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dog to be put down**
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Tuesday is primary election

Election results will be online

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee County voters will go to the polls on Tuesday for the primary election.

Races in which all of the candidates belong to the same political party are open primaries. Races in which there are candidates from more than one political party are closed primaries.

All registered Okeechobee County voters will choose between Brad Goodbread and

Frank Irby in the County Commission District 3 race; Margaret Garrard Helton and Elvie Posey in the County Commission District 5 race; and Malissa Morgan and Kelly Owens in the School Board District 2 race. In the District 3 race, two candidates on the ballot, Tara Boshell and Dennis R. Conner have already dropped out of this race. Voters will be informed that these candidates have dropped out. Any votes cast for them will not count.

Republicans will also choose between Paul May and J.H. "Jon" Folbrecht in the sheriff's race. Since there is a write-in candidate in this

race with no party affiliation, this will be a closed primary. The winner will face the write-in candidate, Timothy Allen Higgins, in the November election.

Republican voters will also vote in the County Commission District 1 Republican Primary, choosing from candidates Ray Domer, Billy Marcum or Carl Shumate. The winner of this primary will face Democrat Phillip J. Baughman and Keith White (no party affiliation) in the general election.

Republicans will also choose between Bill
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practice starts**

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OHS band excited about new show

Members of the Okeechobee High School Blazin' Brahmans Marching Band have been working hard the past two weeks learning a

new marching routine and show music and teaching the new band members the ins and outs of performing in a marching band.

The band is a little younger this year, with only eight returning seniors.

At a special "sneak peek" performance for the band parents on Thursday, band director Clint LaFlam said the band is larger this year -- with a total of 98 members.

"They're doing an amazing job," he said. "I am excited for the first football game, to show

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Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS Band

The Okeechobee High School Blazin' Brahmans Marching Band has been working hard over the past two weeks during band camp. Band members are learning new music and new routine for the halftime show at the first OHS football game. Left to right are Joey Bunker, Nick Valcaniant, Nicolas Suarez and Charles Simpson.



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The dedicated band members practiced a new routine over the past two weeks, braving the hot sun.



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B.R.A.T. Club to coordinate Labor Day Parade

B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. is a local non-profit in Okeechobee serving children and teens. The club holds dances once a month giving tweens and teens a place to visit with their friends, enjoy music, games, food and fun. The dances are held at the Okeechobee Freshman Auditorium. B.R.A.T. Club also participates in other events throughout the year and recruits teen volunteers to obtain their community service hours for high school by volunteering.

The B.R.A.T. Club, Inc. board members are; Sheriff Paul May, Judge Jerry Bryant, Commissioner Bryant Culpepper, Allison Chandler/vice president, Frank DeCarlo, Tiffany Hancock/secretary, Matt Buxton and Carrie Heineman. The board strives to serve the mission of the club, "To build relationships among our youth by providing positive, safe, fun-filled activities in our community," says President Teresa Chandler.

The 2012 Labor Day Parade will be held on Sept. 3, beginning at 10 a.m. The parade will travel the regular parade route starting at 2nd street and traveling through downtown.

Last year the club picked up the parade and organized over 75 entries. The Labor Day Parade is one of Okeechobee's largest annual events bringing people young and old to enjoy the show. Businesses, clubs and individuals are welcome to participate.

"We are complimented by being asked to organize another parade," says President Teresa Chandler.



Special to the Okeechobee News/B.R.A.T. Club Board members include: Judge Jerry Bryant, Frank DeCarlo, Carrie Heineman, Allison Chandler/vice president, Teresa Chandler/President, Tiffany Hancock and Sheriff Paul May. Not Pictured: Commissioner Bryant Culpepper and Matt Buxton.

Sponsor for 2012 event is American Drilling Services.

For more information about the parade

or to obtain an application, please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996 or e-mail at tchandler@wm.com.

OKMS needs Labor Day Fest event vendors

Okeechobee Main Street is proud to announce the 2012 All-American Labor Day Celebration scheduled for Sept. 1, 2 and 3, in the Flagler Parks! Come spend some time with friends, enjoy the "tastes" of the festival and various specialty items for sale. While in town, visit our local shops and see what they now have to offer! OKMS is now taking applications for vendors and non-profits interested in setting up a booth. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246 or visit our website at: www.okeechobeemainstreet.com.

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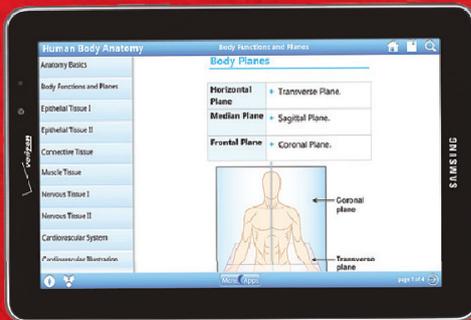
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Closed primary

• I think it is unfair that due to a last minute, write-in candidate, the Republican primary for the sheriff's race is a closed primary. I think in the future, they should change the sheriff's race to non-partisan just like they have changed school board to non-partisan. People don't vote for sheriff based on political party. They vote based on the man, his experience, knowledge and character.

Day of the Cowboy

• I agree with those who commented that holding the Day of the Cowboy event in July is miserable hot for everyone involved. I wish they could move it to the fall. It would be a lot more fun and more people would participate. We do need events during the summer, but there should be things like raft races where people can at least stay cool.

Presidential race

• When President George Bush left office, unemployment was at 5.6 percent and 17 million people were on food stamps. Today, unemployment is at 8.3 percent and 43 million people are on food stamps. Food for thought.

• Obama could have been a great president, but instead of taking advantage of the fact that he started his term with his party in control of both Houses of Congress, he did not lead. He let himself get sucked in by party politics and surrounded himself with advisors who do not have the best interest of this country at heart. He keeps saying, now, that tax reform is essential. He could have pushed through tax reform his first year in office, when the Republicans had no power at all. But he knew it would not be popular with some of his wealthy supporters so he fooled around for two years with health care reform and came up with something that is going to ruin this country financially when it all takes effect. There's a reason that most of the expensive parts of Obamacare don't go into effect until after the election.

• I don't care for Romney at all, but I don't think this country can survive another four years of Obama. The national debt is mounting daily and there is no end in sight with Obama. His answer to the debt crisis is to borrow more money. You can't borrow your way out of debt.

Death penalty

• I have mixed feelings about the death penalty because the way the Florida court system works, those sentenced to the death penalty might still wind up getting out of prison. There are liberal lawyers who will take any death penalty case on a pro-bono basis just because they are against the death penalty. These appeals cost the tax payers millions of dollars. And every time there is an appeal, it puts the family of the victim through the pain and ordeal of the original trial. It just goes on and on. When a murderer is sentenced to life without the possibility of parole, the liberal lawyers usually just ignore them because they want to take on the death penalty cases.



Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS

FSU Freshman Scholarship

Florida State University Freshman Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. Left to right are Emily Raulerson and Sharon Coker.

Reflections from the Pulpit

By Cary McKee
More2Life Ministries

In approximately three months we will vote for the man who will take on the responsibility of being our President. That man will need our support and our prayers because the issues facing this nation are grave. We still find ourselves in an ongoing police action in both Afghanistan and Iraq; the outcome which is far from certain. Back here in the states we are being confronted daily it seems with the reports of violence that frightens us and makes us wonder when the next "shooting" will occur. There are also serious financial concerns that have us wondering and worrying about what the future holds for us individually and as a nation. These concerns have left us with a feeling of uncertainty and, we struggle to find the answers that will restore America to the great nation it once was and can be again.

So, what was it that made America great and caused it to rise to such a place of prominence? By discovering this truth, we can get an idea of what it will take to get back to what we once were. In the first part of the 19th century a French historian and political thinker named Alexis de Tocqueville came to America to see first-hand what it was about this country that made it great. What he discovered was that America's greatness was based on its faith and its belief that man is accountable to God to live holy, righteous lives. Tocqueville said that he sought for America's greatness in her people and resources, but it wasn't until he went in the churches and heard the power of the gospel proclaimed, and heard righteousness preached, that he understood what made America great. He said this about America's greatness: "America is great because she is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

You see, once we were a people that prided ourselves in our strong values and moral standards. We deemed ourselves a "Christian nation" and held ourselves up as the example to the world of what it meant to stand for something, that something was a belief in liberty, justice, and personal virtue based on God's truth or laws. And though we still say this about ourselves, deep down we all know that something has changed radically. Now moral decadence and perversion has become a cancerous part of our national landscape. Our music, literature, and movies have become cesspools filled with filthy language, graphic violent and sexual content, and world views based on godless philosophies diametrically opposed to those of our founding fathers and, more importantly, our eternal Father. The streets of our cities have become littered with homeless, desperate people, and are hotbeds for crime, violence, and abuse.

Now, instead of standing for something, we seem to be falling for any and everything. For we have come to see ourselves as the self-appointed guardians of toleration and liberal acceptance. In an effort not to ever offend, we diligently strive to hold high the myth of a "right to privacy" that seemingly transcends all laws, even God's laws.

We are told by our celebrities and our social elite that those who take a stand for decency and virtue are antiquated relics of a bygone era best left in the past. While the people who advocate self-gratification at all costs are lauded as the prophets of a new era of enlightenment in a culture consumed with immature youth and immoral pleasure.

So, what solutions are being offered to us to reverse these disturbing facts and restore America to greatness? Sadly, the solutions being proffered presently by the political establishment seem to follow along the path of socialism. As well intentioned as they may be seeing this as the hope for our nation, I believe they are wrong. Quoting de Tocqueville again, he said, "democracy and socialism having nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude." Having seen socialism first-hand and its devastating effects in the French revolution, de Tocqueville knew what he was talking about. He had seen what happens to a nation that replaces faith in God with faith in socialist ideology. He stated emphatically this central truth from what he had seen: "Despotism may govern without faith, but Liberty cannot... Christianity is the companion of liberty in all its conflicts, the cradle of its infancy, and the divine source of its claims."

So, what are we, the average people of America to do? We as a people must demand that our leaders divorce themselves from the alluring deception of socialism, and get back to the absolute truth of faith and trust in God. We must demand that our leaders work to make the Pledge of Allegiance true, that we are a nation "under God." Pray for President Obama and for Mr. Romney as they run their campaigns to be awakened to God's truth and to guide our nation to embrace His lordship over America. Pray for all those running for political office, locally and nationally, to be awakened to this truth. Pray for the pastors of this town and around our nation that we will be bold enough to preach that truth that can change a heart of a nation and see its people seek after God. Pray that we will see that desperate times require desperate actions, and that we will seek to reach the heart of the youth of this nation to Christ to reverse the trends of the present day (starting right here in Okeechobee). That is our hope and security for our country.

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Annual Okeechobee High School Scholarship Night



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Board of Realtors Scholarship

Okeechobee Board of Realtors Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are: Jim Fowler, Kaitlyn Furphy, Shelly Doyle, Carissa Tyson, Vicki Anderson.



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Soaring Eagles Scholarship

South Elementary Soaring Eagles Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are: Mike Radebaugh, Lauren Fusco, Carissa Tyson, Mary Paulson.



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Rotary Club Carl T. Durrance Memorial

Rotary Club Carl T. Durrance Memorial Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. Left to right are: Taydra Delprete, Donna Gaiser, Nicole Perdomo.



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Gabriel Painter Memorial

Gabriel Painter Memorial Scholarship was presented at the annual Scholarship Awards Night May 24, in the Okeechobee High School Lecture Hall. From left to right are: Marquita Fruge, Walker Rose, Jade Braswell, Janae Braswell.

Upcoming Okeechobee August blood drives planned

When you need blood you assume it will be there for you. But are you aware that only 4 percent of the U.S. population actually donates blood? The Big Red Bus will be in Okeechobee on Thursday, Aug. 16 – Okee Correctional Inst., public invited, noon to 5 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 17 – Walgreen's, 1 to 6 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 20 – Publix, 3 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 25 – Wal Mart, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 30 – Okeechobee High School, 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.




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Amateur Radio Club set to meet

Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club will hold its August Business Meeting in the Club Room at Beef O'Brady's on Monday evening, **Aug. 13**. An informal supper meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the business meeting beginning at 7 p.m. All area Amateur Radio Operators are invited to attend, all club members are urged to attend as we will do some planning on the "Hamfest in the Woods" to take place the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

OREA plan meeting

The Okeechobee Retired Educator's Association will meet on Monday, **Aug. 13**, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's Restaurant. ANY retired educator (teacher or paraprofessional) is welcome to join us. State FREA (Florida Retired Educator's Association) representatives will be in attendance and we will plan for upcoming events.

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary meeting change

The scheduled meeting for the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 64, has been changed from Tuesday, **Aug. 14**, to Wednesday, **Aug. 15**, at 6 p.m.

Church to host new teachers luncheon

New Teachers Luncheon will be hosted by Okeechobee Presbyterian Church 312 N. Parrott Ave., Wednesday, **Aug. 15**, at noon.

Eagles announce Bingo Nights

Eagles North will have BINGO on Tuesday, **Aug. 14**, beginning at 1 p.m. On Wednesday, Aug. 15, Bingo will start at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund. 9985 Hwy. 441 North, Okeechobee.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve beef tips dinner on Tuesday, **Aug. 14**, at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds go to the charitable events fund. For more information, please call 863-467-1154.

4-H club hosts 'farm swap' event

Swine Time 4-H club is hosting a Farm Swap at Tractor Supply in Okeechobee from 8 a.m.-noon, on Saturday, **Aug. 18**. Buy Sell or Trade anything farm related, animals, equipment, citrus, plants, fencing, tractor and vegetables, etc! For a space or more information, please contact Tomi Zeller at 863-634-1061.

Democratic Executive Committee to meet

The Okeechobee Democratic Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, **Aug. 16**, in the meeting room of Beef O'Brady's beginning at 6 p.m. Any interested Democratic is invited to attend.

OKMS announces August Mixer event

The August Main Street Mixer will be sponsored by Seacoast National Bank, North Branch, 500 N. Parrott Avenue, on Thursday, **Aug. 16**, from 5-7 p.m. Join the staff at Seacoast for a "stroll through modern Rome" while you have the opportunity to socialize with fellow citizens and local business owners. Light hors d'oeuvres, drinks and door prizes will be provided. For more information, contact the Okeechobee Main Street Executive Director Cindy Birdashaw at 863-357-6246 or stop in the Main Street office at 111 N.E. 2nd Street (directly north of CVS). Okeechobee Main Street mixers are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Cypress Hut Eagles to host dinner night

Cypress Hut Eagles will serve a 16 oz. rib eye steak dinner on Friday, **Aug. 17**, open to the public. Music by Jimmy and Debbie Harper. All proceeds go to the charity events fund. For more info please call 863-467-1154.

VFW to host 'Sandoone' benefit event

VFW Post 4423 at 300 W. 34th Street, Okeechobee is holding a benefit for Sandy Hoyt, aka "Sandoone" on Saturday, **Aug. 18**, from 1 to 5 p.m. Sandy has entertained us all with her zany musical acts for many years, but now needs help to cover the cost of a much-needed surgery. The Post is serving hamburger or hot dog platters for a donation of \$5, and there will be a bake sale, 50/50 raffle, auction, games and prizes. Music will be provided by XXL Karaoke and friends. The public is invited. For more information, contact Dennis Prewitt at 863-467-0085.

Pet Day event announced

Tractor Supply Okeechobee is hosting a pet day on Saturday, **Aug. 18**. Our rescue will be there to show off some of our beautiful pets available for adoption. We will be there from 9 a.m. until.... Please drop by to support your local Humane Society.

B.R.A.T. hosts Teen Dance

Come and join the August edition of the B.R.A.T. Club Teen Dance on Saturday, **Aug. 18**, from 7 until 10 p.m. 'Tweens and teens ages 12-16 are invited to get one last "dance off" before the school year begins. Enjoy pizza, soda, chips, games and entertainment all for \$7 admission. For more information, please call Teresa Chandler at 863-801-4996.

Healthy Start annual meeting

The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition will have their Annual Meeting on Friday, **Aug. 31**, from 2-4 p.m. at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. This meeting is open to the public. The Okeechobee Healthy Start Coalition is part of a statewide network of coalitions responsible for planning and implementing services to pregnant women and children under 3 years of age. The Coalition is made up of citizens interested in promoting healthy families and babies in Okeechobee. For more information about the Coalition, please contact Kay Begin, Executive Director, at 863-462-5877.

CCC meeting planned

The next meeting of the Community Collaborative Council, a part of the Shared Services Network of Okeechobee, will be Tuesday, **Aug. 28**, at 10 a.m. in the board room of the School Board Office.

Obituaries

William 'Autis' Allen, 80

WIGGINS, Miss. — William "Autis" Allen died Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

Mr. Allen was retired from the US Army, where he served during the Vietnam War and the Korean Conflict, and was a two-time recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the First Methodist Church in Wiggins, MS.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Syble Powell.

Mr. Allen is survived by his wife, Barbara Allen of Wiggins, Miss.; one son, Billy Allen of Wiggins, Miss.; and two daughters, Susan Allen of Kissimmee, Fla. and Lynn Fox of Foley, Ala.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Eagles host corn hole tournament

Come to Eagles North, 9985 Hwy. 441 North,, on Saturday, **Aug. 25**, for a corn hole tournament. Sign up early! There will be a payout on first and second place. For more information, call 863-763-2552. Cost is \$10 per player, \$20 per team. All proceeds go to the F.O.E. 4137 community benefit fund. The Aerie will also offer hamburgers, hotdogs and side dishes.

OCRA to open fall signups

It's time for football! OCRA is gearing up for their 2012 football season. Signups will be held in August for football players and cheerleaders ages 5 through 14. They are currently taking coaches' applications and looking for football umpires. The season will begin in September. This season OCRA is also introducing girls flag football for middle and high school age girls. If you have any questions or are interested in any of the areas mentioned above, please call 863-634-0515 or 863-634-1437.

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Sunday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. Light southeast wind increasing to 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Sunday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph after midnight.

Extended Forecast

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Southeast wind around 5 mph. **Monday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. Calm wind.

Tuesday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming east southeast around 5 mph.

AUGUST 6 & 7, 2012
MONDAY SALE AT 12:00PM...TUESDAY SALE AT 11:00AM

COWS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:	MONDAY	TUESDAY
800-1000	215	50.00	103.00	69.86	CLFS 673	1118
1000-1200	315	52.50	91.00	74.45	COWS 296	494
1200-1400	167	63.00	87.00	79.21	STRS 32	103
1400-1600	46	70.00	88.00	79.60	HFRS 20	61
1600-1800	11	50.00	87.00	78.36	BULLS 7	18
					YRLNGS 23	18
					MIX 16	0
					TOTAL 1067	1812

BULLS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
1200-1400	7	75.00	85.00	80.83
1400-1600	12	73.00	91.00	83.40

STEERS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
200-250	22	150.00	235.00	181.54
250-300	44	135.00	205.00	173.30
300-350	88	115.00	192.50	156.54
350-400	127	115.00	175.00	144.80
400-450	174	110.00	165.00	129.29
450-500	210	105.00	145.00	125.02
500-550	187	110.00	139.00	122.60
550-600	137	110.00	133.00	120.87
600-650	121	100.00	129.00	118.26
650-700	48	110.00	125.00	117.48
700-750	26	105.00	121.00	115.24

HEIFERS:	QTY:	LOW:	HIGH:	AVG:
200-250	22	140.00	195.00	181.67
250-300	48	115.00	185.00	159.40
300-350	60	100.00	185.00	140.45
350-400	91	110.00	150.00	128.97
400-450	130	110.00	140.00	123.21
450-500	119	107.50	132.00	116.31
500-550	121	105.00	120.00	111.42
550-600	99	104.00	140.00	111.77
600-650	52	100.00	142.50	112.05

Most feeder calves good & steady with a few heifer calves \$1-2 Higher. Slaughter Cows and Bulls leveled off from those crazy high prices last week about \$1-2 Lower. Any rain west of the Mississippi would sure help everyone.

Gene Cox, Kenansville, topped the calf market with a high of \$2.95 bought by Foy Reynolds. Jacob and Travis Larson, Okeechobee, topped the Cow Market with a High of \$88 bought by Dairymens Marketing.

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In Business...

DaVinci Nails has new manager

By Pete Gawda
Okeechobee News

DaVinci Nails, located at 2101 S. Parrott Ave., inside Walmart, has a new manager, Huy Pham. Mr. Pham, who has lived in Okeechobee for 10 years, has 12 years experience in the manicure business. Although the vast majority of customers are women, he said men also use their services. DaVinci Nails also caters to the elderly who are not able to take care of their nails.

"The best things about this is that it doesn't cost a lot," said Mr. Pham.

DaVinci Nails offers acrylic nails in various colors and designs.

The well-trained staff of three people are eager to serve you. They have all had 204 hours of basic training plus further professional training.

The hours are Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk ins are welcome. The telephone number is 863-763-6488.

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
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Where do you vote?



The number of voting locations has been reduced to save money and because of the legislative redistricting.

All voters were mailed new voter registration cards to notify everyone where to vote.

If you prefer, rather than going to your new voting location to vote, you may vote an absentee ballot (call 763-4014) or vote early (Friday and Saturday, 8:30 - 4:30) at the historic courthouse.

There will be **NO VOTING** at the following locations:

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Okeechobee Christian Church
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IMPORTANT NOTE!

If you are a registered voter and did not receive a new voter card, immediately contact the Elections Office at 763-4014 or elections@voteokeechobee.com

Elect Elvie Posey For County Commissioner



I have a strong work ethic and a commitment to see Okeechobee County and its citizens prosper. I want to keep Okeechobee County an affordable place to live and also provide the level of services that our citizens deserve. To do this we must follow a plan to develop our economy and improve our revenue stream. If we control spending and expand our tax base we can lower our tax burden, improve our community and enjoy a better quality of life for ourselves, our children, and our future generations.

EXPERIENCE

- Served as District 5 County Commissioner 2004-2008
- Graduate of Florida Association of Counties Advanced Commissioner Certification Program
- Member of Business Development Board of Okeechobee County
- Governor's appointee to Central Florida Regional Planning Council
- Member of Kiwanis Club of Okeechobee

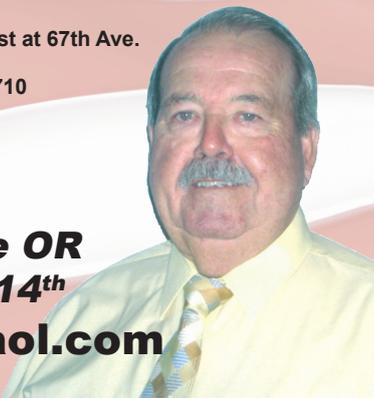
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- Repair of railroad crossing at 15A and 15B on Hwy 710
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- The Treasure Island canal-cleaning project
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VOTE

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Sherman and Sharon Wallace in the Property Appraiser primary. The winner of this primary will face Democrat William Stanley Curren in the general election.

In the U.S. Senator race, Republican voters will choose from George LeMieux, Deon Long, Connie Mack, Mike McCalister, Marielena Stuart and Dave Weldon.

In the Congressional Representative District 17 race, Republicans will choose between Joe Arnold and Tom Rooney. The winner of that primary will face Democrat William Bronson in the general election.

For State Representative District 55, Republican voters will choose between Randy Johnson and Cary Pigman. The winner of the contest between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Pigman will face Democrat Crystal Drake in the general election.

Democrats will choose between Glenn A. Burkett and Bill Nelson in the U.S. Senate Race.

Thanks to the electronic age voting is easier and the results can be known more quickly. Voters can find out their precinct by

going to the Supervisor of Elections website at www.voteokeechobee.com. Click on the "Where to Vote" tab at the top of the screen. By typing in a street address the correct voting precinct will be displayed. For the first time all city voters will vote at one place - the First Baptist Church ROC, 401 S.W. Fourth St.

Electronic voting machines have made tabulation of the votes quicker for many years. Now those results can be made public as soon as they are tabulated via the internet. For the second election year in Okeechobee, results will be posted on the Supervisor of Elections website as they are tabulated. Go to the Supervisor of Elections website and click on "Election Results." Supervisor of Elections Gwen Chandler predicts that the results of early voting plus possibly a few early precincts will be posted by 7:30 p.m. She is expecting final results to be posted by 9 p.m.

As of Friday morning, early voting was brisk. All totaled with early voting and election day voting, Mrs. Chandler predicted that 30 percent of Okeechobee's 18,789 registered voters or about 5,600 people will vote.

County to euthanize pit bull

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

A 4-year-old pit bull dog 'Ooga' will be put down Monday or Tuesday by Okeechobee Animal Control in a humane manner according to local officials. The dog left a 7-year-old girl with lacerations to her arms, head and face on August 2, Deputy County Administrator Jim Threewits confirmed Friday. There will be no fines or fees or criminal charges filed in the case according to authorities.

This was the second incidence involving this dog harming a child. The red nose pit bull was quarantined about one year ago, Mr. Threewits confirmed, after the dog bit a 3-year-old at a birthday party after the child stepped on the dog's tail.

Okeechobee County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched to 1782 N.E. 39th Blvd., at 12:19 a.m. on Aug. 2 to a dog bite complaint. The dog bite victim was flown to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center for treatment. The report stated the owner of the dog was not in the home at the time of the incident.

Mr. Threewits said the care giver voluntarily gave up rights to the dog. A 10-day quarantine was required after the unprovoked attack.

Mr. Threewits said it appeared the child, who was unfamiliar to the dog, tried to jump on the dog's back and the dog got aggressive. The arrest report stated the other children were watching television when the dog entered the room and lay down beside them. When the victim entered the room, she got scared when the dog started to growl and walked away. Ooga then jumped over one of their beds, ran toward the victim, and attacked the little girl, the report continued.

The incident report from Deputy Yamil Astacio said the care giver had gone to take a shower and let the dog out of a bedroom area for some exercise. A few minutes later, she heard screaming and saw the dog repeatedly bite the child. Deputy Astacio said the care giver attempted to remove the dog off the child but was unable to. Deputy Pickering was able to get the dog off the child.

The deputy learned about the previous attack and that the care giver feared another incident would happen.

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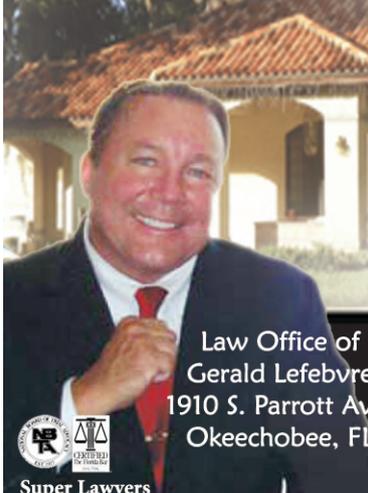
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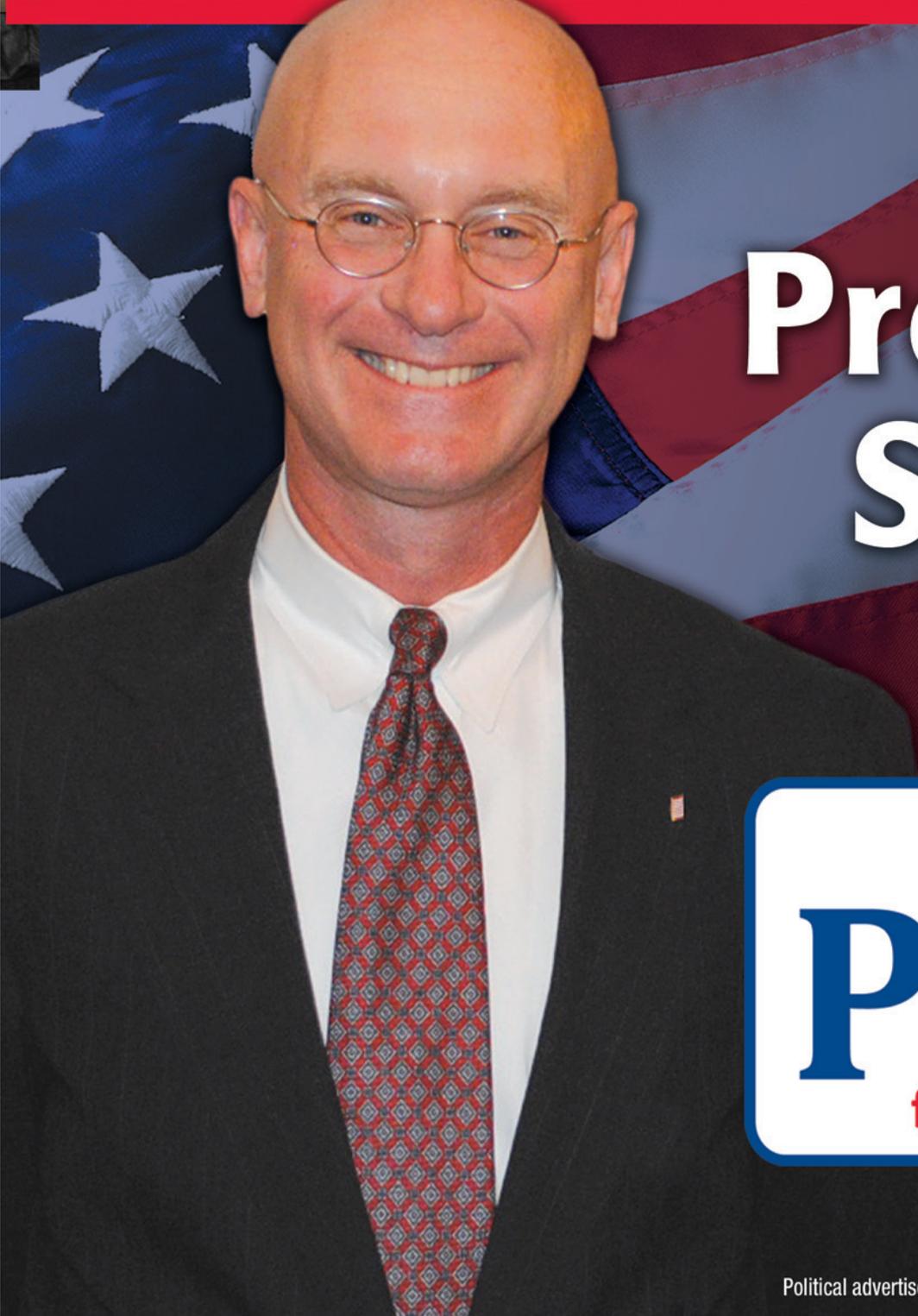
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Billy

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FOR

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District #1



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- Heavily market and increase tourism
- Develop agro tourism
- Find ways to increase revenue for the Ag Center
- Provide an alternative plan to Okee-Tantie
- Hold Town Hall meetings for the public
- Make the County user friendly to local vendors
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- Streamline the permitting process for homeowners

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Su George

National Ice Cream Day celebrated

National Ice Cream Day, the third Sunday in July, was celebrated at the Okeechobee Presbyterian Church during fellowship time. Scoops of ice cream with hot fudge, sprinkles, bananas, whipped cream and cherries were some of the toppings that helped celebrate the day. "Super Scoopers" were Kyle George, Seth Patterson, Brendan Patterson and Cameron Patterson.

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Try these tips for keeping your bones strong.

Calcium

Getting plenty of calcium in your diet can dramatically decrease your chances of being diagnosed with osteoporosis later down the road. While milk and other dairy products are the most common sources of calcium, you can also receive plenty of this bone-strengthening nutrient from dark leafy greens and vegetables, such as spinach leaves, kale, or broccoli.

Vitamin D

Next to calcium, vitamin D is the most important nutrient for keeping bones healthy and strong. With daily sunlight exposure, the human body can create all the vitamin D needed without any external sources. You only need 10 to 15 minutes in the sun to get the necessary amount of vitamins, so don't risk damaging your skin by

staying out for hours at a time without sun-block. If you can't get outside or the sun is obscured by heavy clouds, try purchasing groceries such as milk, orange juice, or cereal that have been fortified with vitamin D. Supplements are also available as a source of daily vitamin D.

Exercise

Underused bones naturally begin to weaken and deteriorate over long periods of time. One of the best ways to maintain the bone strength you build with good nutrition is to exercise regularly. Running, weight training, and aerobics are all effective methods of protecting the durability of your bones. Any activity that places stress on your bones without overdoing it could be a good choice for a strengthening exercise routine. If your bones have already become fragile or thin, it might be a good idea to consult a physical therapist about techniques that will strengthen your bones without putting you at risk for a fracture or break.

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Special to the Okeechobee News/OHS Band Above and at left, members of the Okeechobee High School Blazin' Brahms Marching Band practice a new show routine that they learned over the past two weeks at band camp at Okeechobee High School. The band members worked hard at the camp from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. The band has a lot of new members this year as a large group of Freshmen have joined the Blazin' Brahms. At right is Jacie Raya Ruiz of the band's flag team. For more photos online, see the Okeechobee High School Band page on Facebook.



BAND

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what we can do.

"I am excited about the new show," he said. "It's going to be one of the best we have

ever done. They've outdone themselves."

He said the band members did not let the summer heat stop them from practicing hard.

"The kids have done an amazing job musically and physically," he said. "We are all excited about the show."

Re-Elect PAUL MAY SHERIFF

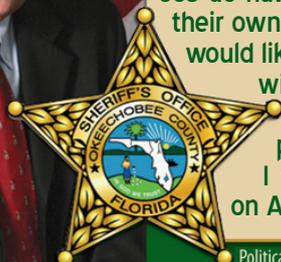
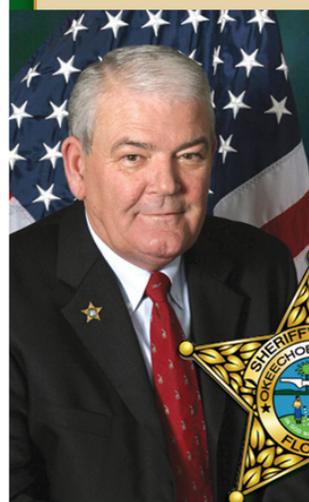
To the Citizens of Okeechobee County:

My opponent in the Sheriff's race has attempted to make a campaign issue out of a recent survey by the National Rifle Association. The NRA is upset with the Florida Sheriff's Association because they did not support the NRA in their attempt in the past legislative session to pass an "open carry" of firearms. I do not think firearms should be carried openly, and I think a Sheriff has the right and duty to argue against a law that they think will be dangerous for everyone in our state. The NRA gave me an "F" in the survey and my opponent a "B" and did NOT endorse either of us.

I will never play politics with the safety of our deputies and citizens. For too many reasons to list, I think an "open carry" of firearms will place them in a dangerous position on many occasions. I believe strongly in the right of citizens to bear arms and to carry them concealed if qualified under the law. I own many firearms myself; I will pass them down to my four grandsons. I believe they have a Constitutional right to own and use them lawfully. As your Sheriff, I will never infringe on your right to keep and bear arms.

My opponent has also criticized the insurance we provide to our employees. It doesn't surprise me that someone told him he could cut the department insurance by 50%. What does surprise me is that he believes it. We have good insurance that pays well, and it is provided to our employees at the lowest cost we can afford. As of today, 152 employees classified as "single"

pay nothing at all; the insurance is free to them. Twenty-eight are on the "employee and child" plan, and regardless of the number of children, they pay \$134.57 for full coverage. Fourteen are on the "employee and spouse" plan, and they pay \$296.01 per month. No one in our department is on the family plan, which is the most expensive one. The employees do have an option to upgrade their coverage at their own expense, and some do. How many of you would like a plan like this? There is nothing wrong with the insurance at the Sheriff's Office, and my staff and I have worked hard to provide this to our employees. I would appreciate your vote on August 14th. Thank you!



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• Jose C. Marin, 33, N.E. 31st Terrace, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 7 by Detective T. Puglis with the state's Division of Insurance Fraud on a felony charge of using fraudulent Social Security identification to gain employment. His bond was set at \$2,000.

• Jonathan Roman Fernald, 20, S.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 7 by Deputy Tammy Serafini on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him the felonies of dealing in stolen property (four counts), giving false information to a pawnbroker (three counts) and exploitation of the elderly or disabled. His bond was set at \$120,000.

• Tyrone Edison, 32, N.E. Fifth St., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 7 by the OCSO Street Crimes Unit/Narcotics Task Force on a felony charge of violation of parole - aggravated assault. He is being held without bond.

• Johnny Cash Tucker, 23, Reservation Road, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 7 by Officer Scott Morgan on a felony charge of possession of cocaine. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• Burt Greg Tomlinson, 58, U.S. 441 S.E., Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 8 by Deputy Marcus Collier on a felony charge of grand theft. His bond was set at \$5,000.

• John Jonathan Mitchell, 21, N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach, was arrested Aug. 8 by Deputy Ronald A. Brown on an Okeechobee County warrant charging him with violation of probation - possession of a firearm after being found delinquent. He is being held without bond.

• Craig Morgan, 28, Okeechobee, was arrested Aug. 9 by Deputy Cari Arnold on a felony charge of possession of a controlled substance (five counts). His bond was set at \$2,500.

This column lists arrests and not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Anyone listed here who is later found innocent or has had the charges against them dropped is welcome to inform this newspaper. The information will be confirmed and printed.



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NEW LISTING	<p>3003-H: King's Bay- 2 Bedroom 2 bath, screened porch, concrete driveway. Easy to show. HOA amenities in-ground pool, clubhouse, tennis court, and lawn. \$54,000 NOW \$47,900. Make offer! MLS #205169</p>	NEW LISTING	<p>5004-M: Larkee Lakes (SE 58th DR) MH with additions. Screened porch, open porch in back, power generator, large carport and shed. 1380 Total Sq Ft. Nice location for east coast commuters. \$29,000 MLS #20600</p>

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of DON LAWTON MORGAN, III, deceased, whose date of death was April 21, 2012; File Number 2012-CP-102, is pending in the Circuit Court for Okeechobee County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 312 Northwest 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, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED. The date of first publication of this notice is: August 12, 2012. Signed on 7-17-2012

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ACROSS
1 Bingo call
5 Gordon ____: Michael
8 Douglas's "Wall Street" role
10 One may require stitches
14 German import
15 Slangy negative
16 Control
17 See 53-Down
20 Fairy tale ender
21 Amazement
22 Early surgery aid
23 Talking with one's hands?: Abbr.
25 Ante-
26 See 53-Down
34 Washington's Grand ____ Dam
35 Fierce anger
36 Carnival city
37 Old, in Oberhausen
38 "Good heavens!"
40 Humdinger
41 Relieve (of)
42 Pencil remnant
43 Legal-sized fish
45 See 53-Down
48 Neighbor of Nev.
49 Reggae singer Kamoze
50 Big name in food service
53 Brine-cured delicacy
55 Remove forcibly
60 See 53-Down
63 Andy Taylor's son
64 Submit taxes, nowadays
65 Kong's kin
66 Guam, for one: Abbr.
67 '50s experiment, briefly
68 Longings

DOWN
1 Cake with a kick
2 Horse racing surface
3 Cut, perhaps
4 Nick at ____
5 Dogfaces, briefly
6 Yoga instruction
7 Had no doubts about
8 Leafy vegetable
9 Santana's "____ Como Va"
10 Irritates, with "on"
11 One may have an agt.
12 Fruit used to flavor gin
13 Bavarian mister
18 Really peeved
19 Fogg's creator
24 Honeybunch
25 What might be used when a bomb is hurled on a field?
26 Port closing?
27 Show up
28 Flamenco exclamation
29 Bedouins, e.g.
30 "Really cool!"
31 Break out, as violence
32 Ticks off
33 Organized string of gigs
34 Atkins diet taboo
39 Pistol
40 Island welcome

42 Old Detroit brewery name
44 Lakeshore natives
46 World Cup sport
47 Digital dots
50 Used a 39-Down
51 "Gadzooks!"
52 Swizzle
53 Clue for 17-, 26-, 45- and 60-Across
54 Haggard's "____ from Muskogee"
56 See-through, in comics
57 Meerschaum or brier
58 Genesis locale
59 Subtraction word
61 Half a devious laugh
62 Living in Ariz., maybe

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

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ANSWER:

OHS football team makes preparations for season

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Okeechobee fall football practice began Monday with 50 kids in attendance and a new coaching staff in place.

Chris Branham returned to the job this off season and after 20 practices with the kids, is very happy about where the team sits. He said the kids are in great shape, have given a lot of effort, and prepared themselves to be successful.

"I've asked the senior class about what legacy they want to leave behind. Do they want to be remembered as the class that won five games in three seasons or the class that turned the program around?" he said.

It has been a busy summer for the football program. There were 69 players at various camps this summer. The team also played seven-on-seven passing leagues and held their own. At one tournament in Miramar they finished in second place. They also played games in Labelle and Pahokee.

Coach Branham said the theme of his practices will be competition. He has brought back the I-formation but will also throw in more passing formations with three wide sets, and sometimes a tight end. He is excited about the potential of tailbacks D.J. Washington and Fabian Howard.

Branham said the defensive unit had a very good summer and could be the best he's ever coached. He expects big things from linebackers Elijah Williams, Adrian Minondo and Ricardo Garza and solid play from defensive linemen like Cade Stokes, EJ Neal, Cody Walker, Cory Vickers and Jose Garcia. The defensive backfield might be the deepest part of the team with six players capable of starting.

The team will have LaVante Spivey from the beginning of the season. The school won an appeal with the Florida High School Athletic Association to make him eligible. Al Morris, who suffered a devastating leg injury last year, is back on the field and looks to be in top condition.

One starter has already been determined

and that is three-year starter at quarterback Jack Radebaugh. Branham praised Jack for his work this summer in the seven-on-seven games.

"I've been impressed with how he's pushed himself. He has a lot of poise and I expect good things from him," he added.

A few kids have been slowed by injury, including the team's best lineman Bobby Jo Garza, but Branham expects most of them to be ready when the team meets Moore Haven in a jamboree on Friday night, Aug. 24, at 7 p.m. in Glades County. Garza could miss a few games due to off season shoulder surgery.

Until then he'll keep working with the team to get them comfortable with his systems and his coaches, "There still is a learning curve but I realize this is new to them. They'll be fine. They are a hard-working group and push and support each other."

Branham said he thinks Okeechobee should be excited about the team because it's our kids, our town and our high school. He said he'd like the community to celebrate the efforts of the kids and not judge their worth and character on the team's wins and losses.

"Whatever your opinion is support the kids because they give everything they have. Wins and losses aren't what this is about. Let's talk more about the positives and the successes of the kids," he concluded.



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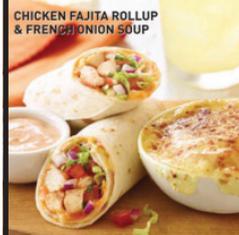
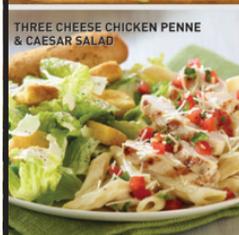
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(Above left) Jack Radebaugh has established himself as the starting quarterback again this season. (Above right) DJ Washington was an All-District performer last year and is expected to play a huge role on both sides of the ball for the Brahms in 2012.

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Organizer excited about 2x2 baseball program

By Charles M. Murphy
Okeechobee News

Pittsburgh Pirate legend Manny Sanguillen has endorsed the sport of 2 on 2 baseball which will be introduced in Okeechobee County on Aug. 18.

His close friend Harvey Lee invented the sport in South Florida in 1995. Lee introduced baseball to the Cayman Islands in 1994. He had a 102 team tournament in Delray Beach in 1995. Sanguillen was in Florida for spring training and happened to be at the tournament. A huge rainstorm hit which cancelled the games and Sanguillen signed autographs and gave away baseballs and bats to the kids.

"He loved it and endorsed it and we've put on clinics and tournaments since then in Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, Palm Beach County and Martin County," Lee said.

There is no pitching in the game as it is controlled by a pitching machine. Each player gets 20 swings. The field is divided in half. The batter must decide on which half of the field they will hit the ball. The two defenders stand on that side of the field and try to make catches. The batters receive points for each base hit and home run.

"The kids really love it. We are taking the sport nationwide," Lee added.

Sanguillen said he hopes the sport keeps kids off the street so they can become good citizens and live good lives.

Sanguillen played a long successful career with the Pittsburgh Pirates and played with such legends as Roberto Clemente and Willie Stargell. He called his relationship with Clemente a true blessing in his life. "We were always together. He took good care of me. We became like two brothers."

Sanguillen said Stargell was a great teammate and a great person who always was upbeat and happy. "He did a great job for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Willie was magnifico. He was funny. He tried to make people happy."

He remembered that one day Stargell brought a chimpanzee to his locker as a practical joke.

Sanguillen didn't start to play baseball until he was 23 years old. He tried out for a church team in Panama and eventually caught the eye of pro scouts when he played for the University of Panama.

Sanguillen played for 14 seasons and had a career batting average of .296. He was part of several division winners and two world

championship teams in 1971 and 1979. He was also named to three National League All-Star teams. He also had the distinction of being traded for a manager as Sanguillen was sent to the Oakland A's in 1977 for Chuck Tanner. He also a member of the Latino Baseball Hall of Fame.

The competition in Okeechobee is for boys ages 8-15 and starts at 10 a.m. You can register at the Okeechobee Parks and Recreation Department in the Sports Complex between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. from Monday-Friday. It costs \$10 per child. For more information you can contact Harvey Lee at 561-762-4533 or by e-mail at harveylee44@yahoo.com.

Sports News in Brief

Youth soccer signups to open

Sign-ups for the Youth Soccer League will begin **Aug. 13-31**, for youth ages 5-14. Registration is \$35 per child and is conducted at the Parks & Recreation Department, in the Sports Complex, Monday-Friday between 8:30-5 p.m. A birth certificate is required at registration. The age determination date is December 31, 2012. League play will begin Saturday, Sept. 29, and end before Christmas. For more information, call 863-763-6950.

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