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The Okeechobee High School JROTC Color Guard consisting of Command Sgt. Maj. G. Martinez, 2nd Lt. B. Bush, Capt. J. Sylvia and Maj. A. Rowe retired the Colors at the end of the Veterans Day Program in Veterans Park. For more photos online, see the Okeechobee News page on Facebook.

Traditional program honors veterans

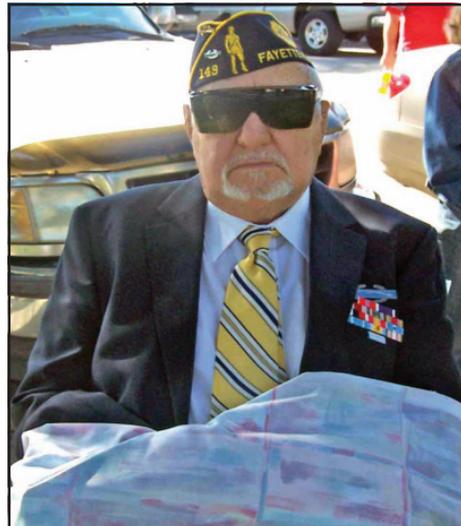
By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

The patriotic and the veterans gathered in the Veterans' Park portion of Flagler Park in downtown Okeechobee on the 90th anniversary of the holiday that was first known as Armistice Day and later Veterans' Day.

"We are here today to honor our veterans past and present," said featured speaker W. Russ Papy, Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10539 and a member of the American Legion. "I believe they represent the very best of America. He went on to say that our liberties were earned by their sacrifices.

Mr. Papy warned the audience that there are 10 veterans' benefits that Congress is considering eliminating, including lower cost for health benefits, lowering the cost of living allowance, ending government subsidy of commissaries, and ending the 20 year retirement program. "These programs are not gifts," Mr. Papy said. "They were earned by veterans." He went on to say that Congress was not consid-

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Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda
At 93 George Siehl was probably the oldest person at the Veterans Day Program at Veterans Park. Mr. Siehl is a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

Rainfall lessens water shortage

SFWMD Board adopts water shortage warning as South Florida heads into dry season

In response to improved regional water resource conditions, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board Thursday rescinded all emergency water shortage orders for South Florida, many of which had been in place since March this year.

The Governing Board also declared a water shortage warning today to encourage vigilance and voluntary cutbacks. Frequent swings in South Florida's water conditions — and the drier-than-normal La Niña forecast — indicate a return to water shortage is possible.

"It's a relief to see an improvement to water supplies throughout the region, especially considering the drier-than-normal forecast for the next few months," said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Joe Collins. "We continue to encourage people to conserve water and be mindful that there is still a chance that dry conditions will return in the spring."

The District's 16-county region remains under permanent conservation measures with the Year-Round Irrigation Rule that limits landscaping to two or three days per week based on location. Permitted water

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Extended Forecast

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Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Southeast wind around 5 mph.



Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. East southeast wind around 5 mph.



Special to the Okeechobee News/SEM

Book Challenge

Seminole Elementary students were rewarded with a trip to the Wooden Jungle for their reading achievements in the 100 Book Challenge. Siblings and exceptional readers Amelia, Johnathan and Megan Burns stopped frolicking long enough to pose for the camera on the giant pyramid.

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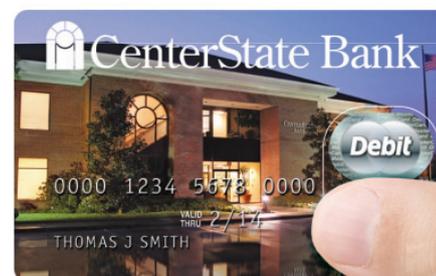
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Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There, you can create new topics or comment on existing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

New commissioner

- I am sure Frank Irby will do well and I am confident that he has the best interest for the community. However, I also feel he had an unfair advantage over the other candidates, since he worked for Governor Scott at 2 or 3 of his hospitals. Hopefully, he will do great, if not election time is right around the corner.

- I wish Mr. Irby well in his new position as county commissioner. I hope he will vote in the best interest of all the people and do what is right for the county.

- The voters didn't vote him in before and I doubt they will vote him in next November. I hope all of those candidates that applied for the vacancy will get on the ballot next year.

- With my knowledge of the situation, Frank Irby was the only one with a resume even remotely good enough to be interviewed. Before attacking a man's character about where/when/who he worked for maybe you should get to know the person, or do a little research to find out about the man, first as opposed to just speculating. If you don't like, then do something about it in November. I doubt you'll be successful because COMMISSIONER Irby will be a great fit to our BOCC!

- Is it a person's resume that should only be considered? You do not need a degree to be a county commissioner, common sense would suffice. Also, what happened to changes from the recently elected? What ever happened about consolidating the departments?

- Some of the people who put their names in the running for the appointment cannot run for election to that commission seat because they don't live in the district. The rule was you did not have to live in the district to be appointed, but you do have to live in the district to run for election or re-election to that office. I do hope those who are qualified and who are interested in serving the county come out and run for election. It is better for the county if the voters have more choices of candidates.

Sexual harassment

- It all boils down the liberals are scared of Cain and will do anything to keep that bum in office.

- Only one woman said anything about the alleged sexual harassment at the time and that was 15 years ago. Now others are coming forward and saying they were harassed 15 years ago too. If whatever he said or did really offended them, I think they would have reported it a lot sooner. Seems like the Democrats are digging for any dirt they can find. What is funny is that with Bill Clinton's history you would think that the Democrats would leave that alone.

Bad behavior

- If you think Facebook is a problem, think what must be in the texts and messages sent by teens on their phones.

- Back in the day, when there were no phones and toys, everything was much simpler.

- Before the internet, things were settled face to face and it was done with one way or another and not everyone knew about it. Now everyone thinks that if it is posted, it is true and everyone in Okeechobee believes it to be true, especially the teenagers and parents.

- These kids have no filters. They don't think before they post things that are very cruel and hurtful. They think it's funny and don't care if they ruin someone else's life. And it goes back to the parents who did not teach them empathy. Before you post something, think how you would feel if it was said about you or a member of your family. Being kind is always the best choice.

- Facebook and other internet postings are not as anonymous as some people think. Be careful what you post online. You may be held accountable for it. And it could cost you a potential job or entry into a college program. Don't post anything that you would not sign your name to.

Going Out

- I enjoyed the 'Going Out' section in the paper on Friday. And it was quite interesting to see all the things there are to do either in Okeechobee or in neighboring communities. I don't think I'm up to a hike around the dike, but I might take in a play.



Reflections from the pulpit

Evangelize with your heart

1 Peter 2:9, 2 Peter 1:7,
Proverbs 4:23

By Rev. Pauline G. Livatt

New St. Stephens A.M.E. Church

Did you know that when a person first encounters you they are supposed to know who you are and whose you are?

People are generally drawn to you or driven away from you by your very presence, your person and what it is in your heart and spirit.

It's the spirit of God that you carry around with you that attracts people of God. As a child of God, there should be something different about you, something special, something that stands out when you walk into a room, something that makes people want what you have. That something should be the heart of God.

Within your heart should flow the love of God. Everything about you should reflect the heart of God; your speech, your presence, your walk, the way you present yourself and even your smile.

The way we should be drawing people to Christ is by love and acts. Let us show kindness to the saved and to the unsaved, because we are all children of God. (Bringing people to Christ through the work of a Godly heart.) Eventually, the unsaved will want what you have, the peace that rests inside you, the love of God that fills your life and the beautiful smile that you carry around with you regardless of bad times. Yes, even something as little as a smile or a hug could transform someone's life. Remember, it's the little things that are done that can make a world of difference in the lives of others.

Prayer: Lord, help us to have the heart of God so that we may be a blessing unto your kingdom by bringing people to you through our heart.

Letters to the editor

Margaret Smith's story

Margaret C. Smith is a member of the Okeechobee Quilters Club that meets weekly at the Okeechobee Historical Museum where the members donate their time making lap blankets and baby quilts for those in need of them. Margaret wants to share her story of two life-threatening medical emergencies and how donated blood saved her life each time.

Early one morning 40 years ago, when Margaret resided in Hollywood, Fla., she was awakened by terrible abdominal pains. At daylight, she called her doctor who met her at the hospital where Margaret was in so much agony that the doctor could not determine the cause so he had no choice but to operate on her. The surgery revealed that Margaret was bleeding internally from a ruptured ovarian cyst and required a blood transfusion to replace the blood she had lost.

In 1988, Margaret suffered another medical emergency that resulted in her needing a blood transfusion to survive. Margaret had moved to Okeechobee by then and loved to go out fishing on Lake Okeechobee. At the time she suffered from stomach ulcers and took antacids for the burning pain. One day while she was fishing, the ever-present pain suddenly stopped. Margaret was alarmed and went to bed as soon as she got home. When she woke up, she realized she was bleeding internally. She drove herself to her doctor in

Hollywood and he promptly admitted her into the hospital. As Margaret walked into the hospital, she fainted and fell as a result of her losing so

much blood due to a perforated bleeding ulcer. Once again, Margaret needed a blood transfusion to replace lost blood.

Margaret has enjoyed good health ever since; however, she knows she could have died on two separate occasions had it not been for the donated blood she received.

A medical emergency, such as Margaret experienced, can happen to anybody at any time. Our local hospital keeps an ample supply of blood on hand for these emergencies. The one and only source of that blood supply is people like you and me.

Be a hero; be a blood donor by giving the gift of life at the Sixth Annual Okeechobee Blood Roundup to be held at the Freshman Campus on Nov. 19 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Your unit of blood will help meet the Roundup's goal of 600 units of donated blood in two days. One unit of your blood can be broken down into separate components and can save three lives.

Susan Williams



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Study shows Salmonella can reach tomato through leaves

By **Mickie Anderson**

University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Food-safety experts have long believed that Salmonella bacteria could only enter tomatoes through wounds in the stem or fruit — but a new University of Florida laboratory study shows it can also happen another way.

Plant pathologist Ariana van Bruggen, a professor in UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, published a paper today in the online journal PLoS One, with research findings that show — for the first time — that Salmonella can enter tomato plants through intact leaves, travel through the plant and end up in the fruit itself.

But she says she can't stress enough that it isn't at all easy for it to happen, even in the lab, and would be unlikely under field conditions.

"The message is that yes, (Salmonella) can be internalized in tomato, but it's rare — the chance is so low," she said. "I would tell consumers not to worry too much."

Although van Bruggen, a member of UF's Emerging Pathogens Institute, described her experiment as a "worst-case scenario," she said the findings suggest tomato growers and packers should continue to review their already-stringent safety standards, taking a look at factors such as irrigation water sources, the possibility of wild animals getting too close to plants and the use of surfactants.

Keith Schneider, a food safety expert and

IFAS faculty member, called the study's findings intriguing, but said hand-washing by consumers and food handlers is still likely to have the single biggest impact on whether people become ill from anything they eat.

"There is probably a far bigger risk of people becoming sick from not washing their hands, or their kids not washing their hands, than the possibility of this route of infection occurring in nature," he said.

Tomatoes are a \$619 million annual industry in Florida and food-safety scares do tremendous damage to growers. In 2008, the industry lost an estimated \$100 million when federal health officials erroneously blamed a Salmonella outbreak on domestically grown tomatoes, only to announce later that contaminated jalapeño and Serrano

peppers from Mexico were responsible.

Salmonella is among the most common foodborne illnesses, often spread by raw or undercooked meat, poultry or eggs, but sometimes through contaminated produce. It can cause abdominal pain, fever, nausea and vomiting.

Results from the 2 ½ -year study were published Thursday in the online, open-access journal Public Library of Sciences (PLoS) One.

Reggie Brown, manager of the Florida Tomato Committee, which has regulatory authority over most of the state's tomato production, said the industry has some of the most stringent safety standards in agriculture, anywhere. In Florida, safe tomato production practices are required by law.

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Carol Ann Herald, 66

OKEECHOBEE — Carol Ann Herald, age 66, died at Raulerson Hospital on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011.

Carol was born Sept. 24, 1945, in Clinton, Ind., and resided there for 25 years. She then lived in Kentucky until 2006 when she relocated to Okeechobee. She was a member of the Catholic faith. Her flowers and animals held a special place in her heart.

She is survived by one son, Troy Clemons of Okeechobee; daughters, Sheila Clemons of Okeechobee, Bobbie Jo (Leonard) Gilstrap of Hartford, Ky.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, John Evol; and two sisters, Joyce (Ernie) Strange and Mary (Robert) Yowell, all of Clinton, Ind.

There are no services planned at this time.

Friends may send online condolences at www.buxtonseawinds.com.

All arrangements are under the care of Matthew and Paul Buxton of Buxton-Seawinds Funeral Home, 3833 SE 18th Terrace, Okeechobee, Florida.

Curtis Parks, 87

OKEECHOBEE — Curtis Parks, age 87, of Okeechobee, died Monday, Nov. 7, 2011, in Raulerson Hospital.

Born Dec. 7, 1923, in Blackville, Okla., he had lived in Dublin, Ga., before moving to Okeechobee in 1946. He was a retired truck driver from Hector Feed Mills.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Parks and Mattie McCloud; two sons, Curtis, Jr. and Valton Parks; and his loving wife, Rosie Parks of 54 years.

He is survived by five children, Alma Grace, Algia Cope (Willie) of Okeechobee, Alberta Thomas of Dublin, Ga., Corbin Bethel of Okeechobee, and Jim Parks of New York; brother, Izel McBride of Columbus, Ga.; three sisters, Janet Fountain, Lucy Mae Tolfer of Cleveland, Ohio, and Lena McCoy of Telfair, Ga.; five grandchildren, Pat Grant, Kim Palmer, Rose (Booker) Ferrell, Manford Cotton and Sharrod Worthen; and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011, from noon until service time of 1 p.m. in the First Missionary Baptist Church (Dean's Court), Okeechobee. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, Fl. On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.



Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Palmer, 80

OKEECHOBEE — Gwendolyn "Gwen" Palmer, 80, born May 13, 1931, in Vancouver, Canada, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011, from lung cancer.

She moved to Ft. Lauderdale, in 1960 along with her husband, Gordon and her two children, William "Ken" Kerr and Susan Kerr (May). Gwen and Gordon retired to River Acres in Okeechobee in 1989. They were happily married for 47 years before he left her side in May, 2007. Her fun-loving son, Ken, left this world in March, 2010. They are now catching "the big one" on some wonderful lake together.

Gwen enjoyed spending time with family and friends, always with a joke to tell. Articulate in her beliefs she never let any obstacle slow her down. She may have been blind the last few years of her life, but she remained independent and strong-willed to the very end. Gwen was a wonderful wife, mom, grandma and friend, loved by all who crossed her path and will be missed by all. Including Sam her Basset, who was always right beside her.

Her surviving family members are: daughter, Susan (Jim) May of Coconut Creek, Fla.; grandson, Jeff (Krissy) May, their children Kylie and Jacob of Austin, Texas; granddaughter, Sandra May of Coconut Creek, Fla.; granddaughters, Jessica (Chris) Clemence; Julie (Dan) King, their children Kylie and William from Oregon; and grandson, David Kerr, of Oregon. Yes, she has two great-granddaughters named Kylie.

We all will miss her daily.

Wanda Philbrick (Speer), 76

OKEECHOBEE — Wanda Philbrick (Speer), age 76, of Okeechobee, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011, in the Hamrick Home Hospice.

She was born Dec. 7, 1934, to Willis and Mildred Long in Merndon, Mo. She was founder of the original Big Lake Real Estate and was retired from Emory Walker.

Wanda enjoyed watching Dr. Charles Stanley on television, reading and quilting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Philbrick.

She is survived by five children, Ricky Speer of Gadsden, Ala., Cheryl Bohannon of Okeechobee, Ronald Speer of Okeechobee, Stephanie Boatwright and Leita Conner, both of Gadsden, Ala., Debbie Wiley of Ft. Lauderdale; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at 3 p.m. in the Okeechobee Church of God with Pastor Mark Smith Officiating.

All arrangements are entrusted to the loving care of the Buxton Funeral Home and Crematory, 110 NE 5th Street, Okeechobee, Fl. On-line condolences may be made at www.buxtonfuneralhome.com.



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Community Events

Eagles to host Sunday dinner

Sunday, **Nov. 13**, the Cypress Hut Eagles will have a Fried Chicken Dinner from noon-4 p.m. \$6 plate. Public is welcome.

Benefit set to help Indiantown VFW

On Sunday, **Nov. 13**, at 2 p.m. Big Lake VFW Post 10539, 3912 Hwy. 441 South, will be having a benefit for the Indiantown VFW that was totally destroyed by a tornado last month. All proceeds to be donated to their building fund. Come join us for food, music and raffles. The public is welcome. Come out and meet your veterans.

Masons to host Sunday breakfast

The Okeechobee Masonic Lodge, 107 N.W. 5th, will host Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, **Nov. 13**, from 8-11 a.m. Full breakfast includes eggs, pancakes and all the rest for \$6. The public is welcome and carryouts are available. All proceeds will benefit local Mason giving programs.

OREA meeting scheduled

The Okeechobee Retired Educators will be meeting on Monday, **Nov. 14**, beginning at 11 a.m., in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's to celebrate Florida's Retired Educators Day. Any retired educator is encouraged to attend.

OHS Girls Soccer to hold 5K Run/Walk

Come out and join OHS Girls Soccer in a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 8 a.m. at the Taylor Creek Stormwater Treatment Area on Hwy 441 N. Entry fees prior to **Nov. 14** are \$20; \$25 day of race. Each registered runner or walker will receive commemorative t-shirt and goody bag. All proceeds from the event will benefit the OHS Girls Soccer Team. For more information, please call Jeri Raulerson at 863-697-8982.

Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club meeting to be held

The next meeting of the Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club (OARC) will be at 7 p.m., on Monday, **Nov. 14**, at the Red Cross office on North Parrott Ave. All club members and anyone interested in learning more about Amateur Radio is invited to attend. We will be meeting informally at 6 p.m., an hour before the meeting, at Five Guys Burgers and Fries for light meal and everyone is invited to meet with us there as well. For more information contact Tom Timmons (N3RHV) at timmons@timmons.com.

Nutritional class to open

CRA Nutritional Class will be held on Monday, **Nov. 14**, at 5:30 p.m. at Douglas Chiropractic and Fitness Center taught by Dr. Edward Douglas. For more informational call 863-763-4320. This is a free community service.

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Okeechobee Livestock Market Report

November 7 and 8, 2011		Med #1	Steers	Hfhrs
Cows				
Breaking	62.00	69.00	200-250	180-200
Cutter	53.00	63.00	250-300	170-185
Canner			300-350	155-180
			350-400	135-155
			400-450	126-140
			450-500	123-134
			550-600	119-130
			600-650	117-129
				98-104
Bulls				
1000-1500	76.00	82.00		
1500-2000	70.00	74.00		
Monday Tuesday Med #2 Steers Hfhrs				
Calves	873	1723	200-250	155-170
Cows	65	402	250-300	145-165
Str	9	118	300-350	120-132
Hfhrs	8	68	350-400	112-125
Bulls	22	38	400-450	110-122
Yrlngs	10	9		
Mix	6	0		
Total	993	2358		

even higher this week! We had good 700# steers bringing prices up to \$1.20! Cows and bulls looked to be steady to a little cheaper, especially on medium cows. Good, big yielders were still holding their value. Robert R. Smith, Commercial Ranch and Pearce Cattle topped the calf market this week with a high of \$2. Sacramento Farms topped the cow market this week with a high of \$81.

No sales Thanksgiving Week! Back on Monday, Nov. 28. Can't believe this year is already winding down!

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Lots and lots of cattle this week and guess what? Calf prices were



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Okeechobee Cattlewomen to host special lunch

The Okeechobee Cattlewomen will host a special lunch with Carlton Ward, Jr., environmental photojournalist of "Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier" on Friday, Nov. 18. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. at IRSC Williamson Center - Raulerson Auditorium. Seating is limited. Pre-register by Nov. 15 with Amy Storey of Seacoast Nat'l Bank at 863-467-4663 or Amy.Storey@SeacoastNational.com.

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Overuse of antibiotics is a cause for concern

By Pat Dobbins

Special to the Okeechobee News

There are increasing concerns about the over-use or improper use of antibiotics. Typically, the best treatment for otherwise healthy adults with acute bronchitis, colds and most types of sore throats is to simply help alleviate symptoms, according to new principles. All too often antibiotics are prescribed for adults with upper respiratory infections caused by viruses, which do not respond to antibiotics meant to treat bacterial infections.

Antibiotics are appropriate to fight bacterial infections, however, taking antibiotics for viral infections, such as a cold, most sore throats, acute bronchitis and many sinus or ear infections WILL NOT help many problems. In these cases, antibiotics:

- WILL NOT cure the infection;
- WILL NOT keep other people from getting sick;
- WILL NOT help you or your child feel better.

The excessive use of antibiotics among outpatients has contributed to the emergence and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in many communities. Increasing antibiotic resistance among common pathogens is leaving fewer effective drugs available to treat infectious diseases. When resistance develops in first-line drugs, the remaining alternative drugs may be less effective, more expensive and more difficult to administer.

Colds and many other upper respiratory infections, as well as some ear infections, are caused by viruses, not bacteria. If antibiotics are used too often for things they can't treat (like colds or other viral infections)

they can stop working effectively against bacteria when you or your child really needs them. Antibiotic resistance is when antibiotics can no longer cure bacterial infections. Widespread overuse and inappropriate use of antibiotics is fueling an increase in antibiotic-resistant bacteria. So there may come a time when you or your child really needs an antibiotic for a bacterial infection, and it may not work.

Did you know?

- Antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing public health threats.

- Antibiotics are the most important tool we have to combat life-threatening bacterial diseases.

- Increasing antibiotic resistance is compromising the effectiveness of antibiotics.

- Patients, healthcare providers, health departments, hospital administrators and policy makers must work together to employ effective strategies for improving appropriate antibiotic use which will ultimately saving lives.

What can you do to help?

- Do not demand antibiotics when a doctor says they are not needed.

- Do not take an antibiotic for a viral infection like a cold or most sore throats.

- Do not take antibiotics prescribed for someone else. The antibiotic may not be appropriate for your or your child's illness. Taking the wrong medicine may delay correct treatment and allow bacteria to multiply.

For more information about antimicrobial resistance, including the overuse or misuse of antibiotics, visit CDC websites: <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/actionplan/index.htm>; <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/index.htm>.

Raulerson deploys new technology, enhancing safety

Historically in hospitals, key patient health information, such as vital signs, are captured with various medical devices that do not communicate electronically to the patient's medical record. Instead, it is usually documented on paper and re-entered manually in the medical record.



By Dec. 1, Raulerson Hospital will be utilizing a new technology, Vitals Now, to automatically communicate data, such as patients' vital signs, to their care team in real time. With the implementation of Vitals Now, doctors and nurses will be able to view patients' key health information mere seconds after it was measured from the patients' bedside, rather than minutes. With this new automation of vitals, manual entry of the data will no longer be necessary, further improving the coordination of

care and patient safety.

Vitals Now is just one example of the latest technology being introduced to Raulerson's medical staff to improve their monitoring and communication of patient health information. Earlier this summer Raulerson Hospital invested in a point-of-care tool, called the I-STAT device, which provides critical care nurses

and physicians with an advanced internal evaluation of the patient's severity of sepsis, in only two-minutes, all from the comfort of the patient's bedside. Raulerson Hospital is committed to providing its patients the best care from its medical team and the latest technology and devices impacting the medical field. For more information about Raulerson Hospital visit RaulersonHospital.com or call 863-763-2151.

ENGAGEMENT

RACHEL STINNETT & JOHN TRENT

Danny and Melanie Stinnett of Okeechobee announce the engagement of their daughter Rachel to John F. Trent, son of Donnie and Pam Trent of Okeechobee. Grandparents of the bride are Emily Burdeshaw, Ben and Judy Burdeshaw, and Betty and the late Julian Stinnett all of Okeechobee. Grandparents of the groom are Luther and Gladys Trent of Okeechobee and Harry and Evelyn Risius of Bricelyn, Minnesota. The bride-to-be graduated from Okeechobee High School and the University of South Florida. She is currently a teacher at Everglades Elementary. John graduated from Okeechobee High School and is the manager of Quik-Change Oil & Lube. Their wedding day is November 26, 2011.



BIRTHS

RICHARD 'CALEB' SMITH

Richard "Caleb" Smith was born at 3:13 p.m., October 25, 2011, at Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

He is the son of Richard Smith V and Rachel Dickhart of Okeechobee, and little brother of Callie Ann.

His maternal grandparents are Scott and Anna Concannon of Okeechobee and Dave and Brenda Dickhart of Fort Pierce.

His paternal grandparents are Richard Smith IV of Okeechobee and Anita Burt of Okeechobee.

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Coquina disputes CenturyLink's cable placement

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

It seems a telephone company and a local government body are at odds.

CenturyLink currently has a claim against Coquina Water Control District for cutting their underground telephone cable. That claim was the basis for a good bit of discus-



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Tony Young, attorney for Coquina Water Control District, points to flags marking the position of CenturyLink's underground telephone cable in Viking. A Coquina employee recently cut a telephone cable. It is Coquina's position that the line was not where it was supposed to be.

sion at the Wednesday, Nov. 9, meeting of the Coquina Board of Supervisors meeting.

It is Coquina's position that the cable was not where the telephone company marked it. Board attorney Tony Young said the law requires an underground utility to put up a line of flags where an underground line is located. Then he said they are required to mark a line two feet on either side of that line. The underground cable is supposed to be within that four foot wide strip. The CenturyLink cables in Coquina were not identified that way according to Superintendent Danny Faircloth. He stated that the cable that was cut was a little over three feet from the line marked by CenturyLink.

Supervisor Ken Childs noted that there are three entities involved in the dispute, Coquina, CenturyLink, and a contracted cable locator company. He suggested and the board concurred that a meeting be set up of the three parties to see if the problem could be resolved. The board voted not to pay the pending claim at this time.

Mr. Young suggested that Mr. Faircloth take pictures before and after digging around CenturyLink cables.

Turning to other matters, engineer Bryan Clemons reported that he was getting ready to apply for South Florida Water Management District permits to dig for fill dirt on the entire 24 acres Coquina had recently purchased. While all the property will eventually be used, present plans call for clearing and digging on two sites. Chairman Melvin

Byars said he was looking at other lots that could be purchased for fill dirt. He also said he was looking at six places where ditch work needs to be done to improve drainage and prevent flooding.

As to the guard rail project that had been discussed at a previous meeting, Mr. Byars said the canal levels need to be lower before that work is started. While vegetation does slow the flow if water in the canals, Mr. Byars said the vegetation also cleans the water. At this time he said that all the canals are now draining satisfactorily.

"We have to do something," Mr. Byars said of he current mowing program. "We are getting nowhere." The board discussed either expanding the scope of the present contract or advertising for a new contract with a larger scope of work.

Mr. Young was instructed to put together a written protocol for the entire election procedure to avoid the kind of problems experienced in the recent election of board members.

Mr. Childs brought up the question of fences across roadways in Coquina. Mr. Byars said that some of those fences are legal because the road they are blocking is not a legal easement. It was suggested that a list of such fences be made to determine which ones are legal.

The board received some good financial news. Mr. Byars noted that there was \$40,000 carried over from last year's budget and that some back taxes are being paid.

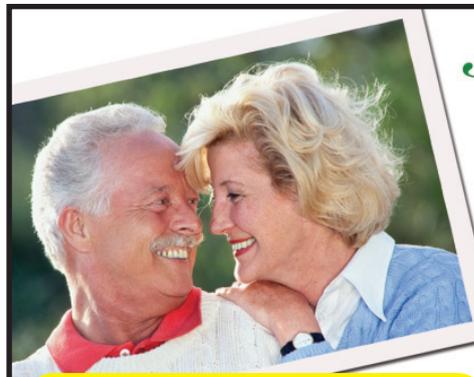
Before adjourning the board went out into the field to inspect work being done to replace a culvert in a canal and to observe flags put up by CenturyLink to mark their underground cables as well as what they called an exposed telephone cable that was not buried properly.

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



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

Bryan Clemons, engineer for Coquina Water Control District, inspects work being done to replace a culvert in a canal in Viking. The inspection was performed as part of the Wednesday, Nov. 9, meeting of the Coquina Board of Supervisors.



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VETERANS

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ering cutting Congressional benefits which include medical care.

Mr. Papy urged the crowd to be cautious about donations and give only to established veterans' programs. He went on to say that the military today makes up one percent of the population. He said the goal of the military today is not to win wars to be politically correct. "The last war America won outright was World War II," he said.

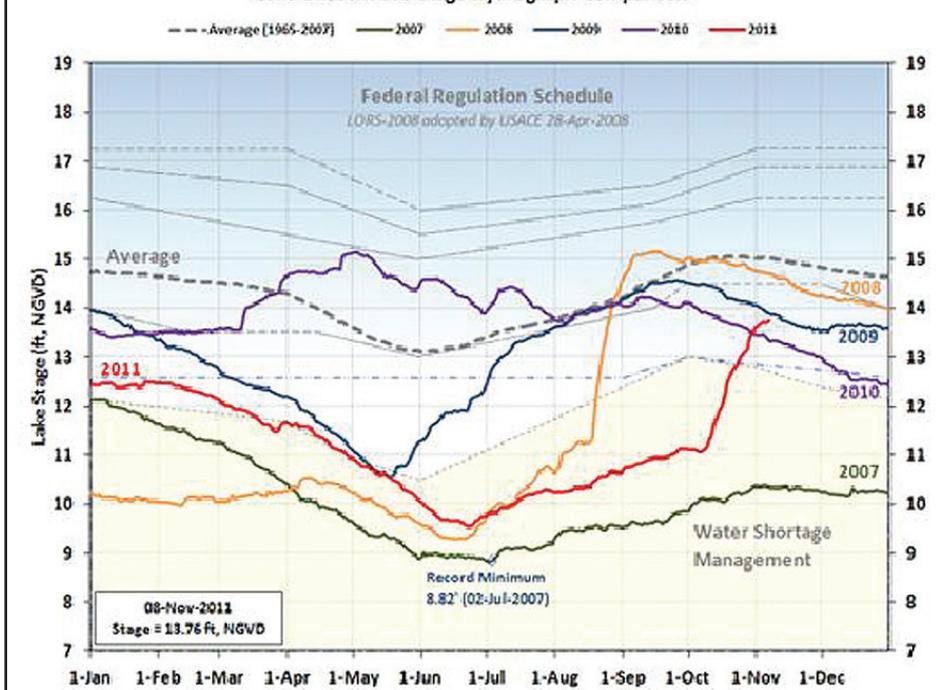
Mr. Papy said that today's returning veterans have trouble keeping their homes and providing for their families.

"We honor today all who have served," Mr. Papy said in conclusion. "Many will be

forgotten until next year. One day is not enough."

The Okeechobee High School JROTC Color Guard consisting of Command Sgt. Maj. G. Martinez, 2nd Lt. B. Bush, Capt. J. Sylvia and Maj. A. Rowe presented and retired the Colors, The JROTC Honor Guard, made up of Cadet Capt. Sylvia, Staff Sgt. K. Sarros, Pfc. J. Liptert, Pvt. S. Russell, Pfc. M. Russell, Pfc. Bartoe, Pvt. Evans and Sgt. Shumway fired a rifle salute for veterans. Sgt. 1st Class Gibson, JROTC instructor, played taps in honor of fallen veterans. New Ground Quartet sang "The National Anthem." Chaplain Carl Diesslin of American Legion Post 64 gave the Invocation and Benediction and read the names of local people killed in our nation's wars. Clay Gundersen, Vice Commander of American Legion Post 64, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lake Okeechobee Stage Hydrograph Comparison



Special to the Okeechobee News/SFWM

The red line depicts the recent spike in Lake Okeechobee's water level, causing it to cross above last year's level, noted with the purple line.

WATER

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users such as nurseries, agriculture and utilities are required to continue following the terms of their permits.

Improved Conditions

The dry season that stretched from October 2010 until June 2011 was one of the driest on record and required mandatory, emergency cutbacks to protect water resources from serious harm and safeguard the water supply.

The District received 38.2 inches of rain during the June-to-November wet season, which is 4.52 inches above normal and compensated for the significant rainfall deficit during the preceding dry season.

The record-setting 9.8 inches of rain in October was two-and-a-half times the average for the month and resulted in localized flooding. Lake Okeechobee, the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, the Water Conservation Ar-

eas and groundwater levels improved dramatically in recent weeks.

"The District is storing as much water as possible given the forecast for below-average rainfall in the months ahead, while also balancing flood control responsibilities. Given Florida's long history of weather extremes and recent and dramatic swings from dry to wet conditions, we remain on alert for a drier-than-normal dry season," said Tommy Strowd, SFWM Director of Operations, Maintenance and Construction. "Conserving water and following the Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule remain key to stretching supplies."

October's storms did significantly benefit Lake Okeechobee, a key backup water supply for millions of South Floridians. The lake stood at 13.79 feet NGVD today, and continues to rise above last year's level. The current level is more than 2.5 feet higher than on Sept. 30.

Links to information about irrigation limits by area, current conditions and water-savings tips are available at www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch.

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Call of Duty MW3 Launch Party

Ultimate Gamer in Okeechobee sponsored a launch party for the new Call of Duty, Modern Warfare 3 game, on Monday night. The game officially went on sale at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday and fans of the game wanted to be the first to play the latest version. The launch party included a live DJ, drawings for door prizes and the chance to demo the game before the release (with special permission from Activision.) There were more than 50 entrants in the tournament which started at 5 p.m. and lasted until around 9:30 p.m. The tournament was for Call of Duty Black Ops. The winner won a copy of the new Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3 game that was released at midnight. Players chose whether to play on Xbox 360 or Playstation 3. The two top winners from each console then went head to head against each other for two rounds on each console. The winner was the person who had the total points from all four games. Left to right are: Kristian Vergara (4th place), Damon Prescott (2nd place), Rachel Muros (Ultimate Gamer staffer handing the tournament winner a copy of the game), Danni Bonilla (1st place winner who received a free copy of the game, poster and shirt), J.J. Smith (3rd place), Michael Coker (Ultimate Gamer staff member.) Those who pre-ordered the game from Ultimate Gamer could play in the tournament with no additional entry fee and also received a free Call of Duty Modern Warfare 3 T-Shirt.



Special to the Okeechobee News/Debi Large

Coffee talk

The Serenity Coffee Shop is a great place to meet for a great cup of coffee and fellowship. Even business can be fun at the Coffee Shop. Enjoying coffee and conversation today were L to R: Debi Large, Republican Party of Okeechobee Chairman; Mike Horner, Florida State Representative; Jennie & Curtis Tyson, Owners of Serenity Coffee Shop; Linda Estes, Republican Party of Okeechobee Vice Chairman; Dowling Watford, City Council; Joey Hoover, County Commissioner for District 4.



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Public input sought on bear management plan

After dwindling to as few as 300 bears in the 1970s, the Florida black bear population has rebounded to an estimated 3,000 bears today. Bears and their cubs roam forests and swamps from Eglin Air Force Base in the Panhandle to Ocala National Forest in the state's midsection and Big Cypress National Preserve in Southwest Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), which worked with its partners to increase the state's black bear population, Thursday, released a new draft management plan for the bear and is asking for public input. Both a summary of public feedback and the draft plan will go before the Commission at its February, 2012 meeting.

"The Florida black bear is truly a conservation success story. Bear populations have clearly benefited from broad public support and diligent conservation efforts across Florida, particularly in those communities where black bears have become more common," said FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley. "We welcome the public's thoughts on how to best continue our bear conservation efforts in the future, as both our human and bear populations expand."

The goal of the draft management plan is to "maintain sustainable black bear populations in suitable habitats throughout Florida for the benefit of the species and people." It includes measurable objectives regarding bear populations, habitat, citizen education and outreach, and human-bear conflicts.

The Florida black bear currently does not meet the criteria of being at high risk of extinction, based on the FWC's Biological Status Review on the species completed in early 2011. When a bear management plan is approved, the bear will no longer be on the state's list of threatened species. A similar process was followed for the bald eagle, which is no longer listed as a state threatened species but is carefully managed through specific conservation measures established under an FWC management plan.

The FWC is seeking public input on the draft bear management plan. The open process will include four public workshops: Bristol (Nov. 22), Naples (Nov. 29), Deland (Dec. 6), and Gainesville (Dec. 13). Go to MyFWC.com/Bear to access workshop details, read the plan and comment online.

The draft bear management plan includes:

- Establishment of seven bear management units (BMUs) to provide localized bear management and public involvement appropriate to the area, from about 1,000 bears in the Central BMU, which includes Ocala National Forest, to about 20 bears in the Big Bend BMU, which includes Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

- A section on the history of bear hunting in Florida. A bear hunt is not proposed in the plan. Currently, Florida black bears may not be hunted, harmed or killed, and similar prohibitions would continue under a rule proposed in the plan.

- Creation of "Bear Smart Communities" in areas of high bear activity. Human-bear conflicts are on the rise in Florida. In 2010, the FWC received more than 4,000 calls from citizens about bears. In the past 10 years, more than half of those calls were related to bears rummaging through garbage. A "Bear Smart Community" would involve residents, local governments, businesses and schools in changing people's behaviors to reduce human-bear conflicts.

"People's involvement in conserving bears is critical," Wiley said.

Black bears are generally shy and non-aggressive toward humans. But bears can smell food from more than a mile away and so are tempted to leave forests and swamps to dine on garbage and pet food that is left outdoors and unsecured.

The diet of Florida black bears is mostly vegetarian, with 15 percent insects, and 5 percent animal matter. The bear's menu includes saw palmetto, acorns, ferns, blackberries, bees, alligator eggs, armadillo and opossum. Male bears typically weigh between 250 and 400 pounds; females are smaller, weighing 125 to 250 pounds. At birth, a bear cub is about the size of a can of soda and weighs less than a pound.

Conservation of Florida wildlife habitats on both public and privately owned lands helped ensure the rebounding bear population had room to grow. However, expected future loss of large forests is the major long-term challenge to maintaining black bears in a growing state of nearly 19 million people. The adult male black bear rambles over a 60,000-acre range; the female's range is 15,000 acres. The more immediate danger to a black bear is crossing the road. Being hit by a car or truck is the major cause of known bear deaths in the state, with 158

bears killed or euthanized after being injured on highways in 2010.

The Florida black bear is among the 62 wildlife species that soon will join the list of Florida species, like the bald eagle, already under an FWC management plan. Florida's new threatened species conservation model requires that management plans be created for all species that have been state-listed and then updated at specified intervals. Those management plans give citizens an active role in Florida's efforts to conserve its diverse wildlife for future generations.

Suggestions on revising the bear plan will be accepted online through Jan. 10, 2012, at MyFWC.com/Bear, where more information also is available on the Florida black bear.

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Police agencies find substitute for popular police car model

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

A very popular police vehicle is no longer available since the last Ford Crown Victoria recently rolled off the assembly line.

Local Ford dealer Dowling Watford said that most Ford dealers were very disappointed to hear of the discontinuance of the Crown Victoria. He said that car had 70 percent of the police and taxi business.

Captain Bud Slay of the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office called the Crown Victoria "an excellent car." He went on to say "We haven't had any difficulties."

In the past year he said the Sheriff's office has bought seven new Chevrolet Impalas to replace Crown Victorias. They are also testing Dodge Chargers.

Captain Mark Brown of the Florida High-

way Patrol said that from the late 1990s through the early 2000s his agency relied heavily on the Crown Victoria since it was the only rear wheel drive vehicle suitable for police use. He said that rear wheel drive is better for interstate highway use. In 2006 and 2007 the captain said the highway patrol began moving toward the Dodge Charger which also has rear wheel drive.

City of Okeechobee Police Chief Denny Davis said the Crown Victoria was a good car. At a recent city council meeting, since the Crown Victoria is no longer available, the council filled the gap by voting to purchase 16, 2012 Dodge Chargers.

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

Community Events

Shrine Club plans dinner

The Okeechobee Shrine Club will offer a delicious spaghetti dinner Tuesday, **Nov. 15**. The Shrine now offers SMOKE FREE dining. Dinner begins at 4 p.m. Music is provided from 5 to 8 p.m. for your listening and dancing pleasure. Proceeds go to Shrine benefits. For more information, contact the Shrine Club at 863-763-3378.

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VFW dinner benefits vets

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Hospice to host yard sales

Hospice of Okeechobee's next sale will be Wednesday **Nov. 16** and Thursday Nov. 17, from 8 a.m. until noon, at the corner of SE 4th Street and SE 3rd Ave. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon. For information call 863-467-2321 or see our web page www.hospiceofokeechobee.org.

Ducks Unlimited event set

A Ducks Unlimited event will be held at the Okeechobee Shrine Club on Hwy. 78 West, on Wednesday, **Nov. 16**, at 6 p.m. This is an event to judge interest in starting a local Ducks Unlimited chapter here! Evening features steak dinner, raffle and auctions. For tickets: contact Bill at 863-357-1554 or David at 863-227-0659.

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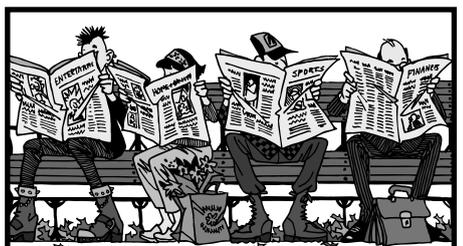


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Special Magistrate
The Okeechobee County Special Magistrate will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held at the Okeechobee County Health Department Auditorium, located at 1728 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida. For more information, contact Jennifer Busbin at the Planning and Development Department, 499 N.W. 5th Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972, (863) 824-3074.
All interested parties shall have the opportunity to be heard at this public meeting. Any person deciding to appeal any decision by the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made and that the record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal will be based. Code Enforcement tapes are for the sole purpose of backup for official records of the Department.
Jennifer Busbin
Secretary to the
Code Enforcement Special Magistrate
402645 ON 11/13/2011

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CASE NO. 2010 CA 80
RIVERSIDE NATIONAL BANK OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,
v.
JOSEPH L. STRONG A/K/A JOSEPH LESTER STRONG; DAVE VAN HORN; AND DELTA PETROLEUM & INDUSTRIAL, INC.,
Defendants.
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THENCE N 89°48'48" E, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 3, A DISTANCE OF 651.20 FEET;
THENCE S 00°07'12" W, A DISTANCE OF 239.03 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF STATE ROAD NO. 15 (CONNERS HIGHWAY);
THENCE CONTINUE S 00°07'12" W, A DISTANCE OF 112.31 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE LEVEE LD-4 RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE;
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Mattson completes basic training

Pvt. Evan Wilson Mattson graduated from basic training with the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 4 at Parris Island, S.C. He will go to Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger in North Carolina.

Pvt. Mattson is a 2011 graduate of Okeechobee High School. He is the son of Kim Thomas and Mark Mattson.



Pvt. Evan Mattson

Tinajero completes basic training

Pvt. Alfonso Tinajero graduated from basic training with the U.S. Marine Corps on Nov. 4 at Parris Island, S.C. He will go to Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger in North Carolina.

Pvt. Tinajero is a 2011 graduate of Okeechobee High School. He is the son of Benjamin and Maria Tinajero.



Pvt. Alfonso Tinajero

Hospice plans 2012 'Festival of Trees'

Hospice of Okeechobee's annual Festival of Trees will be held Nov. 28 through Dec. 4. Delivery/set up of trees will be from Nov. 14 to Nov. 22. Hospice of Okeechobee is currently seeking donations of fully-decorated Christmas trees and other Christmas items to display and sell through a silent auction process. This special event is to raise money for the benefit of patient care in the Hamrick Home—a residence and in-patient facility providing 24 hour care. If you would like to donate a tree or would like more information, please contact Frank Irby 863-467-2321.

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OHS Brahmans lose to Clewiston Tigers in second half

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

It was a tale of two halves as Okeechobee dominated the first half but Clewiston rebounded to dominate the second half and win their annual rivalry game, 34-21, Friday night at Brahman Stadium.

Clewiston (7-3) got three touchdown runs from tailback DeMarcus Terry but it was a defensive player who changed the outcome of the game.

Brahman Quarterback Jack Radebaugh, red hot to start the game, made one costly mistake midway through the fourth quarter with the Brahmans clinging to a 21-20 lead. He was intercepted near midfield by Ty'Kwan Fryson and the Clewiston senior ran untouched into the end zone to give the Tigers a 27-21 lead. "I sat back and read and knew it was coming. I stepped up to make a big play when my team needed it," he said.

Okeechobee dominated play in the first half and held a 21-10 halftime lead. Radebaugh hit his first five passes and D.J. Washington rushed 38 yards for a touchdown. An eight play, 63-yard drive ended with a four-yard Radebaugh touch-



Okeechobee News/Charles Murphy
OHS honored veterans during the Veterans Day season finale with a beautiful painted flag at midfield.

down run to give Okeechobee a 14-3 lead in the second quarter.

Clewiston responded with a big night from tailback DeMarcus Terry who rushed for 114 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Tyler Clemmons went (8-16) for 158 yards. Fullback Derry West had 62 yards rushing and tight end Chauncey Thicklin had 44 yards in receptions.

Clewiston Coach Joe Roth said in a rivalry game like this he expected Okeechobee to play hard. "Okeechobee had our number in the first half and we couldn't do anything. In the second half our defense created turnovers and opportunities for our offense."

Brahman senior Will Jackson caught a touchdown pass with under a minute left in the first half to give Okeechobee an 11-point advantage at the break. He said the catch gave him the best feeling he ever experienced. "I felt like I was given a million bucks. It felt like the world to go into the half time with that great feeling," he added.

Okeechobee couldn't keep up the momentum in the second half as the Tigers outscored the Brahmans 24-0. They prevented the Brahman offense from a first down in the third quarter.

Two Brahman fumbles also gave the Tigers scoring opportunities one on a questionable call on a pass reception to Ty'Ronte Files. It appeared Files hadn't held the ball long enough to make a catch. Clewiston, who missed two field goals, also got two field goals from senior Grant Polhill.

West capped an eight-play 58-yard drive to start the third quarter with a short touchdown run to pull Clewiston two within four. Files' fumble at the Brahman 21 led to a Polhill field

goal to make it 21-20.

Brahman Coach Myron Jackson said turnovers were the team's Achilles heel in this game. He felt the team played very well in the first half but couldn't sustain the momentum. "We executed and did what we wanted to do in the first half. Maybe if we score one more touchdown we push them over the edge and keep that first half momentum."

Jackson was one of six Brahman seniors who were honored at the senior night game. Others this year were John Kemp, Thor Harden, Seth Hedrick, Dan Beyel, Ty'Keshe Files, Raul Piedra and Will Jackson. "We gave it everything we had. We didn't have the greatest season by far, but we were family out there and put it all on the gridiron," Will said, "I love to play football and to hear that last buzzer really set me off."



Jack Radebaugh played his best game of the year Friday as he got Okeechobee off to a great start against arch rival Clewiston.

Game notes

TeAngelo Ulett had a tackle for loss for Clewiston. Washington had a tackle for loss for the Brahmans. GW Jarrell had a passed defended for Okeechobee and CoBryant had a tackle for loss and pass defended for Clewiston. Elijahon Williams had three tackles for loss for Okeechobee, (2-8).

Okeechobee versus Clewiston game stats
Clewiston 3 7 10 14--- 34
Okeechobee 7 14 0 0--- 21
How they scored:
First Quarter
Okeechobee Washington 38-yard run. (El Hendi PAT) 7-0. 3:45.
Clewiston Polhill 31-yard field goal. 7-3. 1:01.

Second Quarter
Okeechobee Radebaugh four-yard run. (El Hendi PAT) 14-3. 9:28.
Clewiston Terry 57-yard run. (Polhill PAT) 14-10. 8:40.
Okeechobee Jackson 20-yard pass from Radebaugh (El Hendi PAT) 21-10. ;18.

Third Quarter
Clewiston West one-yard run. (Polhill PAT) 21-17. 7:46.
Clewiston Polhill 21-yard field goal. 21-20. 0:01.

Fourth Quarter
Clewiston Fryson 53-yard interception return. (Polhill PAT) 27-21. 6:38.
Clewiston Terry one-yard run. (Polhill PAT) 34-21. 0:43.

Team Statistics	Clewiston	Okeechobee
First Downs	12	16
Third Downs	4-11	5-10
Penalties	8-40	1-5
Rushing Yards	187	174
Passing Yards	158	134
Punts	2-51	3-69
Punt returns	0-0	1-1
Kick returns	3-42	4-47
Fumbles/lost	0-0	4-2
Interceptions	1-53	0-0

Individual Statistics: Okeechobee		Att	Comp	Yds	TD	INT
Passing	Jack Radebaugh	15	9	134	1	1
Rushing	Jack Radebaugh	4	12	3.0	4	1
	D.J. Washington	14	97	6.9	38	1
	Ty'Ronte Files	10	33	3.3	10	0
	Elijahon Williams	6	43	7.2	20	0
	Eddie Neal	1	-11	-11.0	-11	0
Totals		31	174	5.6	38	2
Receiving	D.J. Washington	3	19	6.3	15	0
	Ty'Ronte Files	2	29	14.5	23	0
	Will Jackson	2	39	19.5	20	1
	Eddie Neal	2	48	24.0	23	0
Totals		9	134	14.9	23	1

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OHS boys basketball team ready for season

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

While Okeechobee moves up in class this year to play boys basketball, there is still reason for optimism because there are some very young and talented players ready to show what they can do.

Normally a new coach, and one returning starter on your bench, might add up to a bleak outlook for the season, but not in Okeechobee.

The new coach really isn't new. Shawn Hayes has been an assistant basketball coach for the past few years and knows the kids well. He also knows there are a number of kids with great talent.

His assistant Jason Egli admitted there are a lot of new faces, but that doesn't change their thoughts about the program.

"We still have the same expectations and we expect more out of our kids," Egli stated.

Job one will be improvement in academics. Job two will be to get in better shape. The kids run all the time in practice and the goal is to make them the fastest and best conditioned team on the floor.

"Our practices show the kids about professionalism and accountability and stresses the importance of being on time. We are not just building a team we are building men," Egli added.

The team has a surplus of guards but a shortage of power forwards and centers. That means things will change in the half-court offense. The Brahman could end up with four perimeter players and just one person inside. "Some things will change like the offensive plays but it is still Brahman basketball. We hold ourselves to higher expectations as coaches and we have passed that on to the kids," he added.

Top players on the team include shooting guard Eddie Neal, point guard Phillip Jones, a dynamic player who sat out last year, senior Tim Hirst, and Sylvester Butler.

Added to the mix is freshman Trewiston Pearce, who was a standout at Yearling Middle School last year.

The coaches might be forced to use Pearce and Neal some inside due to a lack of depth up front. Daniel Eng, the starter at center on the junior varsity last year, should also see significant minutes.

Also on the roster is holdover Felton Johnson, and JV starters Dustin Houston and Brendan Jonassaint. Also on varsity are Matt Robbins and Quandrel Ridley.

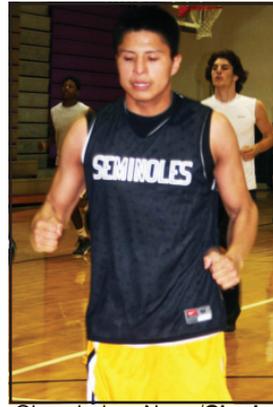
Coach Egli said he doesn't expect the team to lose anything on defense. They also appointed Deforest Shanks to help with the freshman squad partly because of the respect his former teammates have for his defense and work ethic.

"We have talent in this program maybe more so than other years. The talent will be fine. We just have to work on our discipline and do what we need to do," Egli added.

Egli said if some of the younger players continue to improve the team should be very competitive when all is said and done this year.

"Guard wise we are good. Our biggest concern is our big players. We may have to establish an offense that is more guard oriented," he suggested.

The Brahman season opens with a pre-season tournament on Nov. 17-18, at Lincoln Park Academy in Fort Pierce. The home opener is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22, against Berean Christian.



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Guard Phillip Jones will provide a steady influence on the Brahman backcourt this year.



Trewiston Pearce hopes to follow up an awesome middle school career as he begins his high school basketball career this month.

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