting is Monday, **Jan. 26** at 7 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Office at 458 Highway 98 N. 863-763-6469. Lynne Lappin and Myla Levine of Green Barn Orchid Supplies will demonstrate and show many of their items at the next orchid meeting. It's a chance to purchase those hard to find supplies. Join us for an informative evening and networking.

CCC holds monthly meeting

The Community Collaborative Council of Okeechobee County Shared Services Network will conduct their monthly meeting on Tuesday, **Jan. 27** at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the Okeechobee School Board Office. Guest speakers will be Jim Vensel-Okeechobee Substance Abuse Coalition, Jennifer Agganis-CARD and Becky Smith and Mike Davis-On Track. The public is invited. For more information please call Sharon Vinson at 863-462-5000, Ext. 257.

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.

Benefit yard sale planned

Habitat for Humanity Yard Sale at Tractor Supply Parking Lot on **Jan. 24**, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Computer company to hold drawing

Comptech, your local computer service and repair partner will host a Computer show case and Everex Computer Drawing on **Jan. 19**, Martin Luther King Day.

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FLORIDA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Planning and Community-Right-To-Know Act was passed by Congress in October 1986, and the Florida Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Community Right-To-Know Act was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Accidental Release Prevention Program became effective in July 1999, and the Florida Accidental Release Prevention and Risk Management Planning Acts was passed by the Florida Legislature in 1998; and

WHEREAS, these law, implemented by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida State Emergency Response Commission for Hazardous Material, protect the safety and well-being of all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, more than 10,000 businesses and government facilities in Florida have reported the use of hazardous materials, and more than 2,000 hazardous materials incidents are reported in Florida annually; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act requires businesses and government facilities with certain quantities of covered substances to formulate emergency plans and procedures, improve emergency response, and report hazardous materials-related incidents to federal, state and local officials; and

WHEREAS, the Accidental Release Prevention/Risk Management Planning Act requires businesses and government facilities with certain quantities of covered substances to develop plans to prevent accidental releases and have a coordinated emergency response program; and

WHEREAS, right-to-know provisions in the state and federal law help communities become aware of the substances utilized by local facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing January 18-24, 2009 as **Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 18th day of December, in the year two thousand eight.



**Signed: Charlie Crist
Governor**

WHEREAS, Governor Charlie Crist has declared January 18-24, 2009 as "Florida Hazardous Materials Awareness Week";

The Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Emergency Management Director of Okeechobee County and representatives from the Local Emergency Planning Committee do hereby offer our full support of the Governor's Proclamation establishing Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. Furthermore, we wish to advise everyone that the focus for this year is safe disposal of items containing mercury.

We encourage each citizen to take an active role in continuing to develop a culture of preparedness when it comes to the proper use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials in and around their homes. If you have any question you should contact the Emergency Management Division or Solid Waste Department to learn more about proper procedures for handling and disposal of hazardous materials in your community.

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Its test time at Central Elementary School

Third Grade

This week in Miss Luchetta's and Mrs. Atwell's class at Central Elementary School, we are reading "What Do Illustrators Do?" In math, we have a test on Tuesday and Thursday, then we will be learning about lines and angles. Don't forget to practice your multiplication tables. In science, we have a test on rocks and minerals on Wednesday. In social studies, we are reading the "Time For Kids" magazine. In writing, we are learning how to write steps in a process. Congratulations to the students of the week and the month. Remember FCAT is in 7 weeks, be reading and doing your homework daily.

Ms. DelPrete's class is working hard to prepare for the FCAT test. We are reviewing reading and math skills. We learned about making inferences while reading "The Jones Family Express" this week. We also reviewed character, setting, and plot. In Math, we are working on collecting data and making bar graphs. In Science, we are studying the Water Cycle. Congratulations to Robert Padgett who has earned over 200 steps in 100 Book Challenge. That's over 50 hours of reading! Parents please have your child read every night and ask questions about the story. Congratulations to our Student of the Week Ariana Vasquez. Happy New Year to everyone!

Third graders in Ms. Enfinger's room are learning what illustrators do. They have just completed their third unit in reading and are preparing with some extra FCAT practice. Ms. Enfinger's class earned enough Accelerated Reading points to go to Golden Corral on a field trip. They are learning about land forms in science and graphs in math. They are very grateful to Mrs. Flower's for the generous gifts she brought through out the Christmas holidays.

Students are hoping she returns soon with information about her job. Thank you Mrs. Flower's! Students of the Week are Kennetha McBride, Steven Rusinko, and John Lense. Don't forget to read!

Fourth Grade

Mr. Goff's class has been working hard on learning our multiplication facts and hopefully by the end of the year every child will have them mastered. It is very important to have them memorized to make all the multiple step problems go quicker. In social studies we learned about different Spanish explorers who came to Florida and settled it. In writing we have begun working on narrative writings. We are using dialogue, figurative language and great adjectives to spice up our writings. We are trying to be as descriptive as we possible can. In math we are working on chapter 11, which deals with double digit multiplication. In reading we are continuing to work out of our textbook. We are reading a good story called Kid Reporters, a Time For Kids selection. We are also working hard so we can meet our Accelerated Reader goal so we could go to Golden Corral at the end of the quarter. We had most of our class earn this privilege last quarter and we want even more to earn it for this quarter. We are also busy recording our 100 book challenge steps so we can get a foot on the wall in the cafeteria. In science we are working on chapter 6 which is on simple machines.

Media Center News

Wow, what better way to start the new year, than with new books! Students at Central are enjoying checking out the Rainbow Magic series, Crazy School series, Skippyjon Jones and many many others.

P.E. News

Students in PE are learning the skills of basketball. Students are learning to dribble, different types of passing and proper shooting technique.

Kindergarten News

The kindergarteners at Central Elementary came back from a long winter break ready and eager to learn again.

The students ended the first week back with a snocone party. The snocone party was for all of the students who were able to tie their shoes by themselves. The students have worked hard on this skill and enjoyed their reward.

The award ceremony for the second nine weeks of school was held on Monday, Jan. 12. It was great to see so many kindergarteners receiving awards for good effort and citizenship. It was also great to see all the medals received for 100 Book Challenge.

We would like to say thank you to all of the parents who have been reading with their child every night.

The kindergartens classes will be talking about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. all this week. Students will engage in activities about future dreams and how to be more peaceful at home and school.

Mrs. Vaughn's class started the new year by discussing New Year's Resolutions and writing an

acronym poem. We have been working with numbers 1-100 by counting by 2's, 5's and 10's. We learned which numbers are odd and which are even. We have also been working with the three letter beginning blends spr, spl and scr. We practice our high frequency words every day in class. Keep working on those words on the 100 Book Challenge skills cards at home. At the last awards program we had several students receive medals for reaching their 100 Book Challenge goals. Keep reading! We learned about Martin Luther King Jr.'s work to make our world a better place. We can all keep his dream alive. Congratulations to David Adams and Austin Allen for being our Students of the Week. We had some December birthdays: Austin Allen, Brian Garcia, Yatzel Martinez, and Thomas Olsen.

Mrs. Bostwick's class at Central Elementary School has been learning that motion is the way things move and how we can change the ways things move through the use of different forces. In reading, we have been learning how there are many types of families and how we enjoy different activities and spending time with the members of our families. Students have also been learning about contractions and writing personal narratives. We have been comparing and ordering numbers in math and will now start exploring number patterns. Students of the Week these past few weeks were Katie Brydebell, Karen Godinez and Chase Arnold. Congratulations, kiddos! Everyone had a fun Christmas break and came back rested, refreshed, and ready to learn!

First grade

Happy New Year from the Super Kid classroom, Mr. Klaffer's First Grade! The kids came back with many different stories about Santa Claus's arrival on Christmas Eve. It seems that overall Santa ate and drank ANYTHING left out for him! A few students wondered how he could eat all that food in every home around the world?! My only answer was BOY DOES HE LOOK REALLY FAT and he must go to Weight Watchers meetings for the rest of the year to get real skinny to prepare for that one night. The awards were given out for the second nine weeks on Monday. The Citizenship Award went to Tristan Courson, Viviana Jaimes, Xavier Peterson, Lillian Smith, & Braden Hewitt. The Effort award went to Thayli Valdez, Lisset Carrillo, Alex Valdes, & Georgia Harris. The 100 Book Challenge Awards will see Juan Leon with 500+ steps, Tristan Courson with 400+ steps, Christian Campos with 300+ steps, David Cantalini & Noel Smith with 200+ steps, & Viviana Jaimes, Thayli Valdez, Anashia Rochelle, Xavier Peterson, Rebekah Raulerson, Lillian Smith, Lisset Carrillo, Georgia Harris, & Mason Burke with 100+ steps!!! Thanks to all the parents that helped their Super Kid reach each step milestone!

The Super Kids are preparing for a trip to Australia and New Zealand this next week. The Kids were treated to a video shot by Mr. Klaffer while he was there. All of the different sights and animals from these beautiful countries were soon forgotten when they got to see Mr. Klaffer bungee jump 350 feet off a bridge over water! One of the first questions asked by a student was, "Mr. Klaffer, are you crazy or something?" First graders are so perceptive. Of course I am crazy, choosing to jump off a bridge 350 feet in the air supported only by a cord to your feet is just about as sane as saying you enjoy teaching seventeen 6-8 year olds every day by choice!

The Kids are off and running in the New Year finishing up Book Three in the new Treasures Reading series! The Kids are also working very,

Miss Shindelcker's kids are getting crazy about reading. This week we finished up our Unit 3 review, so for everyone working so hard we are having "Reading Camp" on Friday, Jan. 16. Everyone is bringing in sleeping bags, pillows, slippers, and their very favorite stuffed animal. We are going to be little reading rabbits that morning.

We're even going to have a very special snack ... smores! They are very excited!

In math we've been working on counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. They are getting really quick at counting and soon they'll be old pros at it. Next, we'll be learning addition and subtraction facts to 12.

In science we just tested on habitats. They've learned new information on the ocean, forest, and desert habitat. At the end of the chapter they illustrated a picture of their favorite habitat with

the correct plants and animals that belong to that habitat. They did a GREAT JOB!

Have you heard of the story of the three little pigs? Well, we've been working on a different version of the story told by Mr. Wolf himself. Students are learning that a story has a beginning, middle, and end to it. They are re-writing the story by memory. They'll be wonderful pieces to display at Writing Display day on Wednesday, January 28th.

We are all looking forward to the 100th day of school. Students will be bringing in 100 pieces of something to share with the class. We'll also be having special snacks to celebrate.

Students of the week were: Mark Bigford, Juan Sanchez-Anton, and Pablo Martinez. The student of the month for December was Yaire Ayala-Rodriguez.

First Grade B.A.S.E. News

Mrs. Lori Howard and Mrs. Maria Garcia welcome everyone back to school! We started our week off flying with the birds. In English, we read Owl Moon by Jane Yolen. This story helped us learn to listen for ways to say things with descriptive words. Our favorite line in the story was when she described the snow as "white as the milk in my cereal bowl". We used Jane Yolen's story as inspiration for us to write about our snowman. One of our students, Jillian, wrote that her snowman's head was as big "as" the clock on the wall. Another student, Diego, wrote that his snowman was as white as a White Mountain glacier. Isn't it great to be back in school!

We've been able to learn about our new president through our Scholastic Newspapers in English and Spanish. Did you know Barack Obama was a teacher and a lawyer? The newspapers help us learn about Social Studies and the world around us. Then, we used the information from the newspapers to write the new president a letter. You can see them on writing display day on Jan. 28.

We have some great readers! On Monday, we held our 9 weeks awards. Everyone in Mrs. Howard's and Mrs. Garcia's classes earned their 2nd nine weeks, 100 book challenge medals. Everyone achieved the 200th step award. Some of our student's read even more. Ashley reached her 300th step and Sol reached over 400 steps. Did you know that every 100 steps translate to 25 hours of reading? What an awesome class of readers! We want to thank the parents for continuing to read every night at home and writing it down in the agenda book! Keep up the great job!

Congratulations to Cason Cooper, Halle McDuffie, Diego Reyna, and Jayme Scurry for being chosen as students of the week.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Diana Morales and Jorge Romero.

Second Grade

Mrs. Greseth's class is back from Christmas break and working hard! In Math we have been learning all about money and counting coins. The students are having fun learning this important life skill. They have learned all about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his amazing and inspirational accomplishments. We have talk-

ed about how lucky we are to live in a country where he lived and changed laws. We are also looking forward to starting our new reading book. Way to go Dylan Hodges and Jenna McClanahan for earning 200 steps in 100 Book Challenge. Way to go!

Miss Miller's second grade class have been exploring the wonders of sound. We have also been working hard in math learning about the properties of some geometric shapes. In social studies we have been busy talking about and reading different kinds of maps.

Congratulations to the following Students of the Week: Jayda Howell and Jasmine Lamb.

Congratulations to the following students who have reached 100 steps: Mariah Raulerson, Andrew Simmons, Chyenne Grimes, Raeshel Bell, Paisley Plant, Jayda Howell, Armando Gracia, Jasmine Lamb, and Jesus Gomez! Continue to read for 15 minutes and get those steps!

Second Grade BASE

Mrs. Johns' and Sra. Rodriguez's 2nd Grade B.A.S.E. classes are having a "COOL" time learning about Arctic and Antarctic animals. Did you know that all penguins live south of the equator?

We would like to invite all moms, dads, and grandparents to see our penguin writing displays on Jan. 28.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn McKay who has finally moved ahead in A.R.! We are so proud of you! Everyone needs to keep reading for A.R. and making sure that they write steps in their 100 Book Challenge folder.

We would like to send out a great big welcome to Miss Ashley Ronkko! We are glad to have you as part of our team! Ashley is our new student teacher and will be with us for the next couple of months! Yeah!

The students in Mrs. White-side's class have been learning about the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr. The students even wrote their own "I have a Dream" writing about what they would like changed in the world. Alani Garcia wrote that she wants everyone to be friends. Gatlin Gebo wrote that he wants the world to have no more wars. The class enjoyed learning about the impact Martin Luther King Jr. had on our country.

Congratulations to Anali Carmona, Chase Townsend, and Gatlin Gebo for being the recent Students of the Week in room 16. Keep up that great behavior!

Welcome back! As a start to the new year Mrs. Jones' class revealed their New Years Resolutions. If we all commit to trying our best to reach the goals we set, the rest of the year should be great! Congratulations to my whole class for reaching their 100 Book Challenge goal. A special Congratulations to these students for reaching 200 steps: Dakota, Julianna, & Daniel. We are busy learning about sound in Science. We are also working on re-planting our garden due to weather and other conditions. In Math we are trying to make "Cents" out of our unit on money. We are not ready to be bankers yet, but it's coming! In Social studies not only are we discovering the Arctic

but also a special group of birds that live there. You got it -the penguins. We are enjoying learning how they survive and also how

they care for their young. We have also studied about Martin Luther King and are anxious see The Presidential Inauguration.

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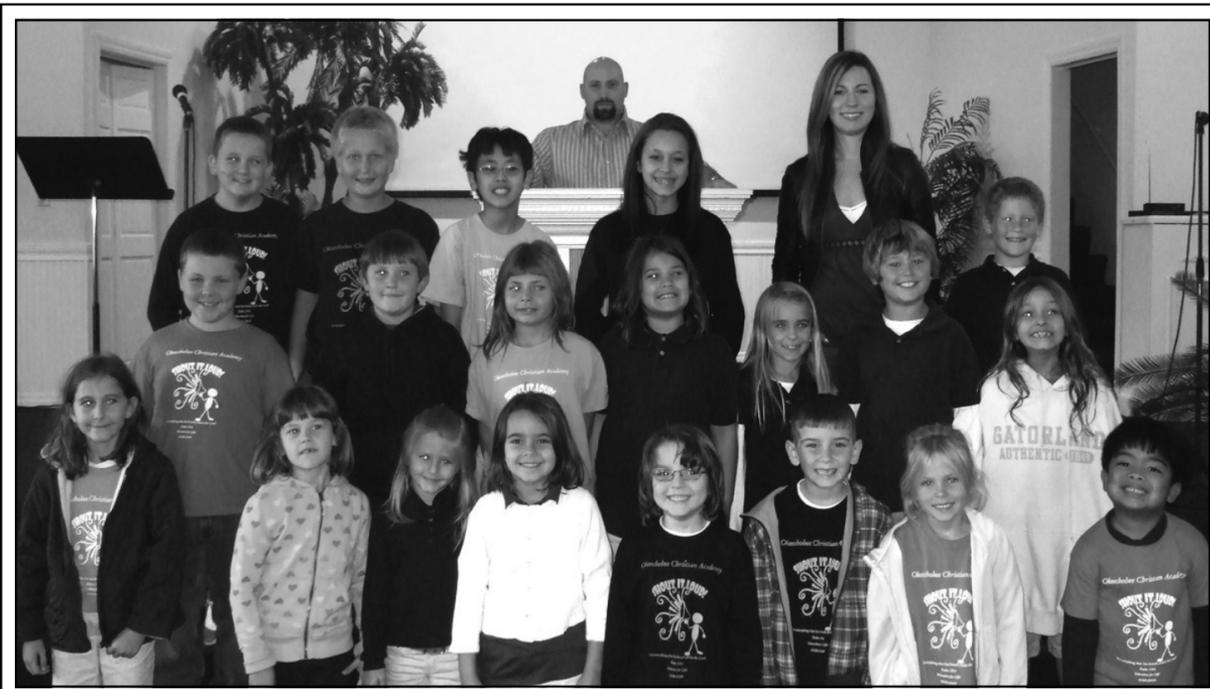
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Honor students

Okeechobee Christian Academy announces their honor students for the second nine weeks grading period. In the front row: Ari Lorusso, Savannah Dyals, Kylie Hebel, Jessica Lashley, Brandon Entry, Logan Johnson, Taylor Giles, Simon Coroza. In second row: Cameron Huntley, Sabastian Dyals, Caroline Micco-Sweet, Celeste Garcia, Madison Hancock, Jared Marin, Danyelle Boromei Top Row: Joshua Hiler, Sam Christian, Ly Pham, Rev. Joshua Strunk, Stevie Brantley, Kaylee Davis, Pierce Brown.

EES students learn about the weather

Kindergarten:

At Everglades Elementary School, Mrs. Cassels's Kindergarten class has been busy learning about weather and the winter. Our weather has been challenging this week. It has given us lots of chances to use our "weather words." Our awards were very exciting seeing the students get awards for their hard work! We will celebrate the letter H with "hat day. It's fun wearing hats to school. Do you like to wear hats? Congratulations to Ayden Wyatt our students of the week!

Miss Snyder's class is going to create its own neighborhood out milk cartons and other objects. The students are working on their 100 charts and counting by 5's and 10's. The boys and girls are making a count down space ship from 10-1. Continue to work on your letters and sounds and recognizing sight words of off of your placemats. The boys and girls enjoyed writing an interactive poem on snowflakes. It was displayed at our January PTO meeting.

Second Grade:

Mrs. Campbells class is learning about sound in science. We will be anxious to use the maracas that we are making and hear the sound that they can make! We've got rhythm!

Mrs. Kirby's class is studying about Dr. Martin Luther King. We are learning about freedoms and individual rights each of us have and how Dr. King helped secure these for all people.

Ms. Hunt's class has been writing their own "I Have A Dream" speech. We have bright hopes for our futures and the futures of our friends!

Mrs. Brady's class had a wonderful Christmas. We have already written our New Year's Resolutions! We have also started writing our class book about odd animals like dog/eagle mix. We are getting very creative!

Mr. Wright's class is working on their STUDENT TREASURES book about "animals". We are switching to the second book in the reading series. The topic in math is telling time, while science see us studying the Earth and it's formations. Our social studies unit deals with the places that people live and how their communities work together.

Ms. Kosinski's class has been learning a lot about the water cycle in science. They have recreated the cycle using our laptops and the pixie program. The students created water cycle videos to review what the steps of the water cycle are. In math we have been working with telling time. We can now count by hours, half hours, and the water hour. In reading we have been reviewing our unit 3 test. During the review the students have created alliteration web sites about school using the WebBlender program. The students have learned to use the lap tops while integrating the them into their regular curriculum!

Ms. Gumz's class is busy learning how to write "super" sentences. Learning the parts of speech and using all kinds of words can make a story more interesting.

We are learning how to tell time on a digital and an analog clock....Time is ticking away as we prepare for the third grade! Remember to read, read, read!

Third Grade:

Mrs. Reno's class is finalizing our knowledge of multiplication. In reading, we just finished our third unit such skills as, cause and effect, chronological order, main idea, details, and synonyms. As always, we look forward to building

our vocabulary each week. In social studies, we are learned about some people in history who have made a difference in our country. People like Rosa Parks, Susan B. Anthony, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., helped make America what it is today. Our writings have been narratives, w h i c h are stories. If you have stories at home that you have written, we would love to hear them. In science we are learning all about water:it's different states, that it travels in a cycle, and how clouds form. Did you know that the water here on earth is the same water that was here when the dinosaurs roamed the earth? It's true! Congratulations to our latest students of the week: Nickolas Montero and Carter Kassella!

Mrs. Tilton's class is multiplying by 3 digit numbers. In science we are measuring data using line plots, coordinate grids, and tables. We use blocks to build models and find the median. We are learning the story elements of a narrative for our January writing assignment. Finally, in social studies, we are studying about ancient communication. We learned to write our names in Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Mrs. Koff's class will be starting division in math. In reading we are starting our new story and learning about comparing char-

acters and making inferences. In social studies, we are learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his major accomplishments and contributions to society. In science, we will be learning about the causes and effects of pollution and ways that we can control it.

Fourth Grade:

Mrs. Davis's fourth grade class is entering the final days of practice before the big event, the "Super Bowl of Writing" -FCAT Writes is on Feb. 10 and 11. We have put on our writing gear and await the day knowing we will declare victory! The score will be "6"-0! You just watch us write because FCAT isn't scaring us!

Reading Leadership/Literacy Council:

The reading Leadership Team met on Jan. 5, to make plans for future projects. We are currently celebrating "Florida Literacy Week" school wide. We have a display of student literacy in the cafeteria as well as a little literature competition each morning on the announcements! Each morning, Miss Shofner (Reading Coach) reads an excerpt from a famous children's book and the students need to guess the title of the book. We have done Because Of Winn Dixie, The Cat In The Hat!, If You Gave A Mouse A Cookie, and Charlotte's Web. The students and teachers have enjoyed the activity and look forward to the challenge each morning! In December, we celebrated a Florida author, Kevin Kremer, the author of our read aloud, Are You Smarter Than A Flying 'Gator? Florida celebrates literacy and so does Everglades!

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We are looking forward to highlighting the ever popular Dr. Seuss in March and April! Please be looking for student activities to come home that are exploring the famous writings of Dr. Seuss! Everglades will be "On the loose with Dr. Seuss!"

PTO:

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the PTO meeting on Jan. 13. The topic was the importance of being physically and mentally prepared for the up coming FCAT. Miss Shofner presented a parent check list that included the basics such as: get a good night's sleep, have a good breakfast, and to encourage your child with a cheerful "Good Luck" wish as they leave in the morning! The PTO also thanked all of the families who participated in the December fund raiser and asked for volunteers to help with a Spring carnival!

Science Question:

What is a snowflake and what is the difference between snowflakes and snow?

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Public Notices

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Legal Notice - 5500

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2008-CP-240

IN RE: ESTATE OF Ida L. Harer, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Ida L. Harer, deceased, whose date of death was November 15th, 2008, and whose social security number is 165-28-1484, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, FL 34972. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

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

The date of first publication of this notice is January 11, 2009.

Personal Representative: MICHAEL J. SPENCER 39733 Coronation Road Canton, MI 48188

Attorney for Personal Representative: COLIN M. CAMERON 200 N.E. 4th Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34972 (863) 763-8600 Fla. Bar No. 270441 307238 ON 1/11, 18/09

School District Advisory Council Meeting

The Okeechobee County School District Advisory Council will meet on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the School Board Meeting Room, 700 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Okeechobee. This meeting is open to the public.

Patricia G. Cooper, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools 306438 ON 1/18/09

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Parts/Repairs 4045

Public Notice 5005

NOTICE

The Okeechobee Utility Authority (OUA) will be receiving Applications from Glades County Residents that would be interested in serving as a representative from Glades County to the OUA Board. Applicants must be residents of Glades County and live in the area serviced by OUA. Applications may be obtained at the OUA Office located at 100 SW 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, FL 34974 and will need to be completed and turned back in at the same address by February 4, 2009. For more information call the Okeechobee Utility Authority, Office of the Executive Director at 863-763-9480. 307823 ON 1/16, 18/09

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE No. 2008-CP-00001

IN RE: ESTATE OF NOTLEY B. SPENCER, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of NOTLEY B. SPENCER, deceased, whose date of death was December 2, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 N.W. 3rd Street, Okeechobee, Florida 34972. The names and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Watershed protection plans would help rivers

WEST PALM BEACH — The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board has taken another step toward protecting and improving the health of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers and estuaries by approving Watershed Protection Plans for both rivers. With extensive input from the public, the District completed the plans in December in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Martin, St. Lucie and Lee counties.

"This is a significant step in the implementation of the Northern Everglades Protection Program," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Eric Buermann. "With the contribution and support from members of the public, state partners, conservationists and elected officials, these plans provide a comprehensive roadmap for achieving water storage and water quality enhancements for both estuaries and river watersheds."

Highlights of the Caloosahatchee River Watershed Protection Plan include:

- Implementation of best management practices on more than 430,000 acres of agricultural lands and more than 145,000 acres of urban lands.
- Construction of approximately 36,000 acres of reservoirs and 15,000 acres of Stormwater Treatment Areas and Water Quality Treatment Areas.
- Potential reduction of total phosphorous loads to the Caloosahatchee Estuary by 166 metric tons per year (39 percent) and total nitrogen by 1,840 metric tons per year (38 percent).
- Restoration of more than 2,000 acres of wetlands within the watershed.
- Provision of approximately 400,000 acre-feet of water storage within the watershed.

Highlights of the St. Lucie River Watershed Protection

and water storage projects.

"The Watershed Protection Plans will help us maintain the diverse ecosystems found in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries," said Michael W. Sole, Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. "By enacting these plans, we will be preserving the natural beauty of these estuaries for generations of Floridians to come."

Following approval by the SFWMD Governing Board, the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Watershed Protection Plans were submitted to the Florida Legislature for ratification. The plans recommend a phased implementation approach with the first phase to include projects initiated or constructed between 2009 and 2012. The plans build upon existing and planned programs and projects, and successfully consolidate previous restoration efforts into a broader approach focused on restoring the entire Northern Everglades system.

Since 2000, the State has invested more than \$3.8 billion to improve the quality and the natural flow of water in America's Everglades. For more information about the Northern Everglades and Estuaries Protection Program, visit www.sfwmd.gov/northerneverglades.



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar

Martha's House gets help

Stephanie Locke (right) accepted a check for Martha's House from the United Way's Jennifer Lafferty (left) and Kevin Folsom (center) to help them continue their services in Okeechobee County of providing assistance to families in need of a safe haven from abuse as well as other services.



Submitted photo

KOA contributes

Residents of the Okeechobee KOA contributed Christmas gifts to Big Lake Missions Outreach. The committee in charge are as follows: Lois Wierenga, Judy Donegan, Bruce Swinford - Associate Director of Big Lake Missions, Bev Shelp, Jack Donegan, Skip Shelp, Wanda Kubitz, Shirley Holcomb, Gail Schultz and Milton Shultz.

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Golf Carts 4037

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Public Notice 5005

Okeechobee County Parks & Recreation Notice of Parks & Recreation Master Plan Advisory Board Meeting

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Public Notice 5005

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Lotteries

The Florida Lottery: Numbers selected Thursday in the Florida Lottery are: **Cash 3:** 9-2-5; **Play 4:** 3-7-0-7; **Fantasy 5:** 2-20-23-26-33. Numbers selected Friday are: **Cash 3:** 2-2-1; **Play 4:** 8-6-4-4.

Okeechobee Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Sunday Night: Isolated showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Extended Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 66. Calm wind becoming east northeast around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 Garage gadget
- 10 Abbr. on a shingle
- 15 Didn't touch
- 16 Soprano Mitchell
- 17 "Les Contes d'Hoffmann" composer
- 18 Number-calling game
- 19 Syllable to skip by
- 20 Japanese relative of the zither
- 21 Rounds may be added to one
- 22 Delicacy
- 24 Award honoring literature that features women's stories set in the West
- 26 32-time Davis Cup champ
- 27 Patisserie artisans
- 29 Spa exfoliating treatment
- 32 Duration
- 34 Ravel ballet hero
- 35 Buddy List co.
- 36 River that rises in the Bernese Alps
- 37 Old military fare
- 41 Wool-yielding rabbits
- 45 Award with a caravel on it
- 47 Greek horseshoe?
- 48 Chemical ending
- 49 Admitted
- 51 EPA concern
- 52 Casino assessment
- 55 Crude group
- 57 "Notes Scandal": 2006 film
- 58 Funny Viking
- 59 "What Kind of Sexy Are You?" is one
- 61 Summer month in Buenos Aires
- 62 1950 Tony winner born in Rome
- 63 Fine strings
- 64 Bandleader who had a hit with "Unchained Melody" in 1955

DOWN

- 1 Location of the human vocal folds
- 2 Change direction
- 3 Shy type
- 4 Put away
- 5 Dropped
- 6 Nudge
- 7 Randy
- 8 Longtime soft drink nickname, with "the"
- 9 Book before Esth.
- 10 Island off Tuscany
- 11 Medium, e.g.
- 12 Perfectly
- 13 Dolly Girl
- 14 Trees seen on safari
- 21 1942 Philippine battle site
- 23 Compact deg.
- 25 Honorary legal
- 28 Stiff-upper-lip type
- 30 Puck's eatery
- 31 Strip at an automaker
- 33 Laundry room brand

37 Stuffed snacks

38 Shining

39 Steed of British TV

40 "On the double!"

41 Sterile state

42 Loser's demand

43 Consider a tough decision, say

44 Portuguese prime minister, 1932-68

46 You might miss your bus if you hit it too often

50 Discharged

51 British soldier

53 Butler's place?

54 Yankee nickname

56 NYC nightclub

59 Collectible frame

60 1980s arcade game where one had to dodge Sparx

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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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!

9	6	8	7	5	1	8	7	1
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7	1	9	9	7	8	8	7	6

ANSWERS

Senior boys say goodbye to soccer field

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

It's not a certainty, but its likely Wednesday night's tie will be the last home game for eight Brahman seniors.

The senior night game against St. Lucie West Centennial featured emotions, effort, and some excellent aggressive defense. The match ended in a 1-1 tie.

Shane Lynch scored for the Eagles (9-8-2). Reynel Denova scored off an assist from Ivan Torres for Okeechobee (7-5-4).

It was the final regular season home match for twin brothers Raunel and Reynel Denova, goal keeper Pablo Caballero, (four saves), Jose Santibanez, Raziell Garcia, Zach Sadler, Matt Bauer, Misael Alvarado, Ivan Torres, and

Alan Najera.

All of them said it was a very emotional game as the Brahman tried to continue a recent tradition of victories on senior night.

Senior Misael Alvarado said in his four years on the squad, the seniors have never lost their final home game. He said the team had to play with heart. "The defense tonight was astonishing and amazing. I think we can pull it off in districts. We can do it."

Alvarado was emotional afterward as Coach Lonnie Sears saluted all of the player's contributions to the program, "I'm going to miss this place. It's where I grew up. It's where I learned to play soccer. I put my heart into this team."

High scoring forward Alan Najera switched to defense for

his final home game and was instrumental and holding down the Eagles offense. He excelled in both football and soccer this year. "Like Coach said, I thank God for my ability, and I have taken advantage of it."

Torres, another of the four year starters on the team, said he wanted to thank God and the fans for their support this year. He said it was a hard fought game.

"I hope we can get a few victories in the post season. We can if we keep our hearts in it."

Goal keeper Caballero had some big moments for the squad in this game. Okeechobee dominated play in the second half and had several chances to go ahead. Caballero was solid on the other end of the field as he easily handled several shots on net.

"I had to step it up this year because I didn't get much playing time last year and we really didn't know who to put at goalie this year. We want to go all the way to state. We are going to go as far as we can as a team."

Coach Lonnie Sears saluted his seniors. He said they have grown into a group of solid young men with character and an education. He said none of his players quit, and were unselfish kids who showed a lot of heart this year.

Okeechobee will play at Port St. Lucie Friday. They will likely match up with Fort Pierce Westwood in the first round of their district tournament during the week of Jan. 26.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Eddie Guerrero watches a ball go out of bounds in the last minutes of Wednesday's tie with St. Lucie West.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Twin brothers (from left) Reynel Denova and Raunel Denova, are joined by their mother Alberta and their sister Amelia at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Jose Santibanez is joined by his parents Esmerelda and Eladio Santibanez.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Pablo Caballero is joined by his parents Florencia and Silvestre Caballero at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Zachary Sadler was joined by his father, Antonio Castillo at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Zachary Sadler is joined by Assistant Coach Mark English at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Matt Bauer is joined by his mom, Michelle Hand at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Misael Alvarado is joined by his mom, Anita Nunez at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Alan Najera is flanked by his parents Guillermo and Fidela at senior night.



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
Ivan Torres is joined by his parents Aurelio and Maria Torres.



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Rocky the great!

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